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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
City Hall Bartlett Community Room- 1 Market St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Sullivan
3. Roll Call
4. Mayoral Appointments
5. President and Vice President Announcements/Communications
6. Presentations from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Official Representatives of Boards and Commissions
7. Licenses and Permits –None
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

2026-129 An Order to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140 sec. 139- Councilor Haggstrom and Councilor Redfern Sponsors

Summary: This order accepts the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 139(c), which allows municipalities to waive dog license fees for residents aged 70 and older. By adopting this local option, the City of Amesbury would eliminate the annual dog licensing fee for qualifying senior residents while still requiring compliance with all licensing and vaccination requirements. This waiver

would apply only to individual dog license fees and would not apply to late fees or kennel licenses. The measure is intended to support senior residents while encouraging continued compliance with local dog licensing requirements and protecting public health.

2026-130 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant of \$25,000.00 through the FY27 Field Demonstration Project. -**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Councils on Aging has awarded the Amesbury Council on Aging \$25,000.00 through the FY27 Field Demonstration Program. The funding will support modernization of the kitchen located at the Costello Center, including the replacement of outdated and nonfunctioning kitchen equipment and related improvements to enhance nutrition services, accessibility, safety, and programming for older adults.

2026-131 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.

2026-133 An Order to appropriate \$30,000 from the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund to fund traffic calming methods in densely populated residential neighborhoods- **Mayor and Councilor Gilday Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund to fund several traffic calming tools and methods in densely populated residential neighborhoods. These may include, but are not limited to speed radar feedback signs, center line signs, and temporary speed humps.

- a. Public Hearings:

Continued from September 8, 2026

2026-126 National Grid Pole Hearing WR#31343970 Bay St.

11. First Readings

12. Correspondence

- a. Communications from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Representatives of City Boards and Committees
- b. Council Communications
- c. Council Committee Reports

13. Act on Minutes

- September 8, 2026

14. Late Files

2026-142 Appointment of Chris Redfern to the position of member of the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2029- **Mayor Sponsor**

2026-143 Appointment of Scott Mandeville to the position of member of the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee as the City Council representative for a term to expire December 31, 2027- **Mayor Sponsor**

2026-144 Appointment of Kevin Latady to the position of alternate member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire February 29, 2029- **Mayor Sponsor**

15. Adjournment