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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
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 – Councilor Wheeler

3. Roll Call

4. Act on Minutes- April 22, 2025

5. Mayoral Appointments

6. Monthly list of licenses – May

7. Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

- FY26 Budget presentation – Mayor Gove

· 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

11. First Readings

Administrative Order 2025-01 Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6-1(a)(2) of the Amesbury Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”), City government is hereby reorganized by Administrative Order of the Mayor as follows: The Department of Public Wellness-**Mayor Sponsor**

2025-001 An Order to adopt operating budget for FY26 – **Mayor Sponsor**

2025-045 An Ordinance to establish No Parking on Lafayette Street median strip – request by resident – **Councilor Gilday Sponsor**

Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place No Parking signage along the median strip of Lafayette Street.

2025-046 - An Order for the City to place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive – request by resident – **Councilor Gilday Sponsor**

Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive by the Amesbury DPW.

2025-047 An Order to appropriate Free Cash for the purpose of funding FY26 Capital Expenditures- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$1,813,975 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following capital expenditures in fiscal year 2026.

2025-048 An Order to authorize the Mayor to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds FY26- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½ for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

2025-049 An Order to enter into a 10 year or less lease - Cardiac Monitors Police Cruisers Body Worn Cameras and Cruiser Mounted Dash Cameras- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City seeks to enter into ten years or less leases or loan purchase agreements for the following:

Fire Department:

- Ten-year lease agreement for cardiac monitors.

Police Department:

- Three-year lease to replace 4 of the Department’s front line police vehicles.
- Five-year lease to purchase body worn cameras and cruiser mounted dash cameras.

2025-050 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY25 CCC Information Technology Grant-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Grant money will be used to purchase one year of service for Trend Micro’s Vision One Managed Detection and Remediation product for both the City and the Schools. This product is a cyber-defense platform that uses real time monitoring of our email systems, cloud-based environments, and physical devices to block malicious attacks like viruses, phishing, malicious links, inappropriate data

transmissions (including PII and PHI flagging), and suspicious activity. This product will monitor and block these types of attacks in real time, using AI and heuristics to determine violations and a technique called Sandboxing, to shunt suspicious activity to a private “bubble” allowing analysts (either IT or the Trend Micro support team) to examine the activity to determine if it should be permanently blocked or allowed.

2025-051 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend FY25 SAFE and Senior SAFE grants-
Mayor Sponsor

Summary: These grants fund trained firefighter-educators who provide age-appropriate fire and life safety education to the public. The SAFE grants focus on school-age children, providing fire safety, prevention, and protection education that increases in complexity with each grade level. Meanwhile, the Senior SAFE grants support fire, carbon monoxide, and other life safety education programs for older adults, particularly at senior centers, councils on aging, and through home visits. These programs may also include services like smoke and carbon monoxide alarm replacement, fall prevention education, and more. The SAFE grant program has been issued annually since 1995 and has been linked to a 79% decrease in child fire fatalities. The Senior SAFE program, in effect since 2014, addresses the alarming number of older adults who are injured or killed in home fires.

2025-052 An Order to transfer Amesbury Elementary School Property for general municipal purposes-
Mayor Sponsor

Summary: With the completion and opening of the new Sgt. Jordan Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School, the former elementary school property is no longer needed for school purposes. With the determination of the School Committee that the former elementary school property is surplus to the needs of the School Department, it is appropriate for the property to be transferred to the Mayor for general municipal purposes so that it may be used as needed by the City until such time as a specific purpose is determined for that property.

2025-053 An Order to Accept an Easement at 12 Elizabeth Street-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The intent of this Order is to approve the acceptance by the City Council to the permanent drainage easement from Deborah S. Drew, Katherine D. Drew, and Kerry Drew-Baxter, record owners of the property located at 12 Elizabeth Street Amesbury, Massachusetts, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a drainage system to alleviate flooding on the said property, and further to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Acceptance for the easement.

2025-054 An Ordinance to amend Wetlands and Floodplain protection regulations per NFIP regulations-
Mayor Sponsor

Summary: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed the final flood hazard determination for all jurisdictions in Essex County, Massachusetts. Further, a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed and they will become effective on July 8, 2025. FEMA has indicated that all the standards specified in 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations must be enacted, including adoption of the current effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply, and other modifications made by this map revision.

12. Adjourn