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City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026
7:00 PM**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Redfern.

Councilor Frederique led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, and present were Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Pamela Gilday, Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Scott Mandeville, Councilor Steven Stanganelli, Councilor Kelly Sullivan, Councilor Maryann Welch, and President Jessica Redfern.

Act on Minutes- December 9, 2025 and January 13, 2026

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve the December 9, 2025 minutes as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

President Redfern noted a correction to Councilor Haggstrom being nominated as Vice President and that the Fourteenth Session rules were adopted until the Fifteenth Session rules are approved.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes with amendments. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Mayoral Appointments

President Redfern noted that these appointments would be voted on in groups.

2026-005 Reappointment of Jane Snow to the position of member of the Amesbury Cemetery Advisory Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-006 Reappointment of Fred Zackon to the position of member of the Amesbury Conservation Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-007 Reappointment of Sally Nutt to the position of member of the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-009 Reappointment of Nancy Maynes to the position of member of the Amesbury Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-010 Reappointment of Barbara Lorenc to the position of member of the Amesbury Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-011 Reappointment of Thatcher Keezer to the position of member of the Amesbury Board of Assessors for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-012 Reappointment of Emily Behn to the position of member of the Amesbury Board of Assessors for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-013 Reappointment of Chris Akelian to the position of member of the Amesbury Historical Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-014 Reappointment of Normand Pare to the position of member of the Amesbury Board of Registrars for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-017 Reappointment of Wayne Griffith to the position of member of the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2029

Jane Snow spoke to her desire for reappointment to the Cemetery Advisory Commission

Councilor Haggstrom shared her support for the reappointment of Jane Snow.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2026-005, 2026-006, 2026-007, 2026-009, 2026-010, 2026-011, 2026-012, 2026-013, 2026-014, and 2026-017 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-015 Reappointment of Annmary Connor to the position of member of the Amesbury Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire April 30, 2028

2026-016 Reappointment of Andrew LeFleur to the position of member of the Amesbury Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire April 30, 2028

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2026-015 and 2026-016 as presented. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-018 Reappointment of Michael Hogg to the position of member of the Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Councilor Hogg spoke to his desire for reappointment.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve 2026-018 as presented. Councilor Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-019 Appointment of Pamela Gilday to the position of member of the Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Councilor Gilday spoke to her desire to fill this position.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to approve 2026-019 as presented. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-020 Appointment of Kelly Sullivan to the position of member of the Amesbury Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Councilor Sullivan spoke to her desire to fill this position.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2026-020 as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-021 Reappointment of Jessica Redfern to the position of member of the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2028

President Redfern spoke to her desire to fill this position.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve 2026-021 as presented. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-022 Reappointment of Michael Hogg to the position of member of the Disposition Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2028

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2026-022 as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-023 Reappointment of Claudel Frederique to the position of member of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2028

President Redfern noted that this committee was not established.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to withdraw 2026-023 without prejudice. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Monthly list of licenses –December & January

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve the December and January lists of licenses as presented. Councilor Sullivan seconded,

Councilor Stanganelli noted a typo in the word “Starbucks.”

The motion passed 8-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.

Correspondence

-President/Vice President Communications

President Redfern stated that at the organization meeting she had declared a Library Board Vacancy..

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to declare the Library Board of Trustees vacancy. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

President Redfern shared that Kate Slater resigned from the School Committee.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to declare the School Committee vacancy. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

President Redfern reminded councilors to complete the conflict of interest training.
President Redfern referred to Addendum L.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve Addendum L as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

-Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

Nick Wheeler, 161 Whitehall Road, School Committee representative for the Whittier Tech School Building Committee, shared that he was able to take part of a walkthrough where a list of issues was noted. Mr. Wheeler also noted that the water treatment plant has had recent repairs.

Mayor Gove introduced new Chief of Staff Pam Tobey, who then spoke to her background.

Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Council Response to Public Comment

None

Second Readings

Public Hearings

None

First Readings

2026-008 An Order to adopt Rules and Procedures for the Fifteenth Session of the Amesbury City Council

Councilor Stanganelli asked if a Rules Committee will be established. President Redfern replied that there will not be a Rules Committee.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-008 to the Ordinance and Administration Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Welch seconded.

Councilor Stanganelli questioned the quick turnaround of the second reading.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to amend to refer 2026-008 to the Ordinance and Administration Committee with a second reading on March 10, 2026. Councilor Welch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

The main motion passed unanimously, 8-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.

2026-024 An Order to request the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to enter a five-year contract for one new copier

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Sullivan seconded.

Councilor Stanganelli asked when the Budget and Finance Committee is meeting. City Clerk Jennifer Smith stated that the clerk will call the meeting.

The motion passed 8-0-1, Councilor Stanganelli abstained.

2026-025 An order to rescind acceptance of MGL Chap 90 sec 20A and half and replace with MGL Chap 90 sec 20A-2025

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2026-025 to the Ordinance and Administration Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-026 An Order to pay Prior Year Invoices from FY26 General Operating Budget

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-026 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-027 An Order to transfer from School Capital Accounts to fund the ball field project at AHS

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Frederique offered a motion to refer 2026-027 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-028 An Order to appropriate \$200,000 from Free Cash to Stabilization Fund

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Sullivan offered a motion to refer 2026-028 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-029 An Order to appropriate \$100,000 from Free Cash

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Frederique offered a motion to refer 2026-029 to the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Hogg seconded.

Councilor Gilday noted supporting documentation will be provided for the subcommittee meetings.

The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-030 An Order to transfer funds from Salary Reserve to Police Sick and Vacation Buyback

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-030 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-031 An Order to appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-031 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-032 An Order to appropriate from Water Retained Earnings

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2026-032 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-033 An Order to transfer \$231,535 from Streets and Sidewalks Stabilization to DPW Streets and Sidewalks

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to refer 2026-033 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Welch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-034 An Order to accept and expend a Last Call Foundation grant award

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-034 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-035 An Order to accept and expend a Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Women grant

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Welch offered a motion to refer 2026-035 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-036 An Order to accept and expend FY26 formula grant funding for COA

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Sullivan offered a motion to refer to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-037 An Order to accept and expend FY26 MassWorks Grant

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to refer 2026-037 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-038 An Order to accept FY26 earmark- Digitization and Preservation of Municipal Documents

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-038 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-039 An Order to accept FY26 earmark- Chromebooks

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Sullivan offered a motion to refer to 2026-039 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-040 An Order to accept FY26 earmark- Parking Study Phase 2

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Welch offered a motion to refer 2026-040 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-041 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 237 Cemeteries- Jan 2026

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to refer 2026-041 to Ordinance and Administration Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on February 24, 2026. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Late Files

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to suspend rule 5D. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

2026-042 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend the North Shore HOME Consortium grant in the amount of \$91,983

Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to refer 2026-042 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading scheduled for February 24, 2026. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Adjourn

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney

February 19, 2026