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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Frederique
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes- September 24, 2024 and September 30, 2024
5. Mayoral Appointments

2024-122 Appointment of Michael McCarthy to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire February 28, 2027.

2024-123 Reappointment of Stephen Klomps to the position of member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2027.

2024-124 Reappointment of Joan MacPherson to the position of member of the Health Care Trust Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2027.

6. Monthly list of licenses

7. Correspondence

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

Warrant- 2024 State Election - Approval

- 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

Public Hearings

2024-098 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance to create an overlay in compliance with MBTA Communities Act - **Mayor Gove and Councilor Gilday Sponsors**

Summary: Section 3A of MGL c. 40A requires an MBTA community to have a zoning ordinance that provides for at least one (1) district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right; provided, however, that such multi-family housing is without age restrictions and is suitable for families with children. Such district must meet requirements set forth in this statute, including but not limited to the following: (i) have a minimum gross density of fifteen (15) units per acre, subject to any further limitations imposed by Section 40 of Chapter 131 and title 5 of the state environmental code established pursuant to Section 13 of Chapter 21A; and (ii) be located not more than 0.5 miles from a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station, if applicable.

11. First Readings

AO 2024-05 Pursuant to Section 6-1(a)(2) of the Amesbury Home Rule Charter (the "Charter"), city government is hereby reorganized, upon effect of this order, as follows:

The Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED)

2024-125 An Order to authorize a transfer of \$50,000.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to the Office of Community & Economic Development Salaries & Wages.

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$50,00.00 from the FY25 Budget Reserve account to the Office of Community & Economic Development Salaries & Wages to fund the FY25 salary for the newly created position of Senior Project Manager.

2024-126 An Order to authorize a transfer of \$35,000.00 from Fire Department Personal Services to Fire Department Other Expenses. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$35,00.00 from Fire Department Personal Services to Fire Department Other Expenses to cover the costs for two (2) employees to complete a 9-month paramedic program.

2024-127 An Order to approve payment from the FY25 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices. - **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The below listed invoices 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 (FY25) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 s. 64. This vote requires a two thirds approval of the City Council.

2024-128 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$29,640.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research FY25 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant Program.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This grant award will be used to fund traffic enforcement. This funding will allow the Police Department to increase the number of hours spent conducting selective enforcement to combat the most problematic areas, which include distracted drivers, impaired driving, and speeding. This is a cost reimbursement grant program with an end date of September 15, 2025.

2024-129 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for FY 2025.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Cultural Council has allocated \$12,600.00 from the FY 2025 Local Cultural Council funds to the Amesbury Cultural Council's local fund.

2024-130 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend, for its fifth year, a Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP).- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This \$125,000.00 federal grant from HHS/CDCP will fund the Partnership of Amesbury Community and Teens (PACT) Coalition's Substance Abuse Prevention Program. This grant seeks to address two major goals: to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and federal, state, local and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions; and to reduce substance use among youth and, over time, among adults.

2024-131 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council for FY 2024.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council has allocated \$840,000.00 from the FY 2024 grant program to fund Amesbury's Washington Landing Maritime Support Facility project. The project includes the shoreline restoration and revitalization of the Washington Landing Maritime Support Facility along the Merrimack River in Amesbury, MA. The four main capital components of the project include: 1) the replacement of the boat ramp (including adding stormwater treatment); 2) the addition of approx. 900 SF of landside boardwalk area to support the harbormaster office and access to the boat ramp; 3) installation of a gangway and 100' finger dock for the boat ramp facility and transient vessels; and, 4) improvements to the parking area and restoration of the living shoreline adjacent the boat ramp.

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

12. Adjourn