

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2024**

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

ABSENT COUNCILLORS: WELTON

COUNCILLOR PEACH – 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 2025 Tax Classification.

A public hearing was duly held on Tax Classification. Mayor Bettencourt; Michael Gingras, Finance Director; Mary Martin, Auditor; 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.

P539-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item B from His Honor the Mayor regarding 2025 Tax Classification PowerPoint Presentation.  
(Unanimous)

P540-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, late communication Item 1 from Michael Gingras, Finance Director, regarding 2025 Tax Classification PowerPoint page 5 revision.  
(Unanimous)

P541-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO adopt Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 – Optional Additional Real Estate Exemptions for 2025, 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 21, 2024.  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P542-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, to reduce the tax rate, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash)		FY 2025 Operating Budget - Tax Levy	
100-35901	\$1,000,000.00.00	100-39201	\$1,000,000.00.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P543-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfers of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b>		<b><u>TO:</u></b>	
Facilities Fees		FY 2025 Budget Sources	
240-0000-34634	\$100,000.00	100-0000-39201	\$1,538,308.00
Cable Fees			
270-0000-33017	\$100,000.00		
Tillies Revolving			
260-0000-35615	\$150,000.00		
Parking Meter			
270-0000-33001	\$162,308.00		
School Lunch Revolving			
241-0000-35606	\$176,000.00		

Museum Fees  
260-0000-35502           \$300,000.00

Employer Health  
500-0000-32113           \$550,000.00  
                                  \$1,538,308.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P544-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b> APPA Funding 250-05900-34812-2022-0393	<b><u>TO:</u></b> FY 2025 Operating Budget - Sources 100-0000-39201
\$1,100,000.00	\$1,100,000.00

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P545-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody to adopt a Residential Factor of .852036 for Fiscal Year 2025 (175% CIP).

(Carried 9-1; Councillor Welton absent; Councillor Manning-Martin opposed)

P546-24 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 Welton absent)

P547-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Peabody not to adopt a residential exemption.

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P548-24 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 Welton absent)

P549-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b> FY 2024 City Collections           \$1,049,047.07 FY 2024 State Match                 \$ 204,375.00 Interest Income <u>\$ 468,417.66</u> Total                                     \$1,721,839.73	<b><u>TO:</u></b>  270-0000-33011                     \$ 516,551.91 Community Preservation Funds Unreserved  270-0000-33022                     \$172,183.97 Historical Preservation Reserve Fund  270-0000-33023                     \$172,183.97 Community Housing Reserve Fund  270-0000-33021                     \$172,183.97 Open Space Reserve Fund
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(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P550-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

<b><u>FROM:</u></b> 270-0000-33011                     \$ 258,275.96 Community Preservation Fund Unreserved	<b><u>TO:</u></b> 270-0000-33021                     \$172,183.98 Open Space Reserve Fund
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270-0000-33022 \$ 43,045.99  
Historic Preservation Reserve Fund

270-0000-33023 \$ 43,045.99  
Community Housing Reserve Fund

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

P551-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

**FROM:**

270-0000-33011 \$10,000.00  
Community Preservation Act  
Unreserved Fund Balance  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

**TO:**

270-0000-33024 \$10,000.00  
Community Preservation Act  
Administration

P552-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 18, 2024:

**FROM:**

ARPA Funding  
250-05900-34812-2022-0393  
\$16,152.96  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

**TO:**

Water Main Replacement  
250-34812-58241-2023-4403  
\$16,152.96

P553-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfer of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 20, 2024:

**FROM:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund  
270-0000-33017 \$191,996.57  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

**TO:**

Cable Fund Expense  
270-0000-53007 \$191,996.57

P554-24 COUNCILLOR MCGINN - MOVE TO approve the following transfers of funds, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of November 20, 2024:

**FROM:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund  
Quarter 1 2024  
270-0000-33017 \$13,718.02  
270-0000-33017 \$3,048.45  
(Carried 10-0; Councillor Welton absent)

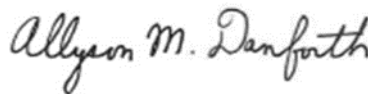
**TO:**

Cable Fund Expense  
270-0000-53007 \$13,718.02  
270-0000-53007 \$3,048.45

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

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 11, 2024

RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DECEMBER 11, 2024



ATTEST

(Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk)