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**City Council Meeting Agenda
VIRTUAL MEETING
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
7:00pm**

This meeting will be conducted under S. 2475, An act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, signed on June 16, 2021

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Frey
3. Roll Call
4. Act on Minutes – February 6, 2020, August 1, 2020, June 1, 2021, November 9, 2021, December 14, 2021, and January 11, 2022
5. Mayoral Appointments – None

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board:

- 2022-003- Planning Board Vacancy (2 year)- vote to fill one vacancy
 - * Applicants
 - Lorri Krebs
- Adjourn Joint meeting with the Planning Board.

Joint Meeting with the Library Board of Trustees:

- 2022-004- Library Board of Trustees Vacancy (2 year)- vote to fill one vacancy
 - * Applicants
 - Nora Belmore
 - Jessica Ducrow
- Adjourn Joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees.

Joint Meeting with the Amesbury Housing Authority:

- 2022-005- Housing Authority Vacancy (2 year)- vote to fill one vacancy
 - * Applicants
 - Sandra Clark
 - Kelly Sullivan
- Adjourn Joint meeting with the Amesbury Housing Authority.

6. Monthly list of licenses - None

7. Correspondence

- President/Vice President Communications
- Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - List of grants, gifts, and donations
 - CDBG-CV program update
- Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

8. Public Comment

9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Second Readings

Public Hearings:

2022-008 An order to authorize the transfer of \$46,679 from the FY 22 reserve fund to various general fund city departments in order to fund mid-year salary and wage adjustments for FY 22

Summary: Ordered that \$46, 679 be transferred from the FY 22 Reserve Fund which has a current balance of \$200,000 to fund mid-year salary adjustments which were settled after the adoption of the FY 22 operating budget. – Mayor Sponsor

2022-009 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend a Community Compact Cabinet (CCC) Information Technology Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Summary: This \$156,000 state grant from the CCC will fund technology improvements for the City of Amesbury. – Mayor Sponsor

2022-010 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend a FY 2022 Body Worn Cameras (BWC) Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (**OGR**).

Summary: This \$48,000 state grant from EOPSS/OGR will fund a portion of the BWC program for the City of Amesbury. – Mayor Sponsor

2022-011 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend a FY 21 604B Water Quality Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)

Summary: This \$70,540 state grant from MassDEP will fund development of a City-wide plan of prioritized water quality restoration recommendations to be used as a roadmap over the next decade. Watershed-Based Plans (WBPs) will be developed or updated for the Powwow River, Lake Gardner, Back River, and Lake Attitash. Additionally, a preliminary Green Streets survey will be completed for downtown Amesbury, which will focus on improving water quality, reducing stormwater flows, and controlling stormwater volume. The total project cost will be \$75,820; the City will provide \$5,280 to match the \$70,540 grant. – Mayor Sponsor

11. First Readings

2022-022 An Order to transfer \$4,320 from Community & Economic Development Salaries & Wages to Community & Economic Development Expenses. - Mayor Sponsor

Summary: This order requests a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,320 from Community & Economic Development Salaries & Wages to Community & Economic Development Expenses in order to replenish the expense appropriation for a one-time cost incurred in FY 22 which was to pay for the disposal of the Trader Allen's septic tank.

2022-023 An Ordinance to amend the City Zoning Bylaw by inserting the previously enacted Short-Term Rental Unit Bylaw into Section XI, Special Conditions, as Subsection U; to update the Zoning Code to change the term Town to City; and rename the Zoning Bylaw as the Zoning Ordinance. – Mayor Sponsor

Summary: These revisions are intended as ministerial non-substantive amendments to the City Zoning Bylaw. The previously enacted Short-Term Rental Unit Bylaw (2021-105) needs to be assigned a section number to be officially inserted into the final zoning code. Further, since Amesbury has a City form of government, we should be referred to as a City (not a Town), the City's zoning code should be entitled a Zoning Ordinance, and not a Zoning Bylaw, and the internal references should be to ordinances and not bylaws. This amendment will render the code consistent with the City form of government.

2022-024 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a \$100,000 Grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for Special Projects in Parks and Recreational Areas specifically Lake Gardner. -Mayor Sponsor

Summary: This \$100,000 grant from DCR is awarded to the City of Amesbury to fund improvements to the parking lot and curb renovations at Lake Gardner Beach.

2022-025 An Order to accept the Transfer of Vehicle Ownership between the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority a subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Amesbury for use by the Amesbury Council on Aging (COA) a community program. -Mayor Sponsor

Summary: The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit (MVRTA) Authority is proposing the transfer of ownership of their surplus E-2 350 Ford van, VIN # 1FDEE3FL7FDA34685, valued at \$4,998.00 for use by the City of Amesbury, Council on Aging. The City of Amesbury would acquire sole ownership of the vehicle at the cost of zero dollars; \$0.00. Per M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec 53 A1/2:

“A city council, with the mayor's approval if the charter so provides, or a board of selectmen, or prudential committee or town council may, in its sole discretion and authority, accept gifts of tangible personal property on behalf of the city, town or district from the federal government, a charitable foundation, private corporation, individual, or from the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and may, in its sole discretion and authority, use said gifts, without specific appropriation thereof, for the purpose of such a gift or, if no restrictions are attached to the gift, for such other purposes as it deems advisable.”

2022-026 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend FY22 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Bill Earmark No. 28000111 for Amesbury Lake Gardner Recreational Improvements in the amount of \$25,000. -Mayor Sponsor

Summary: This earmark provides that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended toward recreational improvements for the City of Amesbury. Pending funding availability, projects may include the installation of kayak racks and amenities, building and bathroom improvements, storage lockers, tables and shade,

games and sporting equipment and outdoor safety equipment at Lake Gardner.

2022-027 An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend FY22 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Bill Earmark No. 28000111 for Amesbury Outdoor Seating in the amount of \$50,000. – Mayor Sponsor

Summary: In 2020 and 2021, in order to help restaurants adjust to COVID-19 conditions, the City of Amesbury developed and implemented an Outdoor Dining Permit process. Further, the City worked with restaurants to construct temporary outdoor dining installations in the Central Business District. Given the success of the installations, we would like to create permanent outdoor dining facilities. The City will utilize the \$50,000 of ARPA Spending Bill Earmark to secure consulting services to design and construct permanent outdoor dining facilities in the Central Business District in the City of Amesbury.

12. Adjournment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Haggerty".

February 4, 2022