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**An Order** to address the reuse of unused City properties.

**Summary:** Order 2014-073 established a Disposition Committee for this purpose. This new order creates a more streamlined process while still allowing for transparency and citizen involvement in these decisions throughout the process.

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

That Order 2014-073 is hereby repealed, and that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to establish an advisory City Property Reuse Working Group which may be convened prior to implementation of the process to dispose of and/or repurpose any City-owned properties. Said Working Group shall be chaired by the Director of the Office of Community and Economic Development, or their designee, with the Chair having no vote. A member of the City Council, as chosen by the City Council, shall be a member of the Working Group. The Mayor will appoint four (4) members of the Working Group, which may include representatives of city boards and commissions such as the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, or other relevant body, as well as interested citizens.

Upon the declaration of any City property as surplus by the entity having care, custody, maintenance, and control of such property, the Mayor may appoint this Working Group to advise on the process for the use of said property, including:

- Seeking community input on possible uses for or disposition of the property
- Recommending reuse or disposition options to Mayor
- Developing project plans
- Advising on procurement process
- Reviewing proposals
- Recommending final proposal to Mayor