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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Corcoran

3. Roll Call

4. Act on Minutes- City Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024, Special City Council Meeting of August 13, 2024, Special City Council Meeting of August 13, 2024 #1, and Special City Council Meeting of August 13, 2024 #2, and Special City Council Meeting of August 21, 2024.

5. Mayoral Appointments

6. Monthly list of licenses

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

11. First Readings

AO 2024-04 Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6-1(a)(2) of the Amesbury Home Rule Charter (the "Charter"), City government is hereby reorganized by Administrative Order of the Mayor as follows:

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Division – Mayor Sponsor

2024-109 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 12, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Article III Community Preservation Committee § 12-7 Establishment. 1. to increase the Community Preservation Committee to nine (9) voting members by adding a member of the Amesbury Housing Trust and a member of the general public, not city employees or currently holding elected or appointed positions.- **Councilor Frederique Sponsor**

Summary: This ordinance shall amend the City code to amend the composition of the Community Preservation Committee established by 2024-083- An Ordinance to establish a Community Preservation Committee.

2024-110 An Order to authorize a transfer of \$4,863.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to Mayor Salaries & Wages.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,863.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to Mayor Salaries & Wages to cover a salary increase for the position of Communications Director.

2024-111 An Order to authorize a transfer of \$19,500.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to Mayor Other Expenses and Administration & Finance Other Expenses.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$19,500.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to Mayor Other Expenses and Administration & Finance Other Expenses to reimburse these accounts for the cost of the compensation study and to cover the cost of hiring a recruiting firm to assist the city with the recruitment of a Chief Financial Officer.

2024-112 An Ordinance to change various Fire Safety Inspection and Permit Fees and to adopt a Schedule of Fees. - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts updated and adopted the MA Comprehensive Fire Code in December of 2022 (527 CMR 1.00). The Amesbury Fire Department reviewed the new code, updated laws, current local practices and the November 2021 Comprehensive Review of Municipal Fees by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management. The recommended fees have been updated on attached Fire Safety Inspection / Permit Fees. The current fee schedule was last updated in 2022 per Council order 2022-041.

2024-113 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Subdivision Rules and Regulations to be in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 2016 National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: Under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 2016 National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, regulated communities such as Amesbury are required to enact or update ordinances or other regulatory mechanisms to address various permit components.

2024-114 An Ordinance to amend Amesbury City Code Chapter 204, "Animals" and recognize the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee, as the hearing authority for nuisance and dangerous dog hearings in the City of Amesbury in accordance with G.L. c. 140 §§ 157 and 136A. – **Councilor Corcoran, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Hogg, and Councilor Redfern Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance shall update Chapter 204 of the Amesbury City Code to define the hearing authority for nuisance and dangerous dog hearings as the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee. This ordinance shall also update Section 204 to remove inclusion of dog breed names and replace in all instances the phrase *Town of Amesbury* with the phrase *City of Amesbury*.

12. Late Files

2024-115 An Order to vote to amend the Operating Budget for FY 2025.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The purpose of this order is to amend the Operating Budget for FY 2025 to increase the Sewer Enterprise budget from \$2,458,729 to \$2,808,729. This increase is being requested to account for the current collection of user fees and collection of a new \$25 quarterly stormwater user fee, beginning on October 1, 2024.

2024-116 An Order to approve payment from the FY25 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices. - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The below listed invoices 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 (FY25) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 s. 64. This vote requires a two thirds approval of the City Council.

13. Adjourn