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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 9, 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- March 26, 2024

- Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole Rules and Procedures Minutes -March 12, 2024 and March 20, 2024

5. Mayoral Appointments

2024-048 Appointment of Sheryl Wright to the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer to be in effect until July 28, 2024 – **Mayor Sponsor**

2024-049 Appointment of Ben Siebecker to the position of Ad Hoc member of the Disposition Committee for a term to expire at the conclusion of the committee's work relative to the disposition of the former Trader Alan's Truck Stop – **Mayor Sponsor**

2024-050 Appointment of Matt Langis to the position of member of the Design Review Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2027 – **Mayor Sponsor**

2024-051 Reappointment of Matt Sherrill to the position of member of the Design Review Committee for a term to expire February 28, 2027 – **Mayor Sponsor**

6. Monthly list of licenses

7. Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

- Ad Hoc Budget Committee of the Whole – Meeting Schedule

- 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

AO 2024-02 Administrative Order- City Government Reorganization - Department of Human Resources and Office of Information Technology

The Department of Human Resources and the Office of Information Technology shall report to and be overseen by the Office of the Mayor. The Chief Financial Officer shall not be responsible for the management or day-to-day oversight of the operations, duties, and responsibilities associated with both of these departments.

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.

2024-057 An Act Exempting the position of Deputy Police Chief in the City of Amesbury from the provisions of Chapter 31 of the general Laws – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: To petition the General Court to enact the following legislation for the exemption of the position of Deputy Police Chief for the City of Amesbury from Chapter 31 of the General Laws; provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

2024-058 An Order of the Amesbury City Council to approve and accept a Preservation Restriction Agreement on property located at 6 Center Street, Amesbury, and to authorize the mayor to execute said Preservation Restriction Agreement on behalf of the City of Amesbury – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Amesbury Planning Board approved an Application for Site Plan Review and Special Permit for the property located at 6 Center Street, Amesbury on February 27, 2023 (said approval is recorded with the Essex South Registry of Deeds in Book 41786 Page 033.) The Planning Board required that a historic preservation restriction be prepared and recorded for the building and site, identified on the Assessors Database as Map 40, Lot 123 and described in a deed recorded with said Registry in Book 40908, Page 248. This historic structure was owned by George W. Osgood and built around c. 1904. The intent of this Order is to obtain the authorization of the City Council to acquire the historic preservation restriction and authorize the mayor to accept the historic preservation restriction.

2024-059 Dangerous Dog Hearing Request- Arthur Amirault

2024-060 Dangerous Dog Hearing Request – Zachary Kozdra

11. Second Readings

2024-016 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6G: Appeal – **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6G: Appeal

2024-017 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 11-A Standing Committees. - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 11-A: Standing Committees

2024-018 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5E: Order of Business - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5E: Order of Business

2024-019 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5B: Meeting Schedule - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules – Rule 5B: Meeting Schedule

2024-020 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5J: Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5J: Attendance Relating to Public and Adjudicatory Hearings or Meetings

2024-021 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5I: Remote Participation - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg, and Rinaldi Sponsor**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by adding Rule 5I: Remote Participation

2024-022 An Ordinance to adopt changes to Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6O: Objections and Postponement of Votes. - **Councilors Stanganelli, Hogg and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: This ordinance will adopt changes to the Amesbury City Council – 14th Session Rules by revising Rule 6O: Objections and Postponement of Votes.

12. Adjourn