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City Council Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026
Immediately Following the Inauguration Ceremony

City Clerk Jennifer Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll call was taken, and present were Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Maryann Welch, Councilor Kelly Sullivan, Councilor Pamela Gilday, Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Scott Mandeville, Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Jessica Redfern and Councilor Steven Stanganelli.

Also present: City Clerk Jennifer Smith

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Organization

City Clerk Jennifer Smith opened the floor for nominations for City Council President.

**Councilor Hogg offered a nomination for Councilor Stanganelli as City Council President. Councilor Haggstrom seconded.**

**Councilor Gilday offered a nomination for Councilor Redfern as City Council President. Councilor Mandeville seconded.**

City Clerk Jennifer Smith closed nominations for City Council President.

- Councilor Stanganelli offered comment on his nomination.
- Councilor Redfern offered comment on her nomination.

**A roll call vote was taken, and Councilor Redfern was elected President with a vote of 7 (Councilor Welch, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Haggstrom, Councilor Mandeville, Councilor Frederique, Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Redfern) Councilor Stanganelli received 2 votes (Councilor Hogg and Councilor Stanganelli).**

The Clerk passed the gavel to President Redfern.

President Redfern opened the floor for nominations for City Council Vice President.

**Councilor Mandeville offered a nomination for Councilor Haggstrom as City Council Vice President. Councilor Sullivan seconded.**

President Redfern closed nominations for City Council Vice President.

- Councilor Haggstrom offered comment on her nomination.

**A roll call vote was taken for the nomination of Councilor Haggstrom for the position of City Council Vice President. The nomination passed unanimously, 9-0.**

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2024-002 Session 15 City Council Rules & Procedures

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to accept the Amesbury City Council Fifteenth Session Rules and Procedures and to refer the same to the City Council for review. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

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Acceptance of City Council 2026 and 2027 Meeting Schedule

**Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to accept the City Council 2026 and 2027 Meeting Schedules as presented. Councilor Frederique seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Declaration of Vacancy

President Redfern declared a vacant seat on the School Committee due to Maryann Welch's resignation from the committee. A special meeting of the City Council and School Committee to elect a candidate will be announced at a later date.

President Redfern declared a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees due to a failure to elect at the November 2025 local election. A call for candidates to apply to be appointed will be posted for 30 days on the city's website.

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Adjourn

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer E. Smith