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City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, July 14, 2026
7:00 PM**

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

Councilor Steven Stanganelli offered a statement for why he will not lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Redfern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent was Councilor Kelly Sullivan.

Councilor Stanganelli stepped away from the meeting during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayoral Appointments

2026-116 Appointment of Mark Baggeroer to the position of member of the Design Review Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2029.

- Mr. Baggeroer spoke to his desire to fill the position.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve 2026-116 as presented. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Correspondence

-President/Vice President Communications

- President Redfern shared that the Collective Bargaining Agreements are posted on the city website.
- President Redfern shared that the final grant package was received for the Amesbury Shay Elementary School project.

-Communication from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Official Representatives of Boards and Commissions

- None

Licenses and Permits –July

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to approve the July list of licenses as presented. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Public Comment

- None

Council Response to Public Comment

- None

Second Readings

2026-106 An Order to accept an easement from Thomas Barrasso for the purposes of accessing, operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing drainage infrastructure on the property located at 11 East Greenwood Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts and to authorize the Mayor to execute an acceptance on behalf of the City of Amesbury.- **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Committee of the Whole.
- President Redfern shared the Planning Board's positive recommendation.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to approve 2026-106 as presented. Councilor Frederique seconded.

- Councilor Stanganelli mentioned that the property has been sold and questioned if that will affect this bill. Chief of Staff Pam Tobey replied that the sale has not yet been closed and that this matter was most likely holding up the closing.

After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2026-107 An Order to grant a utility easement at 10 Water Street, Amesbury, and to authorize the Mayor to execute a grant of easement on behalf of the City of Amesbury.- **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Committee of the Whole.
- President Redfern shared the positive recommendation from the Planning Board

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve 2026-107 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2026-109 An Order to amend Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 392 Solid Waste and adopt a schedule of fees. – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared that there was a positive recommendation along with redline edits from the Committee of the Whole.
- President Redfern noted the redline version was provided.
- President Redfern read the correspondence from the Energy and Sustainability Committee sharing their support.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2026-109 with the redline changes. Councilor Gilday seconded.

- President Redfern read the redline changes, which included renumbering the subsections.
- Councilor Welch noted an awry period.
- Councilor Hogg stated that the low fee will ultimately be a disservice to the community and that the incremental income could be used for refuse disposal.
- Councilor Stanganelli echoed Councilor Hogg's sentiment.
- Councilor Gilday stated that the \$100 annual fee is too low and will need to be increased over time.

After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.

Public Hearings

None

First Readings

2026-117 An Order to appropriate and raise by borrowing, \$1,600,000 to pay the costs of the following project, including the payment of all cost incidental and related thereto: Purchase of two (2) fire pumpers and incidental equipment or unanticipated costs for each apparatus. – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.
- Councilors engaged in discussion regarding supporting documents missing from the website.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to refer 2026-117 to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Gilday seconded.

- Councilor Stanganelli stated that he will be in opposition to this motion.

The motion passed 6-1-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed, and Councilor Hogg abstained.

2026-118 An Order to authorize a transfer from the Water Retained Earnings account of \$48,000 to the Water Sick Leave Buy-Back (610-0450-5152) account. – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to continue 2026-118. Councilor Hogg seconded.

- Councilor Mandeville read a Mass General Law and noted that bills are only required to be posted publicly after they have been adopted.
- Councilors engaged in discussion regarding the posting of bills.

The motion failed 2-5-1, Councilors Mandeville, Welch, Gilday, Haggstrom, and President Redfern opposed, and Councilor Frederique abstained.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to refer 2026-118 to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed 5-2-1, Councilors Stanganelli and Hogg opposed, and Councilor Frederique abstained.

2026-119 An Order to authorize a transfer from the Budget Reserve (100 0946 5980) account of \$15,000 to the Public Health Salaries & Wages (100 0510 5110) account. – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to continue 2026-119. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion failed 2-5-1, Councilors Mandeville, Welch, Gilday, Haggstrom, and President Redfern opposed, and Councilor Frederique abstained.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2026-119 to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed 5-2-1, Councilors Stanganelli and Hogg opposed, and Councilor Frederique abstained.

2026-120 An Order to request the City Council to vote to declare as surplus various municipal vehicles and equipment. – **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Haggstrom read the summary.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to continue 2026-120. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion failed 2-5-1, Councilors Mandeville, Welch, Gilday, Haggstrom, and President Redfern opposed, and Councilor Frederique abstained.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2026-120 to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed 5-2-1, Councilors Stanganelli and Hogg opposed, and Councilor Frederique abstained.

Correspondence

- a. Communications from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Representatives of City Boards and Committees
 - None
- b. Council Communications
 - None
- c. Council Committee Reports
 - Councilor Hogg shared that the Energy and Sustainability Committee reviewed council bill 2026-109.
 - Councilor Welch provided update on the Joint Education Committee, including various transitions in school leadership.
 - President Redfern shared that the Open Space, Natural Resources, and Trails Committee learned that a draft of an Invasive Plant Management Plan has been sent to the Conservation Commission and that a draft Trail Management and Stewardship Plan was reviewed.

Act on Minutes – June 23, 2026 City Council Meeting

- Councilor Welch stated that for 2026-114 and 2026-115 the correction to the language on the agenda should be included in the motions to approve. This addition is to further clarify Michael Browne and William Messner are not School Committee Representatives.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve the June 23, 2026, minutes with the corrections noted from Councilor Welch. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed 7-0-1, Councilor Mandeville abstained.

Adjourn

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney

July 22, 2026