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City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Redfern.

Councilor Hogg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent was Councilor Claudel Frederique.

Councilor Stanganelli arrived at 7:03 PM.

Mayoral Appointments

- None

Correspondence

-President/Vice President Communications

- President Redfern shared that work is being done to move City Council meetings to the new City Hall.
- President Redfern shared that the City Council will be taking a recess during the month of August.

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

- None

Licenses and Permits –May

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve the May list of licenses and permits. Councilor Stanganelli seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Public Comment

- Peggy Green, 6 Marshall Drive, spoke to her desire to join the Cemetery Advisory Commission.

Council Response to Public Comment

- Councilor Stanganelli asked if Ms. Green will attend the meeting where this appointment will be on the agenda and if relevant materials will be provided to the council. President Redfern replied that Ms. Green will not be attending that meeting.
- Councilor Welch asked Ms. Green about her interest in the position. Ms. Green spoke to her desire to get involved with the city and that she has a personal interest in the cemeteries.

Second Readings/Public Hearings

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

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to continue 2026-086 to the June 9, 2026 meeting pending a recommendation from the Planning Board. Councilor Hogg seconded.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to amend his motion to include referral to the Amesbury Housing Trust and change the continued date to June 23, 2026. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed 7-1, Councilor Sullivan opposed.

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

2026-092 An Order to appropriate \$513,316.36 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2027 capital expenditures listed below- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve 2026-092 as presented. Councilor Sullivan seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2026-093 An Order to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Welch offered a motion to approve 2026-093 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2026-094 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2027 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$59,427 (or amount equal to 10% estimated revenue) to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and \$59,427 (or amount equal to 10% estimated revenue) to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$59,427 (or amount equal to 10% estimated revenue) to the Community Housing Reserve- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2026-094 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2026-095 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend two grants from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Department of Fire Services (DFS) for the Fiscal Year 2026 Student

Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program in the amount of \$6,727.92 and the Senior SAFE program in the amount of \$2,859.19.-**Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Welch offered a motion to approve 2026-095 as presented. Councilor Stanganelli seconded.

- Councilor Stanganelli noted this is a grant that has no match from the city.

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

2026-096 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Sustainable & Resilient New England Libraries grant in the amount of \$15,000.-**Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to approve 2026-096 as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2026-097 An Order to transfer \$22,881.86 from the Greenleaf Supportive Day Revolving Fund to the Council on Aging Revolving Fund.-**Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Sullivan offered a motion to approve 2026-097 as presented. Councilor Mandeville seconded.

- Councilor Stanganelli noted that the Greenleaf Supportive Day program has ended.

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

2026-098 An Order to appropriate \$55,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sludge Disposal, Repair & Maintenance Other Equipment and Consulting accounts to fund an emergency wastewater treatment plant repair. - **Mayor Sponsor**

- Councilor Mandeville shared the positive recommendation from the Standing Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to approve 2026-098 as presented. Councilor Mandeville seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Public Hearings

- None

First Readings

- None

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

- None

Act on Minutes – April 14, 2026 Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and School Committee Meeting, May 5, 2026 City Council Meeting (continued from April 28, 2026) and May 12, 2026.

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve the April 14, 2026 Special Joint Meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve the May 5, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed 7-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve the May 12, 2026 meeting minutes as corrected. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Adjourn

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney