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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Haggstrom
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes- October 22, 2024 and November 12, 2024
5. Mayoral Appointments

2024-159 Appointment of James Wilson to the position of Interim Director of Inspectional Services to be in effect until April 2, 2025

2024-160 Appointment of Bailey Campbell to the position of member of the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire February 28, 2027

2024-161 Appointment of Joanne Barnes to the position of member of the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire February 28, 2027

2024-162 Reappointment of Ann Marie Casey to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025

6. Monthly list of licenses – December 2024

7. Correspondence

- President/Vice President Communications
- Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
- 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

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.

2024-132 An Ordinance to amend Chapter 334 Licenses and Permits with the municipal code to allow for licensing of adult cannabis retailers within the Retail Marijuana Overlay District.

Summary: An ordinance to update the municipal code or ordinances to provide a section for the licensing of Adult Retail Marijuana Establishments within the Retail Marijuana Overlay District as amended.-

Councilor Stanganelli and Councilor Rinaldi Sponsors

2024-149 An Order authorizing the Mayor to acquire the land, building, and structures located at 5 Market Street, Amesbury, for the purpose of using the building for City Hall purposes, and the appropriation of \$3,150,000 to fund such acquisition, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order will authorize the Mayor to acquire the land, building, and structures referenced above for municipal purposes, including for use as the City Hall, and appropriate funds to pay costs of such acquisition, which appropriation would be met by a combination of borrowed funds and a transfer from free cash. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §14, the order must be passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the City Council.

11. First Readings

2024-163 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 396 Special Events to establish a usage fee schedule and regulations for community use of City-owned facilities. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to add new sections to the Amesbury Code of Ordinances which include 'Usage fee category/priority', 'Regulations governing usage fees', 'Usage fee schedule' and 'Regulations governing the use of facilities'. The City of Amesbury Special Event Permit and Process was established in Bill No. 2014-116 with the purpose to establish a comprehensive process for permitting special events conducted by the private sector using City streets, facilities or services and in some cases private facilities. Usage fees for city-owned facilities were previously adopted in Bill No. 2005-104 and will be updated and properly codified by this ordinance. Usage fees collected under this ordinance will be deposited into the Youth Recreation Revolving fund in a sub fund to be used for the maintenance, repair and expenses of city-owned facilities available for community use. Well-designed charges and fees reimburse the City for the costs of particularized services and promote service efficiency. It is expected that these fees will be periodically reviewed and updated.

2024-164 An Order to: Vote to Rescind Bill No. 2019-042 and Accept a Portion of Elm Street as a City Public Way- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City Council shall vote to Rescind Bill No. 2019-042 and accept a portion of Elm Street currently a State Highway Layout.

Late Files

2024-165 Reappointment of Elizabeth McAndrews to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-166 Reappointment of James Montanari to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-167 Reappointment of Jim McCarthy to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-168 Reappointment of Joseph Spencer to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-169 Reappointment of Nicholas Wheeler to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-170 Reappointment of Bruce McBrien to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-171 Reappointment of Joan Liporto to the position of member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-172 Reappointment of Peter Hoyt to the position of non-voting member of the School Building Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

2024-173 Appointment of Mary-Lee Ford to the position of member of the Health Care Trust Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2027.

12. Adjourn