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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Standing Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:00 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium, 62 Friend St, Amesbury MA 01913

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Roll Call

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Minutes for Approval: None

Public Comment

Council Response to Public Comment

Topics for Discussion

2026-079 An Order to amend Clerks office fee schedule boat ramp parking permit - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City of Amesbury recently updated the City Clerk Fee Schedule per Bill No. 2025-11 to address several outdated fees and incorporate the recently adopted parking permit system. This amendment would establish the fee for the Washington Landing Public Boat Ramp parking permit.-

2026-080 An Ordinance to adopt a Schedule of Fees for renting single and tandem kayaks, canoes and stand up paddleboards (SUP) from the Amesbury Recreation Department - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The intention of this ordinance is to adopt a kayak, SUP and canoe rental fee structure to help fund recreational programming. It is expected that these fees will be periodically reviewed and updated.

2026-081 An Ordinance Change City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations SCHEDULE 1 PARKING (PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES) - NO Parking on Highland either side)- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This ordinance will update the Traffic and Parking Regulations, adopted in Bill No. 2015-077 and subsequently amended in Bill No. 2015-081 and Bill No. 2019-074, and amend the Amesbury Municipal Code to revise the SCHEDULE 1 PARKING (PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES) to include both sides of Highland Street from the Friend Street intersection to the Hillside Avenue intersection unless parked in designated, marked parking spots. With the amount of activity at the city park and High School, combined with the narrow construction of Highland Street the Chief of Police has designated this area unsafe to park motor vehicles on the side of the road unless parked in designated, well-marked parking spots.-

2026-082 An Order to accept donation of shed at Amesbury Town Park ice rink- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The equipment shed, valued at approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000, was made possible through community fundraising efforts led by resident Dan Ouellet, along with contributions from numerous donors and volunteers. The structure was constructed at an estimated cost of under \$6,000 and includes durable materials such as pressure-treated framing and cement board siding. The shed will support rink operations by providing storage for hockey nets and related equipment, with additional improvements including heating, cooling, and a water heater to be completed in the spring.-

2026-083 An Order to transfer funds from Building Inspection Overtime account to the Building Inspection Training account - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This Order requests authorization to transfer \$1,000 from the Building Inspection Overtime account (current balance: \$ 5,449.28) to the Building Inspection Training account to support two inspector trainings over the next several months.-

2026-084 An Order to pay Prior Year Invoices from FY26 General Operating Budge – APS- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The listed invoices below are for operating expenses related to supplies or services rendered in prior fiscal years but for which funds were not encumbered by the corresponding city department at fiscal year-end. This order requests payment be made to the listed vendors from the corresponding department's current year (FY26) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 s. 64. This vote requires two thirds approval of the City Council.-

2026-085 An Order to accept and expend a FY26 DFS grant for firefighter safety equipment- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: These grant funds will be used to purchase the following approved firefighter safety equipment: Personnel Accountability System/Mobile Command Console, Ropes (Rescue & Individual Safety and Hardware)

2026-086 A Resolution to adopt Housing Production Plan 2024-2029- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City of Amesbury, in collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, has prepared the 2024–2029 Housing Production Plan (HPP). This strategic plan establishes goals and implementation strategies to address Amesbury's housing needs, with a focus on expanding affordable housing opportunities and encouraging a diverse range of housing types throughout the community. The five-year plan evaluates community demographics, housing demand, and development trends, and outlines specific actions to guide the City's housing efforts.

Adjourn

