

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2013**

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: GARABEDIAN, GRAVEL, OSBORNE, MANNING-MARTIN, DRISCOLL, MELLO, ATHAS, GAMACHE, SINEWITZ, AND GOULD

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR LIACOS

Special Meeting of the Peabody City Council was called to order by City Council President, Thomas L. Gould.

A public hearing was duly held on tax classification for Fiscal Year 2014. Appearing to speak on behalf of the City of Peabody were Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. and Ms. Patricia Davis Schaffer, Director of Finance.

No one appeared to speak in favor. Appearing to speak in opposition was Ms. Suzanne Borin, 17 ½ Swampscott Avenue, Peabody. No one else appeared to speak in opposition. After a lengthy public hearing, the following motions were approved:

P906-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE, under suspension of the rules, to receive a communication from His Honor the Mayor requesting acceptance of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 (several clauses). (Unanimous)

P907-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE, under suspension of the rules, to receive a communication from His Honor the Mayor requesting a transfer of funds to off set the tax levy. (Unanimous)

P908-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to adopt Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 – Optional Additional Real Estate Exemptions as set forth in Clauses 17, 17C, 17C ½, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37A, 41, 41B, and 41C of Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws. (Carried 10-0, 1 absent)

P909-13 – NO RECORD.

P910-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of December 5, 2013:

FROM:	TO:
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$1,500,000.00 FY 2013 Operating Budget – Tax Levy
\$1,500,000.00	

(Carried 7-3, 1 absent; Councillors Gravel, Manning-Martin and Mello opposed)

RECONSIDERATION BY COUNCILLOR OSBORNE – Immediate reconsideration hoping same shall not prevail. (Failed 6-4, 1 absent; Councillors Gravel, Osborne, Manning-Martina and Sinewitz voting in favor)

P911-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to adopt a Residential Factor of .813190 for Fiscal Year 2014 (160.4% CIP). (Carried 7-3, 1 absent; Councillors Gravel, Manning-Martin and Mello opposed)

P912-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to grant a discount for Open Space. (Carried 9-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

P913-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a small commercial exemption. (Carried 9-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

P914-13 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a residential exemption. (Carried 9-1; Councillor Mello opposed)

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Regular meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 13, 2013  
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 13, 2013

ATTEST   
(Timothy E. Spanos, City Clerk)