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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Hogg

3. Roll Call

4. Act on Minutes- April 9, 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. First Readings

2024-061 An Order to accept 2022 Economic Development Bill Earmark- \$150000 - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury's state legislative delegation in the 2022 Economic Development Bill, stating "not less than \$150,000 shall be expended to the city of Amesbury for improvements to urban pedestrian spaces." The city of Amesbury will use the Improvements to Urban Pedestrian Spaces Economic Development Earmark to extend the brick sidewalk from its current terminus along Market Street just outside of Market Square approximately 210 feet and complete the project replacing an additional 70 feet of concrete walk on the same side of the street about 225 feet from Market Square.

2024-062 An Order to accept and expend FY25-FY27 grant for public health shared services-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health is issuing a 3-year contract to the City of Amesbury for Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant in the amount of \$486,497.32 for each of the 3 years of the contract for the PHE program (FY25-FY27). Participation in this program was approved by the City Council on June 27, 2023 with Bill No. 2023-061. Amesbury will continue to serve as the lead municipality with the group consisting of Georgetown, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and West Newbury.

2024-063 An Order to accept FY24 earmark- pedestrian bridges- \$12500- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury's state legislative delegation in the FY24 Budget for "the replacement and reconstruction of 2 pedestrian bridges in the upper millyard and downtown business district of the city of Amesbury." This appropriation was originally in the amount of \$25,000.00 but was reduced by 50% mid-fiscal year under the Governor's authority (Section 9C of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws). We will utilize this reduced funding for engineering services for inspection and initial structural assessment of these bridges. This assessment will assist us with planning and budgeting for future replacement and reconstruction of these bridges.

11. Second Readings

2024-052 An Order to appropriate \$30,000 from Water Retained Earnings to Water Other Expenses – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings, which has a balance of \$354,525.54 to Water Enterprise Operating Budget (account number 610 0450 5541 00 - Pipe Casting & Cement). This transfer will be used to purchase additional pipe and supplies to support DPW staff in the replacement of approximately 500 feet of six-inch water main in Baker Street including pipe, gate valves, service pipe, gravel, asphalt hydrants, and hydrant repairs stock.

2024-053 An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant from the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Women in the amount of \$19,760.00 - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: These grant funds will be used for the annual compensation of a Council on Aging job trainee to support the Council on Aging's programs and services.

2024-054 An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$19,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) FY2024 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: These grant funds will be used to purchase the following approved firefighter safety equipment: Accountability Board/Mobile Command Console, Lifting Air Bag, RIT System (Ropes etc.)

2024-055 An order to increase the monthly stipend of the Retirement Board members to \$375 and to establish a \$250.00 stipend for the City Treasurer - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City of Amesbury has its own retirement system that is governed by a five-member Board and led by a full-time Retirement Board Administrator who are responsible for overseeing 260 retirees and 300 active members as well as the investment of a portfolio of over \$70,000,000. The Retirement Board is required to complete annual qualifications and educational training to maintain certification, and Board members have received a monthly stipend of \$250.00 since 1999. Additionally, the City's Treasurer is responsible for recording the monthly bank statements and signing off on investments for the Amesbury Retirement Board and is not currently compensated for the additional duties. This order is a request to the City Council to approve the increase of the Retirement Board members monthly stipend from the 1999 established rate of \$250.00 to \$375.00 and to establish a monthly stipend in the amount of \$250.00 for the City's Treasurer who doubles as the Treasurer for the Amesbury Retirement Board.

2024-056 An Order to transfer \$50,000 from Police Salaries & Wages to Police Other Expenses - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from Police Salaries & Wages to Police Other Expenses to cover costs for building maintenance and repairs and maintenance of vehicles.

12. Adjourn