

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2007**

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS MURTAGH, BETTENCOURT, SELESNICK, DRISCOLL, OSBORNE, ATHAS, LIACOS, ZELLEN AND MELLO

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS GARABEDIAN AND GAMACHE

Special meeting of the Peabody City Council was called to order by City Council President, Rico E. Mello. The purpose of said Special Meeting was to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 City of Peabody operating budget.

P634-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Special Meeting to review several transfers of funds as submitted by His Honor the Mayor. The requests were received on June 14th and referred to the Finance Committee. The following recommendations were approved in committee.

P635-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds as submitted by His Honor the Mayor under date of June 11, 2007:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
Reserve Fund	\$9,400.00	City Council – Salaries	\$300.00
City Council-Outside Services	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	City Clerk – Salaries	\$5,100.00
	\$19,400.00	Election – Outside Services	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
			\$19,400.00
Police Salaries	\$60,000.00	Police-Medical Expenses	\$40,000.00
		Police – Gasoline	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
			\$60,000.00
Fire – Salaries	\$59,000.00	Fire – Medical Expenses	\$40,000.00
		Fire – Gasoline	<u>\$19,000.00</u>
			\$59,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$1,400.00	Cemetery – Overtime	\$1,400.00
Health Administration Part Time Salaries	\$1,300.00	School Health Administration Part Time Salaries	\$1,300.00
Library – Part Time Salaries	\$10,000.00	Library – Outside Salaries	\$10,000.00
Public Services Salaries:		Streets & Highway – Snow Removal Services	\$40,000.00
100-4220-5110	\$20,000.00	Streets & Highway – Snow Removal Supplies	\$30,000.00
100-4250-5110	\$25,000.00	Water – Chemicals	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
100-4400-5110	\$25,000.00		\$100,000.00
100-4420-5110	<u>\$30,000.00</u>		
	\$100,000.00		

(Unanimous)

P636-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE THAT the school bus transportation matter be referred to the Municipal Safety Committee.(Unanimous)

P637-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 31st to review the City side of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget as proposed by the Mayor. The committee reviewed each section and asked questions of department heads. The committee recommended approving the City side of the budget and offers the following recommendations for adoption of the City side portion of the budget.

MOVE TO approve the General Government section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$5,339,899.00.

MOVE TO approve the Public Safety section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$15,339,372.00.

MOVE TO approve the Public Services section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$20,106,955.00.

MOVE TO approve the Human Services section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$1,862,030.00.

MOVE TO approve the Culture & Recreation section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$2,874,397.00.

MOVE TO approve the Debt Service section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$5,697,000.00.

MOVE TO approve the Employee Benefits section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$19,673,229.00.

MOVE TO approve the Golf Course section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$561,150.00.

MOVE TO approve the Skating Rink section of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget in the amount of \$610,000.00.

(Carried 8-1, 2 absent; Councillor Mello opposed)

P638-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee also met earlier this evening to review the Education portion of the Fiscal Year 2008 School Department budget. In attendance were Superintendent Dr. C. Milton Burnett; School Business Manager, Michel Musto; School Committee members Beverley Griffin Dunne, David McGeney, and Michael Moutsoulas. Also appearing to speak was Ms. Karen Mayo, 61 Harrison Avenue who addressed the committee on the school transportation bus fees. The following recommendation regarding the School Department budget was approved:

P639-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – Reporting for the Finance Committee – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 School Department budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$58,638,441 as follows:

Total Personal Services:	\$38,380,811.00	
Total Operating Expenses:	<u>\$20,257,630.00</u>	
	\$58,638,441.00	(Carried 8-1; 2 absent; Councillor Mello opposed)

P640-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 City of Peabody Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$129,531,323.00:

Total Personal Services:	\$90,361,375.00	
Total Operating Expenses:	<u>\$39,169,948.00</u>	
	\$129,531,323.00	(Carried 8-1; 2 absent; Councillor Mello opposed)

P641-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that in accordance with the provisions of Section 53F ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the City Council move to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 McVann O’Keefe Memorial Skating Rink budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$610,000.00 as follows:

Total Personal Services:	\$286,200.00	
Total Operating Expenses:	<u>\$323,800.00</u>	
	\$610,000.00	(Carried 8-1; 2 absent; Councillor Mello opposed)

P642-07 COUNCILLOR LIACOS - BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that in accordance with the provisions of Section 53F ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the City Council move to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 Peabody Golf Course budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$1,395,000.00 as follows:

Total Personal Services:	\$534,150.00	
Total Operating Expenses:	<u>\$860,850.00</u>	
	\$1,395,000.00	(Carried 8-1; 2 absent; Councillor Mello opposed)

P643-07 COUNCILLOR SELESNICK – MOVE TO receive the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Higgins Middle School. (Unanimous)

P644-07 COUNCILLOR DRISCOLL – BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Peabody having convened in an open meeting on June 19,2007, the City Council of the City of Peabody, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated June 30, 2007 for the J. Henry Higgins Middle School located at 1 King Street Extension which describes and explains the following deficiencies and priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

- 1. REPLACEMENT OR RENOVATION OF A BUILDING WHICH IS STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE IN A CONDITION SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, WHERE NO ALTERNATIVE EXISTS, AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY;**
- 2. ELIMINATION OF EXISTING SEVERE OVERCROWDING, AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY;**
- 4. PREVENTION OF SEVERE OVERCROWDING EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM INCREASED ENROLLMENTS, WHICH MUST BE SUBSTANTIATED, AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY;**
- 5. REPLACEMENT, RENOVATION OR MODERNIZATION OF THE HEATING SYSTEM IN ANY SCHOOLHOUSE TO INCREASE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DECREASE ENERGY RELATED COSTS IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE, AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY;**
- 7. REPLACEMENT OR ADDITION TO OBSOLETE BUILDINGS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND APPROVED LOCAL REQUIREMENTS, AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY; AND**

Hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Peabody School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. (Carried 9-0, 2 absent)

P645-07 MATTER OF THE RECORD - At the request of the Mayor, the City Council was also requested to file a Statement of Interest for the Center Elementary School.

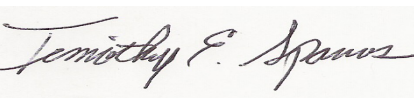
P646-07 COUNCILLOR ZELLEN – BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Peabody having convened in an open meeting on June 19,2007, the City Council of the City of Peabody, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated July, 2007 for the Center Elementary School located at 18 Irving Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

- 1. REPLACEMENT OR RENOVATION OF A BUILDING WHICH IS STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE IN A CONDITION SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, WHERE NO ALTERNATIVE EXISTS, AS DETERMINED IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AUTHORITY;**
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MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Regular meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 20, 2007
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 20, 2007

ATTEST 
(Timothy E. Spanos, City Clerk)