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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Standing Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Bartlett Community Room, 1 Market St, Amesbury MA 01913
Entrance through back door

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Roll Call

Minutes for Approval: October 20, 2026

Public Comment

Council Response to Public Comment

Topics for Discussion

2026-162 An Order to request the City Council to vote to declare as surplus various municipal vehicles and equipment. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This order will authorize the surplus of the following vehicles and equipment belonging to the Fire Department

2026-163 An Order to request the City Council vote to hold the annual Classification Hearing to vote on four (4) separate items in order to establish the tax burdens for each class of property. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: Annually, the City Council must hold a Tax Classification Hearing to determine the distribution of the property tax burden among residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property classes. As part of this process, the City Council must vote on four separate items: the residential factor, open space discount, residential exemption, and small commercial exemption.

The City Council is being asked to hold the required hearing and approve the recommended tax classification for Fiscal Year 2027.

2026-164 An Order to approve payment from the FY27 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: The listed invoices below are for operating expenses related to supplies or services rendered in prior fiscal years but for which funds were not encumbered by the corresponding city department at fiscal year-end. This order requests payment be made to the listed vendors from the corresponding department's current year (FY27) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 s. 64. This vote requires two thirds approval of the City Council.

2026-165 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 446, entitled "Virtual currency automated teller machines," to prohibit the installation and operation of virtual currency automated teller machines (ATM), commonly referred to as cryptocurrency ATMs, Bitcoin ATMs, or virtual currency kiosks. **-Mayor and Councilor Stanganelli Sponsors**
Summary: This ordinance establishes a new Chapter 446 of the Amesbury City Code to prohibit the installation and operation of virtual currency ATMs, commonly referred to as cryptocurrency ATMs, within the City. Virtual currency ATMs have increasingly been used in financial scams and fraudulent activities, particularly targeting older adults and vulnerable residents. These machines allow individuals to convert cash into cryptocurrency, often through transactions that are difficult to trace and nearly impossible to reverse, making it challenging for victims to recover stolen funds. This ordinance is intended to protect residents from financial exploitation and prevent these machines from being used to facilitate fraud within our community.

2026-166 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund award in the amount of $500,000 to support the Route 110/150 Improvements project. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund award will support the planning and preliminary design of safety and traffic improvements at the intersection of Route 110 and Route 150. The project will include traffic studies, surveying, evaluation of intersection alternatives, and preliminary design to improve traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and connectivity.

2026-167 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a HousingWorks Infrastructure Program grant in the amount of $5,000,000 to support the Clarks Road Reconstruction project. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This HousingWorks Infrastructure Program grant will support infrastructure improvements along approximately 2,600 feet of Clarks Road, from Route 110 (Macy Street) to Main Street. The project includes roadway reconstruction, new sidewalks, traffic calming measures, pedestrian safety improvements, and upgrades to water and stormwater infrastructure.

2026-169 An Order to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 71, authorizing the use of school bus violation detection monitoring systems. **-Mayor, Councilor Stanganelli, Councilor Welch, and Councilor Hogg Sponsors**
Summary: This order would authorize the City of Amesbury to establish a school bus stop-arm camera enforcement program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 71, and Chapter 90, Sections 14C through 14E.

2026-170 An Order that $399,600 is appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193) and transferred to the Library Maintenance & Repairs capital fund (360 8039), with a portion transferring to the General Fund to offset legal fee costs of the purchase. **-Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order will authorize the transfer from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193) to a capital account for library maintenance and repairs (less cost of related legal fees) with a focus on water infiltrations mitigation, including but not limited to roof, gutters, windows, masonry, exterior paint, soffits, eaves, and stairs. The $399,600 represents the proceeds from the sale of 5 and 9 School Street properties, authorized per Council Order #2024-133. Pursuant to G.L. c. 44, this order must be passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the City Council.

Adjourn