

5/27/2025 City Council Meeting

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2025-061 Appointment of Aaron Martin to the position of member of the Amesbury Board of Health for a term to expire February 29, 2028. **Approved**

2025-062 Appointment of election workers for a term to expire after the conclusion of the November 4, 2025 Municipal Primary Election. **Approved with amendment**

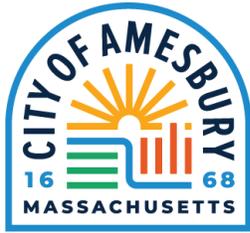
2025-001 An Order to adopt operating budget for FY26 – Mayor Sponsor **Referred to Ad-Hoc City Council Budget Committee of the Whole and set second reading and public hearing for June 10th**

2025-045 An Ordinance to establish No Parking on Lafayette Street median strip – request by resident – Councilor Gilday Sponsor: Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place No Parking signage along the median strip of Lafayette Street. **Referred to Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th and Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th. Second Reading not specified.**

2025-046 - An Order for the City to place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive – request by resident – Councilor Gilday Sponsor: Summary: The Amesbury City Council shall request that the City place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive by the Amesbury DPW. **Referred to Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th. Second Reading not specified.**

2025-047 An Order to appropriate Free Cash for the purpose of funding FY26 Capital Expenditures- Mayor Sponsor: Summary: This order proposes to appropriate \$1,813,975 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following capital expenditures in fiscal year 2026. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., May 20th (positive Rec.) - with second reading and public hearing for June 10th**

2025-044 An order to accept and expend a 2nd Round FY25 DFS grant for firefighter safety equipment. **Approved**



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2025-048 An Order to authorize the Mayor to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds FY26- Mayor Sponsor: Summary: This order proposes to establish spending limits for departmental revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½ for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. **Approved**

2025-049 An Order to enter into a 10 year or less lease - Cardiac Monitors Police Cruisers Body Worn Cameras and Cruiser Mounted Dash Cameras- Mayor Sponsor: Summary: The City seeks to enter into ten years or less leases or loan purchase agreements for the following:
Fire Department:

- Ten-year lease agreement for cardiac monitors.

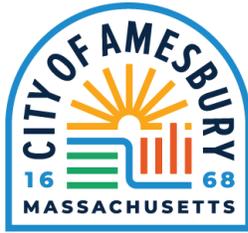
Police Department:

- Three-year lease to replace 4 of the Department's front line police vehicles.

Five-year lease to purchase body worn cameras and cruiser mounted dash cameras. **Approved**

2025-050 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a FY25 CCC Information Technology Grant-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: The Grant money will be used to purchase one year of service for Trend Micro's Vision One Managed Detection and Remediation product for both the City and the Schools. This product is a cyber-defense platform that uses real time monitoring of our email systems, cloud-based environments, and physical devices to block malicious attacks like viruses, phishing, malicious links, inappropriate data transmissions (including PII and PHI flagging), and suspicious activity. This product will monitor and block these types of attacks in real time, using AI and heuristics to determine violations and a technique called Sandboxing, to shunt suspicious activity to a private "bubble" allowing analysts (either IT or the Trend Micro support team) to examine the activity to determine if it should be permanently blocked or allowed. **Approved**

2025-051 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend FY25 SAFE and Senior SAFE grants-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: These grants fund trained firefighter-educators who provide age-appropriate fire and life safety education to the public. The SAFE grants focus on school-age children, providing fire safety, prevention, and protection education that increases in complexity with each grade level. Meanwhile, the Senior SAFE grants support fire, carbon monoxide, and other life safety education programs for older adults, particularly at senior centers, councils on aging, and through home visits. These programs may also include services like smoke and carbon monoxide alarm replacement, fall prevention education, and more. The SAFE grant program has been issued annually since 1995 and has been linked to a 79% decrease in child fire fatalities. The Senior SAFE program, in effect since 2014, addresses the alarming number of older adults who are injured or killed in home fires. **Approved**



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2025-052 An Order to transfer Amesbury Elementary School Property for general municipal purposes-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: With the completion and opening of the new Sgt. Jordan Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School, the former elementary school property is no longer needed for school purposes. With the determination of the School Committee that the former elementary school property is surplus to the needs of the School Department, it is appropriate for the property to be transferred to the Mayor for general municipal purposes so that it may be used as needed by the City until such time as a specific purpose is determined for that property.
Approved

2025-055 Pole Hearing – 10 Aubin St. - #30628351-A **Approved with the stipulation to include the recommendations outlined in each of Director Joe Buckley’s letters**

2025-056 Pole Hearing – 5 Chester St. - #30630076-A **Approved with the stipulation to include the recommendations outlined in each of Director Joe Buckley’s letters**

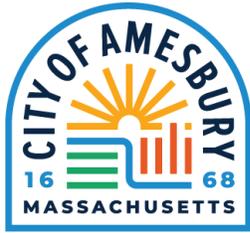
2025-057 Pole Hearing – Nayson’s Ct. (Heritage Vale St.) - #30628351-B **Approved with the stipulation to include the recommendations outlined in each of Director Joe Buckley’s letters**

2025-058 Pole Hearing – Oakland St. - #30628400 **Approved with the stipulation to include the recommendations outlined in each of Director Joe Buckley’s letters**

2025-059 Pole Hearing – South Hampton Rd. - #330630076 **Approved with the stipulation to include the recommendations outlined in each of Director Joe Buckley’s letters**

025-060 An Order to request the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to enter into five-year or less lease purchase agreements for new copiers. Summary: The City seeks to enter into five-year or less lease purchase agreements replacing old 5-year copiers with next generation new equipment at State Bid List pricing. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th at 6:30pm, Second Reading not specified.**

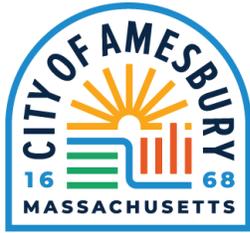
2025-063 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2025 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$47,224 to the Community Housing Reserve, \$47,224 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$47,224 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. Further ordered, that the remaining FY2025 estimated revenues be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance, to be used for future appropriations in accordance with the purposes of



the Act. These funds shall remain in their respective accounts until expended for eligible purposes upon future appropriation by vote of the City Council. – Mayor Sponsor Summary: This order will authorize City Council, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to transfer 10% (the maximum allowed for first-year CPA revenues) of the estimated total FY2025 CPA revenues into each of the following accounts: the Community Housing Reserve, the Historic Resources Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. Transfer of funds into the Community Preservation Committee Administrative Account is not allowed, and there is not a State match, in the first year of CPA revenues. Furthermore, this order allows remaining FY2025 estimated revenues to be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance. This order follows the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, who at their May 21st public meeting with seven members present and two absent, voted unanimously in favor on the following motion “The Community Preservation Committee recommends to City Council, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2025 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$47,224 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$47,224 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$47,224 to the Community Housing Reserve, further order that the remaining FY2025 estimated revenues be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance to be used for future appropriations in accordance with the purposes of the Act, and these funds shall remain in their respective accounts until expended for eligible purposes upon future appropriation by vote of the City Council.”

Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th at 6:30pm, Second Reading on June 24th

2025-064 An Order that pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2026 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: \$56,488 to the Community Housing Reserve, \$56,488 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$56,488 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve. These funds are reserved for future appropriation in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act and shall remain in their respective reserve accounts until expended for eligible purposes by further vote of the City Council. Further ordered, that the sum of \$28,244 be appropriated from the FY2026 CPA estimated revenues to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative account, to be expended under the direction of the CPC for administrative and operational expenses related to implementation of the Act. – Mayor Sponsor Summary: This order will authorize City Council, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, to transfer 10% of the estimated total FY2026 CPA revenues into each of the following accounts: the Community Housing Reserve, the Historic Resources Reserve, and the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and to transfer 5% (the maximum allowed) into Community Preservation Committee Administrative

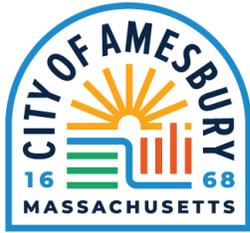


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account. The amount of \$564,880 includes an estimated State match amount of \$69,029. Furthermore, this order allows remaining FY2026 estimated revenues to be placed in the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Balance. This order follows the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, who at their May 21st public meeting with seven members present and two absent, voted unanimously in favor on the following motion “The Community Preservation Committee recommends to City Council, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, the Community Preservation Act, the following amounts be reserved from the FY2026 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund: \$56,488 to the Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$56,488 to the Historic Resources Reserve, and \$56,488 to the Community Housing Reserve. These funds are reserved for future appropriation in accordance with the requirements of the Community Preservation Act and shall remain in their respective reserve accounts until expended for eligible purposes by further vote of the City Council. Further ordered, that the sum of \$28,244 be appropriated from the FY2026 CPA estimated revenues to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative account, to be expended under the direction of the CPC for administrative and operational expenses related to implementation of the Act. **Referred to Budget & Finance (B&F)- Tues., June 17th at 6:30pm, Second Reading on June 24th**

Measures Still on the Docket

2025-053 An Order to Accept an Easement at 12 Elizabeth Street-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: The intent of this Order is to approve the acceptance by the City Council to the permanent drainage easement from Deborah S. Drew, Katherine D. Drew, and Kerry Drew-Baxter, record owners of the property located at 12 Elizabeth Street Amesbury, Massachusetts, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining a drainage system to alleviate flooding on the said property, and further to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Acceptance for the easement. **Referred to Planning Board, Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th and Planning & Development (P&D)– Wed., June 18th. Second Reading not specified.**



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2025-054 An Ordinance to amend Wetlands and Floodplain protection regulations per NFIP regulations-Mayor Sponsor: Summary: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed the final flood hazard determination for all jurisdictions in Essex County, Massachusetts. Further, a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed, and they will become effective on July 8, 2025. FEMA has indicated that all the standards specified in 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations must be enacted, including adoption of the current effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply, and other modifications made by this map revision. **Referred to Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Ordinance & Administration (O&A) – Mon. June 16th. Second Reading not specified.**