

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
MAY 28, 2020

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: WELTON, SASLAW, MOUTSOULAS, GOULD, CHAREST, MANNING-MARTIN, TURCO, O'NEILL, MELVILLE, MCGINN, AND ROSSIGNOLL

ABSENT COUNCILLORS:

A remotely held meeting of the Peabody City Council opened with a moment of silent prayer after being called to order by City Council President Thomas J. Rossignoll.

Salute to the American Flag.

COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – 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.

P249-20 COUNCILLOR GOULD – MOVE TO receive and approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 14, 2020. (Carried 11-0)

(MAYOR BETTENCOURT APPEARED TO SPEAK REGARDING ITEM 7-A COMMUNICATION)

P250-20 COUNCILLOR MANNING-MARTIN – MOVE TO receive and approve the appointment of James Liacos, 3 Cosmos Drive, Peabody, MA, to the Licensing Board (Regular Position) for a one-year term to expire 06/01/21.
(Carried 11-0)

(MAYOR BETTENCOURT ALSO SPOKE TO REQUEST A SPECIAL MEETING ON JUNE 4, 2020, TO DISCUSS TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING.)

P251-20 COUNCILLOR MELVILLE – MOVE THAT the City Council hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020, to discuss Temporary Outdoor Dining.
(Carried 11-0)

(DONALD L. CONN, CITY SOLICITOR, APPEARED TO SPEAK BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING A STATUS UPDATE ON PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING DONOVAN VS. CITY OF PEABODY, ET AL.)

HEARINGS

The City Council reconvened the recessed public hearing on the application from Todisco Properties, LLC, 40-42 Endicott Street, Peabody, MA.

P252-20 COUNCILLOR MOUTSOULAS – MOVE TO recess the public hearing on the application from Todisco Properties, LLC, 40-42 Endicott Street, Peabody, MA, until Thursday, June 11, 2020, and to request that the applicant provide a revised site plan.
(Carried 11-0)

A public hearing was duly held on the application from SemiNex Corporation, 100-200 Corporate Place, Peabody, MA. Appearing to speak on behalf of the application was Atty. John Keilty and Mr. David Bean. No one appeared to speak in favor. Mr. Russell Donovan, 12 Quail Road, Peabody, MA, appeared to speak in opposition.

P253-20 COUNCILLOR SASLAW – MOVE TO recess the public hearing on the application from SemiNex Corporation, 100-200 Corporate Place, Peabody, MA, until Thursday, June 11, 2020.
(Carried 11-0)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Finance Committee
May 28, 2020

P254-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening. Present for the Committee were Councillors: Gould, O’Neill, Manning-Martin, Turco, and myself as chairperson. Also present were Councillors: Welton, Charest, Saslaw, Melville, and Rossignoll. There were two items on the agenda. The first item was a transfer of funds request to various departments. These were expenses totaling \$361,500. The need for the transfers was explained to the Committee by the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras. The following motion was made by Councillor Turco. (Report received)

P255-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of May 7, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

Various Departments – Expenses \$361,500.00
(See Attached List)
(Carried 11-0)

Various Departments – Expenses \$361,500.00
(See Attached List)

P256-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The second item on the agenda was a transfer of funds from the Cable Fund expense in the amount of \$226,292.38. Again present to explain the request from His Honor the Mayor was the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras. It was explained that the agreement with Comcast is that 90 percent of the funds that Comcast pays the City are distributed to PAT -- Peabody Access Television – for their expenses. With that explanation, Councillor Turco made the following motion. (Report received)

P257-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of May 8, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund \$226,292.38
270-0000-33017
(Carried 11-0)

Cable Fund Expense \$226,292.38
270-0000-53007

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P258-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO request that the Park, Recreation & Forestry Department trim the tree branches at the corner of Lowell Street and Goodale Street by Route 1 so that the “No Turn on Red” sign is visible.
(Carried 11-0)

P259-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO request that the Public Services Department install a “Go Slow Children” sign at Edythe Lane on pole number 13.
(Carried 11-0)

P260-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO request that His Honor the Mayor assign an employee from the Information Technology Department to attend all future City Council meetings to help the City Council until the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.
(Carried 11-0)

P261-20 COUNCILLOR MOUTSOULAS – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, the following Item 8-A, 8-B, 8-C, 8-D, and 8-E communications and refer to the Todisco Properties, 40-42 Endicott Street, public hearing and also refer Item 8-E to the Public Services Department and the Police Department for review:

Item 8-A from Jarrod Hochman, 52 Ellsworth Road, re: City Council meeting May 14, 2020

Item 8-B from Marla Tremblay, 10 King Street, re: Zoom Meeting May 14th for Special Permit – Todisco Properties, 40-42 Endicott St.

Item 8-C from Atty. Athan Vontzalides on behalf of Todisco Properties, re: Colored Renderings – 40-42 Endicott Street

Item 8-D from Walter and Dortha Pilkons, 61 Warren St. Ext., re: Against the Endicott St. 42 Condos

Item 8-E from Atty. Athan Vontzalides on behalf of Todisco Properties, re: Traffic Study – 40 & 42 Endicott St.

(Carried 11-0)

P262-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 9-A Junk Dealers License (Renewal for 2020) ecoATM, LLC, 210 Andover Street, subject to all papers being in order.

(Carried 11-0)

P263-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Entertainment License (Renewal for 2020) Toscana Ristorante, 3 Bourbon Street, subject to all papers being in order.

(Carried 11-0)

P264-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO request that the Public Services Department inspect the sidewalks on both sides of Newton Avenue and provide a timeframe for repairs.

(Carried 11-0)

P265-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO request that the Public Services Department inspect the sidewalks on Hilltop Drive and provide a timeframe for repairs.

(Carried 11-0)

P266-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO request that Jennifer Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department provide a schedule of maintenance for the cleanup of Emerson Park.

(Carried 11-0)

P267-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO request that Dr. Kerble, Superintendent of Schools, provide a report to the City Council whether student fees, such as athletic fees, parking fees, etc., are being refunded and how that process is being handled.

(Carried 11-0)

P268-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO request that Dr. Kerble, Superintendent of Schools, keep the City Council updated on future senior events for the remainder of the school year.

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Moutsoulas absent)

P269-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO request that His Honor the Mayor provide a response whether he can or cannot provide IT help for the City Clerk's office in the interim while we conduct Zoom meetings.

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Moutsoulas absent)

P270-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO request that the Public Services Department install an asphalt berm in front of 40 County Street.

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Moutsoulas absent)

P271-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO send a communication to the School Committee informing them that there is a congressional race and a Senate race that will bring out large numbers of voters on Election Day, Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Moutsoulas absent)

P272-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO send a communication to Mr. McCue at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School to request a list of the Student Government Day representatives so that the City Council may award three scholarships in the amount of \$185 to Student Government Day representatives.

(Carried 10-0; Councillor Moutsoulas absent)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Previously received.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Previously received.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

Previously received.

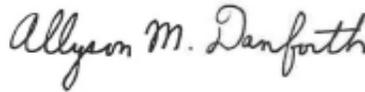
UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PRECEDING MATTER

(Councillor Manning-Martin commended Sergeant James Harkins, Officer Eric Ricci, School Resource Officer Rick Cochran, Captain Scott Wlasuk and Officer Rich Rose, who were mentioned in Item 10-A, which was previously received by the City Council (P230-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-C communication from Chief Thomas Griffin, Police Department, regarding Thank-you letters and refer to the Thursday, May 28th, 2020, Regular Meeting. (Carried 9-0; Councillor Moutsoulas and Councillor Manning-Martin absent)”)

MOVED: MOVE TO adjourn. Regular meeting of the Peabody City Council adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 2, 2020

RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, JUNE 2, 2020



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

COMMUNICATIONS:

His Honor the Mayor re: Appointment under date of May 19, 2020

Jarrold Hochman, 52 Ellsworth Road, re: City Council meeting May 14, 2020

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