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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street at 7:02 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

Jalen Benoit received the All Heart award for assisting a camp staff member by successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver to save her life.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2023

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on June 13, 2023.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stacie Roberge, 61 Peppermint Lane – expressed frustration with the tax increase and explained other options to phase in the new assessments.

Mel Bee, 820 Stafford Avenue – stated disappointment that the mill rate decrease was used to hide the tax increase.

Joan Pelkey, 353 Perkins Street – stated that the lower mill rate did not help the tax increase and burden on seniors who live on a fixed income.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To adopt eight matters as part of the Consent Calendar.

a. New Hire Report For June 2023

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of June, 2023.

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b. Motor Vehicle and Real Estate Tax Refunds In the Amount of \$3,508.89

Request presented from the Tax Collector.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Tax Refunds as follows –

Motor Vehicle		\$ 1,209.78
Real Estate		+ <u>2,299.11</u>
	Total	\$ 3,508.89

c. Refer to Real Estate Committee the Board of Education’s approval of the proposed sale of approximately .56 acre of land at Stafford School, connecting a rear lot owned by Ed D’Amato on Patricia Drive to Morris Avenue

Communication received from the Board of Education.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Real Estate Committee the Board of Education’s approval of the proposed sale of approximately .56 acre of land at Stafford School, connecting a rear lot owned by Ed D’Amato on Patricia Drive to Morris Avenue.

d. Approval of closeout of State Historic Preservation Office/DECD grant for 51 High Street

Communication received from Corporation Counsel.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the closeout of the State Historic Preservation Office/DECD grant for exterior wood repairs to and painting of 51 High Street, and authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute all necessary documents for the grant closeout.

e. Execution of Release Negotiation and Closing Report regarding CT State Department of Transportation – East Road Project

Communication received from Corporation Counsel.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the Release Negotiation and Closing Report regarding CT State Department of Transportation File 017-161-0038 – East Road Project.

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f. Zoning permits to construct a new Firehouse No. 3 on Church Avenue

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski regarding the construction permits for Firehouse No. 3.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents associated with City of Bristol Zoning permits to construct a new Firehouse No. 3 on Church Avenue (Lot 43-16).

g. Annual Report – Bristol Storm Water Control Trust 2023

Request by Public Works Director Rogozinski to place the annual report of the Bristol Storm Water Trust 2023 on file.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the 2023 Annual Report of the Bristol Storm Water Control Trust.

h. Refer to Planning Commission the granting of an easement from the City to Eversource Electric on parcel 26-A-1 and an easement to the City from Immanuel Lutheran.

Request by Public Works Director Rogozinski for C.G.S. Sect. 8-24 review of two easements and authorization of Mayor to execute necessary documents upon favorable recommendation.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer the granting of an easement by the City to Eversource Electric on City owned property identified as Parcel 26-A-1 for the purpose of installing an electrical service at the City's parking garage currently under construction at the corner of Kelley St. and Meadow St., and an easement to the City from Immanuel Lutheran for the purpose of installing overhead electric, to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Sect. 8-24 review; and upon a favorable recommendation to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents.

6. Reports and Committee Reports

a. Real Estate Committee

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To refer the following property to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Sect. 8-24 Report at the request of the Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services for the Page Park Revitalization Plan: Map 37, Lots 134 and 135 King Street; to refer this matter to Corporation Counsel to prepare and/or review any necessary

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documents; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

b. Real Estate Committee

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to renew a lease agreement with Bristol Hospital, Inc. and/or its assigns for the benefit of the Bristol Women, Infants, Children (“WIC”) program for City owned property located at 11 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut for a term of one year commencing on or about July 17, 2023 through on or about July 17, 2024 with a 4% increase in rent; and to refer this matter to Corporation Counsel to effectuate the same. The total rent paid by the tenant shall be \$1,622.40 per month for a total of \$19,468.80 per year.

c. Real Estate Committee

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To approve the abatement of all real estate taxes on the following properties owned by David Palaia: Lot #98-1 Frederick Street, Lot #3 Broad Street, Lot #96 Twining Street. Mr. Palaia is donating these lots to the City of Bristol in July 2023.

d. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to hold a public hearing on Chapter 4, Section 4-3 Pick-up and disposal of dog waste; fine, of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the proposed amendments and to set a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 at 4:50 p.m. in Meeting Room 2, Police Complex Center, 131 North Main Street, Second Floor, Bristol, Connecticut and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances, Sec. 4-3, as required by City Charter.

e. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to hold a public hearing on Chapter 10, Article III Litter in Public and Private Places, of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the proposed amendments and to set a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 at 4:50 p.m. in Meeting Room 2, Police Complex Center, 131 North Main Street, Second Floor, Bristol, Connecticut and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the

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proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article III, as required by City Charter.

7. Old Business

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a professional services agreement with Schall & Staub Enterprises of Berlin, Connecticut for the restoration of the West Cemetery Civil War monument in the sum of \$33,000.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement subject to review and approval by Corporation Counsel.

8. New Business

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was voted: To bring a new business item for School Readiness to the table.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the acceptance of the following five School Readiness grants for the award period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024: Priority Grant for \$2,956,640.00, Priority CDC Infant and Toddler Expansion Grant for \$108,000.00, Priority Quality Enhancement Grant for \$18,756.00, Priority COLA grant for \$193,570.00, and Priority Enrollment-based grant for \$309,920.00; to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to the application, funding, and implementation of said grants; and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

9. Resignations

The following resignations were presented:

Laura Minor, Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS

John Lafreniere, Zoning Board of Appeals

Todd Sturgeon, Board of Education

Logan Williams, Inland Wetlands

Mohammed Aziz, Sec. 2-9, Diversity Council

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To accept the resignations and send letters of thanks.

10. Appointments

The following appointments were presented:

BRISTOL/BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

Shannon Mulz – Reappointment - term to 7/2026

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Diane Salmoiraghi – Appointment – term to 1/2025

Replaced Ashley Verceles.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION

John Soares – Reappointment – term to 7/2028

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Kenneth Rasmussen-Tuller – Reappointment – term to 7/2028

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Kristen O'Donnell – Appointment as alternate member – term to 7/2028

Replaced Chris Nardi.

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

RETIREMENT BOARD

Craig Vibert – Reappointment - term to 7/2028. Represents #1338

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

David Butkus – Reappointment – term to 7/2028. Represents Firefighters Union

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Peter Dauphinais – Reappointment – term to 7/2028. Represents Police Union

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

William Veits – Reappointment – term to 7/2028. Citizen-At-Large

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

David Rooks – Appointment – term to 1/2026

Replaced Andrew Collins

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Balsam – Reappointment – term to 7/2026
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

David Pecevich – Reappointment – term to 7/2026
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

11. CHANGE ORDERS FOR D’AMATO+DOWNES JOINT VENTURE FOR MEMORIAL BOULEVARD INTRADISTRICT ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL TOTALING \$17,576.25

Communication received from Board of Education.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D’Amato+Downes Joint Venture, totaling \$17,576.25 as recommended by the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Committee and to take any action necessary.

12. AWARD CONTRACT 2P24-003 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ENHANCED COMMISSIONING SERVICES FOR NEW FIREHOUSE 3

Recommendation received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P24-003 Professional Services – Enhanced Commissioning Services for New Firehouse 3 to Van Zelm, Heywood & Shadford, Inc. in the amount of \$37,989.00, and to refer to the Office of Corporation Counsel for contract review, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

13. AMEND CONTRACT 2P21-031B WITH D’AMATO+DOWNES JOINT VENTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,131.06 FOR CITY HALL RENOVATION

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To amend contract 2P21-031B with D’Amato+Downes Joint Venture in the amount of \$20,131.06 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute. Said amendment will increase the contract value from \$28,065,295.20 to \$29,085,426.26.

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14. TO PLACE ON FILE THE POSITIVE REFERRALS FROM THE BRISTOL PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO C.G.S. Sec. 8-24

Recommendation received from the Bristol Planning Commission.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the positive referrals from the Bristol Planning Commission pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 8-24 for the following properties:

- a.** Application #2471 – Site plan for the construction of a municipal parking structure at 30 Hope Street, Map 30 Lot 9
- b.** Permanent Easement – Easterly side of East Street
- c.** East Street Bridge Repair – at Memorial Boulevard along with a temporary construction easement on the Northerly border of Memorial Boulevard at East Street to facilitate the repair
- d.** Kern Park – Map 49 & Lot 8-3

15. OTHER BUSINESS - None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

**Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk**