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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
City Hall Bartlett Community Room- 1 Market St.
7:00 PM

The public can view this meeting:
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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Welch

3. Roll Call

4. Mayoral Appointments-None

5. President and Vice President Announcements/Communications
   - Election of D2 Councilor on November 10, 2026

6. Presentations from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Official Representatives of Boards and Commissions
   - Nick Wheeler- Whittier Tech and NECC Update

7. Licenses and Permits- October

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

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.

2026-151 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of $9,020.00 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to be used by the Amesbury Emergency Management Agency, which is managed by the Amesbury Fire Chief.**-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: These grant funds will be expended for the purpose of maintaining Amesbury's Radiological Emergency Response Preparedness Program for the Operation Center for FY 2026.

2026-152 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant award in the amount of $25,200 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research FY27 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant Program. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This grant award will be used to fund traffic enforcement. This funding will allow the Police Department to increase the number of hours spent conducting selective enforcement to combat the most problematic areas, which include distracted drivers, impaired driving, and speeding. This is a cost reimbursement grant program with an end date of September 15, 2026.

2026-153 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.

2026-154 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend an award amendment in the amount of $146,653 awarded to the Amesbury Council on Aging through the FY27 Behavioral Health Outreach for Aging Populations (BHOAP) program. **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: The Executive Office of Aging and Independence administers the BHOAP program to provide home-based mental health and substance use support for adults aged 60 and older. This funding will support two LICSW positions and clerical staff to provide behavioral health services and support to older adults in Amesbury through the Senior Center and Department of Public Wellness.

2026-155 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Shared Streets Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). **-Mayor Sponsor**
Summary: This $175,000 grant from MassDOT will help fund the replacement of the Upper Millyard Pedestrian Bridge. Earlier this summer, the bridge was closed following an inspection by structural engineers due to concerns about its condition. Previous engineering inspections had also identified the need for replacement, including a 2024 inspection that recommended the bridge be replaced within two years. Since the bridge was closed, the City has been working closely with MassDOT to coordinate next steps and move the replacement project forward. This grant will support that ongoing effort and help fund the replacement of the bridge and restoration of this important pedestrian connection. Specifically, this funding will fund surveying, geotechnical exploration, design and environmental permitting.

a. Public Hearings:

2026-140 National Grid Pole Hearing Elm St. WR #30628380
- Continued from October 13, 2026, City Council Meeting

2026-156 National Grid Pole Hearing Back River Rd. Underground Conduit WR #31297738

2026-157 National Grid Chestnut St. Extension Pressure Relief Vault Petition Hearing WR #90000236921

2026-158 National Grid Pole Hearing Highland St. WR #31174267

2026-159 National Grid Pole Hearing Kimball Rd. WR #31172420

2026-160 National Grid Pole Hearing Portsmouth Rd. WR #31227515

11. First Readings-None

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

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14. Late Files

2026-161 A Resolution in Opposition to November 2026 Ballot Question 8 **-Councilor Stanganelli and Councilor Hogg Sponsors**
Summary: Opposing Massachusetts Ballot Question 8, entitled “An Act to Restore a Sensible Marijuana Policy,” which would repeal licensed adult-cannabis retail sales and home cannabis cultivation statewide; affirming the City’s commitment to a regulated, locally-controlled cannabis marketplace; and urging the voters of Amesbury and the Commonwealth to VOTE NO on BALLOT QUESTION 8 on November 3,2026.

15. Adjournment