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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 10, 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- May 27, 2025
5. Mayoral Appointments

2025-065 Appointment of Delaney Kingsland to the position of member of the Amesbury Conservation Commission for a term to expire February 29, 2028

2025-066 Reappointment of James Humphries as Constable for the City of Amesbury for a term to expire July 1, 2025

2025-067 Reappointment of KP Law to the position of City Attorney for the City of Amesbury for a term to expire June 2, 2026

6. Monthly list of licenses –June
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

2025-001 An Order to adopt operating budget for FY26 – **Mayor Sponsor**

2025-047 An Order to appropriate Free Cash for the purpose of funding FY26 Capital Expenditures- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$1,813,975 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following capital expenditures in fiscal year 2026.

Second Readings

2025-054 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

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.

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.

12. Late Files

2025-072 An Order that \$211,935.00 is appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193) to purchase the land and building located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, for the purpose of using the property for water supply protection, passive use recreational area, and conservation purposes, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto;

Summary: This order will authorize the Mayor to acquire the land referenced above for use as water supply protection and passive recreational park purposes, and appropriate funds to pay costs of the purchase, which appropriation would be met with a transfer from the Receipts Reserved for Real Estate Proceeds Fund (239 4193). Pursuant to G.L. c. 44, the order must be passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the City Council.

2025-073 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$122,661.00 from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) program to offset the City's costs to acquire the property at 128 Kimball Road in Amesbury for the purposes of drinking water resource protection and flood control management.

Summary: The Drinking Water Supply Protection (DWSP) Grant Program provides financial assistance to public water systems and municipal water departments for the purchase of land or interests in land for protection of existing DEP-approved public drinking water supplies. The DWSP is a reimbursement-based program with a maximum of 60% compensation to municipalities for their acquisition. The award to Amesbury is for the requested amount of 60% reimbursement of the anticipated costs of the 128 Kimball Road property acquisition as well as for recording fees and DWSP requirements of title certification and survey. This parcel of real property located at 128 Kimball Road, Amesbury, Massachusetts, being Assessor's Tax Map 33-7, containing 8.31 acres, more or less, abuts the Powwow River - Amesbury's primary surface water source. The property is also within 1,800' of a City wellhead and entirely within the City's Zone II wellhead protection area. The parcel is easily accessible from the road and will create access to the river for canoers and kayakers.

13. Adjourn