

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9, 2025**

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: TURCO, PEACH, GOULD, GAMACHE, HIGGINS, MANNING-MARTIN, WELTON, MCGINN, ROSSIGNOLL, MELVILLE, AND DAIGLE

ABSENT COUNCILLORS:

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 Julie K. Daigle.

Salute to the American Flag.

COUNCILLOR DAIGLE – 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.

P503-25 COUNCILLOR GOULD – MOVE TO receive and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2025.
(Carried 11-0)

HEARINGS

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Denise Remington-Hereford d/b/a Threads, 99 (a/k/a 101) Lynn Street, Peabody, MA. Ms. Denise Remington-Hereford appeared to speak on behalf of the application. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P504-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 3 from Sharon Cameron, Director of Health and Human Services, regarding Departmental response; Junk Dealer’s License for 99 (a/k/a 101) Lynn Street.
(Unanimous)

P505-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-A communication from Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner, Transfer of Special Permit 53-2000; Denise Remington-Hereford, 99 (a/k/a 101) Lynn Street, subject to all papers being in order.
(Unanimous)

P506-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO approve the application submitted by Denise Remington-Hereford, 8 Hersey Street, Unit 3, Salem, MA, for a Junk Dealers License for the sale of secondhand items at 99 (a/k/a 101) Lynn Street, Peabody, MA, subject to all papers being in order and with the following conditions:

CONDITIONS:

Per the Health Department:

1. Applicant must develop policies and procedures to ensure there is no unauthorized dumping or drop-off of materials outside of business hours;
2. Applicant must develop policies and procedures for ensuring that items for resale are sanitary and free of pests;
3. The collection and resale of mattresses is prohibited;
4. Applicant should contract with a licensed pest control professional to provide service on a monthly basis or more frequently if needed;

- 5. Applicant must ensure that discarded materials are collected by private trash hauler frequently enough so that outside storage of unwanted items does not create nuisance for abutters. Items to be discarded must be stored on the property and may not obstruct the public sidewalk;
- 6. All lighting must be extinguished upon closing of the business for the day; and
- 7. The hours of operation shall be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

(Carried 11-0)

A public hearing was duly held on the application submitted by Professional Physical Therapy, 576 Broadhollow Road, Melville, New York. Appearing to speak on behalf of the application was Mr. Ronnie Rajeh, Clinical Director, and Mr. Alexis Deleon, Facilities Director of Corporate Office and Melville Office. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P507-25 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 2 from Sharon Cameron, Director of Health and Human Services, regarding Departmental response; Special Permit for 635 Lowell Street.

(Unanimous)

P508-25 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody that the application submitted by Professional Physical Therapy, 576 Broadhollow Road, Melville, New York, for a Special Permit to allow for personal services for physical therapy, not medical use center, at 635 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA, as filed in accordance with Sections 4.2.5, 6.1, and 15.7 of the Peabody Zoning Ordinance be approved based on the following reason and subject to the following conditions:

Reason: The City Council has determined that the application as submitted and approved meets the general requirements of Section 6.1 of the Peabody Zoning Ordinance, specifically, 6.1.2 which satisfies a desirable local need, that its design and appearance will not be injurious to the established or future character of the vicinity and the neighborhood, and that said approval is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Peabody

CONDITIONS:

- 1. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Carried 11-0)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P509-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-I communication from AMV 679 Broadway, LLC, 82 Margin Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P510-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-J communication from Hardy and Munroe, LLC, 0 Hardy Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.

(Unanimous)

P511-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-K communication from Vin Chief-Kitty's Nails and Spa, 5 Andover Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.
(Unanimous)

P512-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO request that the Building Commissioner provide the City Council regarding the status of the flea market operating on Wallis Street.
(Unanimous)

P513-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 1 from Councillor Stephanie Peach regarding Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.
(Carried 11-0)

P514-25 COUNCILLOR PEACH – MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 15, 2025, TO BE PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY.

WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss is such a common occurrence, one that is usually not recognized; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy is usually a time of excitement and expectation as parents prepare for the arrival of their baby; and

WHEREAS, tragically, approximately 1 in 4 women in the United States suffers a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss; and

WHEREAS, many of these parents live and work in our community; and

WHEREAS, this devastating tragedy often occurs suddenly, without warning, as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, preterm birth, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), accident, or other causes or complications; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of pregnancy and infant loss is a traumatic and heartbreaking event as families recognize that even a short life is impactful, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should be remembered by a compassionate public; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support, and resources in our community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15th would enable the people of Peabody to consider how, as individuals and a community, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members; and

WHEREAS, bereaved parents around the world remember their children annually on October 15th with a candle lighting at 7 p.m., known as the Wave of Light;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Peabody through its Honorable Mayor, Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. and the Honorable City Council jointly proclaim October 2025 to be Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and October 15, 2025, to be Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day and extend heartfelt condolences and compassion to the residents of Peabody who have experienced such loss.

(Carried 11-0)

P515-25 COUNCILLOR HIGGINS – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-L communication from Brenna Buckley, 635 Lowell Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.
(Unanimous)

P516-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – Whereas an emergency condition exists affecting the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of the City of Peabody; therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Peabody that the Public Services Department repair the sidewalk at 14 Krochmal Road.
(Emergency Preamble - Carried 11-0)
(Carried 11-0)

P517-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-B communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Special Event Application- Cely Rosario - October 11, 2025, subject to all papers being in order.
(Unanimous)

P518-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Class 2 Motor Vehicle License (New) Todisco Services, 147A Summit Street and set up a public hearing.
(Unanimous)

P519-25 COUNCILLOR WELTON – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-B communication from Jennifer Davis, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Forestry, regarding Response to Motion P416-25 (1 Serena Terrace).
(Unanimous)

P520-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-A communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Cyber Security Improvements Program grant application and refer to the Finance Committee.
(Unanimous)

P521-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 7-C communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Special Event Application-Peabody Recreation Dept. - October 25, 2025, subject to all papers being in order.
(Unanimous)

P522-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-F communication from Curt Bellavance, Dir., Community Development Dept., regarding Sale of paper streets (portion of Mechanic and Vine) and refer to the Legal Affairs Committee.
(Unanimous)

P523-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-G communication from Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, regarding Proposed fee increase for Poll Book (Hard Copy \$55; Electronic Copy \$20).
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Manning-Martin voted present)

P524-25 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-H communication from 4951 Lowell Holdings, LLC, 49-51 Lowell Street, regarding Special Permit Application and set up a public hearing.
(Unanimous)

P525-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-D communication from Chief Thomas Griffin, Police Department, regarding Civilian Fingerprinting Ordinance.
(Unanimous)

P526-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO amend Section 16-5 entitled “Civil Fingerprinting” of the Code of the City of Peabody, as reflected in Item 8-C, as submitted by Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, and that this order be advertised as read.
(Carried 11-0)

P527-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and endorse, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, regarding Recommendations for CORI/Fingerprinting Background Checks for Council Licenses; Section 16 draft Ordinance Amendment.
(Carried 11-0)

P528-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive, under, suspension of the rules, late communication Item 4 communication from His Honor the Mayor regarding Scam involving crypto ATMs that is targeting Peabody residents; refer to the Legal Affairs Committee; and invite District Attorney Tucker or a representative, Chief Thomas Griffin, Sergeant Bettencourt, and City Solicitor Donald Conn to attend said meeting.
(Unanimous)

P529-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-B Utility Contractor’s License: J&J Contractors, Inc., 101 Billerica Ave., Bldg. 5, Suite 205, Billerica, MA, subject to all papers being in order.
(Unanimous)

P530-25 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-E communication from Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, Election Warrant for November 4, 2025.
(Unanimous)

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 8:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, OCTOBER 16, 2025
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Allyson M. Danforth

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

His Honor the Mayor re: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Cyber Security Improvements Program grant application

His Honor the Mayor re: Special Event Application – Cely Rosario – October 11, 2025

His Honor the Mayor re: Special Event Application – Peabody Recreation Dept. – October 25, 2025

Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner, Transfer of Special Permit 53-2000; Denise Remington-Hereford, 99 (a/k/a 101) Lynn Street

Jennifer Davis, Dir., Parks, Recreation & Forestry, re: Response to Motion P416-25 (1 Serena Terrace)

Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, re: Recommendations for CORI/Fingerprinting Background Checks for Council Licenses; Section 16 draft Ordinance Amendment

Chief Thomas Griffin, Police Department, re: Civilian Fingerprinting Ordinance

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CLASS 2 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE: (New)

Todisco Services, 147A Summit Street

UTILITY CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE:

J&J Contractors, Inc., 101 Billerica Ave., Bldg. 5, Suite 205, Billerica, MA