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Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order authorizing the Mayor to acquire the land, building, and structures located at 5 Market Street, Amesbury, for the purpose of using the building for City Hall purposes, and the appropriation of \$3,150,000 to fund such acquisition, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

Summary: This order will authorize the Mayor to acquire the land, building, and structures referenced above for municipal purposes, including for use as the City Hall, and appropriate funds to pay costs of such acquisition, which appropriation would be met by a combination of borrowed funds and a transfer from free cash. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §14, the order must be passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the City Council.

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

That the Mayor is authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems in the best interest of the City, five (5) parcels of real property located at 5 Market Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts, being Assessor's Tax Map 53-30, containing 0.747 acres, more or less, and described in a deed recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 11345, Page 360, together with all improvements located thereon, if any, including, but not limited to a building which has a gross square footage of approximately 25,662 square feet, for general municipal purposes, including, without limitation, for use as a City Hall; and

Further, that \$3,150,000 is appropriated to pay costs of such purchase, as well as for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$1,250,000 under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and (ii) \$1,900,000 shall be transferred from free cash; and

Further, that the Mayor is authorized to lease any portion of the acquired property to the seller of the subject property as may be required by the seller as a condition of this acquisition, or to any other entity in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, §16, on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems in the best interest of the City; and

Further, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents, agreements and instruments and take all other action necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing.