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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Hogg

3. Roll Call

4. Act on Minutes- November 26, 2024 and December 10, 2024

5. Mayoral Appointments

6. Monthly list of licenses –January

7. Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

- Accept 2025 Meeting Schedule for City Council

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

- Memo from Administration – Notice of FY23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded by Dept. of Homeland Security to the Town of Georgetown
- MVPC Presentation - Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

· Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

8. Public Comment- Public comment can be done in person during the meeting, or by emailing your comments to clerk@amesburyma.gov by 12:00 p.m. the Friday before the Council meeting, per City Council Rule 5G. Subject line PUBLIC COMMENT. Your comments will be read aloud at the appropriate time in the agenda and entered into the public record.

9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Second Readings

2024-096 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance expanding the Renewable Energy Development Overlay District (REDD) – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The development of large-scale solar energy projects has been recognized as being crucial to achieving the Commonwealth's goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Massachusetts law, including M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3, aims to promote the development of solar energy facilities. Amesbury has permitted large-scale solar energy projects in the city, that produce more than 10 MW of clean energy, but the areas zoned for solar energy projects have been confined primarily to the Industrial District.

2024-119 Revised Amesbury Energy Committee By Laws – Councilors Rinaldi and Hogg Sponsors

Summary: The Amesbury Energy Committee (AEC) was created in 2014 as an outgrowth of the Energy task force tasked with gaining Green Community Status. The By-Laws were amended in 2016 (2016-043) to clearly define the membership and the member appointment processes including filling vacancies.

2024-145 An Order of the Amesbury City Council to Approve the Acceptance of a Quitclaim Deed for a Parcel of Land known as Lot X in the Eastern Lights Subdivision, being a portion of property located off Middle Road, Amesbury and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Approval on Behalf of the City of Amesbury, - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Planning Board issued a Special Permit and Definitive Subdivision Approval, dated May 2, 2007, for a subdivision known as Eastern Lights, located off Middle Road, in Amesbury, pursuant to which the developer of the Subdivision was to convey certain property, shown as Lot X on a plan entitled "F & C Builders Middle Road Amesbury, MA As-Built Layout Plan," dated September 23, 2024 to the City of Amesbury. The intent of this Order is to obtain the authorization of the City Council to approve the acceptance by the City of the property, for general municipal purposes, and authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the deed for the property.

a. Public Hearings

2024-144 An Order to: Vote Intent to Lay Out Colonial Drive and Refer to Planning Board. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City Council shall vote its intent to lay out Colonial Drive and refer the proposed action to the Planning Board.

2024-146 An Order to: Lay Out and Accept Colonial Drive as a Public Way. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City Council shall lay out and accept Colonial Drive as a public way.

11. First Readings

2025-002 An Order to request the City Council to authorize the Department of Public Works to overspend the fiscal 2025 snow and ice appropriation of \$250,000. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: MGL c. 44 s. 31D allows cities and towns to make expenditures in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal with the approval of City Council or other authorized legislative body. As in previous years, it will be necessary to overspend the snow and ice appropriation.

2025-003 An Order to appropriate \$145,193.52 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Other Expenses.

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$145,193.52 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings, which has a balance of \$363,314.00 to Water Enterprise Operating Budget (account number 610 0450 5870 00 – Water Equipment Replacement). This transfer will

be used to cover unforeseen finish water pump failures, critical for the city's daily drinking water supply and fire protection. – **Mayor Sponsor**

2025-004 **An Order** to authorize a transfer of \$1,615.00 from Youth Services Personal Services to Youth Services Other Expenses. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,615.00 from Youth Services Salaries & Wages to Youth Services Training to cover the costs for additional training in FY25.

2025-005 Resolution - Merrimack Valley Region Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Local Adoption –**President Mandeville Sponsor**

12. Adjourn