



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting BOARD OR COMMITTEE

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Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 7:00 pm

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

City Council Agenda
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
City Hall Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Sickorez
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Act on minutes** – September 8, 2015
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. President/Vice President Communications
 - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
2015-063 Warrant for 2015 City Election
 - c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports
6. **Mayoral Appointments**
7. **Licenses & Permits** – FYI-attached list
8. **Public Comment**

9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Public Hearings:

2015-048 An Order to Establish a Special Education Stabilization Fund – Councilor Bezanson and Councilor Lavoie sponsor

Summary: The Special Education Stabilization Fund would help offset extraordinary costs related to special education. Because special education funding is difficult to project given the changing nature of mandated special educational services, and especially for out-of-district tuition and transportation expenses, this new fund will be an important planning tool for the City of Amesbury to proactively manage local budget impacts. Establishment of the fund would require a 2/3 vote of the Municipal Council. This reserve account will be funded as needed with one-time available revenue, which would also require a 2/3 vote of the Municipal Council.

2015-056 An Order to authorize a transfer from Salary Reserve to various Non Union Salaries. **Summary:** Transfer \$21,765 from Salary Reserve to Non Union Salaries to cover FY2016 increases.

2015-057 An Order to authorize a transfer from Salary Reserve to DPW salaries. **Summary:** Transfer \$5602 from Salary Reserve to DPW Salaries to cover FY2016 DPW Contract increases.

2015-058 An Order to authorize a transfer from Salary Reserve to Fire salaries. **Summary:** Transfer \$22,028 from Salary Reserve to Fire Salaries to cover FY2016 IAFF Contract increases.

2015-059 An Order to authorize a transfer from Salary Reserve to Police salaries. **Summary:** Transfer \$20,838 from Salary Reserve to Police Salaries to cover FY2016 IBPO Contract increases.

11. First Readings

2015-062 An Order to renew the Audit agreement for the years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 with Melanson Heath as outlined in the May 14, 2015 Memorandum of Understanding to Mayor Gray from Melanson Health

Summary: To renew the Auditor to annually conduct the Audit of the City's financial position for FY2015 through FY2017.

12. Late Files

2015-064 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$985,922.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

2015-065 An Order to authorize the Mayor to, on behalf of the City, enter into an Intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Salisbury for the purposes of regional participation in the 2015 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant program.

2015-066 A Resolution to accept the expenditure of \$106,000 in capital funding for the purposes of procuring technology in the Amesbury Public Schools.

2015-067 A Resolution to accept the expenditure of \$150,000 in capital funding for the purposes of rehabilitating a ladder truck in the Amesbury Fire Department

2015-068 An Order to authorize the Mayor to enter into a five-year lease-purchase agreement for the procurement of a new Fire Attack Pumper.

2015-069 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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

13. Adjourn

Signature

Date