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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 28, 2024
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Redfern

3. Roll Call

4. Act on Minutes- May 14, 2024

5. Mayoral Appointments

6. Monthly list of licenses

7. Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

· 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

Public Hearings

2024-073 Pole Hearing - National Grid - Field Street

2024-074 Pole Hearing - National Grid - South Hunt/Buttonwood - underground conduits

2024-075 Pole Hearing - National Grid - South Hunt/Buttonwood

2024-076 Pole Hearing - National Grid - South Hunt/South Martin

2024-002 Session 14 City Council Rules & Procedures

2024-016 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6G: Appeal – **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6G: Appeal

2024-017 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 11-A Standing Committees. - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 11-A: Standing Committees

2024-018 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5E: Order of Business - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5E: Order of Business

2024-019 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5B: Meeting Schedule - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5B: Meeting Schedule

2024-020 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5J: Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5J: Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings

2024-021 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5I: Remote Participation - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsor**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5I: Remote Participation

2024-022 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6O: Objections and Postponement of Votes. - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6O: Objections and Postponement of Votes.

2024-057 An Act Exempting the position of Deputy Police Chief in the City of Amesbury from the provisions of Chapter 31 of the general Laws – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: To petition the General Court to enact the following legislation for the exemption of the position of Deputy Police Chief for the City of Amesbury from Chapter 31 of the General Laws; provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

2024-058 An Order of the Amesbury City Council to approve and accept a Preservation Restriction Agreement on property located at 6 Center Street, Amesbury, and to authorize the mayor to execute said Preservation Restriction Agreement on behalf of the City of Amesbury – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Amesbury Planning Board approved an Application for Site Plan Review and Special Permit for the property located at 6 Center Street, Amesbury on February 27, 2023 (said approval is recorded with the Essex South Registry of Deeds in Book 41786 Page 033.) The Planning Board required that a historic preservation restriction be prepared and recorded for the building and site, identified on the Assessors Database as Map 40, Lot 123 and described in a deed recorded with said Registry in Book 40908, Page 248. This historic structure was owned by George W. Osgood and built around c. 1904. The intent of this Order is to obtain the authorization of the City Council to acquire the historic preservation restriction and authorize the mayor to accept the historic preservation restriction.

2024-061 An Order to accept 2022 Economic Development Bill Earmark- \$150000 - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury's state legislative delegation in the 2022 Economic Development Bill, stating "not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for improvements to urban pedestrian spaces." The city of Amesbury will use the Improvements to Urban Pedestrian Spaces Economic Development Earmark to extend the brick sidewalk from its current terminus along Market Street just outside of Market Square approximately 210 feet and complete the project replacing an additional 70 feet of concrete walk on the same side of the street about 225 feet from Market Square.

2024-062 An Order to accept and expend FY25-FY27 grant for public health shared services-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health is issuing a 3-year contract to the City of Amesbury for Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant in the amount of \$486,497.32 for each of the 3 years of the contract for the PHE program (FY25-FY27). Participation in this program was approved by the City Council on June 27, 2023 with Bill No. 2023-061. Amesbury will continue to serve as the lead municipality with the group consisting of Georgetown, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and West Newbury.

2024-063 An Order to accept FY24 earmark- pedestrian bridges- \$12500- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury's state legislative delegation in the FY24 Budget for "the replacement and reconstruction of 2 pedestrian bridges in the upper millyard and downtown business district of the city of Amesbury." This appropriation was originally in the amount of \$25,000.00 but was reduced by 50% mid-fiscal year under the Governor's authority (Section 9C of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws). We will utilize this reduced funding for engineering services for inspection and initial structural assessment of these bridges. This assessment will assist us with planning and budgeting for future replacement and reconstruction of these bridges.

2024-067 An Order to approve payment from the FY24 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The below listed invoices are for operating expenses related to supplies or services rendered in FY23 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 (FY24) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 s. 64. This vote requires a two thirds approval of the City Council.

2024-068 An Order to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½ - **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, 2024.

12. Adjourn