

City Council Agenda (Revised)
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
City Hall Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Lavoie

3. Roll Call

4. Act on minutes - June 9, 2015

5. Correspondence

a. President/Vice President Communications

b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

2015-050 Warrant for 2015 City Preliminary Election – Board of Registrars

c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

6. Mayoral Appointments

2015-051 Appointment of Matthew Healy Amesbury Lakes and Waterways Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

2015-052 Appointment of Cliff Entrican to Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

2015-053 Appointment of David Grover to the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

7. Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list

8. Public Comment

9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Public Hearings:

2015-045 An Order to authorize a transfer between General Department Funds - Mayor Sponsor

Summary: Transfer \$39,800 between General Department funds to cover FY15 expenditures.

2015-049 An Order of the City Council to authorize a transfer of the care, custody, and control of certain property, known as the Titcomb Pit Landfill, as currently held by the Mayor, to the Mayor for the purpose for which it is currently held and for the additional purpose of leasing for renewable energy installation.

Summary: The Mayor seeks to lease and encourage redevelopment of the underutilized and vacant property to remove the obligation of maintenance costs and liability with respect to the former landfill located thereon and to increase revenue to the City while encouraging the use of renewable energy sources. This project will increase revenues through the negotiation of energy savings and other means using industry standard methodologies for solar leasing projects.

11. First Readings

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.

12. Late Files

2015-054 An Order to request the City Council to vote to authorize the establishment of a revolving fund with an annual budget for the Council on Aging. – Mayor sponsor

Summary: This order will provide the establishment of a revolving fund under MGL Ch. 44 §53E ½ for the Council on Aging.

2015-055 A Resolution that the Amesbury City Council strongly supports the Massachusetts Fair Share initiative to increase the state investment in early education and care, in order to improve and expand programs for children ages 0-5 so that every child can access a high quality early learning program.

13. Adjourn