

City Council Special Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022
7:00 PM

Vice President Adrienne Lennon called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Roll call was taken, and present were Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Scott Mandeville, Councilor Peter Frey, Councilor Adrienne Lennon, Councilor Steven Stanganelli, Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, Councilor Jonathan Hickok and Councilor Roger Deschenes.

Absent: President Nicholas Wheeler

Also present: City Clerk Amanda Haggstrom

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Public Hearings:

**2022-110** An Ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 400 Streets and Sidewalks, § 400-5, titled “Snow removal” and § 400-7, titled “Enforcement; violations and penalties.”- President Wheeler and Councilor Frey Sponsors

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Frey read the Ordinance & Administration Committee’s positive recommendation with red line changes.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee’s positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to accept 2022-110 as presented with the red line version. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-111** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a FY23 Legislative Earmark Grant Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$50,000 for a feasibility study to repurpose the Amesbury Elementary School. - Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee’s positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:11 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2022-111 as presented. Councilor Frey seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-112** An Order to approve payment from the FY23 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices in the amount of \$12,538.16. - Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee’s positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:13 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to approve 2022-112 as presented. Councilor Stanganelli seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-113** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$19,729.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's FY23 Shared Streets and Spaces Program to fund equipment costs for the Amesbury Police Department's "Neighbors Against Speeding Cars (NASCar)" program. - Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:16 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2022-113 as presented. Councilor Frey seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-114** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$133,000 from the Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging and Senior Center Directors, Inc. to fund the Amesbury Council on Aging's FY23 Elder Mental Health Outreach Team (EMHOT). - Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Deschenes offered a motion to approve 2022-114 as presented. Councilor Mandeville seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-115** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend funding in the amount of \$238,460.21 from the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. - Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:20 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2022-115 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-116** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's FY23 Shared Streets and Spaces Program for the "Amesbury Point Shore Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project." - Mayor Sponsor

Councilor Hickok and Councilor Stanganelli recused themselves and left the meeting at 7:23 PM.

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Deschenes stated that the Budget & Finance Committee cannot offer a recommendation due to a lack of quorum at its last meeting and the committee will need to be relieved of its responsibility to do so.
- Councilor Mandeville read the Planning & Development Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened the public hearing at 7:24 PM.

- Tracey Chalifour, 25 Clark's Road #201, questioned if the remaining Chapter 90 funds are still available and guaranteed.

Vice President Lennon closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

**Councilor Deschenes offered a motion to discharge the Budget & Finance Committee from the requirement offering a recommendation to the full council. Councilor Rinaldi seconded and said motion passed unanimously 6-0.**

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2022-116 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 6-0.**

Councilor Hickok and Councilor Stanganelli rejoined the meeting at 7:28 PM.

**2022-117** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's FY23 Municipal Small Bridge Program Phase 1 for the costs of design and permitting for bridge number A-07-020 (BW1) on Kimball Road over Tuxbury Pond Outlet. - Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:31 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2022-117 as presented. Councilor Frey seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-118** An Order to request the City Council to vote to declare as surplus various municipal vehicles and equipment.

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:35 PM hearing no one speak.

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to substitute the original version of 2022-118 and approve the revised version of 2022-118 as presented. Councilor Mandeville seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-119** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a FY21 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$209,428.57.

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:39 PM hearing no one speak

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to accept 2022-119 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-120** An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$134,400 from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Mass Trails Grant Program for the Amesbury Carriagetown Connector project.

**Summary:** Amesbury will be expanding its portion of the Coastal Trail Network. Picking up at the Amesbury Riverwalk at Carriagetown Plaza the trail will extend behind the shopping center, continuing along the shopping center entrance road to Elm Street. The new connector will allow a continuous path from downtown Amesbury to Salisbury via Salisbury's Ghost Trail and Old Eastern Marsh Trail, as well as to Newburyport via the Garrison Trail over the I-95 Whittier Bridge and the Clipper City Rail Trail. The project is valued at \$219,400. The balance of funding for this project will come from Coastal Trails Coalition, Amesbury Healthcare Charitable Trust and Department of Public Works (Chapter 90 Program).

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.
- Councilor Mandeville read the Planning & Development Committee's positive recommendation

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to discharge the Planning Board 2022-120 from the requirement of providing a recommendation to the full council. Councilor Deschenes seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

Vice President Lennon opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM

- Tracey Chalifour, 25 Clark's Road #201, encouraged the City Council to accept the funds.

Vice President Lennon closed the public hearing at 7:44 PM

**Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to approve 2022-120 as presented. Councilor Frey seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

**2022-121** An Order to transfer \$18,113.54 from the Assessors Department Salaries and Wages and Stipends to the Assessors Department Other Expenses. -Mayor Sponsor

- Vice President Lennon read the summary of the bill.
- Councilor Hickok read the Budget & Finance Committee's positive recommendation.

Vice President Lennon opened and closed the public hearing at 7:46 PM hearing no one speak

**Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2022-121 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 8-0.**

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First Readings-

2022-125 An Order to authorize the mayor to expend a FY22 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Bill earmarked in the amount of \$75,000 to hire a consultant to inventory and prepare an operation and maintenance plan for Amesbury's open space and natural resources. – Mayor Sponsor

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2022-125 to the Budget & Finance Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee and to order a public hearing for the October 25, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously 8-0.

2022-126 An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Amesbury Health Care Charitable Trust (AHCCT) for the Amesbury Carriagetown Connector project.
– Mayor Sponsor

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2022-126 to the Budget & Finance Committee, the Open Space, Natural Resources and Trails Committee and to order a public hearing for the October 25, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilor Hogg seconded and said motion passed unanimously 8-0.

2022-127 An Order to authorize the mayor to accept and expend funding provided by a Consent Decree for Shea Concrete Products, Inc. Case No. 1:21-cv-10561 in the amount of \$32,500. – Mayor Sponsor

Councilor Mandeville offered a motion to refer 2022-127 to the Budget & Finance Committee, the Planning & Development Committee, and to order a public hearing for the October 25, 2022 City Council meeting. Councilor Frey seconded and said motion passed unanimously 8-0.

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Adjourn-

**Councilor Stanganelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Councilor Frey seconded and said motion passed unanimously, 8-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer E. Smith  
Assistant City Clerk