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City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

Councilor Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Gilday

Roll was called, and present were: Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, Councilor Steve Stanganelli, Councilor Nick Wheeler, Councilor Claudel Frederique, and Councilor Pamela Gilday,

Absent were Councilors Haggstrom, Hogg, Redfern, and Mandeville

Also Present: City Clerk Jennifer Smith, Assistant City Clerk Jess Manning, Mayor Kassandra Gove,

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Act on Minutes – March 11, 2025

**Councilor Wheeler moved to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed unanimously (5-0).**  
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Mayoral Appointments – None
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Monthly list of licenses – April

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to approve the license list for April 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed unanimously (5-0).**  
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Correspondence

· President/Vice President Communications

- Councilor Gilday shared that the City Communications Director will be providing Legislative Updates on the Mayor's Office page on amesburyma.gov following City Council Meetings.
- Councilor Gilday also shared the upcoming dates regarding FY2026 Budget Hearings.

· Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

- Mayor Kassandra Gove gave a presentation on the City's completed Compensation Study.

· Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

- Councilor Wheeler: Whittier Tech is holding budget meeting tomorrow (4/9), Community Preservation Committee is meeting this Thursday at 6PM, moved to High School Library. The Councilor also shared that he is working on updated ordinance concerning Lake Gardner Beach, and is looking to have prepared for first reading next month.
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Public Comment

- Ryan Buckley (131A-129 Haverhill Rd) Drew the Council's attention to the unsafe sidewalks on Haverhill Rd. He would like to connect sidewalks through the Merrimac line, and mentioned a grant that is available through the MPO (Safe Streets for All)

Council Response

- Nick Wheeler thanked Mr. Buckley and notified him that the MVPC is conducting a study of the Rte. 110 corridor regarding mobility, bike lanes, etc.
- Gilday would like to learn more as well, and shared that the city is aware of – and has applied for - grants like the one Mr. Buckley mentioned.

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Public Hearings - None

Second Readings - None  
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First Readings –

2025-037 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend an FY25 Community One Stop for Growth MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development to support the Clark's Road project.

Councilor Stanganelli moved to refer 2025-037 to B&F and schedule a second reading for April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique.

Councilor Wheeler moved to amend the main motion by adding the Planning Board and P&D. Motion seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (5-0).

A vote was held on main motion as amended, which passed unanimously (5-0).

2025-038 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend FY25 formula grant funding for the Amesbury Council on Aging from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) in the amount of \$69,165.

Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-038 to B&F and schedule a second reading for April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stanganelli and passed unanimously (5-0).

2025-039 An Order to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority and the City of Amesbury Council on Aging pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A for the use of an accessible vehicle for transportation services for seniors, subject to approval by the Mayor.

Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-039 to B&F and schedule a second reading for April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi

Councilor Wheeler moved to amend the main motion by adding O&A. Motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed unanimously (5-0).

A vote was held on the main motion as amended, which passed (4-1).

2025-040 An Order to approve payment from the FY25 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices.

Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-040 to B&F and schedule a second reading for April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (5-0).

2025-041 An Order to authorize the transfer of \$45,889.50 from the FY25 Salary Reserve account to various municipal departments.

Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-041 to B&F and schedule a second reading for April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (5-0).

Late Files

Councilor Wheeler moved to suspend rule 5B and accept 2025-042 as a late file. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed unanimously (5-0).

2025-042 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY25 Complete Streets Funding Program grant in the amount of \$401,654.70 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. **Councilor Wheeler moved to refer 2025-042 to B&F, P&D, Planning Board and schedule a second reading for April 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed unanimously (5-0).**

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**Councilor Stanganelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed unanimously (5-0).**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jess Manning*