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City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

President Mandeville called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Redfern

Roll was called, and present were: Councilor Jessica Redfern, Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, Councilor Steve Stanganelli, Councilor Nick Wheeler, Councilor Pamela Gilday, Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Michael Hogg, and President Scott Mandeville

Also Present: Assistant City Clerk Jess Manning, Administrative Assistant Allie Connolly, Chief of Staff Ann Marie Casey

Councilor Claudel Frederique was absent

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Act on Minutes - January 28, 2025 and February 3, 2025 (Special City Council & Planning Board Joint Meeting)

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (7-0-1) with Councilor Haggstrom abstaining.**

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to approve the minutes from February 3, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (7-0-3) with Councilors Haggstrom, Redfern, and Wheeler abstaining.**

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Mayoral Appointments –

2025-009 Appointment of Christopher Lane to the position of member of the Historic Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2027

Councilor Stanganelli moved to approve 2025-009. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (8-0)

2025-010 Appointment of Christine Caminero to the position of Human Resources Director

- Ms. Caminero briefly spoke to her appointment, noting her excitement to work for the City of Amesbury.
- Councilor Stanganelli requested that the administration better communicate job openings within City Hall.

Councilor Gilday moved to approve 2025-010. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haggstrom and passed unanimously (8-0)

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Monthly list of licenses

- **Councilor Gilday moved to approve the February 11 license list as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed unanimously (8-0).**

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Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

- Councilor Gilday reminded the public that on February 25th there will be a special joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees starting at 6:30.
- Councilor Gilday reminded the public that the next Ordinance and Administration Subcommittee Meeting will be on Thursday February 20th due to Presidents Day falling on Monday

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions-None

· Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

- Councilor Rinaldi shared that the Energy Committee elected new officers and moved their meetings to the first Tuesday of every month.
- Councilor Wheeler shared that MMA will be hosting a breakfast on March 14th and welcomed the other councilors to attend. He also shared that himself and Councilor Gilday have been working on a resolution concerning chapter 70.
- Councilor Redfern shared about her positive experience as a part of the PACT coalition trip to Washington D.C. with some Amesbury High School students.
- Councilor Stanganelli shared that the upcoming Housing Trust Committee Meeting would be postponed till later in the month. He also shared that the upcoming Budget and Finance Subcommittee Meeting (February 18th) would be held remotely.

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Public Comment - None

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Second Readings - None

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First Readings

**2025-011 An Order** to request the City Council to vote to declare as surplus various municipal vehicles and equipment – **Mayor Sponsor**

**Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-011 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-012 An Order** to request the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to enter into five-year or less lease purchase Agreements for a new copier.- **Mayor Sponsor**

**Councilor Hogg moved to refer 2025-012 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-013 An Order** to transfer \$4,550.00 from Conservation Commission Personal Services to Conservation Commission Other Expenses.- **Mayor Sponsor**

**Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-013 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haggstrom and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-014 An Order** to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$18,989.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) FY 2025 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program.- **Mayor Sponsor**

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to refer 2025-014 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-015 An Order** to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY25 Legislative Earmark Grant Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$50,000.00 for lighting improvements in the downtown region of the city. – **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-015 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-016 An Order** to authorize the Mayor to enter into an intermunicipal agreement pursuant to the provisions of MGL CH.40 § 4A for the provisions of participation in the Public Health Excellence (PHE) for Shared Services Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health. – **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Stanganelli moved to refer 2025-016 to Budget & Finance and Ordinance & Administration and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-017 An Ordinance** to amend the Amesbury Code of Ordinances by inserting therein Chapter 397, entitled "Outdoor Dining Ordinance", to regulate the temporary private use of City-owned property and establish a usage fee schedule therefor. – **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Haggstrom moved to refer 2025-017 to Budget & Finance and Ordinance & Administration and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for March 11. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-018 An Ordinance** to amend Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Budget and Finance, Article V, Revolving Funds, § 20-24 Establishment of Revolving Funds to amend departmental revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E1/2. – **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-018 to Budget & Finance and Ordinance & Administration and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gilday and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-019 An Order** to appropriate \$332,200.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Enterprise Fund Other Expenses. – **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Redfern moved to refer 2025-019 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haggstrom and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-020 An Order** to appropriate \$120,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Enterprise Fund Other Expenses. – **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Redfern moved to refer 2025-020 to Budget & Finance and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**2025-021 An Order** to appropriate \$500,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding site construction services for Amesbury High School 90' Diamond Ball Field Improvements.- **Mayor Sponsor**  
**Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-021 to Budget & Finance, Planning & Development, and the School Committee and set a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for March 11. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed unanimously (8-0).**

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Haggstrom and passed unanimously (8-0).**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jess Manning*