

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEABODY CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

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

ABSENT COUNCILLORS:

An in-person (City Council only) 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 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.

HEARINGS

A public hearing was duly held on the application from City of Peabody – Public Services Department, 0 Winona Street, Peabody, MA. Appearing remotely to speak on behalf of the application was Director Robert Labossiere, Public Services Department. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P378-20 COUNCILLOR O'NEILL – MOVE TO recess the public hearing on the application from City of Peabody – Public Services Department, 0 Winona Street, Peabody, MA, until Thursday, September 24, 2020.

(Carried 11-0)

A public hearing was duly held on the application from Jessica Capellan, 149 Washington Street, Peabody, MA. Appearing remotely to speak on behalf of the application was Jessica Capellan and Frances Martinez. No one appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to speak in opposition.

P379-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – MOVE TO recess the public hearing on the application from Jessica Capellan, 149 Washington Street, Peabody, MA, until Thursday, September 24, 2020.

(Carried 11-0)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Committee of the Whole
August 18, 2020

P380-20 COUNCILLOR ROSSIGNOLL – Reporting for the Committee of the Whole – There was a Committee of the Whole meeting that met in Executive Session on August 18, 2020, to discuss pending litigation regarding McIntyre versus the City of Peabody, as well as Open Meeting Law complaints. (Report received)

Industrial & Community Development Committee
September 10, 2020

P381-20 COUNCILLOR GOULD – Reporting for Industrial & Community Development Committee – We had a very informative and I'd like to say a two-way street dialogue with the Mayor in regard to the city-owned properties. The Mayor basically highlighted the 12 pieces of property that Mr. Bellavance had brought to our attention in an August 12, 2019, memorandum and there was good dialogue. The Mayor went into some depth, when it came to each address, and the councillors were able to give their opinions and we look forward to further discussion on any of the addresses. (Report received)

Finance Committee
September 10, 2020

P382-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met earlier this evening, September 10th. Present for the Committee were Councillors: Gould, O’Neill, Manning-Martin, Turco, and myself as chair. Also present were Councillors: Welton, Moutsoulas, Charest, Saslaw, Melville, and Rossignoll. There were several items on the agenda. The first was a transfer request to General Fund Cable Revenue in an amount of \$128,000 and the following motion was made by Councillor Gould. (Report received)

P383-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfers, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of July 15, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		General Fund Cable Revenue	
270-0000-33017	\$128,000.00	100-0000-43513	\$128,000.00

FROM:**TO:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
270-0000-33017	\$120,000.00	270-0000-53007	\$120,000.00
(Carried 11-0)			

P384-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was a transfer of funds to Cable Fund Expense in the amount of \$9,600 and Councillor Gould made the following motion. (Report received)

P385-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of July 16, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
270-0000-33017	\$9,600.00	270-0000-53007	\$9,600.00
(Carried 11-0)			

P386-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was a transfer of funds to Cable Fund Expense in the amount of \$218,288.39. It was presented by the Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras. The following motion was made by Councillor Gould. (Report received)

P387-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of August 13, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

Receipts Reserved Cable Fund		Cable Fund Expense	
270-0000-33017	\$218,288.39	270-0000-53007	\$218,288.39
(Carried 11-0)			

P388-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was a transfer of funds to CPC Housing Critical Care Repair in the amount of \$40,000. It was presented to us by Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras, and Community Development and with some clarifying answers to questions by Ms. Bernson from the Community Development Department. After some discussion, Councillor Gould made the following motion. (Report received)

P389-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of August 17, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

CPC – Affordable Housing 270-0000-33023 (Carried 11-0)	\$40,000.00	CPC – Housing Critical Care Repair 270-1811-58564-2021-00-0387	\$40,000.00
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P390-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The next item on the agenda was a transfer of funds to various department accounts in the amount of \$385,293. This was presented to us by Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras, on behalf of the Mayor. This is in part to nearly close out Fiscal 2020. He did alert us to the fact that there would likely be one more closeout request coming for the prior fiscal year. There were a number of questions on this, which were addressed by Mr. Gingras and ultimately a motion was made by Councillor Gould. (Report received)

P391-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of August 17, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

Various Department Accounts (See Attached List) (Carried 10-1; Councillor Manning-Martin opposed)	\$385,293.00	Various Department Accounts (See Attached List)	\$385,293.00
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P392-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – The last item on the agenda was a transfer of funds request for CPC – Bikeway Independence Greenway Extension Project in the amount of \$341,384.25. This was presented to us by Director of Finance, Mr. Gingras, and the Director of Community Development, Mr. Bellavance, and Brendan Callahan. There were a number of questions on this addressed primarily by Community Development. Of particular note was the overall cost of the project, which will be in excess of \$11 million dollars. However, this is funded primarily by the TIP program, Transportation Improvement Program, which is federal and state money. This transfer from CPC allows us to leverage that external funding source. After some clarification on that matter, there was a motion made by Councillor Gould. (Report received)

P393-20 COUNCILLOR MCGINN – Reporting for the Finance Committee – MOVE TO approve the following transfer, as submitted by His Honor the Mayor, under date of August 17, 2020:

FROM:**TO:**

CPC – Open Space Fund Balance 270-0000-33021 (Carried 11-0)	\$341,384.25	CPC – Bikeway Independence Greenway Ext. Project 270-1811-58562-2018-00-0350	\$341,384.25
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MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

P394-20 COUNCILLOR GOULD (Co-motion with Councillor Moutsoulas) – MOVE TO request that the Public Services Department repair the manhole cover that sunk in front of 12 Westview Circle.
(Carried 11-0)

P395-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO receive, under suspension of the rules, communication Item 8-A from Sydney Nagle, Recipient of City Council Public Service Award Scholarship regarding Thank you.
(Carried 11-0)

P396-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, the following Item 9-B Entertainment License, subject to all papers being in order:

Amigo’s Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar, 210 Andover Street
Stanzys Country Ranch, 1 Main Street

(Carried 11-0)

P397-20 COUNCILLOR CHAREST – MOVE TO set up a meeting of the Joint Ad Hoc City Council/School Committee.

(Carried 11-0)

P398-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, Item 8-B communication from Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, regarding Release of Executive Session Minutes from November 29, 2018.

(Carried 11-0)

P399-20 COUNCILLOR TURCO – MOVE TO receive and approve, under suspension of the rules, the following Item 9-A Junk Dealers License, subject to all papers being in order:

Bill’s Salem Music & Fofo, 136 Main Street
Martoni & James, 215 Newbury Street
The Mod Haus, 58 Pulaski Street, Bldg. C, 4th Floor

(Carried 11-0)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Previously received.

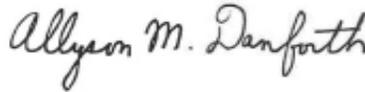
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

Previously received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PRECEDING MATTER

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

SUBMITTED TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
RETURNED BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020



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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Sydney Nagle, Recipient of City Council Public Service Award Scholarship re: Thank you Allyson M. Danforth, City Clerk, re: Release of Executive Session Minutes

JUNK DEALERS LICENSE: (Renewal for 2020)

Bill’s Salem Music & Fofo, 136 Main Street
Martoni & James, 215 Newbury Street
The Mod Haus, 58 Pulaski Street, Bldg. C, 4th Floor

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE: (Renewal for 2020)
Amigo's Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar, 210 Andover Street
Stanzy's Country Ranch, 1 Main Street