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MEETING NOTICE

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

The public can view this meeting:

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – TBD
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes- None at this time
5. Mayoral Appointments
6. Monthly list of licenses
7. Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

Memo From Mayor Gove – Donations Under \$5,000

· 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. Second Readings

Public Hearings

2024-089 Pole Hearing - Poplar Street Extension

2024-090 Pole Hearing - Main St and Merrimack Street

2024-091 Pole Hearing - Union St

2024-092 Pole Hearing - 118 Market St and Auzman Street

2024-093 Pole Hearing - 120 Market St and Auzman Street

2024-094 Pole Hearing - Oakland St

2024-095 Pole Hearing - Highland St

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 60: Objections and Postponement of Votes.

2024-083 An Ordinance to establish a Community Preservation Committee -**Councilor Wheeler Sponsor**

Summary: This Ordinance will establish the Community Preservation Committee for the City of Amesbury.

11. First Readings

2024-096 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance expanding the Renewable Energy Development Overlay District (REDD) – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The development of large-scale solar energy projects has been recognized as being crucial to achieving the Commonwealth's goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Massachusetts law, including M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3, aims to promote the development of solar energy facilities. Amesbury has permitted large-scale solar energy projects in the city, that produce more than 10 MW of clean energy, but the areas zoned for solar energy projects have been confined primarily to the Industrial District.

2024-097 An Order to accept easement- drainage and utilities at 130 Market Street - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Site Plan and Special Permit Decision of the Amesbury Planning Board dated May 8, 2023, and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds at Book 41630, Page 376, required Wojcicki Holdings, LLC to grant to the City an easement for the drainage of surface water and to install, maintain, replace and remove water and sewer lines and related equipment under and across a strip of land running from South Hampton Road to Market Street in said Amesbury, Essex County, Massachusetts being shown on the Site Plan entitled "Planned Unit Development Plan, Assessor's Map 26, Lot 68, 130 Market Street, Amesbury, MA, Owner of record: Mark Wojcicki, Wojcicki Development, Engineer: GA Consultants, Inc, Date: 7.6.2022", with revisions through March 6, 2023 and recorded in the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 41896, Page 178 and further shown as "Public Drainage and Utility Easement" on a plan prepared by GA Consultants, Inc entitled "Utility and Drainage Easement Plan, Assessor's Map 26, Lot 68, 130 Market Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts, Owner and Applicant: Wojcicki Holdings, LLC, 110 Main Street, Amesbury, MA 01913, Date: 10-30-23, Scale: 1"=20'", to be recorded in said Registry and further described in the drainage/utility easement to be recorded in said Registry. The intent of this Order is to obtain the acceptance of the easement by the City Council and to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Acceptance of the easement.

2024-098 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance to create an overlay in compliance with MBTA Communities Act - **Mayor Gove and Councilor Gilday Sponsors**

Summary: Section 3A of MGL c. 40A requires an MBTA community to have a zoning ordinance that provides for at least one (1) district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right; provided, however, that such multi-family housing is without age restrictions and is suitable for families with children. Such district must meet requirements set forth in this statute, including but not limited to the following: (i) have a minimum gross density of fifteen (15) units per acre, subject to any further limitations imposed by Section 40 of Chapter 131 and title 5 of the state environmental code established pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 21A; and (ii) be located not more than 0.5 miles from a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station, if applicable.

2024-099 An Ordinance to amend the Cannabis Retail License Limits – **Councilors Stanganelli and Rinaldi Sponsors**

Summary: An Ordinance that changes the zoning ordinance to implement the local option to provide a cap to limit the total number of retail cannabis licensees operating within the city.

2024-100 A Resolution to support the transfer of the FY25 City Council training budget line (111-5320) dollars of \$1,420 to the FY25 City Clerk training budget line (161-5320)- **Councilors Gilday and Corcoran Sponsors**

Summary: This Resolution indicates that the Amesbury City Council supports the transfer of the FY25 City Council training budget line (11-5320) dollars of \$1,420 to the FY25 City Clerk training budget line (161-5320)

12. Late Files

2024-101 Reappointment of Sheryl Wright to the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer for a term to expire November 18, 2024.

2024-102 Appointment of Wayne Griffith to the position of member of the Amesbury Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners for a term to expire February 28, 2027.

2024-103 Appointment of Ronald Wiedemann to the position of member of the Amesbury Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners for a term to expire February 29, 2028.

12. Adjourn