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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Mandeville

3. Roll Call

4. Mayoral Appointments

2026-114 Reappointment of Michael Browne to the position of member of the Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee as the School Committee representative for a term to expire February 28, 2029

2026-115 Reappointment of William Messner to the position of member of the Energy, Environmental and Sustainability Committee as the School Committee representative for a term to expire February 28, 2029

5. President and Vice President Announcements/Communications

6. Presentations from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Official Representatives of Boards and Commissions

7. Licenses and Permits – June

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

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.

2026-102 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY26 Legislative Earmark Grant Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase soft-shell helmet covers for the Amesbury High School football team. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury’s state legislative delegation in the FY26 Budget as part of a line-item earmark to purchase soft-shell helmet covers and other related safety equipment for youth and high school football teams in Amesbury, Haverhill, Andover, Merrimac, North Andover, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. The \$10,000 allocated to the Amesbury High School Athletic Department will be used to purchase soft-shell helmet covers, which provide an additional layer of protection for student athletes.

2026-103 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend an amendment to the FY2024 Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council grant award in the amount of \$1,199,660.00 for the Washington Landing Boat Launch Facility Restoration and Revitalization Project. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council originally awarded \$840,000.00 from the FY 2024 grant program to fund Amesbury’s Washington Landing Maritime Support Facility project. This original grant award was accepted by Amesbury City Council through Council Bill 2024-131.

2026-104 An Order to transfer the remaining HVAC Replacement Capital Account Balance for Elm Street Fire Station Floor Repair. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order authorizes the Amesbury Fire Department to utilize the remaining \$28,895 balance in capital from the completed HVAC replacement project (Council Bill 2025-047) at the School Street Fire Station to support repairs to the floor at the Elm Street Fire Station.

2026-105 An Order to transfer \$2,267.04 from the SAFER Grant fund to the General Fund – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order requests a fund transfer in the amount of \$2,267.04 from the SAFER Grant Fund 21s2 2419 (FY20 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant from FEMA). FEMA reporting on this fund for the final FY23 reimbursement request was done after the FY23 general fund was closed, so certain variances between the request submitted and the general fund actuals could not be adjusted to the general ledger that year. This council order serves to reconcile those funds. A detailed accounting of what makes up this amount is attached.

2026-108 An Order to establish a Solid Waste Enterprise Fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53F½. – **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes the creation of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund in accordance with Department of Revenue requirements and guidance. As the City anticipates the creation of a new Solid Waste fee for residential trash collection to launch later this calendar year, the creation of this enterprise fund will be a key component of facilitating this new fee schedule and revenue source.

2026-110 An Order to authorize inter-departmental transfers of general fund appropriations in accordance with MGL c.44 Section 33B.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The City Council may, by majority vote, on recommendation of the Mayor, transfer within the last 2 months of any fiscal year, or during the first 15 days of the new fiscal year, to apply to the previous fiscal year, any amount appropriated, other than for the use of a municipal light department or a school department, to any other appropriation. Please see the transfer summary below for additional information.

a. Public Hearings –

2026-112 Storage of Flammable/Combustible/Explosives Permit - 241-243 Main Street - Change of Ownership

2026-113 Storage of Flammable/Combustible/Explosives Permit - 132 Elm Street - Change of Ownership

11. First Readings

12. Correspondence

- a. Communications from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Representatives of City Boards and Committees
- b. Council Communications
- c. Council Committee Reports

13. Act on Minutes – May 26, 2026 City Council meeting (continued) June 2, 2026 Ad Hoc Budget Committee of the Whole meeting and June 9, 2026 City Council meeting

14. Adjournment