

City Council Minutes
May 10, 2016
City Hall Auditorium
7:00 pm

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Sherwood

3. Roll Call – Councilor Sherwood, Councilor Sickorez, Councilor Stanganelli, Councilor Bartley, Councilor Einson, Councilor Lavoie, Councilor McClure, Councilor McMilleon and Councilor Scorzoni

4. Act on minutes; Councilor McMilleon moved to accept the minutes of April 12, 2016 as submitted. Councilor Sickorez seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

5. Correspondence

a. President/Vice President Communications

Councilor McClure stated that Amesbury Television will televise some of the budget hearings. Those are on May 12, 2016, May 17, 2016 and May 26, 2016

b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

Mayor Gray presented the FY17 budget by reading the letter that is included on pages 1-4 in the budget book.

c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

Councilor McMilleon asked if the leadership group was going to continue to have meetings with the Mayor prior to meetings.

Councilor Scorzoni stated that it is a work in progress and that they have met twice to date. Councilor McMilleon asked about having Superintendent Reese come in to get an update maybe in June after the budget hearings.

Councilor Scorzoni stated that there was a meeting scheduled in February which was re-scheduled and he has not been able to attend either time. We will follow up.

6. Appointments –

2016-044 Appointment of Brianna Sullivan to the Amesbury Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2018 – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Brianna Sullivan of 80 Market St stated that she has been in town almost three years. She feels a sense of community here and wants to get involved. She feels the Cultural Council is a good fit with her interests. She feels she can bring some of her skills to the Cultural Council and has been attending meetings since January and have been welcomed with open arms.

Councilor Sickorez moved to accept the appointment of Brianna Sullivan with a term to expire on June 30, 2018. Councilor Bartley seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2016-047 Re-appointment of James Humphries as Constable for the city of Amesbury for a term to expire June 30, 2019. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Mr. Humphries was not in attendance.

Councilor McMilleon stated that he has known Jim for many years and that he does a great job and supports this.

Councilor Lavoie asked the Clerk is she is satisfied with the work he does for her.

City Clerk, Bonnijo Kitchen stated that she has no complaints, he is there as soon as she calls.

Councilor McMilleon moved to approve 2016-047 to appoint James Humphries as Constable for the City of Amesbury for a term to expire June 30, 2019. Councilor Sickorez seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2016-048 Appointment of Cheryl Desjardin to the Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2018 – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Ms. Desjardin of 2 Clark St stated that she just moved here in August of 2015. She attended the Open Studio Tours and was impressed with the town and that is why she chose to purchase her home here. She is an artist and being part of a community that supports the Arts was a big factor. She is a professional Graphic Designer and feels joining the Cultural Council would be a great way to contribute her artistic skills and her knowledge of the Arts. She has also been attending the meetings since January and would be proud to be a member.

Councilor Stanganelli moved to accept 2016-048 to appoint Cheryl Desjardin to the Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2018. Councilor McMilleon seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

7. Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve the list of licenses with the usual stipulations. Councilor Einson seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

8. Pole Hearings – None at this time

9. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

10. Council Response to Public Comment

11. Public Hearings:

2016-028 An Ordinance to Establish an Open Space and Recreation Committee for the City of Amesbury - Councilor Sherwood sponsor

Summary: An Ordinance establishing an Open Space and Recreation Committee for the purpose of supporting the maintenance, updating, and implementation of Amesbury Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Councilor Bartley read the Ordinance Committee recommendations.

Councilor Sherwood stated that he provided a marked up version from the Ordinance Committee.

He handed out some information that he put together explaining the changes and a map of all open space in Amesbury. He stated that his goal in bringing this forward and really thinking about these assets that there is really more that we can do to improve them for passive recreation and make them more of a beneficial asset for the community. He feels we can actively manage them as wildlife habitats and make sure they are well protected; there are important watersheds that feed into our water supply and there is not one person who has an overview of all of that. He stated that he put this forward so that the existing trails that we have can be maintained and improved with the resources that they have. The city has a recreational and open space plan that has been in a provisional status for a long time. The city is in the final stages of preparing that for approval by the state. He sees this committee as being able to support the goals, analysis and the recommendations of that open space plan. There is an overlap with the Conservation Commission and he hopes to see this committee work in concert with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board and the City Council. He explained that with all the Ordinance Committees recommendations he felt that the last part should be stricken as there was some redundancy with the Parks and Recreation Committee which seems to be fairly inactive.

Bill Scott, Community and Economic Development Director, stated that he thinks the key thing is that open space is a crucial asset in town. As we look at economic development and infrastructure it is tough to also work on open space. With volunteers we are able to work together, get an inventory and assessment of each space and then work on improvement of them.

Councilor McClure asked if this would have any money attached to it.

Councilor Sherwood stated that as far as the acquisition the city can certainly use its own resources as it did for the Whitehall property last year but for the most part there are a good number of state programs that do fund acquisition and improvement.

Councilor McClure stated that the Whitehall property was to purchase it with the intent to resell it.

Councilor Sherwood stated that they can sell up to 30% of it and 70% must be retained for open space.

Councilor McClure stated that she just doesn't want to see a whole slew of rules and regulations when the community is used to using Battis and Woodsom. Do you see this committee setting up rules and guidelines for open space?

Councilor Sherwood stated that the committee is supporting the city in developing policy there is no rule or regulation creation or authority granted through this. The scope of work would be much broader and more focused on improving public access to and improving the way we use those properties and a more mindful manner of development of trails and other resources in those properties for the benefit of the public and doing that in a coordinated way. Right now it is unregulated. He does not see a lot of spending he sees a lot of planning. It is not a regulatory commission but it is in support of policy making through supporting the Open Space Plan.

Councilor Scorzoni stated that he originally ran for Council 5 years ago because of the open space lapse in Amesbury. We did not have an approved plan by the executive office which meant we were foregoing millions of dollars of grant money from the state. There are two

specific programs; The PARC grant which we were able to secure for Heritage Park and the Land grant that both happen on an annual basis and are around the \$400,000 to \$500,000 range. The Open Space plan is supposed to harmonize and coordinate how we as a city prioritize all these different interests and get them teed up for potential funding that comes in through the state. He asked if there were any other grants received other than the Heritage Park grant.

Mr. Scott stated that we received an Our Backyard grant which was the spray park and the Collins St park grant. We had to have an open space plan and it was updated in 2012 and there was a list of issues that we needed to address and we addressed them by the time we finished the projects and we secured the reimbursement.

Councilor McMilleon asked if this formation of this committee help us in any way of getting grants or additional funding above and beyond the approval of the plan we have right now.

Mr. Scott stated that yes, we need to identify some of the uses in these spaces so as you look at projects that might incur in each of these open spaces they are the capital list for the grant. We need to be more in touch with the people who use these spaces. It is best to lay out what you use those spaces for and have a capital plan and have them ready for when the money comes forward. One thing that is difficult is there is a whole different series of classifications of Open Space that are related to outright city owned land, conservation controlled land and other land controlled by other entities so you need to marry the entities and how they would maintain those assets across all those different jurisdictions. Just the inventory of those and the existing rights and responsibilities of those is a daunting task to put that into a document. This is a start.

Councilor McMilleon asked for an example of how this committee is going to help the process.

Mr. Scott stated that we want to be able to connect neighborhoods to parks and open spaces without crossing busy streets. The Open Space Committee can find the connection between those assets and start more formally developing trails to connect the soccer fields that are going to be developed with neighborhoods. You look at all the layer of jurisdictions or the people that it would help. From the top it would help the residents themselves that they can go from one place to another through a trail system that they can engage open space. People can travel to parks to walk, mountain bike and things like that. We can look at these sites from an event perspective, running races through some of these sites but doing it in an organized fashion. If you were to do a survey now there would be a narrow band of people who know anything but the one place they go to. There are maps made by volunteers but we need a more formal organization of the assets. We need a group to do the inventories, figure out who owns what land and what are the rights and responsibilities on the land. It is not setting policy, it is just doing inventory and saying what you want to do from here.

Councilor McMilleon commented that Mr. Scott just said that just getting the inventory would be a monumental accomplishment and a task to do. On the information that Councilor Sherwood sent out a couple of hours ago before the meeting it had a list of six things and then if you look at the ordinance there is even more detail in addition to those six items. He is concerned with the time the Councilors will have to put in because it sounds like an aggressive task.

Councilor Sherwood stated yes. He feels these seem like worthy passing goals and with the city they all the more don't have the bandwidth to necessarily take on all of this. In having a variety

he wanted to try to capture some of the potential of the range of the activities but he does not expect every single one to happen at the beginning or all of them concurrently. Some of them it would be incumbent on this group or any group really to have leadership and set its own priorities and focus on these things to be effective and understand where does the city stand with its plan and how can we best help the city take the next step.

Public Hearing was opened.

Suzanne Egan spoke in favor of the passing of this ordinance. She feels it would be helpful to the Conservation Commission now and in the future. She used the Locke Hill Subdivision project where this would have been very helpful.

Ken Aspeslagh, 195 Market St, founder of Amesbury Trails stated that they have been working for the last couple of years to get a handle on the open space thing because he was surprised that there was nobody in town that was looking at these things. He is in full support of passing this because he believes there should be a city body that has a good working knowledge of the city's open space to refer people to the proper person in town who is in charge of each place. He is in support of this measure.

Public Hearing was closed.

Councilor Sickorez stated that there has been a proposal floating that an area be set aside for an off leash park for dogs, will this group somehow interact with that and guide us as a group as to which way we should go?

Councilor Sherwood stated that is a good example and any changes would require Council approval and the Mayor's signature.

Councilor Einson asked what the physical makeup would be.

Councilor Sherwood stated up to 7 members with a recommendation that 2 are from Council, 1 from Planning and 1 from Conservation and then from the citizenry.

Councilor McMilleon is concerned about how much this committee will be able to accomplish because of the exorbitant amount of time from the committee members and because they will have to at some point take resources from the city to do all the things mentioned in here. He feels we need to go into this with eyes open that there is competition for the resources that our community has.

Councilor Bartley stated that she feels it would help to get grants. She does not feel that they should count on the town for money and is not certain that a Council member really needs to be on it. Those interested in this would be more volunteer in nature.

Councilor Lavoie stated that he views existing boards (Planning Board and Conservation) as regulatory boards. They are reactive and respond to applications. That is their prime function to adjudicate and grant permits so if they had unlimited time they would already be doing this stuff. We need something like this. Councilor Sherwood and the Ordinance Committee did a good job with this. It is very clear that this is an advisory committee and it has no budgetary powers. In terms of who is going to be on this committee he feels there are some members on this Council who do have a passion for this and will jump to the chance to be on this committee.

Councilor Sickorez moved to approve 2016-028 An Ordinance to Establish an Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee for the City of Amesbury as amended by the Ordinance Committee. Councilor McClure seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Sherwood –Yes, Sickorez – Yes, Stanganelli – Yes, Bartley – Yes, Einson – Yes, Lavoie – Yes, McClure – Yes, McMilleon – Yes, Scorzoni – Yes Unanimous.

2016-039 An Order to Amend City Council Rules and Procedures – Councilors Einson, Sherwood and Lavoie Sponsor
Summary: Per section 3-5 (c) of the Amesbury Charter, the City Council has caused its Tenth Session Rules and Procedures to be reviewed by its Committee on Rules and Procedures, who present these Recommendations to the Council for its consideration and action.

Councilor Lavoie handed out a 7 page recommendation from the Rules Committee. He stated that on Monday, May 2, the Rules Committee met and Councilor Sherwood on behalf of the committee sent the Council the whole rules redlined with the recommendations. His 7 page recommendation is a shortened version or check list to wade through the work that the Rules Committee did. He stated that they started ambitiously with about 14 changes and they are now down to about 5 changes and 3 of them mirror the Charter so they should not be controversial. We can approach it by using this summary and see if anyone has any concerns and then circle back to changes that didn't meet substantive discussion.

Councilor McMilleon asked if they could vote on them individually rather than an entire package.

Councilor Lavoie stated that if they go through the five things and see if there is need for discussion in depth and any of us at any time has the parliamentary possibility of dividing the question.

Councilor Scorzoni deferred to Councilor Lavoie to lay out the rule as he sees fit with the Kaufman Rule and it was decided to go through each item in particular and if there is an objection they will set them aside and approve everything else that is not objected to. Those that are held or objected to can be done after with a separate vote.

Councilor Lavoie stated that Page 1, Item 1 it says add new Rule 6O. This is a verbatim insertion into our rules under rule 6 of what is already in the Charter - **There was no objection.**

Amendment #2 Deals with Rule 8 which is when we are filling vacancies for other elected boards. All this does is change one word. Our Rules have always called for 14 days but when the Charter was re-done in 2011 the Charter now calls for 30 days prior notice for the public that we have a vacancy – **There was no objection.**

Amendment #3 he feels they should spend some time on. This embodies in the Rules as two new standing committees. It is their recognition that most do want a joint Education Committee and some want a Community and Economic Development Committee. The third part is cleaning up some words in 11B. He suggested they come back to this. – **This was held for discussion.**

Amendment #4 is simply to make it conform to the Charter requirement of 30 days. This would be a Council vacancy if we ever had to fill one. It is just the change from 14 days to 30 days, everything else stays the same. –**There was no objection.**

Amendment #5 is not really substantive. All of our Addenda are handy place holders that help to organize and look at information. Addendum A, the Open Meeting Law changed July 15, 2013 and now that we are now passed that date the Open Meeting Law looks like this and an updated copy of the Law is attached. – **There was no objection**

Councilor Lavoie moved that the Council adopt the Rules Committee Recommendations relative to items 1, 2, 4 and 5 which means adding Rule 6O, Amend Rule 8 to provide the full 30 days on publicity, Amend Rule 12 to supply the full 30 day on publicity and adopting a revised Addendum A to conform with the new Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A Section 20. Councilor Sherwood seconded. A Roll Call was taken: Sherwood –Yes, Sickorez – Yes, Stanganelli – Yes, Bartley – Yes, Einson – Yes, Lavoie – Yes, McClure – Yes, McMilleon – Yes, Scorzoni – Yes Unanimous.

Councilor Lavoie stated that leaves us with going back to Rule 11 on page 13 of the redline.

Councilor Bartley stated that in reviewing all of the literature that we have regarding this issue, the bill states that: “The Amesbury City Council Tenth Session Rules and Procedures Rules 5D, 5E, 5F, and 6F which have no corrections on any of the versions we have. She questioned if those should be stricken from the bill as they are also on the document received tonight.

Councilor Sherwood stated that what Councilor Lavoie gave us is not the order itself, it is his notes and does not have that official status. The order itself is this marked up version. We are working with the final Rules Committee Recommendations which did not include those.

Councilor Lavoie moved that the Council affirm that the wording on tonight’s seven page handout that says A. Introduction and B. Recommendation was not part of the motion that was adopted by the Council. Councilor McMilleon seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Councilor Lavoie explained Rule 11 that there are three things going on. In 11A the red and blue ink means that two different people originated. The Recommendation of the 3 member Rules Committee is that the standing committees would include a Joint Education Committee which is detailed and spelled out and also a Community and Economic Development Committee which is also detailed and spelled out. On page 14 there is a strike out and the Rules Committee strongly recommends that we get rid of that clause that goes back eight or nine years. There never has been a Financial Advisory Committee mostly because of a lack of interest. The third category of changes is clean up. On page 16 under Ordinance the wording Zone changes is really archaic, and now that we are a city we have a zoning ordinance so those two words should be changed to zoning ordinance amendments. At the bottom of the page the first substantive addition of the standing committee which we will have discussion on later. Page 17 has the Joint Education Committee which started in the last session. Earlier in this session there was a resolution made to send two members of the council to such a Joint Education Committee while we were waiting for this rule to come to fruition. Right below that Rule, 11A-6; when you red line a 4 it does not show up well; but that will be changed from 4 to 6 and it just gives a title, and that committee is called Council Rules and Procedures. On the next page we tried to do some clean up under Council Liaisons. Some people may feel strongly about this. We made note of the fact that there is an Energy Committee and a School Space Committee. We intentionally unstruck the High School Building Committee and the Woodsom Farm Committee because Councilor McMilleon

has had the Clerk give us all for consumption a bunch of committee that we need to bury because they have long ceased to exist. That is sort of again with 11 B 3 on Council Liaisons. That is pretty much it on 11. The real meat and potatoes come to whether we want a Community and Economic Development Committee and do we want a Joint Education Committee. The three Rules Committee members believe we do and we have recommended it and have suggested and revised the language. We have offered up our language and made our recommendations.

Councilor Scorzoni stated that at one of our last meeting there was a robust discussion about these two new committees. He asked that someone from the Rules Committee talk a bit about some of the language changes that took place between that debate and tonight regarding scope of Community and Economic Development in particular given some of the feedback of the council.

Councilor Lavoie stated that the color blue is what we started with. The section in question is the Rules Committee Open Meeting which most of the city council came and participated. The two purple changes are what we thought responsive to what we heard. The first one is clear that it is only for making recommendations. Much like was said about the Open Space Committee it is not imbued with any administrative powers it is simply for recommendations. The second purple change is that we make it clear that we are working in conjunction with the Mayor's Office and the Office of Community and Economic Development to make recommendations on city wide economic development efforts. Not to go out and get grants but to participate in the work of others. We all profess that the only way we are going to reduce residential taxes is to grow the commercial and industrial base. This is one way to start putting some effort in by the Council through its committee to see what we can do to foster that.

Councilor Scorzoni stated that the redline from the previous meeting showed deletions largely based upon the feedback of many of us here, particularly with respect to the role of the Chamber and marketing efforts, sponsorship of events, outreach and stuff like that. He does not see that here. It has been struck out. This looks like it has been pared back from the previous debate that night among all of us.

Councilor Sherwood stated that in the official recommendation, the purple part "**make recommendations regarding**"; previously that read "shall review and recommend policies to help encourage"; so we modified it to read "make recommendations regarding policies". The more substantive is in that last sentence which previously read "The committee shall also work in conjunction with the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce to advise the City Council on city-wide economic development efforts, including to, but not limited to city-sponsored projects, programs, and events, as well as business recruitment/retentions strategies, marketing and media outreach efforts.". We thought there was a lot of expansiveness in there and also that direct connect with the Amesbury Chamber; we thought is best to pare it back and re-route that back to "**working in conjunction with the Mayor's Office**" really to support the cities own efforts in these regards.

Councilor Lavoie moved that the Council adopt the Rules Committee recommendations as obtained on pages 16 and 17 with respect to Rule 11A4 on establishing a standing Community and Economic Committee.
Councilor Stanganelli seconded.

Councilor McMilleon stated that his problem with this is that he does not see what this does to help us in the process of economic development from what we do now. He feels that a lot of this borders on infringing upon the Executive responsibility in our Charter specifically in section 3-12.

Councilor Bartley stated that she feels the same what that Councilor McMilleon feels. Why add another layer.

Councilor Sickorez stated that at best it is benign and may have no effect but it could make things more cumbersome and less streamlined and we need to be able to react and that is his concern.

Councilor Stanganelli stated that he agrees that we need the ability to react swiftly but reaction and being proactive are two different things. We need to have an overall umbrella organization that deals with policy. This is the same issue we have with other things because we have in the Charter and in our Rules standing committees with certain functions. We don't really have anything that deals with the function of policy specific to the area of Economic Development. This is no different from what he has mentioned that other cities have a type of Steering Policy Committee and this is what that does for Economic Development.

Councilor Sherwood stated that it is our role to be active in the development in the policy of the city and the executive and the implementation of it. He believes in the separation of that and believes it is their responsibility to be proactive in thinking about policy and direction and not simply reacting. He is optimistic that this would have a construction collaboration with the Executive and not oppositional. He feels this would enable them to be more responsive and a real benefit.

Councilor Lavoie stated that everyone has different passions about different things. He stated that he is very passionate about economic development. We either want to sit back and be passive and be a lump or for those of us who don't mind and have the energy to do extra things, to be on a committee that is trying to help, that is all he sees this as. He feels this is an experiment worth trying.

Councilor McMilleon stated that he does not feel that those who are against this are bumps on a log and not doing the research. The committee itself says in connection with the cities strategic economic development plan and to consider all matters relating to land use plans. We have a Planning Department and we have zoning ordinances for how city land is utilized and we have a proposal that is coming before this council for changes in the Lower Millyard overlay and we are going to have input. He feels that any kind of economic development that will come into this city of any significance is going to come before the Council if they need changes in land use or how it will effect neighborhoods. We will have input and will have time to consider that proposal and time to consider whether or not we will support that effort before us. If there are councilors that have a passion about economic development they can talk with Bill Scott and talk with the Mayor or introduce and ordinance. There are many things they can do to on the council that have influence on economic development other than create another committee.

Councilor Scorzoni stated that the Mayor mentioned that there is substantial economic activity happening in Amesbury and it is exciting. A lot of us are thrilled about what the opportunity means for the city; there are also impacts. Many of us are trying to get our heads around how much housing in enough and what type makes sense. The project Councilor McMilleon mentioned; they will come to us if they require a zoning change perhaps, they will come to us if

they need a TIF perhaps, but there are projects that have a big impact on the city regardless if they don't need those two things. He does not see any downside to being proactive. There are many projects that don't come before the Council. The current set up we have a Councilors with the existing committee structure is essentially only two committees. One is technically only active so long as there is a dollar amount attached to it that requires an appropriation for the city. That is the Finance Committee which is a committee of the whole and all nine of us participate. The other is the Ordinance Committee which technically all we do is review language filed as an ordinance to be sure it complies with the letter of the law. In fact we don't weigh in on policy what so ever on that committee. He does not see a downside to do this proactively. It is not all nine members, it is three who want to participate. He strongly endorses this.

Councilor McClure stated that there is a lot of activity and it all comes to us because property is zoned and property is planned, conservation committee, we don't get to set any of that. We can't keep apartments out of an area if there is an overlay district in place. All of these things are in place. If stated that if she has questions about a project she goes and gets answers. She does not feel that another committee suggesting a policy can do anything. She sees this a being a drag not proactive.

Councilor Scorzoni commented that he has had a lot of people call and ask what is the cumulative impact on city services and what does it mean on our tax base. Having this much activity is good but it also creates a lot of questions about the details and what the impacts are for the city. He sees nothing wrong with the council raising questions about all this activity itself.

Councilor McClure stated that no one has explained to her how this is going to help anything. She feels that she is already doing the work and does not want another layer.

Councilor Stanganelli stated that he believes it was Bill Scott who was at one of the meetings and talked about how other cities and towns have something like this and he was in favor it. He feels that he is the person to ask the questions of that have been brought up here. He feels this is a way for the City Council and the Mayor to work collaboratively. It gives us a chance to look ahead and not just react. He feels that is other cities with larger economic staff can afford to have this committee that review policy and provide initiatives or other useful information it is worthwhile. We have a lot of committee that exist that don't really do anything so it is not adding a layer but does provide a place in order to vet policies and potential policies.

Councilor Einson stated that he is surprised to the level of objection to it. With all the growth happening, it seems like an opportunity to stay on top of everything. He feels it is a good idea and a good time for it.

Councilor Lavoie stated that as a Rules changes it would take a vote by six in favor to pass.

**A Roll Call vote was taken: Sherwood - Yes
Sickorez - No
Stanganelli – Yes
Bartley – No
Einson – Yes
Lavoie – Yes
McClure – No
McMilleon – No**

Scorzoni – Yes

Motion failed. This portion was not adopted.

Councilor McClure stated that the Joint Education Committee was done in the last session because we felt there was not a lot of communication happening. They sort of operated by themselves and we rarely had a lot of interaction other than budget time for money. This committee was brought about to bridge the gap of communication more than once a year for money.

Councilor McMilleon did offer a resolution at our last meeting that mimics this language and it is now just putting it into our Rules. We did debate on this already and he does not believe there is anything new to add to it.

Councilor Stanganelli moved to accept the Rules Committee change Rule 11A-5 Joint Education Committee as proposed and recommended by the Rules committee.

Councilor McMilleon seconded.

A Roll Call vote was taken: Sherwood –Yes

Sickorez – Yes

Stanganelli – Yes

Bartley – Yes

Einson – Yes

Lavoie – Abstained

McClure – Yes

McMilleon – Yes

Scorzoni – Yes

Motion passes. 8 - In Favor, 1 – Abstain

Councilor Lavoie stated that on page 13 of the recommendations, on 11A we would not be using the words Community and Economic Development so we would just be inserting Joint Education. On the next page we would do the strike out on the Advisory Committee; on Fees we would re-designate the name to be Finance Committee. On page 16 we would make the clean-up change about zoning ordinance amendments. Under 11A-4 it was not adopted so that should be ignored. The Joint Education Committee was adopted so that should be 11A-4 and then Council Rules and Procedures the name should be Committee on Council Rules & Procedures and instead of that 6 it should be 11A-5. Then you may want a vote on whether we keep the Liaison or not.

Councilor McMilleon stated that we should take out High School Building Committee.

Councilor Lavoie stated that the Woodsom Farm Committee should be changed to Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee.

Councilor McMilleon stated that the packet on Executive Committees that are on our list of City Council Committees that are not really Council Committees they were created by Mayor Hildt, Mayor Kezer and some by Mayor Gray. Some of them are also not functioning and need to be dropped from our list. It needs to be cleaned up as well and maybe the Rules Committee can take a look at it and come back with a clean list.

Councilor Lavoie stated that he believes that the strikeout of Councilor Liaisons needs to be put back in. In 11B-2 we would insert the Energy Committee and School Space Committee and take

out the High School Building committee and Woodsom Farms Committee and insert the Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee.

Councilor McMilleon offered a change to Rule 11B-2: Council Representation on City Committees. The first sentence should be changed to read Legislative representation will be appointed....

Councilor Lavoie moved with respect to rule 11 on Council Committees that the following changes be adopted: Add in a Joint Education Committee and ignore the Community and Economic Development. Strike the paragraph dealing with the Financial Advisory Committee. Under fees we change the name of the committee to be Finance Committee instead of Committee on Finances. In 11A-3 on Ordinance that instead of zone changes we change it to be Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The Joint Education Committee be inserted and designated as Rule 11A-4. That the Council Rules and Procedures will be named Committee on Council Rules and Procedures and will appear in our Rule 11A-5. That 11B at the top where it says Council representation on City Committees we would maintain Traffic and Transportation, maintain Master Plan Implementation Committee, strike out High School Building Committee and replace it with School Space Committee and just prior to that add Energy Committee and alter Woodsom Farm Committee to be Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee. Leave in Council Liaisons and Chamber of Commerce. Rule 11B-2 on Councilor Representation on City Committees the beginning of that be changed to read Legislative Representatives will be appointed... Leave in Traffic and Transportation, and leave in Master Plan Implementation Committee and insert the words Energy Committee, School Space Committee, strike the reference to High School Building Committee, strike the reference to Woodsom Farm Committee and replace it with Open Space Natural Resources and Trails Committee. We will maintain Rule 11B-3 Council Liaisons as it appears with Amesbury Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Stanganelli seconded.

**A roll call vote was taken: Sherwood –Yes
Sickorez – Yes
Stanganelli – Yes
Bartley – Yes
Einson – Yes
Lavoie – Yes
McClure – Yes
McMilleon – Yes
Scorzoni – Yes**

Motion passes Unanimous.

2016-040 An Order to Amend Amesbury Code Section 20-5; the deadline date of the Capital Improvements Program and Section 20-6; the deadline date of the Financial Forecast which are to be filed with the City Council be changed from February 28 of each year to May 15 of each year. - Councilor Lavoie Sponsor

Councilor McClure read the Finance Committee recommendation.

Councilor Lavoie stated that he brought this forward because it makes more sense to move those dates to something that is more meaningful and more realistic.

The public hearing was opened and closed.

Councilor McClure moved to approve as presented.

Councilor Stanganelli seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken, Sherwood – Yes, Sickorez – Yes, Stanganelli – Yes, Bartley – Yes, Einson – Yes, Lavoie – Yes, McClure – Yes, McMilleon – Yes, Scorzoni – Yes Unanimous.

12. First Readings

a.) Resolutions

b.) Orders

2016-043 An Order to amend the Energy Committee by-laws. Councilor McMilleon Sponsor
Summary: This order will amend the Energy Committee by-laws.

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to send to the Ordinance Committee and hold a public hearing at the next City Council meeting on June 14, 2016.
Councilor McClure seconded and it was voted Unanimous.**

2016-045 An Order to appropriate \$200,000 from Free Cash for the repair and maintenance of streets. Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: This order will provide funding for repair and maintenance of streets per the DPW 2016 construction plan

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to send to the Finance Committee and hold a public hearing at the next City Council meeting on June 14, 2016.
Councilor McMilleon seconded and it was voted Unanimous.**

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.

**Councilor Lavoie moved to send this to the Ordinance Committee and hold a public hearing at the next City Council meeting on June 14, 2016.
Councilor McClure seconded and it was voted Unanimous.**

2016-049 An Ordinance Relative to Municipal Electricity Aggregation – Councilor Scorzoni sponsor

Summary: this resolution would authorize the City of Amesbury to initiate a program to aggregate the city's electrical load in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 164, Section 134.

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to send to the Energy Committee, Ordinance Committee and the Finance Committee and hold a public hearing at the next City Council meeting on June 14, 2016.
Councilor Sickorez seconded and it was voted Unanimous.**

LATE FILE

2016-001 Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Councilor Sherwood moved to accept the late file. Councilor Sickorez seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Councilor Bartley moved to refer 2016-001 to the Finance Committee and to set the date for public hearing to Tuesday June 14, 2016. Councilor McClure seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Councilor Lavoie commented for the public that the budget hearing schedules are on the website.

2016-050 An Order to authorize a transfer from “School Audit” (5110) to “Legal Services” (151) for the purpose of covering unanticipated legal costs. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: Transfer \$29,200 from “School Audit” (5110) to “Legal Services” (151) for the purpose of covering unanticipated legal costs.

Councilor Sickorez moved to accept the late file. Councilor Sherwood seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Councilor Stanganelli moved to send to the Finance Committee and to hold a public hearing at the next City Council meeting on June 14, 2016. Councilor Sickorez seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

13. Adjourn

Councilor McMilleon moved to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Councilor McClure seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Dunning
Assistant City Clerk