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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Frederique

3. Roll Call

4. Act on Minutes- None at this time

5. Mayoral Appointments

6. Monthly list of licenses –June

7. Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

- DPW presentation- Powwow Weir

· 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

2025-045 An Ordinance to establish No Parking on Lafayette Street median strip – request by resident – **Councilor Gilday Sponsor**

Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place No Parking signage along the median strip of Lafayette Street.

2025-046 - An Order for the City to place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive – request by resident – **Councilor Gilday Sponsor**

Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive by the Amesbury DPW.

2025-053 An Order to Accept an Easement at 12 Elizabeth Street-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The intent of this Order is to approve the acceptance by the City Council to the permanent drainage easement from Deborah S. Drew, Katherine D. Drew, and Kerry Drew-Baxter, record owners of the property located at 12 Elizabeth Street Amesbury, Massachusetts, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a drainage system to alleviate flooding on the said property, and further to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Acceptance for the easement.

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

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**

Sponsor

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.

2025-068 An Order to authorize the Mayor to enter into a renewal of the inter-municipal agreement for an additional one-year period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with the Town of Salisbury for the provision of regional animal control services.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City of Amesbury (per order# 2018-007) entered into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Salisbury in 2018 to provide public health and animal control services until 2021. By mutual agreement in 2021, Amesbury and Salisbury now provide their own health services; however, they continue to jointly provide animal control services for the two municipalities. This agreement was continued per order# 2021-106 and per order# 2024-082. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2025, and we are proposing a one-year extension that will expire on June 30, 2026.

2025-069 An Order to appropriate \$449,940.23 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2025 Snow & Ice expenditures in excess of appropriation.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$449,940.23 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2025 Snow & Ice expenditures in excess of appropriation (\$250,000).

2025-070 An Order to authorize inter-departmental transfers of general fund appropriations in accordance with MGL c.44 Section 33B.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City Council may, by majority vote, on recommendation of the Mayor, transfer within the last 2 months of any fiscal year, or during the first 15 days of the new fiscal year, to apply to the previous fiscal year, any amount appropriated, other than for the use of a municipal light department or a school department, to any other appropriation. Please see transfer summary below for additional information.

2025-071 An Order to appropriate \$122,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2025 operating expenditures listed below- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$122,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the following operating expenditures in fiscal year 2025.

a. Public Hearings

2025-054 – Public Hearing - An Ordinance to amend Wetlands and Floodplain protection regulations per NFIP regulations-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed the final flood hazard determination for all jurisdictions in Essex County, Massachusetts. Further, a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed and they will become effective on July 8, 2025. FEMA has indicated that all the standards specified in 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations must be enacted, including adoption of the current effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply, and other modifications made by this map revision.

11. First Readings

12. Late Files

2025-074 An Order to establish a Crosswalk at Merrimack River Condominiums- **Councilors Gilday and Stanganelli Sponsors**

Summary: The Amesbury City Council orders that the city create a crosswalk at or near 31 Merrimack Street for the purpose of increasing safety for people crossing between the Merrimack River Condominiums housing units on one side of the street and their condominium parking lot on the other.

2025-075 A Resolution in Support of LGBTQ+ Pride Month- **Councilors Stanganelli, Frederique, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: A Resolution recognizing the Observance of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and requesting that the City Administration officially recognize the observance-

13. Adjourn