

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 7, 2023**

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: TURCO, DAIGLE, O'NEILL, PEACH, MANNING-MARTIN, GOULD, ROSSIGNOLL, MELVILLE, MCGINN, AND WELTON

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: GAMACHE

COUNCILLOR WELTON – 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.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to conduct a public hearing to review and adopt the Fiscal 2024 Tax Classification.

A public hearing was duly held on Tax Classification. Mayor Bettencourt; Michael Gingras, Finance Director; and Susan Antonellis, Assessor, appeared to speak on behalf of the City. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P784-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item B from Michael Gingras, Finance Director, regarding Tax Classification PowerPoint Presentation.  
(Unanimous)

P785-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item N from Michael Gingras, Finance Director, regarding Parking Meter Balance, Account Number Clarification; Response to Motion P783-23.  
(Unanimous)

P786-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 1 from His Honor the Mayor regarding Transfers of Funds – Cable Fund Expense \$14,751.37; \$3,278.08.  
(Unanimous)

P787-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO adopt Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 – Optional Additional Real Estate Exemptions for 2024, as set forth in Clauses 17, 17C, 17C 1/2, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as specified in a communication from His Honor the Mayor dated November 20, 2023.  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P788-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash)	FY 2024 Operating Budget - Tax Levy
100-35901                      \$1,500,000.00	100-39201                      \$1,500,000.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P789-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
Employer Health	FY 2024 Operating Budget - Tax Levy
500-32113                      \$900,000.00	100-39201                      \$900,000.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P790-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Facilities Fees		FY 2024 Budget Sources	
240-0000-34634	\$100,000.00	100-0000-39201	\$500,000.00
Cable Fees			
270-0000-33017	\$200,000.00		
Museum Fees			
260-0000-35502	\$200,000.00		
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)			

P791-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Parking Meter Revenue		FY 2024 Budget	
270-0000-33001	\$12,000.00	100-0000-39201	\$12,000.00
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)			

P792-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash)		Opioid Response	
100-35901	\$316,726.98	100-05015-53415-2023	\$316,726.98
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)			

P793-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to adopt a Residential Factor of .847613 for Fiscal Year 2024 (175% CIP).  
(Carried 9-1; Councillor Manning-Martin opposed; Councillor Gamache absent)

P794-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to grant a discount for Open Space.  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P795-23 COUCILLOR MCGINN – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a residential exemption.  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P796-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a small commercial exemption.  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P797-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
FY 2023 City Collections	\$971,157.31		
FY 2023 State Match	\$363,161.00		
Interest Income	\$190,748.52		
Total	\$1,525,066.83		
270-0000-33011	\$ 457,520.05	270-0000-33022	\$152,506.68
Community Preservation Funds		Historical Preservation Reserve Fund	
Unreserved			
		270-0000-33023	\$152,506.68
		Community Housing Reserve Fund	
		270-0000-33021	\$152,506.68
		Open Space Reserve Fund	
270-0000-33011	\$228,760.02	270-0000-33021	\$152,506.68
Community Preservation Fund		Open Space Reserve Fund	
Unreserved			
		270-0000-33022	\$38,126.67
		Historic Preservation Reserve Fund	
		270-0000-33023	\$38,126.67
		Community Housing Reserve Fund	

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P798-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
270-0000-33011	\$10,000.00	270-0000-33024	\$10,000.00
Community Preservation Act		Community Preservation Act	
Unreserved Fund Balance		Administration	

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P799-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
270-01811-58562-2017-00-00-00-0367		270-0000-33011	
Police and Fire Memorial		Unreserved Fund Balance CPC	
	\$1,451.60		\$1,851.60
270-01811-58563-2022-00-00-00-0505			
Emerson Cemetery Restoration			
	\$400.00		

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P800-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
270-0000-33022	\$3,900.00	270-1811-58563-2024-00-0515	\$3,900.00
CPC - Historic Preservation		CPC - Cemetery Restoration	

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

P801-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 16, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
270-0000-33017	\$206,535.43	270-0000-53007	\$206,535.43
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)			

P802-23 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 21, 2023:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
Quarter 3			
270-0000-33017 Q3	\$14,751.37	270-0000-53007	\$14,751.37
270-0000-33017 Q3	\$3,278.08	270-0000-53007	\$3,278.08
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)			

P803-23 COUNCILLOR O'NEILL (Co-motion with Councillor McGinn) – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, draft and advertise Item O from His Honor the Mayor regarding Land acquisition/Bond Order – 80 Granite Street, and refer to the Legal Affairs Committee and Finance Committee.  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Gamache absent)

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Special meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 11, 2023  
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 11, 2023



ATTEST:  
(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)