

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 8, 2026

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: DAIGLE, GAMACHE, HOCHMAN, TURCO, MANNING-MARTIN, WELTON, ROSSIGNOLL, LATTOF, CORRIVEAU, PEACH, AND HIGGINS

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: None

An in-person and remotely held meeting of the Peabody City Council opened with a moment of silent prayer after being called to order by City Council President Michael T. Higgins.

Salute to the American Flag.

COUNCILLOR HIGGINS – OPEN MEETING LAW STATEMENT: THIS MEETING IS BEING TELEVISED LIVE ON CABLE CHANNEL 9 AND BEING TAPED BY PEABODY ACCESS TV, AND ALSO BEING RECORDED BY OUR CITY COUNCIL STENOGRAPHER.

P01-26 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 9, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2025.
(Unanimous)

HEARINGS

P02-26 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO continue the public hearing on the application submitted by Sisters, Inc., d/b/a Full Circle Diner, 136 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, until the next Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026.
(Unanimous)

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Mary Balestraci, 1 Southwick Road, Peabody, MA. Ms. Mary Balestraci appeared to speak on behalf of the application. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P03-26 COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – MOVE TO approve the application submitted by Mary Balestraci, 1 Southwick Road, Peabody, MA, for a Fortune Teller License (Online Only), at said 1 Southwick Road, subject to all papers being in order.
(Carried 11-0)

P04-26 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO continue the public hearing on the application submitted by Boston Prime Cars, Inc., d/b/a All Motors, 29 Newbury Street, Peabody, MA, until the next Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026.
(Carried 11-0)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P05-26 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-A communication from Audrey Gordon and Rich Reed, 17 Pine Street, regarding 194 Newbury Street (a/k/a 190 (R) Newbury Street), and request a legal opinion from the City Solicitor as to whether a show cause hearing is required and refer to the Legal Affairs Committee.
(Carried 11-0)

P06-26 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-D communication from Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, regarding the following various reappointments to Community Development Authority:

| <u>NAME:</u> | <u>POSITION:</u> | <u>TERM OF EXPIRE:</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Gary J. Bua 36 Emily Lane Peabody, MA 01960 | Community Development Authority | One-Year Term December 31, 2026 |
| Brian Vinagro 3 Mulberry Drive Peabody, MA 01960 (Carried 11-0) | Community Development Authority | One-Year Term December 31, 2026 |

P07-26 COUNCILLOR GAMACHE – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Class 2 Motor Vehicle License (2026 Renewal), subject to all papers being in order:

- Adpro Motorsports, 15 Spring Street Rear
- Alex Auto Sales, 480 Lowell Street
- King Motors, IR Newbury Street, Suite 408
- Wilson Square Garage, 2 Andover Street

(Unanimous)

P08-26 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Entertainment License (Renewal for 2026) Su Chang’s, 373 Lowell Street, subject to all papers being in order.

(Unanimous)

P09-26 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN- MOVE TO request that His Honor the Mayor or the City Auditor provide the City Council with all Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements that we have in the City.

(Unanimous)

P10-26 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-E communication from Andre Ruest, 101 Lynn Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P11-26 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-B communication from Thomas P. Walsh, State Representative, regarding Peter A. Torigian Senior Center.

(Unanimous)

P12-26 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-B Entertainment License (Renewal for 2026) Roadhouse Pub, 55 Pulaski Street, subject to all papers being in order.

(Unanimous)

P13-26 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-C General License (2026 Renewal), subject to all papers being in order:

Taxi License-Salem Taxi Company, 30 Federal Street, Unit 302, Salem
Taxi License-Witch City Taxi, 92 Jackson Street, Suite 206, Salem

(Unanimous)

P14-26 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO request that the City Solicitor and Curt Bellavnce, Dir., Community Development and Planning, update the Zoning Ordinance language regarding penalties and procedures for abandoned billboards, as well as any fines and fee structures for updating billboards.

(Unanimous)

P15-26 COUNCILLOR LATTOF – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 1 from Councillor Wendy Lattof regarding Complete Streets-Transportation & Pedestrian Safety Committee Proposal and refer to the Municipal Safety Committee.

(Unanimous)

P16-26 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE THE question.
(Carried 8-3: Councillors: Daigle, Gamache and Hochman opposed)

P17-26 COUNCILLOR CORRIVEAU – MOVE TO request that His Honor the Mayor, effective immediately, make the City Hall entrances to pre-pandemic levels, including the front, side doors and back doors.

(Failed 7-4: Councillors: Turco, Manning-Manning, Lattof and Corriveau in favor)

P18-26 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Patrick Luckey, 58 Pulaski Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P19-26 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO refer a discussion of commercial vehicles being banned from parking on the street to the Legal Affairs Committee and invite Captain Richards or someone from the Traffic Division to attend to discuss amending that ordinance and what the enforcement might be able to look like.

(Unanimous)

(COUNCIL PRESIDENT HIGGINS APPOINTED COUNCILLOR TURCO AND COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL AS FULL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR LATTOF AND COUNCILLOR PEACH AS ALTERNATES. COUNCIL PRESIDENT HIGGINS APPOINTED COUNCILLOR WELTON TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Previously received.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Previously received.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

Previously received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PRECEDING MATTER

None.

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Regular meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JANUARY 13, 2026

RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JANUARY 13, 2026



ATTEST: _____
(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)

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