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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council and Joint Meeting w/Library Trustees BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

Day, Date and Time: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Bartley
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Minutes** – July 12, 2016 and July 26, 2016

5. **Correspondence**

- a. President/Vice President Communications
- b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

2016-081 Report from Superintendent Gary Reese on the Statement of Interest from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Amesbury Elementary School.

- c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

2016-079 Disclosure by Municipal Employee of Finance Interest in a Municipal Contract. – Councilor Sherwood sponsor

6. **Appointments –**

2016-051A Joint Meeting with Library Trustees to fill the vacancy of Rebecca Jordan, Library Trustee with a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Applicants: -1) Laurie Cameron, 31 Hope Dr., Amesbury, MA
-2) Carolyn Jordan, 155 Kimball Rd, Amesbury, MA
-3) Jeanne McCue, 10 Gardner St., Amesbury, MA

2016-074 Re-appointment of Joanne McCarthy to Health Care Trust Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2019. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-075 Re-appointment of Kathleen Lucy to Health Care Trust Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2018. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-076 Re-appointment of Sandra Jutras to Health Care Trust Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2019. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-077 Appointment of John (Rich) Hucksam to Open Space Natural Resource Trails Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2019. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-078 Appointment of Bernadette Lucas to Open Space natural Resource Trails Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2019. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-080 Appointment of David Viale to Open Space Natural Resource Trails Committee for a term to expire on June 30, 2019. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-082 Re-appointment of Teresa Axten as Associate Member to the Council on Aging with a term to expire June 30, 2019. – Mayor Sponsor

7. Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list

8. Pole Hearings – None at this time

9. Public Comment

10. Council Response to Public Comment

11. Public Hearings:

2016-046 An Ordinance relative to Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: This ordinance proposes the prohibition of public consumption or use of marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol on or in any place within City limits which is accessible to the public.

2016-059 Dangerous Dog Hearing – Dignan vs. Corcoran

2016-060 An Order to Petition the General Court for Additional Licenses to Be Granted by the City Pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City has reached its quota for the issuance of licenses permitting the sale of alcohol to be drunk on premises within certain establishments throughout the City. The City is unable to issue additional such licenses unless and until special permission to do so is granted to the City by the General Court.

2016-061 An Order to Authorize a Transfer of Funds from Salary Reserve to Cover FY17 AFSCME Salaries – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City and AFSCME have agreed to terms on a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The CBA provides for the following cost-of-living adjustments (COLA): FY17: 1%, FY18: 1%, FY19: 1.5%

2016-066 An Order to Leverage Economic Access for Development throughout the City – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: There are two large economic development sites that require off site improvement solutions: The Golden Triangle site off Elm Street, in excess of 50 acres, and the 49 acre Waste Management Site adjacent to Margaret Rice Park, on the top of the hill behind the Sports Park off South Hunt Road. The LEAD program with the guidance of the below policies will establish access options toward facilitating economic development at these sites.

2016-067 An Ordinance to amend Amesbury City Council Bill #2000-184 to increase the exemption on Personal Property Taxes from \$2,000 to \$10,000 as allowed under MGL Ch. 59, Section 5, Paragraph 54. – Councilor Stanganelli sponsor

12. First Readings

Resolutions:

2016-068 A Resolution to Adopt a Financial Benchmarking Tool for Better Communication of Budget Operations to Citizens and Community Stakeholders. – Councilor Stanganelli sponsor
Summary: To improve the communication of complex municipal financial data to citizens and stakeholders through the use of turnkey financial infographics and benchmarking tools that may be used in concert with the City's current websites.

2016-070 Resolution to Support Amending MGL Ch. 59, Section 5 to Provide for Exclusion of Tax on Exempted Portion of Personal Property. Councilor Stanganelli sponsor
Summary: To promote economic development and provide for more tax equity by requesting amendment of current laws related to personal property tax assessment by exempting a portion of property value from assessment and tax calculation.

2016-073 Amesbury City Council Resolution to request the Municipal Council vote to support the LEAD program or Leverage Economic Access for Development to create a clear path to enabling actions which will provide access to prime development sites. – Mayor Gray sponsor

2016-086 A Resolution Relative to the Use of Proceeds Generated from the Potential Disposition of Margaret Rice Park. – Mayor Sponsor
Summary: Subject to the completion of necessary legal and other authorizations, the City will consider the use of the proceeds from the potential sale of the property commonly known as Margaret Rice Park (Assessors Map 98 parcel 18 with 3.71 acres, and Map 98 parcel 17 with 1.89 acres, and Map 97 parcel 11 2ih 3190 acres, hereafter referred to as the PROPERTY) for the purpose of constructing athletic fields. The majority of such allocation shall be dedicated to the Woodsom Farm soccer fields as determined by a future capital allocation plan proposed to the Woodsom Farm soccer fields as determined by a future capital allocation plan proposed by the Mayor in consultation with the City Council and other relevant public bodies within the city.

Orders:

2016-069 An Ordinance to Implement a Municipal Tax Title Assignment Sale Auction Program to Improve Collection, Cash Flow and Free Cash Position. – Councilor Stanganelli sponsor
Summary: An ordinance to improve the collection of outstanding tax liens by providing an option to implement a tax title assignment sale auction as authorized by MGL CH. 60.

2016-071 Ordinance to update government websites and social media with contact information of city departments, officials or boards to promote ease of use and more effective communication. – Councilor Stanganelli sponsor
Summary: To update the City’s websites so that citizen and business users will have an easier way to find contact information.

2016-083 An Order that the Amesbury City Council hereby takes the following actions as individually cited below for the purpose of collectively approving a Tax Increment Financing Incentive for Martin Development for 77 Elm Street as described herein and further described in the attachments which are incorporated herein by reference. – Mayor Sponsor

2016-084 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$967,953 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. – Mayor Sponsor
Summary: This order seeks to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$967,953 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

2016-085 An Ordinance to request that the Municipal Council vote to accept certain road and easements within Quimby Lane Subdivision for ownership by the public as a public way said road being Quimby Lane. – Mayor Sponsor
Summary: to accept Quimby Lane as a public way.

2016-087 An Order to Transfer the Care, Custody and Control of Margaret Rice Park from the Tax Title Custodian to the Mayor for General Municipal Purposes.
Summary: The City Council shall vote to transfer Margaret Rice Park to the Mayor for general municipal purposes.

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

13. Adjourn

Sharon Dunning

Signature

September 7, 2016

Date