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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Haggstrom

3. Roll Call

4. Mayoral Appointments

2026-077 Appointment of Jay Williamson to the position of member of the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2029 - **Mayor Sponsor**

2026-078 Appointment of Craige Hird to the position of member of the Community Preservation Committee as the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee representative for a term to expire February 28, 2027- **Mayor Sponsor**

5. President and Vice President Announcements/Communications

6. Presentations from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Official Representatives of Boards and Commissions

7. Licenses and Permits – April

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

a. Second Readings

2026-69 Request for Comment on 27 Kimball Road 40B Application

b. Public Hearings

2026-044 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #30630076-C Market St.

2026-045 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #30628351-C Valley St.

2026-046 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #30862343 Winkley St.

2026-047 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #30630071-A Center St.

2026-048 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #30630071-B Sanborn Terr/Center St.

2026-049 National Grid Pole/Conduit Hearing WR #30884966 Elm St. Underground Conduit

2026-050 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #30884966 Elm St

2026-051 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #31180928 Lake Attitash Rd.

2026-052 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #31227587 Dark Lane

2026-053 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #31199729 Elm St.

2026-073 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #31161452 Mill Street

2026-074 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #31161452 Mill Street - Underground Conduit

2026-075 National Grid Pole Hearing WR #31161452 Valley St.

2026-076 National Grid Pole Hearing WR#30630045 Main St.

2026-068 **An Order** to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance by repealing and replacing Section XI.K.3, Accessory Dwelling Units.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This zoning amendment replaces the existing ADU Ordinance to come into full compliance with Section 8 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024 and the regulations under 760 CMR 71.00: Protected Use Accessory Dwelling Units.

In summary, the main changes to the existing ADU ordinance reflect the following:

- Increasing the size of permitted ADUs to 900 SF;
- Allowing ADUs in two- and multi-family structures;
- Allowing ADUs in existing residential uses located outside residential districts;
- Modifying the special permit requirements or “findings” to be consistent with M.G.L. 40A.s.6 (the Dover Amendment);
- Removing owner-occupancy requirements;
- Modifying the design and dimensional standards; and
- Including a waiver provision to the design and dimensional standards.

11. First Readings

AO 2026-01 Administrative Order 2026- Department of Public Wellness COA - **Mayor Sponsor**

2026-079 An Order to amend Clerks office fee schedule boat ramp parking permit - **Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: The City of Amesbury recently updated the City Clerk Fee Schedule per Bill No. 2025-11 to address several outdated fees and incorporate the recently adopted parking permit system. This amendment would establish the fee for the Washington Landing Public Boat Ramp parking permit.-

2026-080 An Ordinance to adopt a Schedule of Fees for renting single and tandem kayaks, canoes and stand up paddleboards (SUP) from the Amesbury Recreation Department - **Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: The City of Amesbury recently updated the City Clerk Fee Schedule per Bill No. 2025-11 to address several outdated fees and incorporate the recently adopted parking permit system. This amendment would establish the fee for the Washington Landing Public Boat Ramp parking permit. -

2026-081 An Ordinance Change City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations SCHEDULE 1 PARKING (PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES) - NO Parking on Highland either side)- **Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This ordinance will update the Traffic and Parking Regulations, adopted in Bill No. 2015-077 and subsequently amended in Bill No. 2015-081 and Bill No. 2019-074, and amend the Amesbury Municipal Code to revise the SCHEDULE 1 PARKING (PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES) to include both sides of Highland Street from the Friend Street intersection to the Hillside Avenue intersection unless parked in designated, marked parking spots. With the amount of activity at the city park and High School, combined with the narrow construction of Highland Street the Chief of Police has designated this area unsafe to park motor vehicles on the side of the road unless parked in designated, well-marked parking spots.-

2026-082 An Order to accept donation of shed at Amesbury Town Park ice rink- **Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: The equipment shed, valued at approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000, was made possible through community fundraising efforts led by resident Dan Ouellet, along with contributions from numerous donors and volunteers. The structure was constructed at an estimated cost of under \$6,000 and includes durable materials such as pressure-treated framing and cement board siding. The shed will support rink operations by providing storage for hockey nets and related equipment, with additional improvements including heating, cooling, and a water heater to be completed in the spring.-

2026-083 An Order to transfer funds from Building Inspection Overtime account to the Building Inspection Training account - **Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This Order requests authorization to transfer \$1,000 from the Building Inspection Overtime account (current balance: \$ 5,449.28) to the Building Inspection Training account to support two inspector trainings over the next several months.-

2026-084 An Order to pay Prior Year Invoices from FY26 General Operating Budge – APS- **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 (FY26) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 s. 64. This vote requires two thirds approval of the City Council.-

2026-085 An Order to accept and expend a FY26 DFS grant for firefighter safety equipment- **Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: These grant funds will be used to purchase the following approved firefighter safety equipment: Personnel Accountability System/Mobile Command Console, Ropes (Rescue & Individual Safety and Hardware)

2026-086 A Resolution to adopt Housing Production Plan 2024-2029- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City of Amesbury, in collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, has prepared the 2024–2029 Housing Production Plan (HPP). This strategic plan establishes goals and implementation strategies to address Amesbury’s housing needs, with a focus on expanding affordable housing opportunities and encouraging a diverse range of housing types throughout the community. The five-year plan evaluates community demographics, housing demand, and development trends, and outlines specific actions to guide the City’s housing efforts.

12. Correspondence

- a. Communications from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Representatives of City Boards and Committees
- b. Council Communications
- c. Council Committee Reports

13. Act on Minutes – March 4, 2026 Special Joint Meeting of City Council and Library Board of Trustees Minutes - March 24, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2026 Budget & Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes- March 18, 2026 Ordinance & Administration Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

14. Late Files

2026-087 Appointment of Greg Noyes to the position of member of the Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee as the School Committee representative for a term to expire March 31, 2029-
Mayor Sponsor

15. Adjournment