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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Wheeler
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes- May 13, 2025
5. Mayoral Appointments

2025-061 Appointment of Aaron Martin to the position of member of the Amesbury Board of Health for a term to expire February 29, 2028.

2025-062 Appointment of election workers for a term to expire after the conclusion of the November 4, 2025 Municipal Primary Election.

6. Monthly list of licenses – May

7. Correspondence

- President/Vice President Communications
- Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

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- 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

2025-044 An order to accept and expend a 2nd Round FY25 DFS grant for firefighter safety equipment. – **Mayor Sponsor**

2025-048 An Order to authorize the Mayor to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds FY26- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½ for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

2025-049 An Order to enter into a 10 year or less lease - Cardiac Monitors Police Cruisers Body Worn Cameras and Cruiser Mounted Dash Cameras- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City seeks to enter into ten years or less leases or loan purchase agreements for the following:

Fire Department:

- Ten-year lease agreement for cardiac monitors.

Police Department:

- Three-year lease to replace 4 of the Department's front line police vehicles.
- Five-year lease to purchase body worn cameras and cruiser mounted dash cameras.

2025-050 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY25 CCC Information Technology Grant-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Grant money will be used to purchase one year of service for Trend Micro's Vision One Managed Detection and Remediation product for both the City and the Schools. This product is a cyber-defense platform that uses real time monitoring of our email systems, cloud-based environments, and physical devices to block malicious attacks like viruses, phishing, malicious links, inappropriate data transmissions (including PII and PHI flagging), and suspicious activity. This product will monitor and block these types of attacks in real time, using AI and heuristics to determine violations and a technique called Sandboxing, to shunt suspicious activity to a private "bubble" allowing analysts (either IT or the Trend Micro support team) to examine the activity to determine if it should be permanently blocked or allowed.

2025-051 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend FY25 SAFE and Senior SAFE grants- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: These grants fund trained firefighter-educators who provide age-appropriate fire and life safety education to the public. The SAFE grants focus on school-age children, providing fire safety, prevention, and protection education that increases in complexity with each grade level. Meanwhile, the Senior SAFE grants support fire, carbon monoxide, and other life safety education programs for older adults, particularly at senior centers, councils on aging, and through home visits. These programs may also include services like smoke and carbon monoxide alarm replacement, fall prevention education, and more. The SAFE grant program has been issued annually since 1995 and has been linked to a 79% decrease in child fire fatalities. The Senior SAFE program, in effect since 2014, addresses the alarming number of older adults who are injured or killed in home fires.

2025-052 An Order to transfer Amesbury Elementary School Property for general municipal purposes- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: With the completion and opening of the new Sgt. Jordan Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School, the former elementary school property is no longer needed for school purposes. With the determination of the School Committee that the former elementary school property is surplus to the needs of the School Department, it is appropriate for the property to be transferred to the Mayor for general municipal purposes so that it may be used as needed by the City until such time as a specific purpose is determined for that property.

Public Hearings

2025-055 Pole Hearing – 10 Aubin St. - #30628351-A

2025-056 Pole Hearing – 5 Chester St. - #30630076-A

2025-057 Pole Hearing – Nayson's Ct. (Heritage Vale St.) - #30628351-B

2025-058 Pole Hearing – Oakland St. - #30628400

2025-059 Pole Hearing – South Hampton Rd. - #330630076

11. First Readings

2025-060 An Order to request the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to enter into five-year or less lease purchase agreements for new copiers.

Summary: The City seeks to enter into five-year or less lease purchase agreements replacing old 5-year copiers with next generation new equipment at State Bid List pricing

12. Late Files

2025-063 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2025 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$47,224 to the Community Housing Reserve, \$47,224 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$47,224 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve.

Further ordered, that the remaining FY2025 estimated revenues be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance, to be used for future appropriations in accordance with the purposes of the Act.

These funds shall remain in their respective accounts until expended for eligible purposes upon future appropriation by vote of the City Council. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order will authorize City Council, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to transfer 10% (the maximum allowed for first-year CPA revenues) of the estimated total FY2025 CPA revenues into each of the following accounts: the Community Housing Reserve, the Historic Resources Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. Transfer of funds into the Community Preservation Committee Administrative Account is not allowed, and there is not a State match, in the first year of CPA revenues. Furthermore, this order allows remaining FY2025 estimated revenues to be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance.

This order follows the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, who at their May 21st public meeting with seven members present and two absent, voted unanimously in favor on the following motion "The Community Preservation Committee recommends to City Council, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2025 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$47,224 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$47,224 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$47,224 to the Community Housing Reserve, further order that the remaining FY2025 estimated revenues be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance to be used for future appropriations in accordance with the purposes of the Act, and these funds shall remain in their respective accounts until expended for eligible purposes upon future appropriation by vote of the City Council."

2025-064 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2026 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: \$56,488 to the Community Housing Reserve, \$56,488 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$56,488 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. These funds are reserved for future appropriation in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act and shall remain in their respective reserve accounts until expended for eligible purposes by further vote of the City Council.

Further ordered, that the sum of \$28,244 be appropriated from the FY2026 CPA estimated revenues to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative account, to be expended under the direction of the CPC for administrative and operational expenses related to implementation of the Act. – **Mayor**

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Summary: This order will authorize City Council, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to transfer 10% of the estimated total FY2026 CPA revenues into each of the following accounts: the Community Housing Reserve, the Historic Resources Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and to transfer 5% (the maximum allowed) into Community Preservation Committee Administrative account. The amount of \$564,880 includes an estimated State match amount of \$69,029. Furthermore, this order allows remaining FY2026 estimated revenues to be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance.

This order follows the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, who at their May 21st public meeting with seven members present and two absent, voted unanimously in favor on the following motion “The Community Preservation Committee recommends to City Council, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2026 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$56,488 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$56,488 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$56,488 to the Community Housing Reserve. These funds are reserved for future appropriation in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act and shall remain in their respective reserve accounts until expended for eligible purposes by further vote of the City Council. Further ordered, that the sum of \$28,244 be appropriated from the FY2026 CPA estimated revenues to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative account, to be expended under the direction of the CPC for administrative and operational expenses related to implementation of the Act.

12. Adjourn