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**City Council Ad Hoc Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Amanda Haggstrom.

**Roll call was taken, and present were** Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Pam Gilday, Councilor Michael Hogg, Vice Chair Scott Mandeville, Councilor Jessica Redfern, Councilor Steve Stanganelli, Councilor Kelly Sullivan, Councilor Maryann Welch, and Chair Amanda Haggstrom.

Act on Minutes- May 13, 2026, May 20, 2026, May 21, 2026, May 27, 2026

**Councilor Hogg offered a motion to add an addendum to the minutes including a link to Amesbury Community Television. Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed 7-2, Councilors Frederique and Stanganelli opposed.**

- Councilor Welch shared that she had emailed the clerk regarding the May 13, 2026 minutes, noting that the motion to adjourn vote was incorrect and has subsequently been updated from 9-0 to 7-0.

**Councilor Welch offered a motion to approve the May 13, 2026 minutes as amended. Councilor Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed 7-0-2, Councilors Frederique and Mandeville abstained.**

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve the May 20, 2026 minutes as presented. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve the May 21, 2026 minutes as presented. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve the May 27, 2026 minutes as presented. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Topics for Discussion:

- Mayor Gove presented the FY27 Budget Summary (**see attached presentation**).

**2026-001** An order to vote to adopt an operating budget for 2027. **-Mayor Sponsor**

- Chair Haggstrom read Mayor Gove's FY27 proposed budget order and the following objections were offered:

**Total City Council (111)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the City Council Salaries and Wages line item.

**Total Mayor (121)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Mayor Salaries and Wages line item.

**Total Admin & Finance (134)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Admin and Finance Salaries and Wages line item.

**Total Human Resources (136)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Human Resources Other Expenses line item.

**Total Legal (151)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Legal Other Expenses line item.

**Total Municipal Information Systems (155)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Municipal Information Systems Other Expenses line item.

**Total Central Supplies (159)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Central Supplies Other Expenses line item.

**Total Municipal Buildings (192)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Municipal Buildings Other Expenses line item.

**Total Refuse & Disposal (430)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Total Refuse and Disposal line item.

**Total Library (610)**

- Councilor Mandeville offered an objection to the Total Library line item.

**Total Reserves (946)**

- Councilor Stanganelli offered an objection to the Total Reserves line item.
- The following recommendations were offered:

**Councilor Gilday offered a motion to recommend all unquestioned line items of the FY27 proposed budget back to City Council. Councilor Sullivan seconded, and the motion passed 8-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.**

- Councilor Stanganelli shared his desire to reduce expenses where possible, noting a responsibility to provide a balanced budget while also reducing the burden on the taxpayers.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the City Council training budget by \$1,432 and the City Council stipend by \$37,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Mayor's Salary and Wages line item by \$10,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Admin and Finance Salaries and Wages line item by \$7,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

- Councilor Welch shared her desire for the Admin and Finance Salaries and Wages line item to be higher.
- Councilor Stanganelli noted his proposed cut did not reflect any aspersion to the staff and that cuts should be considered due to growth later on.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Human Resources Other Expenses line item by \$2,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Legal Other Expenses line item by \$5,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Municipal Information Systems Other Expenses line item by \$9,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Central Supplies Other Expenses line item by \$1,600. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Municipal Buildings Other Expenses line item by \$6,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

- Councilor Stanganelli asked how many units of trash carts were distributed by Mello. Mayor Gove replied that Mello was unable to provide an estimate.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reduce the Total Reserves line item by \$5,000. Councilor Mandeville seconded.**

- Councilor Mandeville shared that if all proposed cuts took place, each household would save about \$13 a year.
- Councilor Sullivan shared her support for the reserve.

**The motion failed 1-8, Councilors Frederique, Gilday, Hogg, Mandeville, Redfern, Sullivan, Welch, and Chair Haggstrom opposed.**

Councilor Mandeville recused himself.

**Councilor Hogg offered a motion to recommend the total Library budget of 979,621. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.**

Councilor Mandeville rejoined the meeting.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve the Total General Fund in the amount of \$84,704,738. Councilor Gilday seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.**

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve the Total Appropriation in the amount of \$93,229,971. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.**

- Councilor Gilday thanked the administration and all participants for creating this budget.
- Councilor Sullivan echoed Councilor Gilday's comments and noted that she is not happy about the budget but will vote in favor.

Adjourn

**Councilor Gilday offered a motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM Councilor Mandeville seconded, and the motion passed 8-1, Councilor Frederique opposed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jasmine Looney