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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Gilday
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes- None at this time
5. Mayoral Appointments

2026-062 Reappointment of Lyndsey Haight to the position of member of the Amesbury Housing Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2028

2026-063 Reappointment of Ralph Noon to the position of member of the Amesbury Housing Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2029

2026-064 Reappointment of Thomas Champion to the position of member of the Amesbury Trustees of the War Memorials for a term to expire February 28, 2029

6. Monthly list of licenses – March
7. Correspondence
 - President/Vice President Communications
 - Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

8. Public Comment- Public comment can be done in person during the meeting, or by emailing your comments to clerk@amesburyma.gov by 12:00 p.m. the Friday before the Council meeting, per City Council Rule 5G. Subject line PUBLIC COMMENT. Your comments will be read aloud at the appropriate time in the agenda and entered into the public record.

9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Second Readings

2026-008 An Order to adopt Rules and Procedures for the Fifteenth Session of the Amesbury City Council

Summary: This order will adopt Rules and Procedures for the Fifteenth session of the Amesbury City Council.

2026-029 An Order to appropriate \$100,000 from Free Cash- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This order proposes an appropriation of \$100,000 from Free Cash to support supplemental and incidental items required following the move into the new City Hall at One Market Street. Additional needs were identified after occupancy to complete the move and ensure the space is functional, welcoming, and sustainable for both staff and the public.

11. First Readings

2026-065 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY26 Legislative Earmark Grant Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$20,000 for maintenance and improvements to a pocket park in the City of Amesbury.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This funding was requested and earmarked by Amesbury's state legislative delegation in the FY26 Budget to support the maintenance and improvements of a pocket park in the City of Amesbury. The improvements will be made in collaboration with the developer of 18 Friend Street and will include landscaping, curbing, outdoor patio and access walkway.

2026-066 An Order to authorize transfers from the Budget Reserve account of \$35,000 to the Revaluation Services account and \$40,000 the Legal Consultant Services account.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This Order requests authorization to transfer \$35,000 from the Budget Reserve account (current balance: \$94,100.00) to the Revaluation Services account to initiate property and personal property revaluation work in advance of the required revaluation year, and to transfer \$40,000 from the Budget Reserve account to the Legal Consultant Services account to support ongoing collective bargaining negotiations and provide additional legal services.

2026-067 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Wellness Public Safety Grant in the amount to of \$14,858.- **Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This grant funding, awarded by MIIA, will support on-location health and wellness screenings and related education services for members of the Amesbury Fire Department. The program is intended to strengthen ongoing efforts to promote early detection, preventive care, and overall wellness among department personnel, contributing to a proactive, resilient, and healthy workforce.

2026-068 An Order to amend the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance by repealing and replacing Section XI.K.3, Accessory Dwelling Units.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: This zoning amendment replaces the existing ADU Ordinance to come into full compliance with Section 8 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024 and the regulations under 760 CMR 71.00: Protected Use Accessory Dwelling Units.

In summary, the main changes to the existing ADU ordinance reflect the following:

- Increasing the size of permitted ADUs to 900 SF;
- Allowing ADUs in two- and multi-family structures;
- Allowing ADUs in existing residential uses located outside residential districts;
- Modifying the special permit requirements or "findings" to be consistent with M.G.L. 40A.s.6 (the Dover Amendment);

- Removing owner-occupancy requirements;
- Modifying the design and dimensional standards; and
- Including a waiver provision to the design and dimensional standards.

12. Adjourn