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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 7:00 PM

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Lavoie**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Act on minutes – None at this time**
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. President/Vice President Communications
 - 1.) Unveiling of New Podium
 - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - 1.) Melanson & Heath Financial Review
 - c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports
6. **Appointments**

2016-026 Appointment of Robert E. Gaudet to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire March 31, 2019.

2016-034 Re-Appointment of Matt Sherrill to the zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

2016-035 Re-Appointment of Sharon McDermot to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

2016-036 Re-Appointment of William Lavoie to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

2016-037 Appointment of Matthew Vincent as an Associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

2016-038 Appointment of David Haraske as an Associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

7. Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list

8. Pole Hearings

2016-023 National Grid request #20210030 – Elm St. Pole #81

9. Public Comment

10. Council Response to Public Comment

11. Public Hearings:

2016-018 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$37,711 from the Josetta Fund for the purpose of procuring a new K-9 cruiser. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The Josetta Fund has generously gifted this grant to the City for the purchase of a new K-9 cruiser. The IRS recognizes the Josetta Fund as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization pursuant to section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2016-020 An Order to appropriate an insurance payment in the amount of \$39,900 from MIIA per MGL CH44; §53. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: Amesbury has been reimbursed from Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Association for Claim No. M15AP92330, damage to a front-line cruiser, 2010 Ford CV, -110633, DOL 12/20/2015.

12. First Readings

a.) Resolutions

2016-029 A Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendations – Councilor Sherwood and Councilor Einson Sponsor

Summary: A Resolution calling on the Massachusetts legislature to fund and adopt the 2015 Foundation budget Review Commission's recommendations, in order to provide relief and support to local communities and property tax payers.

2016-032 Amesbury City Council Resolution to support the following steps by the City of Amesbury as outlined below. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary, A Resolution to support the following:

Net metering is a billing mechanism that credits solar energy system owners for the electricity they add to the regional power grid. Through agreements with solar developers net metering facilitates revenue and energy savings to municipalities. In 2014, as a result of legislation passed that year, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities capped net metering at five-percent (5%) of a utility's historical peak load for public entities. For areas serviced by National Grid, that cap was reached. There are two proposed solar projects in the City of Amesbury that will not occur as proposed, unless the cap is lifted. Both of these projects are planned on capped landfills, property that currently delivers marginal revenue to the City. The first project, by Citizens Energy, is proposed on the 30-acre, privately owned, Waste Management landfill and will deliver six-megawatts of power and revenue through a PILOT. The City has also executed an RFP and selected a developer, SunEdision, for the City-owned Ticomb

landfill. This 4.5-megawatt project on 17-acres will deliver a lease payment, and savings on energy costs. The City must request that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continue its proactive stance on renewable energy and lift the net metering cap in a manner that sustains the revenue stream to municipalities and expands the use of the renewable technology to reduce impacts on the environment.

2016-033 Amesbury City Council Resolution to support the following steps by the City of Amesbury, Massachusetts as outlined below. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary, A Resolution to support the following:

The City of Amesbury has been plagued, for nearly 30 years, by the eyesore and contamination of the former Microfab site at 104 Haverhill Road. Multiple options have been considered by the City of Amesbury, and MassDEP, to further investigate and clean-up the site. A viable option has been offered by the EPA: to propose the Microfab site to the NPL (National Priorities List), to then clean-up the site through the Superfund program. The EPA requires a letter of support from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prior to adding a site to the NPL. It is the intent of this Resolution to provide the EPA with the support necessary toward achieving the status on the NPL to move forward with a clean-up. Further, this Resolution will serve as evidence of the City's support to seek future resources, such as grants, which would aid the City, MADEP, and EPA in their endeavor to clean-up and redevelop the Microfab site.

b.) Orders

2016-024 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Massachusetts Working on Wellness grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Health Resources in Action Inc. for the purpose of promoting employee wellness in the City and in the Amesbury Public School District. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: Mayor Gray is requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts Working on Wellness (WOW) grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Health Resources in Action, Inc. (HRA). HRA is awarding the grant on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health pursuant to Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012. The grant requires a 50% local match, which will be provided entirely by the Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Association (MIIA) through in-kind services.

2016-025 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Compact grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City was accepted into the Baker Administration's Community Compact Cabinet program. EOANF is providing this grant for the purpose of developing a comprehensive multi-year technology roadmap to allow for better technology planning in the City and the Amesbury Public School District.

2016-027 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Compact grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City was accepted into the Baker Administration's Community Compact Cabinet program. EOANF is providing this grant for the purposes of improving the City financial policies, procedures, and budget format, as well as providing resources for improved financial planning and forecasting.

2016-028 An Ordinance to Establish an Open Space and Recreation Committee for the City of Amesbury - Councilor Sherwood sponsor
Summary: An Ordinance establishing an Open Space and Recreation Committee for the purpose of supporting the maintenance, updating, and implementation of Amesbury Open Space and Recreation Plan.

2016-030 An Order to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund (7301) for engineering and survey services related to the City-owned property at 116 Whitehall Road. – Mayor Gray sponsor
Summary: Fund #7301, "Smart Growth Stabilization Fund," was established pursuant to City Council Order 2007-075 upon award of a \$350,000 grant provided in accordance with M.G.L. C. 40R. In December of 2015, the City Council authorized an appropriation of \$250,000 from this fund for various public improvements. This order seeks a \$30,000 appropriation from the same fund for the purpose of procuring engineering and survey services in preparation for eventual disposition and development of the City-owned property at 116 Whitehall Road.

2016-031 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$23,250 from the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program for the completion of the All Hazards Plan, further that \$7,000 is appropriated from the balance of 40R funds (\$100,000) to provide the match for said grant. – Mayor Gray sponsor
Summary: The All Hazards Plan is a document required by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prior to acquiring grant funds through FEMA Programs. The City of Amesbury public Works Department working with Merrimack Valley Planning achieved a plan nearing 70% completion. The funds herein will complete the plan and file the document to receive approval from FEMA. The OCED has already procured services for consulting pending the funding release will work toward completion.

***Discussion of topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours before the meeting.

13. Adjourn

Sharon Durkin
Signature

March 4, 2016
Date