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MEETING NOTICE

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 7:00pm

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Bartley
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Act on minutes –None at this time**
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. President/Vice President Communications
 - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

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2015-074 Resolution to issue a Proclamation to Declare November 13 “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the City of Amesbury.

6. Mayoral Appointments

2015-073 Appointment of Matthew Chapin to the Lakes and Waterways Commission for a term of two years to expire June 30, 2017.

7. Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list

8. Pole Hearings

2015-075 National Grid Pole Hearing to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named 37 Middle Rd.

9. Public Comment

10. Council Response to Public Comment

11. Public Hearings:

2015-062A 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.

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.

Summary: The City of Amesbury and the Town of Salisbury submitted a joint CDBG application to the EOHD's Department of Housing and Community Development in order to obtain this grant award for housing rehabilitation and social services in both communities. The total award will be distributed as follows: Amesbury total \$415,000, Housing Rehabilitation: \$375,000 and Social Services \$40,000. Salisbury total \$32,922, Housing Rehabilitation: \$27,922 and Social Services \$50,000. Shared Administrative costs, \$245,000.

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.

Summary: The agreement would provide Amesbury and Salisbury with a vehicle to administer the CDBG programs regionally through a collaborative approach between administration of the Town of Salisbury and the administration of the City of Amesbury.

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.

Summary: the Fire Department seeks to purchase a new Fire Attack Pumper that will become the Front Line 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.

Summary: Full STEAM Ahead is a \$7,500 federal grant that will be used to create programming and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) related opportunities for children aged 0-6 years old. The grant funding will be available in October 2015 and must be spent by September 2016. Through this grant the Children's Room will be able to offer services that the Amesbury Public Library would otherwise not be able to provide, such as:

Create STEAM themed storytime kits for patrons to take out

Start a monthly sensory storytime for special needs children aged 4 and up.

Purchase a discovery center table and stock it with hands-on items for children to explore in the picture book area.

Create an outdoor StoryWalk in collaboration with Coastal Tails and Amesbury Trails.

Hire presenters and performers, such as Mass Audubon, high touch high-tech, Seacoast Science Center, and others.

Train all the children's staff on sensory storytimes and other STEAM related programs.

12. First Readings

2015-070 An Order to request the City Council vote to hold the annual Classification Hearing to vote on four (4) separate items in order to establish the tax burdens for each class of property.

Summary: On an annual basis, the City Council must vote on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentage of the burden to be borne by each class of property.

2015-071 An Order to request the City Council vote to increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants.

Summary: On an annual basis, the City Council must vote to decide if the City of Amesbury shall increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants under the provisions of M.G.L..

2015-072 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$6,200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Summary: The Massachusetts Cultural Council is allocating \$6,200 from the FY 2016 Local Cultural Council Funds to the Amesbury Cultural Council's local fund.

2015-076 An Order to authorize a transfer from Salary Reserve to various OPEIU Salaries.

Summary: Transfer \$18,235 from Salary Reserve to OPEIU Salaries to cover FY2016 increases.

2015-077 An Ordinance to request the City Council to accept updated Traffic & Parking regulations.

Summary: The original Traffic Regulations were adopted on October 19, 1964 and updated on November 9, 1999. The Traffic Commission has recently updated these regulations to include changes since 1999.

2015-078 An Order to request that the City Council vote to appropriate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the 40R stabilization funds for public improvements and planning.

Summary: To provide for public improvements and planning pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Order 2007-075 as voted on by the City Council on September 25, 2007, and as further detailed in the letter from the Community Development Director dated October 29, 2015 to Mayor Ken Gray, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2015-079 An Order of the City Council to grant an Easement to Hatter's Point Capital LLC within Merrimac Street, a Public Way, to Construct, Install, Maintain and Repair Improvements to Protect the Structural Integrity of Merrimac Street and the Buildings within Hatter's Point Condominium.

Summary: In order to construct Phase II of the Hatter's Point Condominium, Hatter's Point Capital LLC requires Easement rights within Merrimac Street to construct a support system for both Merrimac Street and the new buildings within Hatter's Point Condominium.

2015-080 An Order of the City Council to Amend a Water Main Agreement between the City and Hatter's Point Capital, LLC Related to the Development of Phase II of Hatter's Point Condominium.

Summary: In connection with the construction of the Hatter's Point Condominium the original developer was required to install approximately 4780 linear feet of new water line. However, due to design improvements, the Planning Board has modified the obligations of the new developer, Hatter's Point Capital LLC, necessitating an amendment to the original Water Main Agreement.

13. LATE FILE

2015-081 An Order of the City Council to Amend Bill No. 1998-140 Establishing the Traffic and Transportation Commission and to Repeal Bill No. 2001-35 Amending the Authority and Duties of the Traffic and Transportation Commission.

Summary: The City Council shall vote its intent to amend Bill No. 1998-140 and Bill No. 2001-35 to revise the makeup and authority of the Traffic and Transportation Commission to allow for greater efficiency and accountability with respect to the regulation of traffic control in the City.

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

14. Adjourn

Blair Dunning

Signature

November 5, 2015

Date