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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7:00 PM

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

City Council Agenda
November 15, 2016
City Hall Auditorium
7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Lavoie
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Minutes** – September 13, 2016
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. President/Vice President Communications
 - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Report
 - Vanessa Johnson – Essex County Greenbelt Association – Whittier Hill Update
6. **Appointments** –
2016-102 Appointment of John Donnell to the School Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2020. – Mayor Gray 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:

(Cont.) 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

2016-097 An Order to authorize a transfer of Funds from Salary Reserve to cover FY17 IBPO Patrol Officer Salaries. – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: The City and IBPO Patrol Officers 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%, FY18-1.5%, FY19-1%.

2016-098 An Order to authorize a transfer of funds from Salary Reserve to cover FY17 IBPO Non-Union Salaries. – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: This order requests a transfer of funds to cover FY17 cost-of-living adjustments for non-union personnel in the city.

2016-099 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$12,500. From the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: This order seeks to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$12,500 from the MA DOER.

12. First Readings:

2016-100 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 – Mayor Gray sponsor

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.

2016-101 An Order to request the City Council vote to increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants – Mayor Gray sponsor

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.

2016-103 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 427 of the Amesbury Municipal Code. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 427 of the Amesbury Municipal Code as proposed by Exhibit "A", Exhibit "B" provides a "redline" version of the suggested amendments to the existing language of the Chapter (Exhibit "C").

2016-104 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Massachusetts Marketing Partnership. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The FY17 state budget included an earmark to provide \$20,000 to the City as a one-time grant for the Fireball Run.

2016-105 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$6,200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: This order will authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$6,200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council

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

13. Adjourn

Sharon Dunning

Signature

11/10/2016

Date