

**NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:02 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler.

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor Caggiano thanked all the candidates who ran for political offices.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2023 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2023**

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on October 10, 2023 and the special meeting held on October 18, 2023.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Meaghan Miles, 195 Church St., New Haven – Ms. Miles represents Curaleaf LLC, a cannabis store, who is eager to relocate to Bristol. She highlighted what the DCP requires.

David Ryan, 36 Chester St., Plainville – Mr. Ryan is the chairperson for the Mayor's Task Force on AIDS. He mentioned that the Task Force had disbanded as of 10/26/2023.

**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 Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To adopt four matters as part of the Consent Calendar.

**a. New Hire Report For October 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 October, 2023.

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**b. Motor Vehicle and Real Estate Tax Refunds In the Amount of \$29,489.61**

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	\$24,078.19
Real Estate	+ <u>5,411.78</u>
Total	\$29,489.61

**c. To Place on File the Planning Commission’s Positive Referral for 532 Stevens St., Assessor’s Map 50, Lot A-A1; R-15 Northeast Middle School**

Communication received from the Bristol Planning Commission.

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 Planning Commission’s positive referral for 532 Stevens Street, Assessor’s Map 50, Lot A-A1; R-15 Northeast Middle School.

**d. Authorization of the Mayor or Acting Mayor to Execute Indemnification Agreement with the City of East Hartford to Facilitate Bristol Police Department K9 Officer Training**

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

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 an Indemnification Agreement with the City of East Hartford to Facilitate Bristol Police Department K9 Officer Training

**6. Reports and Committee Reports – None.**

**7. Old Business – None.**

**8. New Business**

**a.** On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: In regards to the Curaleaf application - that this matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for further study and consideration.

**b.** On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign a letter to send to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management notifying the office that the City of Bristol zoning regulations are presently not in compliance with State law. The

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City of Bristol Zoning Commission currently has scheduled a Public Hearing on the adoption of a series of draft changes that will bring the zoning regulations into compliance by no later than February 15, 2024.

### 9. Resignations

The following resignations were presented:

*Daniel Mike – Bristol Historic District Commission*  
*Jennifer Bilbraut – School Readiness Council, Sec. 2-9*  
*Erin Hamilton – School Readiness Council*  
*Richard Ministro – Inland Wetlands Commission*  
*Christopher Callahan – Zoning Board of Appeals*

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To send letters of thanks to the above resignations, and to also send letters of thanks to all members of the Mayor’s Task Force on AIDS.

### 10. Appointments

*(Mayor Caggiano announced the City Council Committee assignments and liaisons. A copy of the list of assignments and liaisons is available in the City Clerk’s Office.)*

The following appointments were presented:

#### Acting Mayor

Sebastian Panioto – Appointment – term to 11/2024.  
 Replaced Cheryl Thibeault.  
 Mayor’s appointment - no confirming motion required.

#### Bristol Burlington Health District

Kathy Langlais – Appointment – term to 7/25.  
 Replaced Kathy Burness.  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

#### City Dog Pound Building Committee (Animal Control Facility)

New Board Established - Members are New Appointments:

Cheryl Thibeault  
 Frank Stawski  
 David Oakes  
 Lindsey Rivers  
 Luis Lorenzo  
 Patricia Ulin  
 Raymond Zagurski

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Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Corporation Counsel

Edward Krawiecki, Jr. - Reappointment - term to 11/25  
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Corporation Counsel – Assistant

Scott Matney – Reappointment – term to 11/25  
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Northeast Middle School Building Committee

Glenn Heiser – Appointment, BOF appointee  
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Opioid Task Force

Phyllis DelMastro – Appointment.  
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Marge Rivera – Appointment.  
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Retirement Board

Rob Parenti – Appointment  
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

School Readiness Council

Kristina Tanguay – Appointment, BBHD Member  
Replaced Erin Hamilton.  
Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

Michelle Herens - Appointment  
Replaced Sarah Guerrette  
Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.  
Motion passed in voice vote.

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Zoning Commission

Sara J. Mangiafico – Appointment, alternate member – term to 12/25.

Replaced Joseph Kelaita, Jr.

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

- 11. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MR. GARY HOXHA FOR PERMANENT RIGHTS TO DRAIN STORM WATER ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT #50, ASSESSOR’S MAP 53, COLLINS RD., FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$12,000.00**

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to enter into an easement agreement with Mr. Gary Hoxha for permanent rights to drain storm water on property known as Lot #50, Assessor’s Map 53, Collins Road, for the consideration of \$12,000.00, and to execute any and all documents required for this easement.

- 12. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO SIGN THE MEMORIAL BOULEVARD POW/MIA MONUMENT INLAND WETLAND PERMIT APPLICATION**

Communication received from Deputy Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign the Memorial Boulevard POW/MIA Monument Inland Wetland Permit Application, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to this project.

- 13. AWARD CONTRACT 2C24-002 COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY – ADA SIDEWALK RAMP UPGRADES TO MARTIN LAVIERO CONTRACTOR, INC.**

Recommendation received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C24-002 Community Connectivity – ADA Sidewalk Ramp Upgrades to Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$569,513.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

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**14. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BP ENERGY RETAIL COMPANY, LLC FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION FROM JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

Recommendation received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a contract with BP Energy Retail Company, LLC for electricity generation for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and/or the CT Conference of Municipalities.

**15. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.**

Recommendation received from Bristol Police Department.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To approve the contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a camera recording system for interview rooms, 130 body cameras, 110 tasers, and 35 dash cameras for the Bristol Police Department, said items to be covered for five years effective FY25, for a total price of \$2,746,562.59, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents to effectuate said contract, and to take any action as necessary.

**16. AWARD CONTRACT 2P23-072 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM**

Recommendation received from Economic and Community Development Director.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P23-072 Support Services for Revolving Loan Fund Program to Community Investment Corporation 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.

**17. ITEM TABLED – APPROVAL OF CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATION BY BUD’S GOODS OF CT AT 135 CROSS STREET, BRISTOL**

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To table this matter to a later date as the social equity approval is missing from the packet.

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**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY ON MATTER OF STEVEN BULL VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC FILE #: 601095274**

At 8:05 p.m., on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Session to review item #18 Steven Bull v. City of Bristol, WCC File #: 601095274.

Present to discuss this matter: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Matney.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 8:16 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a full and final settlement in the matter of Steven Bull v. City of Bristol, WCC File #: 601095274 for any and all workers' compensation claims filed by Steven Bull for the total amount of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars. The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to the following:

July 8, 2015	August 21, 2018
May 11, 2016	November 26, 2018
August 17, 2016	September 16, 2020
March 20, 2017	December 17, 2020
August 29, 2017	February 25, 2022

It was further voted that the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel be authorized to execute the Full and Final Settlement.

**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY ON MATTER OF ANN MARIE BARROS VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC FILE #: 601089653**

Corporation Counsel Krawiecki advised that this matter would not be taken up.

**20. OTHER BUSINESS**

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

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At 8:18 p.m., on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Erica Cabiya  
Town & City Clerk**