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The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Finance was held on January 12, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 6:45 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Barney, Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Preleski, and Rosado; Commissioners Mace, Maikowski, and Smith; Present by teleconference: Commissioners Burns, Calfe, O'Brien, and Thibeault. Absent: Commissioner Jones.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR JOINT MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2020, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Commissioner Smith and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular Joint Meeting on December 8, 2020.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the following three matters as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. \$13,411 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SCHOOL READINESS OPERATING BUDGET FUNDED BY SCHOOL READINESS GRANT REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$13,411 within the School Readiness operating budget funded by School Readiness grant revenue.

4. \$19,397 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FOR ROCKWELL THEATER TASK FORCE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$19,397 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund for the Rockwell Theater Task Force.

5. \$10,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY DONATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$10,000 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by a donation for the Fire Department.

6. \$80,728 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FOR 2021 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Commissioner Smith and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$80,728 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund for the 2021 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program.

7. \$382,741 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$382,741 within the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

(Commissioner Burns "Abstained" from voting on this item since his employer will benefit from the grant.)

8. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,100,000 FOR UPGRADE OF WATER DEPARTMENT SCADA SYSTEM, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

Council Member Fortier moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Burns: To adopt the Resolution appropriating \$3,100,000 for the upgrade of the Water Department SCADA System and to waive the reading of the Resolution, but to include it as part of the minutes.

The Resolution reads as follows –

RESOLVED,

(a) That, pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter, the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determine that it is necessary to upgrade the City of Bristol Water Department's existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The new upgrade will provide for better control of the water system, additional remote control capabilities, advanced cybersecurity, redundancy and hardware replacements at all water system facilities.

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(b) That the sum of THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,100,000) is appropriated therefor.

(c) The \$3,100,000 appropriation may be spent for acquisition and installation costs, equipment, consultant fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

(d) The \$3,100,000 appropriation shall be funded from borrowing less any grants received to defray the appropriation.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Barney		
“ ”	Fortier	
“ ”	Hahn	
“ “	Kelley	
“ ”	Preleski	
“ ”	Rosado	
Commissioner Burns		
“ “	Calfe	
“ “	Mace	
“ ”	Maikowski	
“ “	O’Brien	
“ “	Smith	
“ ”	Thibeault	
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: *YES – 14; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.*

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES IN AMOUNT OF \$3,100,000 TO FINANCE APPROPRIATION FOR UPGRADE OF WATER DEPARTMENT SCADA SYSTEM, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

Council Member Fortier moved and it was seconded by Commissioner O’Brien: To adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes in the amount of \$3,100,000 for the upgrade of the Water Department SCADA System and to waive the reading of the Resolution, but to include it as part of the minutes.

The Resolution reads as follows –

RESOLVED,

(a) That under the authority of and in compliance with the City Charter and any other acts of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut thereto enabling, the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determine that it is necessary to issue bonds, notes or obligations in the principal sum of THREE MILLION

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ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,100,000) to finance the appropriation for the upgrade the City of Bristol Water Department's existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The new upgrade will provide for better control of the water system, additional remote control capabilities, advanced cybersecurity, redundancy and hardware replacements at all water system facilities, if approved by a Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Board of Finance. The bonds, notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Bristol and Sections 7-369 and 10-289 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds, notes or obligations shall be general obligations of the City secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City.

(b) That the City issue and renew temporary notes or obligations from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, notes or obligations for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed THREE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,100,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Bristol and Section 7-378 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The City shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378, and the City will comply with the provisions of Section 22a-479(c) with respect to any interim funding obligations.

(c) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City shall sign any bonds, notes or obligations by their manual or facsimile signatures. The bonds, notes or obligations shall be countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance. The Comptroller's approval of the bonds, notes or obligations shall be evidenced by his manual or facsimile signature. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or obligations. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or obligations; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or obligations; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the City in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or obligations; to sell the bonds, notes or obligations at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or obligations; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or obligations.

(d) That the City hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 and, if applicable, pursuant to Section 54A(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the City reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings, including qualified tax credit bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to amend such

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declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the City pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or obligations authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(e) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance and the Comptroller, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or obligations to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or obligations.

(f) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance and the Comptroller, and the Superintendent of the Water Department, are authorized to apply for and accept federal and state loans and grants to finance the project, and to enter into grant and loan agreements prescribed by a federal or state agency, and that such officers are authorized to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans pursuant to Section 22a-479 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, or any other present or future legislation, or to implement such agreements. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project costs or principal and interest on bonds, notes or obligations issued for the project.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Barney		
“ ” Fortier		
“ ” Hahn		
“ “ Kelley		
“ ” Preleski		
“ ” Rosado		
Commissioner Burns		
“ “ Calfe		
“ “ Mace		
“ ” Maikowski		
“ “ O’Brien		
“ “ Smith		
“ ” Thibeault		
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: *YES – 14; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.*

10. MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT PRESENTATION BY COMPTROLLER.

Comptroller Waldron highlighted a monthly revenue and expense report for the Joint Meeting members.

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11. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:00 p.m., on motion of Commissioner Smith and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Therese Pac
Town & City Clerk