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City Council Ad Hoc Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Budget Hearing #4

Wednesday, May 28, 2025
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Stanganelli.

Roll call was taken, present were Councilor Nicholas Wheeler, Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Pamela Gilday, Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, Councilor Nicholas Wheeler, Councilor Steven Stanganelli, and President Scott Mandeville.

Police (Budget Book Pages 69-71)

- Police Chief Craig Bailey presented the Police Department's proposed FY26 budget to the City Council (see attached presentation).
- Councilors asked various questions and engaged in discussion with Chief Bailey.

Harbormaster (Budget Book Page 71)

- Police Chief Craig Bailey presented the Harbormaster's proposed FY26 budget to the City Council (see attached presentation).
- Councilors asked various questions and engaged in discussion with Chief Bailey.

Fire (Budget Book Page 56)

- Fire Chief Jim Nolan presented the Fire Department's proposed FY26 budget to the City Council (see attached presentation).
- Councilors asked various questions and engaged in discussion with Chief Nolan.

Chairman Stanganelli called for a brief recess at 9:02 PM.
The meeting resumed at 9:09 PM.

Amesbury Public Schools (Budget Book Pages 101-136)

- School Committee member Maryann Welch shared a statement from the School Committee sharing their support for a budget increase for Amesbury Public Schools.
- Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews presented the Amesbury Public School's proposed FY26 budget to the City Council (see attached presentation).

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion at 10:24 PM to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

President Mandeville offered a motion at 10:42 PM to extend the meeting to 10:55 PM. Councilor Wheeler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Adjourn

President Mandeville offered a motion to adjourn at 10:49 PM. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney

June 23, 2025