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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Standing Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Bartlett Community Room, 1 Market St, Amesbury MA 01913

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Roll Call

Minutes for Approval: July 21, 2026

Public Comment

Council Response to Public Comment

Topics for Discussion

2026-128 City Clerk Salary Ordinance- **Councilor Redfern, Councilor Haggstrom, and Councilor Sullivan Sponsors**

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a clear and consistent process by which the City Council exercises its authority under the City Charter over the compensation and annual review of the City Clerk, who is appointed by the City Council pursuant to Section 3-6 of the City Charter and who also serves as Clerk to the City Council.

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 The funding will support modernization of the kitchen located at the Costello Center, including the replacement of outdated and nonfunctioning kitchen equipment and related improvements to enhance nutrition services, accessibility, safety, and programming for older adults.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.

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