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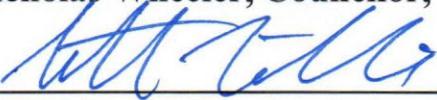
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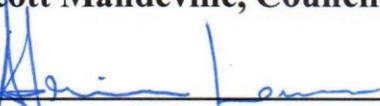


Nicholas Wheeler, Councilor, District 4

BILL No. 2020-050



Scott Mandeville, Councilor At-Large



Adrienne Lennon, Councilor At-Large

An Order to Amend the Rules and Procedures for the Amesbury City Council, 12th Session

Summary: Per Section 3-5 (c) of the Amesbury Home Rule Charter, the City Council has caused its Twelfth 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.

Whereas, Section 3.5(c) of the Amesbury Home Rule Charter requires the Amesbury City Council to adopt new Rules of Procedure within 4 months of being sworn into office; and

Whereas, the Amesbury City Council referred the 12th Session Rules of Procedure to the Rules Committee at its organizational meeting on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020 (See Bill # 2020-002); and

Whereas the Rules and Procedures Subcommittee met on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 and reviewed suggested changes submitted by the City Clerk, as well as those submitted by Councilors Einson, Wheeler, Stanganelli and Mandeville; and

Whereas, the Rules and Procedures Subcommittee met again and voted unanimously on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 to recommend certain changes back to the full City Council for approval; therefore:

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

That the Amesbury City Council Twelfth Session Rules and Procedures be amended in the following manner:

1. Various grammatical changes per the attached list.
2. Various deletions/revisions per the attached list.

Proposed Changes:

- Edit table of contents so addendums only show once
- Rule 1A – Insert “of each new term” in the first sentence of the first paragraph between “January” and “shall”.
- Rule 2B – Capitalize all instances of the word “council”
- Rule 5B – add a period at the end of the first sentence; also re-format “period” at end of last sentence.
- Rule 5C – “the Home Rule Charter” as used in the first sentence should read “the Amesbury Home Rule Charter”.
- Rule 5D – Remove “12:00 PM” and insert “end of business”. Remove “Twelve (12) complete copies must be submitted with the original, in order for it to be accepted.”
- Rule 5E – Remove “(amended 12/13/11)” from the title. Under 7.b. insert “Mayor, Other” between “from” and “Elected Officials”. Under 7, add sections “d. Department Presentations” and “e. Review of Old/Outstanding Business”
- Rule 5F – Remove repetitive last sentence “The rules of decorum contained in Rule 15 shall be observed at all times.” as this is also stated at the end of the fourth paragraph of this rule
- Rule 5H – remove the word “and” appearing prior to the words “a City Officer” in the second line. Add the word “a” in the following locations
 - Prior to the words “*Department Head*”;
 - Prior to the words “*member of a multiple-member body*”; and
 - Prior to the words “*City employee*”.
- Rule 6 – “*Home Rule Charter*” as used in the second line of the first paragraph should be revised to read “*the Amesbury Home Rule Charter*”. The word “*by*” should be inserted prior to the word “*ordinance*” in the second line. Add a comma after the word “document” in the second line.
- Rule 6D – revise the first sentence to read as follows (including italics):
 - The previous question shall be put as follows: “*I call the previous question*” or “*I move the question*”.
- Rule 6J – Change the first sentence to read as follows: “Any substitute motion or amendment shall be in writing when the Presiding Officer, any member of the Council, or the Clerk of the Council so requests” and delete the second sentence.
- Rule 6K – “*Home Rule Charter*” as used in the second line of the first paragraph should be revised to read “*the Amesbury Home Rule Charter*”. The word “*by*” be inserted prior to the word “*ordinance*” in the second line.
- Rule 6L – Strike the last sentence.
- Rule 6M – Capitalize the word “*Council*” under the last line of the paragraph titled “Rotation”.
- Rule 6O – “*City Council*” should be capitalized (several instances).
- Rule 8 – Paragraph 5, last line, change “filed” to “filled”
- Rule 10 – Remove random comma in 4th paragraph prior to the words “*Clerk of the Council*”. Also, add a comma following the words “*Clerk of the Council*”.
- Rule 11 – Remove “annual organization” in the first line and insert “organizational meeting (as outlined in Rule 1A)” in its place. Capitalize the word “Council” in the second line of the first paragraph.
- Rule 11A-1 – Insert “and vice chairman” in the first sentence after “chair” and before “to be selected”. In the first sentence of the fourth paragraph, change “hearings” to “meetings”. Remove last sentence of fourth paragraph (“A request will be made to the cable company for the finance committee meeting to be televised”). In the second-to-last paragraph, add the word “of” prior to the words “*fee schedules*” in the last line”. Remove “**MEASURES**” section.
- 11A-2(c)(v) – add a period at the end of the sentence.
- 11A-4 – add a period at the end of the last paragraph (Membership).
- Rule 11B-2 – amend “School Space Committee” to read “School Building Committee”.
- Rule 13 – In the third sentence of the paragraph titled “**INQUIRIES:**”, remove “two” and insert “five business”
- Rule 18 – add “as defined in Rule 5C” to the end of the last sentence
- Insert revised Addendum L – Council Committee Appointments