

# FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 30, 2024

**New Money Issue: Book-Entry-Only**

**RATINGS: S&P Global Ratings: "SP-1+"  
Fitch Ratings: "F1+"**

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, rendered in reliance upon and assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the City with certain representations and covenants relating to the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), under existing law, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax under the Code; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based in the case of individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes. (See "Tax Matters" herein.)*



## **City of Bristol, Connecticut** **\$35,000,000** **General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes**

**Dated:** November 12, 2024

**Rate:** 3.750%

**Due:** November 6, 2025

**Yield:** 3.050%

**CUSIP:** <sup>1</sup> 1098536A4

### **BOFA SECURITIES, INC.**

The \$35,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") will bear interest at such rate or rates per annum as specified by the successful bidder or bidders in accordance with the Notice Sale for the Notes.

The Notes are NOT subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes will be general obligations of the City of Bristol, Connecticut (the "City") and the City will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes when due. (See "Security and Remedies" herein.)

The Notes will be issued in book-entry-only form whereby the beneficial owners of the Notes will not receive physical delivery of note certificates. Principal of, and interest payments on, the Notes will be made by the City to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. DTC will credit its participants in accordance with their respective holdings shown in the records of DTC. It is anticipated that the beneficial owners of the Notes will receive payment or credit from DTC participants and other nominees of the beneficial owners. Ownership of the Notes may be in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. (See "Book-Entry-Only Transfer System" herein.)

The Notes are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, subject to the approving opinion of Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel, of Hartford, Connecticut and certain other conditions. It is expected that delivery of the Notes in book-entry-only form will be made to DTC on or about November 12, 2024. The Registrar, Transfer Agent, Paying Agent, and Certifying Agent will be U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association.

*This cover page contains information for a quick reference only. It is not a summary of the issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.*

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No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the City to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Official Statement or any supplement which may be issued hereto, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell nor the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Notes by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

This Official Statement has been prepared only in connection with the initial offering and sale of the Notes and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Notes shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no material change in the affairs of the City since the date of this Official Statement.

Set forth in Appendix A — “2023 General Purpose Financial Statements” hereto is a copy of the report of the independent auditors for the City with respect to the financial statements of the City included in that appendix. The report speaks only as of its date, and only to the matters expressly set forth therein. The auditors have not been engaged to review this Official Statement or to perform audit procedures regarding the post-audit period, nor have the auditors been requested to give their consent to the inclusion of their report in Appendix A. Except as stated in their report, the auditors have not been engaged to verify the financial information set out in Appendix A and are not passing upon and do not assume responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the financial information presented in that appendix.

Other than as to matters expressly set forth in Appendix B to this official statement, Bond Counsel is not passing on and do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of the statements made in this Official Statement and make no representation that it has independently verified the same.

The City deems this Official Statement to be “final” for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15(c)(2)-12(b)(1), but it is subject to revision or amendment.

Any references to website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader’s convenience. Unless specified otherwise, any such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this offering document.

This Official Statement may include “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Without limiting the foregoing, the words “may,” “believe,” “could,” “might,” “possible,” “potential,” “project,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “predict,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “approximate,” “contemplate,” “continue,” “target,” “goal” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the City up to the date as of which such statements are to be made, or otherwise up to, and including, the date of this document, and the City assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof or after the date of any report containing such forward-looking statement, as applicable. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain important factors, including, but not limited to (i) the effect of and from, future municipal, state and federal budgetary matters, including state and federal grants and other forms of financial aid to the City; (ii) federal tax policy, including the deductibility of state and local taxes for federal tax purposes; (iii) macroeconomic economic and business developments, both for the country as a whole and particularly affecting the City; (iv) financial services industry developments; (v) litigation or arbitration; (vi) climate and weather related developments, natural disasters and other acts of God; (vii) factors used in estimating future obligations of the City; (viii) the effects of epidemics and pandemics, including economic effects; (ix) foreign hostilities or wars; (x) foreign or domestic terrorism or domestic violent extremism; and (xi) other factors contained in this Official Statement.

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## **Note Issue Summary**

*The information in this Note Issue Summary and the inside cover page is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Official Statement. This Official Statement speaks only as of its date and the information herein is subject to change.*

<b>Date of Sale:</b>	Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. (Eastern Time).
<b>Location of Sale:</b>	Bristol City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 150 Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010.
<b>Issuer:</b>	City of Bristol, Connecticut (the "City").
<b>Issue:</b>	\$35,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes").
<b>Dated Date:</b>	Date of Delivery.
<b>Interest Due:</b>	At maturity: November 6, 2025.
<b>Principal Due:</b>	At maturity: November 6, 2025.
<b>Authorization and Purpose:</b>	The proceeds of the Notes are being used to finance various capital improvements. See "Authorization and Purpose" and "Use of Proceeds – Notes" herein.
<b>Redemption:</b>	The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.
<b>Security:</b>	The Notes will be general obligations of the City, and the City will pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of principal and interest on the Notes when due.
<b>Credit Rating:</b>	The City received a "SP-1+" and "F1+" from S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, respectively, on the Notes.
<b>Tax Exemption:</b>	See "Tax Matters" herein.
<b>Basis of Award:</b>	Lowest Net Interest Cost (NIC).
<b>Continuing Disclosure:</b>	In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the City will agree to provide, or cause to be provided, notices of certain events with respect to the Notes pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed by the City substantially in the form set forth in Appendix C to this Official Statement.
<b>Bank Qualification:</b>	The Notes <u>shall NOT</u> be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations by the City under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for certain interest expense allocable to the Notes.
<b>Registrar, Transfer Agent, Certifying Agent &amp; Paying Agent:</b>	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.
<b>Legal Opinion:</b>	Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut will act as Bond Counsel.
<b>Municipal Advisor:</b>	Phoenix Advisors, LLC of Milford, Connecticut will act as Municipal Advisor.
<b>Delivery and Payment:</b>	It is expected that delivery of the Notes in book-entry-only form will be made to The Depository Trust Company on or about November 12, 2024 against payment in Federal Funds.
<b>Issuer Official:</b>	Questions concerning the Official Statement should be addressed to: Ms. Diane M. Waldron, Comptroller, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut 06010. Telephone (860) 584-6127.

## ***I. Note Information***

### ***Introduction***

This Official Statement is provided for the purpose of presenting certain information relating to the City of Bristol, Connecticut (the "City") in connection with the original sale of \$35,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the City.

The Notes are being offered for sale at public bidding. A Notice of Sale dated October 24, 2024 has been furnished to prospective bidders. Reference is made to the Notice of Sale attached hereto as Appendix D for the terms and conditions of the bidding.

The City deems this Official Statement to be "final" for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), but it is subject to revision or amendment.

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the City and the purchasers or holders of any of the Notes. Any statement made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates are not intended to be representations of fact, and no representation is made that any such opinion or estimate will be realized. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by financial or other information herein, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the City since the date hereof. References to statutes, charters, or other laws herein may not be complete and such provisions of law are subject to repeal or amendment.

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association will act as the Registrar, Transfer Agent, Paying Agent and Certifying Agent for the Notes.

### ***Municipal Advisor***

Phoenix Advisors, LLC, of Milford, Connecticut has served as Municipal Advisor to the City with respect to the issuance of the Notes (the "Municipal Advisor"). The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification of or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in the Official Statement and the appendices hereto.

The Municipal Advisor is an independent firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

### ***Global Health Emergency Risk***

On January 30, 2020, the outbreak of COVID-19 was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. On March 10, 2020, Governor Lamont declared a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut (the "State") and took steps to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19. As of May 11, 2023, the federal and State public health emergency declarations have been terminated.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "Rescue Plan") that provided various forms of financial assistance and other relief to state and local governments. The City received \$17 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as an entitlement community and an additional \$11 million through the State for the county's allocation totaling \$28 million. In 2021 the City established an ARPA Task Force comprised of members from the City Council, Board of Finance, Economic Development and Public Works Commissions as well as various citizen leaders throughout the business community. In total there are 15 members. Staff from the Comptroller's Office, Economic Development, Purchasing, Public Works and Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services provide assistance to the task force.

The Task Force has worked well over the last couple of years to allocate the funds in accordance with Treasury guidelines, overall task force goals and established guiding principles adopted by the Task Force. The Task Force was divided into three sub-groups: City Use, Non-Profit and Business Recovery. In addition, an outside consultant was hired to assist with the overall management of these funds. Upon completion of the June 30, 2024 fiscal year all but approximately \$33,000 has been appropriated or earmarked. Funds have been allocated for specific City projects that focus on infrastructure improvements and other initiatives, to City businesses whose projects were deemed eligible for economic recovery that included initiatives to increase the work force and/or improvement to structures to meet new pandemic guidelines, and, public assistance to not for profits that were financially impacted by the pandemic. The City is confident it will obligate all funds by December 31, 2024 and expend them by December 31, 2026.

For up-to-date information concerning the State's actions in response to COVID-19, see <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>. Neither the City, nor the parties involved with the issuance of the Notes, has reviewed the information provided by the State on its website and such parties take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

To date, the COVID-19 outbreak has had no material adverse effect on the finances of the City.

Pandemics, epidemics and other public health emergencies, may adversely impact the City and its revenues, expenses and financial condition. The City cannot predict the duration and extent of such pandemics, epidemics and other health emergencies, or quantify the magnitude of their ultimate impact on the State and regional economy, or on the revenues and expenses of the City. Pandemics, epidemics and other health emergencies may be ongoing, and their dynamic nature may lead to many uncertainties, including (i) the geographic spread as they evolve; (ii) the severity as they mutate; (iii) the duration of the outbreak; (iv) actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain or mitigate future outbreaks; (v) the development of medical therapeutics or vaccinations; (vi) travel restrictions; (vii) the impact of the outbreak on the local, State or global economy; (viii) whether and to what extent the State Governor may order additional public health measures; and (ix) the impact of the outbreak and actions taken in response to the outbreak on City revenues, expenses and financial condition.

Prospective investors should assume that restrictions and limitations related to COVID-19 and any future variants or pandemics may be instituted by the State or federal government.

### ***Climate Change***

Numerous scientific studies have detailed changing global weather patterns and the potential for increasing extreme weather events across the world. The City faces certain threats due to climate change, including flooding, drought and damaging wind that could become more severe and frequent. The City cannot predict the timing, extent or severity of climate change and its impact on the City's operations and finances.

### ***Cybersecurity***

The City, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. The City and its departments face cyber threats from time to time, including but not limited to hacking, viruses, malware, phishing, and other attacks on computers and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To reduce the risk of a successful cyber security threat the City has invested in IT security firewalls, anti-virus software, anti-malware software, and ransomware protection software. All of the City computers and computer servers are protected by this security software and firewalls. These security protection systems are evaluated annually for upgrades or replacements.

To mitigate the risk of business operations impact and/or damage from cyber security incidents or cyber-attacks, the City has invested in disaster recovery systems and a continuity of IT operations plan which leverages regular daily system backups. In the event of a cybersecurity incident, recovery from an earlier state for any enterprise application system is possible. The City currently has a cybersecurity insurance policy. No assurances can be given, however, that such security and operational control measures will be completely successful to guard against cyber threats and attacks. The results of any such attack could impact financial operations and/or damage the City's digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial.

## Redemption Provisions

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

## Description of the Notes

The Notes will be dated the date of delivery and will be due and payable as to both principal and interest at maturity, November 6, 2025. The Notes will bear interest calculated on the basis of twelve 30-day months and a 360-day year at such rate or rates per annum as are specified by the successful bidder or bidders. A book-entry system will be employed evidencing ownership of the Notes in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC, and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. See “Book-Entry Only Transfer System”. The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

## Authorization and Purpose

The Notes are issued pursuant to Title 7 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, the Charter of the City of Bristol, and bond resolutions approved at various City Council meetings.

## Use of Proceeds

Proceeds of the Notes are anticipated to be used for the projects set forth below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Authorized Amount</b>	<b>This Issue:</b>
		<b>Notes Maturing: 11/6/2025</b>
Animal Control Facility.....	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 1,200,000
Apparatus Replacements.....	748,000	748,000
City Hall Unit Heater/AC Perimeter Replacement.....	675,000	675,000
EG Stocks Playground and Splash Park Upgrade.....	1,025,000	1,000,000
Fire Station 3 Renovation/Relocation.....	8,770,000	4,000,000
Greene Hills School HVAC Corrective Plan.....	8,447,500	6,525,000
Jerome Avenue Bridge Replacement.....	3,168,000	1,680,000
Landfill Erosion Repairs.....	1,075,000	1,017,000
North Main Street Streetscape.....	790,000	750,000
Northeast Middle School Renovations.....	102,375,000	10,000,000
Page Park Pavilion Renovation Phase 2.....	600,000	600,000
Page Park Revitalization.....	10,050,000	4,930,000
Riverside Avenue Streetscape Improvements.....	500,000	300,000
Southside School HVAC Upgrade.....	3,917,160	275,000
Technology Replacements.....	2,554,000	1,300,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 147,544,660</b>	<b>\$ 35,000,000</b>

## **Book-Entry-Only Transfer System**

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Notes. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. For the Notes, one fully-registered Note certificate will be issued for each interest rate on the Notes.

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has a S&P Global Ratings rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all the Notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Notes; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC’s practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the City as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.’s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal, Interest and redemption payments with respect to the Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the City or Agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, the Paying Agent, or the City, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the City or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the City or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The City may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Note certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the City believes to be reliable, but the City takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

### ***DTC Practices***

The City can make no assurances that DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or other nominees of the Beneficial Owners of the Notes act in a manner described in this Official Statement. DTC is required to act according to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### ***Replacement Notes***

In the event that: (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Notes, and the City fails to identify another qualified securities depository for the Notes to replace DTC; or (b) the City determines to discontinue the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Notes, the City will issue fully registered Note certificates directly to the Beneficial Owner. A Beneficial Owner of the Notes, upon registration of certificates held in such Beneficial Owner's name, will become the registered owner of the Notes.

### ***Security and Remedies***

The Notes will be general obligations of the City and the City will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes when due.

Unless paid from other sources, the Notes are payable from general property tax revenues. The City has the power under Connecticut General Statutes to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the City without limit as to rate or amount, except as to certain classified property such as certified forest land taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts. There was, however, no such certified forest land on the last completed grand list of the City. The City may place a lien on the property for the amount of tax relief granted, plus interest, with respect to dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or qualified disabled persons. Under existing statutes, the State of Connecticut is obligated to pay the City the amount of tax revenue which the City would have received except for the limitation under certain of the statutes upon its power to tax dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons.

Payment of the Notes is not limited to property tax revenues or any other revenue source, but certain revenues of the City may be restricted as to use and therefore may not be available to pay debt service on the Notes.

There are no statutory provisions for priorities in the payment of general obligations of the City. There are no statutory provisions for a lien on any portion of the tax levy or other revenues to secure the Notes, or judgments thereon, in priority to other claims.

The City is subject to suit on its general obligation debt and a court of competent jurisdiction has power in appropriate proceedings to render a judgment against the City. Courts of competent jurisdiction also have power in appropriate proceedings to order payment of a judgment on such debt from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the City to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising their discretion as to whether to enter such an order, the courts may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the City and the availability and adequacy of other remedies.

Enforcement of a claim for payment of principal of or interest on the Notes would also be subject to the applicable provisions of Federal bankruptcy laws as well as other bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and to the exercise of judicial discretion. Section 7-566 of the Connecticut General Statutes, amended in 1993, provides that no Connecticut municipality shall file a petition in bankruptcy without the express prior written consent of the Governor. This prohibition applies to any town, city, borough, metropolitan district and any other political subdivision of the State having the power to levy taxes and issue bonds or other obligations.

### ***Qualification for Financial Institutions***

The Notes shall NOT be designated by the City as qualified tax-exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions of interest expense allocable to the Notes.

### ***Availability of Continuing Disclosure Information***

The City prepares, in accordance with State law, annual independent audited financial statements and files such annual audits with the State Office of Policy and Management. The City has and will continue to provide Moody's Investors Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings with ongoing disclosure in the form of comprehensive annual audited financial statements, adopted budgets and other materials relating to its management and financial condition, as may be necessary or requested.

The City will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement with respect to the Notes substantially in the form attached as Appendix C to this Official Statement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"). In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the City will agree to provide, or cause to be provided timely notice of the occurrence of certain events not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of such events, with respect to the Notes. The winning bidder's obligation to purchase the Notes shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to the delivery of the Notes, an executed copy of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

The City has previously undertaken in continuing disclosure agreements entered into for the benefit of holders of certain of its general obligation bonds to provide annual financial information and event notices pursuant to Rule 15c2-12(b)(5). Within the last five years from the date hereof, the City has not failed to meet, in any material respect, any of its undertakings under such agreements.

### ***Ratings***

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned a rating of "SP-1+" to the Notes. Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") has assigned a rating of "F1+" to the Notes. The City furnished to the rating agencies certain information and materials, some of which may not have been included in this Official Statement. The rating reflects only the views of the rating agencies and will be subject to revision or withdrawal, which could affect the market price of the Notes. The rating agencies should be contacted directly for its rating on the Notes and the explanation of such rating. No application was made to any other rating agencies for the purpose of obtaining ratings on outstanding securities of the City.

Generally, rating agencies base a rating upon such information and materials and upon investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies. There can be no assurance that a rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the rating agencies if in their judgment circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market price of outstanding securities.

The City expects to furnish to the rating agencies information and materials that they may request. However, the City may issue short-term or other debt for which a rating is not requested. The City's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, recommends that all bonded debt be submitted for a credit rating.

## **Tax Matters**

**Federal Taxes.** In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (ii) such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

Bond Counsel's opinion with respect to the Notes will be rendered in reliance upon and assuming the accuracy of and continuing compliance by the City with its representations and covenants relating to certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). The Code and regulations promulgated thereunder establish certain requirements which must be satisfied at and subsequent to the issuance of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Notes irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs. In the Tax Regulatory Agreement, which will be delivered concurrently with the issuance of the Notes, the City will covenant to comply with certain provisions of the Code and will make certain representations designed to assure compliance with such requirements of the Code including, but not limited to, investment restrictions, periodic payments of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the proper use of the Note proceeds and certain other matters. The opinion of Bond Counsel delivered on the date of issuance of the Notes is conditioned upon compliance by the City with such requirements.

No other opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel regarding the federal tax consequences of the ownership of, or the receipt or accrual of interest on, the Notes.

**Original Issue Premium.** The initial public offering prices of certain maturities of the Notes may be more than their stated principal amounts payable at maturity (the "OIP Notes"). In general, an owner who purchases an OIP Note must amortize the original issue premium as provided in the applicable Treasury Regulations, and amortized premium reduces the owner's basis in the OIP Note for federal income tax purposes. Prospective purchasers of OIP Notes at a premium to its principal amount should consult their tax advisors regarding the amortization of premium and its effect upon basis.

**Other Federal Tax Matters.** Prospective purchasers of the Notes should be aware that ownership of the Notes may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers eligible for the earned income credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. Bond Counsel does not express any opinion regarding such collateral tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their tax advisors regarding collateral federal income tax consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Notes may also wish to consult with their tax advisors with respect to the need to furnish certain taxpayer information in order to avoid backup withholding.

**State Taxes.** In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based for individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax.

Interest on the Notes is included in gross income for purposes of the Connecticut corporation business tax.

Owners of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for state and local income tax purposes of original issue discount or original issue premium accrued upon sale or redemption thereof, and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning or disposing of such Notes.

**Changes in Federal and State Tax Law.** Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment of obligations such as the Notes. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the issuance of the Notes will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest on the Notes or the market value or marketability of the Notes. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax), or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

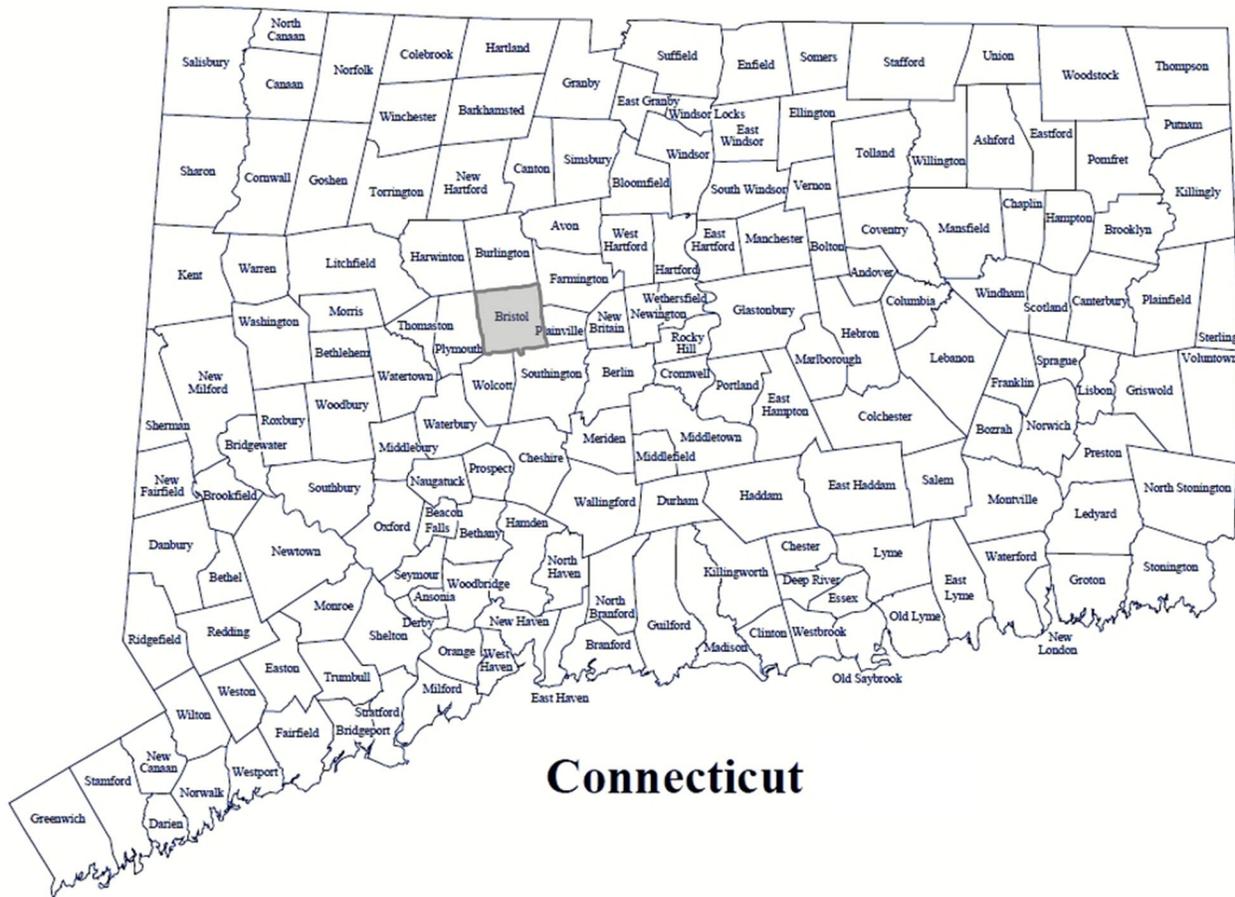
Investors in the Notes should be aware that future legislative actions may increase, reduce or otherwise change (including retroactively) the financial benefits and the treatment of all or a portion of the interest on the Notes for federal income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers. In all such events, the market value of the Notes may be adversely affected and the ability of holders to sell their Notes in the secondary market may be reduced. The Notes are not subject to special mandatory redemption, and the interest rates on the Notes are not subject to adjustment, in the event of any such change in the tax treatment of interest on the Notes.

**General.** The opinion of Bond Counsel is rendered as of its date, and Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update or supplement its opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to its attention or any changes in law that may occur after the date of its opinion. Bond Counsel's opinion is based on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinion is further based on factual representations made to Bond Counsel as of the date of issuance. Moreover, Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a particular result, and is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts; rather, such opinion represents Bond Counsel's professional judgment based on its review of existing law, and in reliance on the representations and covenants that it deems relevant to such opinion.

The discussion above does not purport to deal with all aspects of federal or state or local taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of the Notes. Prospective owners of the Notes, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal, state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Notes.

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## II. The Issuer



## Connecticut

### Description of the Municipality

Bristol is a city of approximately 61,000 residents with one of the State's largest and best-maintained park systems, a top-rated public school system for its size, a variety of museums and local attractions such as Lake Compounce Amusement Park, and a broad industry base that includes its largest taxpayer and employer, ESPN headquarters. Yet, Bristol also has one of the most affordable costs of living in the region, including one of the strongest effective tax rates for similar sized communities in Connecticut. These reasons and others are why regional and national media – including *Money Magazine*, *Hartford Magazine*, *WalletHub.com* and others – have recognized Bristol as one of the top-value municipalities in the region.

Bristol enjoys the important advantages of a central location close to major metropolitan markets: New York and Boston each lie within 100 miles, accessible by interstate highway, train, and air; Hartford is 16 miles northeast, and New Haven is 25 miles south. Connecticut's major east-west highway, Interstate 84, is less than five miles south of downtown Bristol off Route 229. Route 72 to Bristol connects Interstate 84 with Interstate 91, providing access to Fairfield County, New Haven County, and New York City to the south, Hartford County to the east and Springfield, Massachusetts to the north. Route 6, one of the country's original transcontinental highways, runs through Bristol as part of its 3,234-mile expanse stretching from Cape Cod to California. Bristol is only 30 miles from Bradley International Airport, and is within two hours of New York's LaGuardia and Kennedy Airports. The City is even closer to several smaller airfields which can accommodate corporate jets. Rail freight service is also available locally.

Bristol was and continues to be a leader in manufacturing, producing a wide variety of precision-crafted goods. Bristol was once the foremost clock-making center in the nation and remains one of the country's largest centers for the manufacture of precision mechanical springs, screws, and similar components. Additionally, the City's manufacturing presence is well known in the production of everything from engineered steel, to screw machine products, to robotic-automation systems. Specialty manufacturers produce for a diverse array of industries, including medical devices, aerospace, defense, and automobile components.

Bristol's economic development efforts began in 1958 with the creation of the redevelopment agency for urban renewal. In the 1970s, the City began work on its first industrial development on Middle Street, resulting in the development of 229 Technology Park, widely regarded as one of the most successful industrial parks in the state. The 229 Technology Park parcels, totaling over 100 acres, were completely sold by 1986. This location was designed as an ideal choice for corporate headquarters, research and development facilities, and light manufacturing and support services. All sites benefit from underground utility service, quality landscaping, and sound protective covenants. Under the administration of the Economic and Community Development Department (ECD), the City of Bristol has attracted many companies to the park, such as SSI Manufacturing Technologies, Multi/Cable Corp., Etter Engineering Co Inc., the Reworld (formerly known as Covanta) trash-to-energy plant, Amazon, the Otis Elevator Quality Assurance Center (North America's tallest elevator test tower), the renovated DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, and more recently, a HOME2 hotel and large Convention Center. The 229 Technology Park has over 2,000 employees in over 27 businesses. ESPN, established in 1980, is located across from the 229 Technology Park on Route 229 and now employs approximately 4,200 people.

In 1997, the City partnered with Tilcon Minerals to develop roughly 24 acres adjacent to the 229 Technology Park to create the Halcyon Technology Park. The Halcyon Technology Park shares the guidelines governing development with the 229 Technology Park. It has been developed with the addition of Bauer Aerospace, Nucoil Industries Inc., ACG Construction, Curtis Products, and others. An underutilized 25,000-square foot Reynold's Aluminum Recycling Center was refurbished by Eastern Plastics Inc. (now known as IDEX Health and Science) which has expanded twice: a 10,000 square foot addition was added in 1999, and a 15,000 additional square foot addition was constructed in 2004. In 2023, Bauer Aerospace completed a 28,000 square foot expansion.

In addition to the successful 229 Technology Park and Halcyon Technology Park, the City offers building lots in the 51-acre Southeast Bristol Business Park (SEBBP), completed in 2008. Infrastructure for the SEBBP, including roadway, a traffic light, and utilities, was a jointly funded project of the Federal, State, and City governments. Five end-users have developed sites in the park: CMI Specialty Products, a producer/distributor of specialty electromagnetic steel; Precision Threaded Products (Thompson Aerospace) that makes aircraft fasteners; GMN USA, a spindle repair/manufacturer; the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts headquarters of the PODS portable storage company that constructed a 130,000 square-foot distribution facility; and AMKO LLC, an aerospace manufacturer that recently completed construction on a 16,000 square-foot facility. In July 2019, AMKO began a 6,000 square foot expansion of its building. Several industrial/distribution/ projects are under development in the SEBBP, with limited land remaining for sale.

Bristol attracts and encourages growth with incentives such as economic development grants and a revolving loan program. The City has developed a word-of-mouth reputation as a pro-business environment due, in part, to these incentives as well as through active marketing efforts. Each grant or loan is evaluated for return on investment. New taxes generated, less any abatement, can be calculated on improvements to a building and, in certain instances, the addition of new equipment and machinery. Every project is evaluated for financial viability and projected return to the City. Each business must also sign a grant/loan agreement with claw back provisions: every agreement requires that the business remain in Bristol for 10 years, stay current on property taxes, and make every effort to hire Bristol residents. Manufacturing companies, as the foundation of Bristol's economy, receive special consideration through grants/loans to assist with the purchase of significant equipment that will result in the creation of new employment and/or the opening of new markets, as well as grants to help reimburse manufacturers receiving technical assistance to attain ISO certification and other business improvements.

In addition to grant and loan funding, Bristol continues to promote and utilize a variety of tax abatements and similar programs to encourage private development. Pending funding at the State level, the use of the Enterprise Zone and Urban Jobs Program tax abatement and similar State-sponsored programs help guarantee the City a percentage reimbursement of the full amount of property taxes otherwise due from expanding businesses. Additionally, the City takes advantage of tax abatement authority granted under the City and Town Development Act (as well as C.G.S. 12-65b) to structure specialized tax abatement schedules for extraordinary projects. For example, the City recently awarded a 10-year tax abatement to Carrier Construction Company for development of a 32-unit apartment complex downtown, as well as a 3-year abatement for the HOME2 and conference center in the 229 Technology Park. Finally, the City recently established a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and Opportunity Zone downtown. Over 175 companies received economic development grants and abatements from 1994 to 2024. More than 800,000 square feet of new construction has resulted, along with an increase of more than \$100 million in the City's grand list. Thousands of new jobs have resulted from these efforts.

Examples of recent business growth include the following projects:

- Longtime restaurant Jimmy's on the River received a Downtown/West End grant to completely rehabilitate its popular eatery.
- New businesses expanding to Bristol from other communities include Golden Years, a home healthcare agency and adult daycare center; FORCE Automation, a growing robotics design and manufacturing company; Ironhorse Pub, ProHealth Physicians, and more.
- Startup businesses Connecticut Advanced Spine, Fork Plus Band Slingshot, Divine Health Juice Bar, and others launched businesses in the community with assistance from the City and local Chamber of Commerce.
- Scores of local businesses and non-profits received grants through the Bristol allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Projects include using ARPA funds to construct an ADA walking path at a local nature center, several projects to pave unsafe parking areas at businesses and non-profits, and projects to upgrade HVAC and emergency generator systems for commercial buildings.
- BristolWORKS!, also funded by ARPA, is a new job training program focused on job training and job placement services. The program, although new in 2023, has already trained scores of Bristol residents for careers in manufacturing, healthcare, early childhood education, and IT.

ESPN continues to thrive as it adjusts to the popularity of mobile communications and new methods of reaching its growing audience. The nation's first all-sports cable television network is an affiliate of ABC/Walt Disney. Its broadcast headquarters are in Bristol where it has grown to be the world's largest sports programmer. The first \$500 million ESPN Digital Center was brought on line in June 2004, and in summer 2014 ESPN opened its second digital center broadcast studio. At an estimated cost of \$100 million, the 200,000 square foot, state-of-the-art building offers new employment opportunities and provides the City with additional tax revenue. ESPN's future growth in Bristol was assured by its acquisition of 20 adjoining acres across Birch Street. As part of this project, the City contributed to the expansion by providing \$3.5 million in infrastructure improvements including adding a critical new access road, sewer improvements, re-paving Birch Street, road widening and re-grading of CT Route 229, intersection improvements, realignment of Ronzo and Redstone Hill Roads at CT Route 229, and closing a portion of Ronzo Road to accommodate more growth. Emerging from the pandemic, ESPN is implementing a "hybrid" work environment in which employees split time between working from home and working in the office. This new system, while resulting in no layoffs, has shrunk the number of ESPN employees working from ESPN Bristol facilities at any one time.

Metal working and spring making is an important industrial cluster for Bristol. Several spring manufacturers, including Rowley Spring and Stamping Company, Century Spring, Fourslide Spring Products, and Springfield Spring, cement the area's designation as the "Spring-Making Capital of the World." These companies and others have been challenged by foreign competition in the past. Today, however, work is back from overseas, with record sales for many local firms. The challenge now is to ensure these manufacturers have access to a new, younger local workforce as older employees retire.

Reworld (formerly Covanta), one of Bristol's largest taxpayers, operates a 60,000 square-foot trash-to-energy facility and processes waste for use in generating electricity. A need for additional clean energy production in Connecticut is expected to provide a continuing strong demand as well as production opportunities. Serving Bristol and several of its neighboring communities, this privately-owned complex is located within 229 Technology Park. Growth opportunities that the City is pursuing in similar high technology sectors include clean energy and bioscience.

Bristol Health, Inc. is a nonprofit, 154-bed hospital employing approximately 1,600 healthcare professionals and support staff. Bristol Health is the City's second largest employer and offers comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services with a state-of-the-art intensive care unit and single room maternity care. The hospital also provides a wide range of educational programs and support groups. Within the past several years, Bristol Health has opened a new Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine, a Center for Orthopedic and Spine Health, and completed a renovation of the behavioral health unit within the main hospital. In 2019, Bristol Health and its development partner, Rendina, completed construction of a 60,000 square-foot medical office complex on the City's Centre Square development parcel. The project encompasses 4 acres in the heart of downtown, bringing employment opportunities, medical staff, patients, and others to the area. In 2022, Bristol Health completed a stunning renovation of its emergency department, offering patients a sleek, modern, and safe environment during emergencies. Bristol Health is designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program as a "Magnet Recognized Organization." Magnet is the highest recognition an organization can receive for nursing care as established by the ANCC, a division of the American Nurses Association.

The City's two most heavily trafficked commercial corridors – CT Route 6 and CT Route 229 – continue to grow. CT Route 6 has enjoyed a large amount of retail renovation and expansion. This includes the development of commercial fitness facilities and national restaurants, including Chili's, Chipotle, Popeye's, Sonic, and more. On CT Route 6, an eight-acre former farm is being planned for commercial development, with plans for a 28,000 square foot medical center, a national fast-food tenant, and a carwash. Retail tenants for the remainder of CT Route 6 include large anchor retailers Harbor Freight and Burlington, smaller independent businesses such as Cravings restaurant, Divine Health and Nutrition, and others, as well as popular chains Carter's, America's Best Eyeglasses, NAPA Auto Parks, Aroma Joe's, and more. On or near CT Route 229, Aldi finished a complete renovation of its grocery store, the Hospital of Central Connecticut operates an urgent care facility, Cumberland Farms built a new gas station and retail store on a historically underutilized corner, longtime local retailer Bob's Sports Chalet constructed an exciting new retail and e-commerce destination, popular restaurant group Max Pizza completed construction of a new eatery, ESPN continues its operations, and the Southeast Bristol Business Park is gaining steam at attracting the area's top manufacturers and distributors.

Downtown redevelopment remains a top priority for reasons of economic vitality and quality of life. The City is working to redevelop an approximately 15-acre City owned piece of property, Centre Square, in the heart of downtown. In recent years Bristol Health completed construction of a 60,000 square-foot medical complex that encompasses four acres of the Centre Square site. The City of Bristol completed construction on the site's first roadway, Hope Street, and is designing streetscapes, a parking structure, and other infrastructure for the site. In August 2024, Wheeler Health, the region's behavior health leader, completed construction of a 45,000 square foot headquarters and treatment center. Next door on Centre Square, Carrier Construction completed construction of a mixed-use building that includes 52 luxury apartments and 8,000 square feet of first floor retail space. Carrier will soon begin a second mixed-use building on site that also will include 52 living units and ground level retail space. There is one additional development site on Centre Square that has been sold for development of approximately 30 apartments in 2025. Additionally, the City owns one remaining development site on Centre Square, which it expects to sell in 2025. The City also has plans to design and develop a "City Green" gathering space for Centre Square.

Other downtown reinvestments are being contemplated. Transportation, shopping and living patterns are all changing, affected to a large degree by increasing energy costs. Long-term trends favor cities and those that plan for quality development in a compact environment, promoting walking, biking, and short commutes. Bristol has been making those infrastructure investments to meet such future demands.

The City of Bristol recently approved the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and adopted a TIF Master Plan as an economic development tool to incentivize private development and to provide a funding source for public infrastructure projects in downtown Bristol. Specifically, TIF earmarks the future real property tax revenue increases within the Downtown TIF District to help finance public infrastructure improvements, to fund City administered economic development incentive programs, and/or to help finance private development projects within the TIF District. TIF is NOT a new tax or special assessment on top of the existing property tax. In addition, the State of Connecticut approved an Opportunity Zone designation for much of downtown Bristol. This benefit has proven attractive for investors interested in investing in downtown development in order to shelter capital gains from federal tax obligations. There are no current plans to issue City debt for TIF at this time.

The City of Bristol boasts a National Gold Medal Award Finalist park system, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest municipal park system in Connecticut, and is amongst the top ten largest municipal park systems in New England. Rated as the #1 thing residents love about Bristol in a 2019 Economic and Community Development Survey, the system offers 800+ acres of active and passive park spaces with a diverse portfolio of recreational amenities including Muzzy Field Baseball Stadium where Babe Ruth played in 1919, 3 public swimming pools, a Veterans Memorial Boulevard, outdoor adventure education ropes course, nature preserves, sports fields and courts, a skate park, and 17 miles of walking and bike trails. A comprehensive, community driven system-wide Parks Master Plan has guided the work of the Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department since 2020, which has resulted in substantial investments to the system. This includes dozens of new improvements to courts and playgrounds, a fully renovated outdoor pool at Page Park, a state-of-the-art fitness pad and para fitness course at Rockwell Park, public art with a new MLK39 mural on Riverside Ave, a Cultural District designation in 2022 which only four other cities/towns in the state have received, and more. A revitalization of Kern Park occurred in 2024, with plans for a major revitalization at Page Park in the near future.

## **Form of Government**

Adopted by the State legislature in 1911, the City's Charter established a Council-Mayor form of government. The Charter subsequently was amended by many Special Acts, with a major change taking effect on January 1, 1969 through Charter Revision pursuant to the Home Rule Act. The City's general elective officers include the Mayor, City Council (6 members), Treasurer, and Board of Assessment Appeals (3). The Mayor and City Council appoint other City officials and members of various Boards and Commissions.

The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the City and an ex officio member of the City Council and Board of Finance. Elected every odd-numbered year on a partisan basis, the Mayor presides over meetings of the City Council and exercises general supervision over the official acts and conduct of the City's officers.

The City's legislative power is vested exclusively in the City Council, consisting of six members from three City Council Districts who are elected every odd-numbered year on a partisan basis. As the City's elected representatives, the City Council sets policy by resolutions or ordinances and directs the Mayor to ensure that such policies, as well as all the Charter-mandated duties of the City, are implemented.

The Board of Finance consists of nine members with four-year overlapping terms, who are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Board of Finance serves as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of expenditures for the City, responsible for preparing a budget and estimate of expenditures every ensuing fiscal year.

A Joint Meeting of the City of Bristol is comprised of the members of the Board of Finance, the City Council and the Mayor (who also serves as Chairman). Joint Meeting responsibilities include approval of the budget, authorization of all additional expenditures to the budget, and approval of any expenditure in excess of \$5,000.

The Board of Education consists of nine members, each of whom is elected every fourth year coinciding with the odd-numbered election year of the City's other elective officers. Effective with the November 2019 election, these terms will be staggered every four years. Although the Board of Education's total operating budget must be approved within the City's Annual Budget, the board operates independently of the City Council.

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**Principal Municipal Officials**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Manner of Selection</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Mayor .....	Jeffrey Caggiano	Elected	11/25
Council Member .....	Sebastian Panioto	Elected	11/25
Council Member .....	Jacqueline Olsen	Elected	11/25
Council Member .....	Susan Tyler	Elected	11/25
Council Member .....	Mark Dickau	Elected	11/25
Council Member .....	Cheryl Thibeault	Elected	11/25
Council Member .....	Erick Rosengren	Elected	11/25
Board of Finance, Chairman .....	David Maikowski	Appointed	06/26
Board of Finance Vice-Chair.....	Marie O'Brien	Appointed	06/26
Board of Finance .....	Jeffrey Caggiano	Ex-Officio	11/25
Board of Finance .....	Jonathan Mace	Appointed	06/27
Board of Finance .....	Glenn Heiser	Appointed	06/25
Board of Finance .....	William T. Champion	Appointed	06/28
Board of Finance .....	Nicolle Duquette	Appointed	06/28
Board of Finance .....	Mike Massarelli	Appointed	06/25
Board of Finance .....	Mark Peterson	Appointed	06/27
Board of Education, Chairperson .....	Shelby Pons	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Vice Chairperson .....	Maria Simmons	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Member.....	Russell Anderson	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Member .....	Eric Carlson	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Member .....	Kristen Giantonio	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Member .....	Lorianne Osenkowski	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Member .....	Dante Tagariello	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Member .....	Jennifer Van Gorder	Elected	11/27
Board of Education, Secretary .....	Jill Fitzsimons-Bula	Elected	11/27
Town and City Clerk .....	Erica Cabiya	Appointed	11/26
Comptroller .....	Diane M. Waldron	Appointed	06/25
Assistant Comptroller .....	Robin Manuele	Appointed	04/26
Treasurer .....	Rob Parenti	Elected	11/25
Assessor .....	Thomas DeNoto	Appointed	07/28
Tax Collector .....	Ann Bednaz	Appointed	08/26
Purchasing Agent .....	Roger Rousseau	Appointed	01/26
Director of Public Works .....	Raymond Rogozinski	Appointed	02/27
Police Chief .....	Mark Morello	Appointed	06/25/28
Fire Chief .....	Richard Hart	Appointed	11/25
Corporation Counsel .....	Edward Krawiecki	Appointed	11/25
Acting Superintendent of Schools .....	Iris White	Appointed	6/30/2025
Human Resources Director .....	Vacant	Appointed	n/a
Superintendent Parks and Recreation .....	Joshua Medeiros	Appointed	02/27
Superintendent of Water Department .....	Robert Longo	Appointed	05/27
Economic & Community Development Ex. Dir. ....	Justin Malley	Appointed	04/26
Registrar of Voters (D) .....	Kevin McCauley	Elected	1/4/2025
Registrar of Voters (R) .....	Jolene Lusitano	Elected	1/4/2025
Director, Department of Aging .....	Jason Krueger	Appointed	1/28
Chairman, Inland Wetlands Commission .....	Zachary Fisk	Appointed	05/26
Director of Youth & Community Services .....	Stephen Bynum	Appointed	02/27
City Planner .....	Robert Flanagan	Hired	Indefinite
Planning Secretary and City Engineer .....	Vacant	Appointed	n/a
Zoning Enforcement Officer .....	Brandon Peate	Appointed	Indefinite
Director, Emergency Management .....	Harland Graime	Appointed	Indefinite
Chief Building Official .....	Richard Brown	Appointed	12/24
Bristol-Burlington Health District Director.....	Marco Palmieri	Appointed	Indefinite
Library Director .....	Deborah Prozzo	Appointed	Indefinite
Water Pollution Control Manager.....	Sean Hennessey	Hired	Indefinite

## **Municipal Services**

**Police.** It is the mission of the Bristol Police Department; “To Protect and Serve the Community with Integrity and Professionalism”. The department provides full service to the city with an authorized strength of 124 sworn officers and 25 civilian personnel. The department’s personnel consists of the Police Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, one Detective Lieutenant, ten Lieutenants, thirteen Sergeants, nineteen Detectives, seventy-eight Patrol Officers, two Animal Control Officers, seventeen Public Safety Dispatchers, one Fleet and Maintenance Technician, one Property and Evidence Technician, one Executive Assistant, one Police Payroll Supervisor and two Principal Record Clerks. The Board of Police Commissioners consists of six commissioners.

The Bristol Police Department consists of the following divisions: Patrol, Criminal Investigation, Traffic, Youth, Community Relations, Training, Communications, Animal Control, Records, and Scheduling. Ancillary Support Services include a Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Community Wellness Officers, K9s, participation in the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crime Task Force and the regional Emergency Response Team.

The Bristol Police Department currently holds Advanced National Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) as well as Tier III State Accreditation. The purpose of accreditation is to improve the delivery of law enforcement services by offering a body of standards developed by law enforcement practitioners that covers a wide range of current law enforcement topics. Accreditation is a process by which law enforcement agencies voluntarily demonstrate that their policies and procedures, operations, management, and support services meet standards established for the profession. These standards are intended to help law enforcement agencies Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices, improve service delivery, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination, and boost citizen and staff confidence in the agency.

**Fire.** The Bristol Fire Department is a career department which provides emergency services through the use of 80 line personnel, six staff personnel, two full-time administrative personnel and one part-time principal clerk. The line personnel are divided into four platoons that work a 24-hour shift followed by three days off. Fire crews responded to 3,181 calls for service between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. There are five engine companies and one truck company which operate under the direction of a Deputy Chief, acting as shift supervisor. The department’s personnel roster currently consists of the Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant, Principal Clerk, four Deputy Chiefs, one Fire Marshal, three Fire Inspectors, one Drill Master, one Equipment Technician, six Captains, 18 Lieutenants and 52 Firefighters. The Board of Fire Commissioners provides oversight for the Bristol Fire Department. Commissioners are appointed to the Board for a term of three years by the Mayor who sits as the ex-officio Chairman of the Board. The Fire Commissioners work hand-in-hand with the Fire Chief to establish the primary policies of the Fire Department. Based on most recent Insurance Service Office surveys of the department’s fire suppression capabilities, the City maintains a fire insurance classification of two.

**Public Works.** The Department of Public Works is under the direction of the Board of Public Works, consisting of the Mayor, three council representatives and three private citizens. Department programs include the maintenance of the City’s streets, storm water infrastructure and bridges; the administration and/or construction of capital public works improvements; the maintenance and upgrading of all public buildings, exclusive of school and park facilities; the administration and/or collection and disposal of solid waste rubbish and recycling materials; the collection and treatment of waste water; purchase, service and maintenance of the Public Works fleet; and land use development planning. The Department of Public Works is divided into the following seven Operating Divisions with 96 employees:

**Administration:** Performs all office functions for the department including payroll, purchasing, processing bills, word processing, database management, filing and issuance of permits for Transfer Station use, and barrel management for solid waste, recycling and yard waste collections. Administration also acts as the City Hall Switchboard for all calls, manages the Public Works web site, Department social media presence and handles communications and press releases for internal and external customers. This division also manages the citizen request/complaint database, and acts as the initial contact-point on street maintenance, storm water and drainage, solid waste and recycling, land use, permitting and engineering matters.

*Engineering:* Provides in-house technical and professional services for Public Works and for other City departments, boards and commissions. Performs design, construction administration and inspection of Public Works capital projects. Performs the updating of City maps; reviews plans for subdivisions for the Planning Commission and requests for changes to zoning; and reviews site plans and permit applications for the Inland Wetlands Commission. Performs updates, manages access and assists other Departments using the City's GIS database. The Division is also responsible for oversight of the upkeep on approximately 2 miles of industrial railroad spur with one bridge, 3 signalized crossings and 2 manual crossings plus the City's 5,500 street lights.

*Land Use Administration:* Provides administrative and technical services for the City's four land agencies (Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Inland Wetlands Agency) and the local Historic District Commission. These services include receiving, processing and reviewing all applications; preparing legal notices, meeting agendas, correspondence and meeting minutes; and maintaining the official records of the boards. It also provides information, advice and assistance to the development community (e.g., developers, design professionals, attorneys, and real estate agents) and to the public regarding planning, zoning and related land use and development matters, as well as technical expertise and administrative assistance in the preparation and updating of the City's Plan of Conservation and Development, the City's regulatory tools (Zoning Regulations, Zoning Map, Subdivision Regulations, and Inland Wetlands Regulations) and other planning-related studies. The Land Use Division also has administrative responsibility for implementation of the state's Aquifer Protection Area Program, in conjunction with the Zoning Commission, which has been designated as the City's Aquifer Protection Agency.

*Facility Maintenance:* Provides custodial and maintenance services for City Hall and the Police/Court Complex, Parks & Youth Services (51 High Street), Animal Control Facility (Vincent P. Kelly Road), City Yard (95 Vincent P. Kelly Road) and Transfer Station (685 Lake Street), as well as maintenance and repair services for the firehouses, libraries and senior center. Attends to landscaping and winter snow removal operations for City Hall, Police/Court Complex, Youth Services, Memorial Boulevard School and other City-owned properties as directed. Serves as Custodian for other properties acquired by the City through foreclosure, purchase and other means until transfer of responsibility to another department or sale by the City. Facility Manager works with City's Energy Commission on energy saving/management projects and Sustainable CT certification program initiatives.

*Street Maintenance Operations:* Maintains and repairs 232 miles of street, 220 miles of storm drains including over 8,000 catch basins, and 25 bridges. Additionally, this division is responsible for cutting, trimming and replanting trees and, winter snow removal and ice control operations.

*Solid Waste & Recycling Management:* Provides for collection and, by various means, disposal of all solid waste generated by approximately 20,000 dwelling units which house approximately 80 percent of the City's population. The division's activities include: collection of 17,500 tons of refuse; collection of 5,100 tons of recyclable material; and collection of 450 tons of bulky material. The division also operates the City's transfer station/recycling drop-off center as a Pay-As-You Throw Special Revenue Fund operation which receives and transfers 2,000 tons of refuse, 4,600 tons of recyclable material, 3,000 tons of brush, 3,200 gallons of waste oil, and spring and fall leaf collection, including the operation of a leaf composting facility which processes 1,300 tons of leaves collected by the City and brought in by individuals and small businesses. All quantities are annual.

*Fleet Maintenance:* This division maintains and repairs all Public Works vehicles and equipment and 40 Police Department vehicles, and provides fuel and oil for most City vehicles. The garage averages over 1,500 repair and service orders per year, and dispenses approximately 129,000 gallons of gasoline and 174,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually.

***Service Contract- Solid Waste Disposal Facility.*** Covanta Bristol, Inc., a Connecticut corporation, operates a 650-ton-per-day mass-burn solid waste disposal, electric power generation, and resource recovery facility at 170 Enterprise Drive. The commercial operation date was April of 1988.

The Company is a subsidiary of Covanta Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation. The Company was formed in 1984 for the purpose of owning and operating the facility for the processing and disposal of acceptable solid waste from the City of Bristol, Town of Berlin, Branford, Burlington, Hartland, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, Wolcott, and the City of New Britain, (14 municipalities collectively referred to as the "Contracting Communities"). The Contracting Communities Agreement operating under the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee ("BRRFOC") expired in 2014 and each municipality has individually contracted with Covanta through a collective agreement through 2034.

The City paid a tipping fee of \$72.68 per ton for refuse delivered (17,446 tons) for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The City receives a rebate that is to be used for solid waste educational efforts including our Recycle Coach smartphone application and social media presence. The City also receives a Host Fee based on tonnage delivered, processed or handled at the facility to offset the impact of facility traffic on the City's roadway infrastructure.

If the facility is temporarily or permanently shut down and partially or completely unable to receive and process acceptable waste, the Company is obligated to provide waste disposal services by alternative disposal methods.

City collected recyclables are processed at a company in Berlin Connecticut know as Murphy Road LLC. Recyclables are transported from Bristol to the facility by the Department of Public Works. The current recycling processing fee varies based on commodity prices of recyclable components. During the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 the cost per ton to process municipally collected curbside recyclable averaged \$84.12/ton. The recycling processing cost varied from \$77.25/ton in May to \$92.89/ton in January.

**Water Department.** The Bristol Water Department is a municipal department of the City of Bristol and is governed by a Board of Water Commissioners appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

The Water Treatment Plant was constructed and put on-line in 1989 with a filtering capacity of 12 million gallons per day ("MGD") and provisions for increasing this capacity to 24 MGD with future expansion. The project cost of the new plant was \$11.4 million of which \$9,835,000 was bonded and debt service was paid for with revenues from the sale of water. All bonding for the Water Treatment Plant was repaid in 2008. Additional bonding in the amount of \$5,900,000 completed the rehabilitation of dams 2, 4 and 5 and the storage tank at the Filter Plant.

The surface water supply consists of six reservoirs with a combined capacity of 1.2 billion gallons of water. These reservoirs are located in the towns of Burlington, Harwinton, Plymouth and the City. In addition to the surface supply, there are five gravel packed wells with an average daily maximum production of 2.5 million gallons.

The Bristol Water Department has established an interconnection with the New Britain Water Department. The interconnection provides 500,000 gallons per day of additional supply for the Bristol Water Department, as required.

Ten storage structures are spread throughout the City in six different pressure zones with a combined capacity of 16.7 million gallons. The distribution system consists of over 300 miles of cast iron and ductile iron water mains varying in size from 4" to 36".

All bills are due and payable on the first day of the regular billing period. Penalty charges of 1.5% of the unpaid balance are added after 30 days from the billing date. Liens are filed in the City land records if the account remains unpaid for a period of six months from the billing date. All accounts in arrears after the 30 day payment period receive a "Second Notice" which includes the past due amount for the water and sewer bill plus any penalty and lien charges. Thirty (30) days after the "Second Notice" is sent, the customer will receive a "Third Notice" as a reminder bill that the account is still delinquent. Approximately seven to ten days after the "Third Notice" is sent, if payment is still not received on the past due account, the customer will receive a "Final Notice". The customer has thirteen (13) days from the date of the "Final Notice" to pay the delinquent account in its entirety or call the office to make arrangements for payment with the Collections Clerk. The "Final Notice" contains information on what a customer should do to prevent the possible termination of their water service. Although not required under the Bristol Water Department Rules and Regulations, seven days prior to the end of the thirteen day payment period a yellow door hanger is left at the service address and/or mailed to the owner of the property. If payment has not been made by the end of the thirteen day payment period, the service is terminated in accordance with the Department of Public Utility Control guidelines. The terminated service will not be turned back on until full payment is made by either cash or bank certified check including all re-instatement fees. For locations that contain tenants that cannot be shut off due to Department of Public Utility Control guidelines, liens are filed in the City land records if the account remains unpaid for a period of six months from the billing date.

**Water Pollution Control:** This division is charged with the operation and maintenance of the City's wastewater collection and treatment facilities, as accounted for in the Sewer Operating and Assessment Fund, and provides sanitary sewer collection and treatment to approximately 90% of the City's populated area. It operates and maintains an advanced wastewater reclamation plant with 10.75 MGD capacity, 16 pumping stations, and 243 miles of sewer lines and 5,600 manholes. It also provides administrative services for the operation of the City's wastewater collection and treatment facilities, oversees sewer usage billing performed by the City's Water Department, and develops long-term plans to assure the operation will meet the future needs of the community. In accordance with

State and Federal regulations, the Division is required to maintain a Capital Reserve Fund adequately funded to meet the financial demands of all facility upgrades, modifications and capital equipment replacement.

***Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services.*** It is the mission of the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community's quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future. The department's vision is to be an essential department impacting the lives of all Bristol residents by shaping positive public perceptions, fostering cultural unity, creating responsible and healthy citizens, and inspiring advocacy.

In order to administer the best quality services in the most efficient way, the department is organized into six operational divisions including: Administration; Parks, Grounds, & Facilities Maintenance; Recreation; Aquatics; Youth & Community Services and Arts & Culture. The professional staff consists of 32 full-time employees and more than 300 part-time and seasonal employees. Policy is set by a 7-member Board of Park Commissioners, and advised by an 11-member Youth Commission, and 8 member Arts & Culture Commission.

*Administration* is responsible for developing a fiscally responsible department budget that meets the changing and dynamic needs of the community. Administration provides stewardship to the many benefactors of the Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department which include 8 trust and endowment funds, as well as, the Friends of Bristol Parks and Recreation Fund through the Main Street Community Foundation. The division interfaces and coordinates with dozens of non-profits, sports organizations, and civic groups that utilize park space for events including the Mums Festival, West End Association Summer Festival, and Veterans organizations - drawing thousands of visitors into the city each year. Administration provides support to all department divisions, manages the department master/strategic plans, organizes and creates policy in alignment with the pursuit of CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies) accreditation, and pursues opportunity to expand resources for the department through fundraising, grants and partnerships. Administration provides oversight to all capital improvement projects and long-range planning strategy for the department.

*Parks, Grounds, & Facilities Maintenance* division is responsible for nearly 1,000 acres of park land which includes 2 major active parks with over 100 acres each, 8 neighborhood parks, a lighted stadium, a veteran's memorial park, and 4 open space passive parks. The division is responsible for the upkeep of park amenities including 3 water spray parks, 14 tennis courts (5 lighted), 6 lighted sand volleyball courts, 1 modified pickle ball court, 7 fishing areas, 2 horseshoe pits, 2 bocce courts, 6 basketball courts, 6 pre-school playscapes, an ADA compliant accessible playground, para-fitness course, 4 baseball diamonds, 6 (3 lighted) softball diamonds, jogging path, metered walking path, hiking trails, mountain bike trails, 2 eighteen hole disc golf courses, 2 off-leash dog parks, and a skate park plaza. A new sub-division of Parks, Grounds & Facilities; Athletics & Ballfields was created to support the maintenance and care of Bristol Public School middle and elementary schools in alignment with a maintenance management plan adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners in 2023.

*Recreation* division is responsible for administering hundreds of recreational programs and special events throughout the year. A variety of programs are offered serving the varied interests of Bristol residents from pre-school to senior citizens. This includes popular summer camps, sports clinics, arts instruction, Summer Concerts, Turkey Shoot Basketball, and much more. Recreational programs increase physical, social, and emotional wellness and serve to enhance community spirit, as well as, the quality of life for every resident. The former Pine Lake Challenge Course was rebranded as the Pine Lake Adventure Park, and re-aligned within the recreation division in order to provide a well-rounded recreational and outdoor adventure-based experiential learning program.

*Aquatics* division is responsible for the oversight of the Dennis Malone Aquatics Center (DMAC) and two outdoor park pools at Page and Rockwell. The division offers seasonal memberships and daily passes for thousands of patrons annually. An extensive award winning American Red Cross Learn to Swim program is offered at all 3 facilities, annually teaching thousands of Bristol youth this critical life skill. In addition, the division offers water fitness programs, training classes, recreational swim teams, special events, and more. The Dennis Malone Aquatics Center is also host to Bristol Central High School/Bristol Eastern High School Swim Teams, St. Paul and Lewis Mills Swim Teams, private rentals and Bristol Health for water therapy.

*Youth & Community Services* division is responsible for the coordination of a comprehensive community-based youth services bureau and the delivery of essential life services for Bristol residents in need. The Bureau strives to enhance the networking and support between family, school, peer and community environments. Direct services including juvenile diversion programming, individual and family counseling, outreach support, crisis support and case management, youth employment training and positive youth development opportunities.

Community Services provides adults with critical information and referrals to available community and state resources. Advocacy and referrals are made for housing, mental/physical health, medical insurance, state benefits, and utilization of the statewide 211 resource. Short term case management and support is provided to individuals in transition and/or emotional distress. One-time assistance is available to residents descending into a long-term crisis or life altering circumstances.

In 2020, the Parent and Child Center of Bristol Health was realigned within the Youth and Community Services division of the department to create the new Parent and Child program. The program focuses on supporting new families with programs, resources and services. Staff and program budgets are supported through grant funding, community donations and sponsorships.

*Arts & Culture* division for administering comprehensive year-round arts and culture programs and events for the community. Launching in the fall of 2023, the division develops high caliber shows through Downtown Live at the Rockwell Theater which features comedy, music, and culture. Division staff work with the City Arts & Culture Commission to implement an annual Cultural District Celebration event, public art projects and initiatives. This division collaborates with the City’s Diversity Council, Interfaith Coalition, and local business partners to bolster cultural awareness and celebration throughout the community. Not only is arts and culture a means of communication and creative expression, but also a way of preserving our history.

**Municipal Employees  
Full-Time as of June 30, 2022**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Board of Education.....	1,225	1,219	1,217	1,205	1,118
General Government.....	508	509	493	516	508
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>1,626</b>

*Source: City of Bristol, Human Resources and Board of Education.*

The table below shows an analysis of general government employees by department:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Full Time</b>	<b>Part-Time &amp; Temporary</b>
Police .....	143	3
Fire .....	88	1
Administrative and Financial ....	71	11
Recreation .....	31	199
Library .....	28	8
Public Works .....	91	3
Water .....	56	4
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>229</b>

*Source: City of Bristol, Human Resources.*

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## **Employee Relations**

Almost all full and permanent part-time City employees, with the exception of management, are represented by a bargaining organization as follows:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Employees Represented</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Current Contract Expiration Date</b>
Bristol Federation of Teachers Local 1464 .....	673	6/30/2025 <sup>2</sup>
Bristol Association of Principals & Supervisors .....	39	6/30/2026
Bristol Educational Secretaries Association .....	75	6/30/2024 <sup>2</sup>
Bristol Municipal Employees Local 2267 Board of Education, Custodial, Maintenance & Teachers Aides .....	289	6/30/2024 <sup>2</sup>
AFL Local 2267 Council No. 4 (Board of Education Cafeteria) ..	69	6/30/2024 <sup>2</sup>
#818 Council 4 .....	6	6/30/2024 <sup>2</sup>
Non-Bargaining Employees .....	74	--
<b>Sub-total</b> .....	1,225	
<b>City Groups</b>		
Local 1338 of Council No. 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO .....	119	6/30/2025
Police Union .....	121	6/30/2027
Local 773, International Association of Fire Fighters .....	86	6/30/2028
Bristol City Hall Employees, Local 233 .....	113	6/30/2025
Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association .....	53	6/30/2025
Non-Bargaining Employees .....	16	--
<b>Sub-total</b> .....	508	
<b>Total</b> .....	1,733	

<sup>1</sup> Excludes part-time employees.

<sup>2</sup> In negotiation.

Source: City of Bristol, Human Resources and Board of Education.

General Statutes Sections 7-473c, 7-474 and 10-153a to 153n provide a procedure for binding arbitration of collective bargaining agreements between municipal employers and organizations representing municipal employees, including certified teachers and certain other employees. The legislative body of a municipal entity may reject an arbitration panel's decision by a two-thirds majority vote. The State of Connecticut and the employee organization must be advised in writing of the reasons for rejection. The State then appoints a new panel of either one or three arbitrators to review the decisions on each of the rejected issues. The panel must accept the last best offer of either party. In reaching its determination, the arbitration panel gives priority to the public interest and the financial capability of the municipal employer, including consideration of other demands on the financial capability of the municipal employer. For binding arbitration of teachers' contracts, in assessing the financial capability of a city, there is an irrefutable presumption that a budget reserve of (i) 5% or less with respect to teachers' contracts and (ii) 15% or less with respect to municipal employees is not available for payment of the cost of any item subject to arbitration. In light of the employer's financial capability, the panel considers prior negotiations between the parties, the interests and welfare of the employee group, changes in the cost of living, existing employment conditions, and wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and other conditions of employment prevailing in the labor market, including developments in private sector wages and benefits.

## **Educational Services**

The Bristol Public School system offers a diverse range of educational services, catering to students from preschool to adult education. The system includes five elementary schools for grades kindergarten through five, two schools for grades kindergarten through eighth, three middle schools for grades six through eight, and two comprehensive high schools for grades nine through twelve. One of the middle schools also serves as a comprehensive intra-district magnet school, offering elective course options for students in grades 9-12.

In addition to these schools, Preschool programs for students with special education needs and non-disabled students are provided at the Edgewood PreK Academy. Bristol Public Schools also provides alternative education programs for students grades nine through twelve at the Bristol Preparatory Academy. Bristol maintains a special education program that services students with disabilities from preschool through age twenty-two. Bristol's program for gifted students includes special programs and resource services for students identified as gifted in grades three through twelve. The academic programs are complemented by various extracurricular activities, including intramural, interscholastic, and E-sports, instrumental and vocal music programs, and many student organizations available to all students.

The community is enriched by three parochial grammar schools (PK-8) and one parochial high school. Additional educational opportunities are provided through the Bristol Technical Educational Center, which is open to adults and high school students in grades 11 and 12, and is approved for veterans. The area also offers numerous post-secondary education options in technical, professional, and liberal arts fields, both public and private. A regional community/technical college is located just one mile over the Bristol border in the Town of Farmington, and Central Connecticut State University is in nearby New Britain. Branches of the University of Connecticut and State Technical colleges are located in both Waterbury and Hartford, just twenty minutes away. The area also boasts nursery schools, daycare facilities, and childcare programs in all of the elementary schools in Bristol.

## **Bristol Public Schools**

### **Educators**

Teachers and administrators belong to the retirement program provided by the State Teachers' Retirement Board and contribute 7.25% (6% + 1.25% health insurance). The State of Connecticut appropriates within its General Fund for its contributions to the Retirement Fund. Neither the City nor the Board of Education is required to contribute to the Retirement Fund.

### **Support Staff**

Support staff who qualify for benefits participate in the City retirement plan.

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## School Facilities

School	Grades	Construction	Number of Classrooms <sup>1</sup>	Rated Capacity	Actual Enrollment
		(Remodeling or Renovation)			10/1/2024 <sup>2,3</sup>
Bristol Central High School .....	9-12	1967, 2000	55	1,582	1,239
Bristol Eastern High School .....	9-12	1959 (65), 2000	60	1,700	1,113
Chippens Hill Middle School .....	6-8	1993	45	911	599
Northeast Middle School .....	6-8	1922 (65,83)	41	1,050	352
Bristol Arts & Innovation Magnet ....	6-12	1922, 2022	28	525	270
Bristol Preparatory Academy .....	9-12	-	-	-	47
Greene-Hills .....	K-8	2012	53	1,100	918
West Bristol .....	K-8	2012	53	1,100	847
Stafford School .....	K- 5	1951 (54,85)	41	1,050	373
Edgewood School .....	K- 5	1957 (64,86,12)	24	497	270
Ellen Hubbell .....	K- 5	1991	28	529	379
Ivy Drive School .....	K- 5	1967 (2007)	29	480	389
Mountain View School .....	K- 5	1967 (2007)	27	441	350
South Side School .....	K- 5	1974	28	569	505
<b>Totals</b> .....			512	11,534	7,651

<sup>1</sup> New England School Development Annual Report.

<sup>2</sup> The Bristol Board of Education reports Current Operating Capacity as of 10/1 every year based upon square footage and other requirements of the State Department of Education; however, the Bristol Board of Education's actual utilization of Current Operating Capacity is maximized by scheduling classes in interchangeable classrooms that are available for instruction.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes 192 out-of-district placements and 280 pre-school students but includes Special Education students.

Source: City of Bristol, Board of Education.

## School Enrollment

School Year	Pre K	K - 5	6 - 8	9-12	Total <sup>2</sup>
<b>Historical <sup>1</sup></b>					
2015-2016	335	3,554	1,734	2,408	8,031
2016-2017	333	3,551	1,858	2,394	8,136
2017-2018	298	3,406	1,862	2,260	7,826
2018-2019	293	3,375	1,822	2,366	7,856
2019-2020	297	3,364	1,859	2,352	7,872
2020-2021	231	3,202	1,785	2,379	7,597
2021-2022	288	3,182	1,735	2,429	7,634
2022-2023	280	3,229	1,732	2,467	7,708
2023-2024	270	3,258	1,772	2,476	7,776
2024-2025	247	3,343	1,792	2,527	7,909
<b>Projected <sup>3</sup></b>					
2025-2026	305	3,378	1,816	2,473	7,972
2026-2027	305	3,365	1,826	2,487	7,983
2027-2028	305	3,401	1,869	2,441	8,016

<sup>1</sup> Bristol Board of Education (excludes 79 out-of-district placements).

<sup>2</sup> Special Education students are included in counts of regular education.

<sup>3</sup> State of Connecticut, Department of Education.

Source: City of Bristol, Board of Education.

### III. Economic and Demographic Information

#### Population and Density

<b>Year</b>	<b>Population</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>% Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>Density</b> <sup>2</sup>
2022	61,052	0.4%	2,252.8
2020	60,833	0.6%	2,244.8
2010	60,477	0.7%	2,231.6
2000	60,062	-1.0%	2,216.3
1990	60,640	5.7%	2,237.6
1980	57,370	3.4%	2,117.0
1970	55,487	--	2,047.5

<sup>1</sup> 1970-2020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

<sup>2</sup> Per square mile: 27.0 square miles

<sup>3</sup> American Community Survey 2018-2022.

#### Age Distribution of the Population

<b>Age</b>	<b>City of Bristol</b>		<b>State of Connecticut</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Under 5 years .....	2,947	4.8%	182,768	5.1%
5 to 9 years .....	3,313	5.4	196,600	5.5
10 to 14 years .....	4,301	7.0	222,267	6.2
15 to 19 years .....	4,291	7.0	247,501	6.9
20 to 24 years .....	3,531	5.8	241,391	6.8
25 to 34 years .....	9,323	15.3	449,466	12.6
35 to 44 years .....	8,323	13.6	445,052	12.5
45 to 54 years .....	8,210	13.4	475,109	13.3
55 to 59 years .....	3,760	6.2	266,117	7.4
60 to 64 years .....	3,627	5.9	255,938	7.2
65 to 74 years .....	5,302	8.7	362,365	10.1
75 to 84 years .....	2,671	4.4	178,746	5.0
85 years and over .....	1,453	2.4	87,997	2.5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>61,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,574,097</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Median Age (Years) 2022.....	37.5		40.9	
Median Age (Years) 2010 <sup>1</sup> .....	40.0		40.0	

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, 2010.

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

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### Income Distribution

	<b>City of Bristol</b>		<b>State of Connecticut</b>	
	<b>Families</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Families</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Less than \$10,000.....	247	1.6%	21,866	2.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	102	0.7	13,844	1.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	772	5.1	32,363	3.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	580	3.8	38,177	4.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	1,144	7.5	65,393	7.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	2,469	16.2	112,628	12.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	2,109	13.9	109,739	12.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	3,794	24.9	184,504	20.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	2,420	15.9	125,406	13.8
\$200,000 or more.....	1,584	10.4	207,948	22.8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>15,221</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>911,868</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

### Income Levels

	<b>City of Bristol</b>	<b>State of Connecticut</b>
Per Capita Income, 2022.....	\$40,984	\$52,034
Median Family Income, 2022 .....	\$102,677	\$115,539
Median Household Income, 2022 ....	\$82,094	\$90,213

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

### Employment Data

<b>Period</b>	<b>City of Bristol</b>		<b>Percentage Unemployed</b>		
	<b>Employed</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>City of Bristol</b>	<b>Hartford Labor Market</b>	<b>State of Connecticut</b>
August 2024.....	31,384	1,185	3.6	3.5	3.4
<b>Annual Average</b>					
2023.....	31,326	1,371	4.2	3.7	3.7
2022.....	31,369	1,563	4.8	4.1	4.1
2021.....	29,053	2,353	7.5	6.6	6.6
2020.....	30,716	2,610	7.9	7.0	7.3
2019.....	31,984	1,416	4.2	3.8	3.7
2018.....	31,702	1,519	4.6	4.1	4.1
2017.....	31,467	1,771	5.3	4.8	4.7
2016.....	31,038	1,958	5.9	5.3	5.3
2015.....	30,772	2,127	6.5	5.6	5.6
2014.....	31,282	2,406	7.2	6.7	6.7

Source: Department of Labor, State of Connecticut

### Employment by Industry

Sector	City of Bristol		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining.....	21	0.1%	7,460	0.4%
Construction.....	2,155	6.6	112,421	6.1
Manufacturing.....	4,196	12.8	194,805	10.6
Wholesale trade.....	633	1.9	40,518	2.2
Retail trade.....	4,067	12.4	196,267	10.7
Transportation warehousing, and utilities.....	1,749	5.3	82,215	4.5
Information.....	957	2.9	36,440	2.0
Finance, insurance, real estate, and leasing....	3,005	9.1	164,811	9.0
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management.....	2,890	8.8	217,442	11.9
Education, health and social services.....	8,147	24.8	485,013	26.5
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.....	2,284	7.0	148,594	8.1
Other services (except public admin.).....	1,621	4.9	80,864	4.4
Public Administration.....	1,135	3.5	65,675	3.6
<b>Total Labor Force, Employed.....</b>	<b>32,860</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,832,525</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

### Educational Attainment Years of School Completed Age 25 & Over

	City of Bristol		State of Connecticut	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 9th grade.....	1,311	4.2%	101,820	4.4%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	1,807	5.8	118,256	6.1
High School graduate (includes equivalency)...	13,588	26.7	650,788	27.5
Some college, no degree.....	8,675	18.1	414,533	17.8
Associate degree.....	4,658	8.7	192,167	7.4
Bachelor's degree.....	7,994	20.3	573,917	20.5
Graduate or professional degree.....	4,636	16.3	469,309	16.4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>42,669</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,520,790</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Percent high school graduate or higher.....		92.7%		91.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....		29.6%		41.4%

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

### Age Distribution of Housing

Year Built	City of Bristol		State of Connecticut	
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent
1939 or earlier.....	4,492	17.2%	316,471	20.7%
1940 to 1969.....	9,688	37.0	524,381	34.2
1970 to 1979.....	4,602	17.6	209,518	13.7
1980 to 1989.....	3,943	15.1	193,340	12.6
1990 to 1999.....	1,861	7.1	118,948	7.8
2000 or 2009.....	1,159	4.4	104,310	6.8
2010 or later.....	412	1.6	64,364	4.2
<b>Total Housing Units.....</b>	<b>26,157</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,531,332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

## Housing Inventory

<b>Housing Units</b>	<b>City of Bristol</b>		<b>State of Connecticut</b>	
	<b>Units</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Percent</b>
1-unit, detached.....	14,214	54.3%	898,891	58.7%
1-unit, attached.....	1,128	4.3	91,794	6.0
2 units.....	2,651	10.1	120,419	7.9
3 or 4 units.....	2,887	11.0	128,942	8.4
5 to 9 units.....	1,409	5.4	78,127	5.1
10 to 19 units.....	1,162	4.4	56,353	3.7
20 or more units.....	2,474	9.5	145,025	9.5
Mobile home.....	232	0.9	11,257	0.7
Boat, RV, van, etc.....	-	-	524	0.0
<b>Total Inventory.....</b>	<b>26,157</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,531,332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

## Owner-Occupied Housing Values

<b>Specified Owner-Occupied Units</b>	<b>City of Bristol</b>		<b>State of Connecticut</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Less than \$50,000.....	406	2.6%	20,646	2.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	491	3.1	19,506	2.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	1,565	10.0	46,916	5.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	2,952	18.9	96,168	10.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999.....	6,300	40.2	238,687	25.6
\$300,000 to \$499,999.....	3,468	22.1	307,876	33.0
\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	399	2.5	149,216	16.0
\$1,000,000 or more.....	78	0.5	53,573	5.7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>15,659</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>932,588</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Median Value.....</b>	<b>\$235,700</b>		<b>\$323,700</b>	

Source: American Community Survey 2018-2022.

## Major Employers Employment Levels As of October 2024

<b>Name</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Estimated Number of Employees</b>
ESPN Inc.....	Broadcasting Facility Headquarters	4,100
Bristol City.....	Municipality	1,733
Bristol Health.....	Healthcare	1,100
Amazon.....	Distribution Center	350
IDEX Health & Science.....	Manufacturing	175
Stop & Shop.....	Retail	150
Quality Coils Inc.....	Manufacturing	125
The Pines @ Bristol.....	Healthcare	115
Rowley Spring & Stamping.....	Manufacturing	100
Sheriden Woods Health Care Ctr....	Health Care	100
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>8,048</b>

Source: City of Bristol - Economic and Community Development

## Land Use Summary

Category	All Land	
	Acreage	Percent
Residential .....	7,867	45.82%
Industrial and Commercial .....	1,760	10.25%
Community Facilities/Institutions .....	1,331	7.75%
Open Space .....	1,695	9.87%
Other (Farms, Misc. Public Land) .....	552	3.21%
Transportation and Utilities .....	2,132	12.42%
Vacant .....	1,833	10.68%
<b>Totals.....</b>	17,170	100.00%

Source: City of Bristol, Land Use Department.

## Building Permits Ten-Year Comparison

Calendar Year	Residential		Commercial & Industrial		Apartments & Condominiums		Total Estimates	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
2024 <sup>1</sup>	774	\$ 16,359,465	87	\$ 8,805,034	-	\$ -	861	\$ 25,164,499
2023	1,350	32,792,487	137	25,526,437	-	-	1,487	58,318,924
2022	1,296	31,537,646	133	61,295,830	-	-	1,429	92,833,476
2021	1,334	24,303,679	109	47,594,832	-	-	1,443	71,898,511
2020	1,200	17,065,517	118	56,801,119	-	-	1,318	73,866,636
2019	984	14,204,385	160	13,607,512	-	-	1,144	27,811,897
2018	1,201	16,128,715	235	32,969,560	-	-	1,436	49,098,275
2017	1,145	15,290,398	242	18,235,634	-	-	1,387	33,526,032
2016	1,100	12,707,765	221	41,687,869	-	-	1,321	54,395,634
2015	1,229	11,855,263	257	19,797,336	-	-	1,486	31,652,599

<sup>1</sup> As of August 31, 2024.

Note: Does not include mechanicals.

Source: City of Bristol, Building Department.

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## **IV. Tax Base Data**

### **Property Tax**

#### **Assessments**

The maintenance of an equitable tax base and the location and appraisal of all real and personal property within the limits of the City for inclusion on the Grand List is the responsibility of the Assessor. The Grand List represents the total assessed value for all taxable real and personal property and motor vehicles located within the City as of October 1st. The three classes of taxable property that create the Grand List are Real Estate, Motor Vehicles, and Personal Property. Real Property includes land and improvements that are permanently attached to the land. Personal Property includes all other property not classified as real property, such as machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, registered and non-registered motor vehicles. Assessments for real property are computed at seventy percent (70%) of the estimated market value at the time of the last revaluation. City-wide revaluation was last effectuated October 1, 2022. The City's next revaluation is scheduled for October 1, 2027. The Board of Assessment Appeals is charged with hearing assessment appeals from aggrieved taxpayers, and reviewing and changing valuation set by the Assessor.

Connecticut General Statute §12-62 governs the revaluation process. The law requires a revaluation every five years and a general revaluation based on physical observation where the preceding revaluation in the five-year cycle was a statistical revaluation. The City's next general revaluation is scheduled to take effect October 1, 2027. Tyler Technologies has been hired to assist assessment staff over the next 3 years with the physical inspection and structures measurements data entry within the current Vision valuation database. These inspections are required pursuant to §12-62(3).

New construction of real estate and modifications to existing structures completed after any assessment date are liable for payment of municipal taxes from the date Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Inspector. This involves the physical inspection of the property and computing the assessment. The prorated increment is the increase in the building assessment prorated on a daily basis from the Certificate of Occupancy date to the next assessment year.

Pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes 14-163, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is required to furnish to the assessor in each municipality, a list containing the names and addresses of the owners of motor vehicles, residing in their respective municipalities, as they appear on October 1st of each year. Appraisals of motor vehicles are accomplished in accordance with an automobile pricing schedule recommended by Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers to the State Office of Policy and Management. Public Act 22-118 has revised the motor vehicle valuation process from "Clean Retail" value to "Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price, or M.S.R.P." The MSRP valuation will be established based on the October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 grand list DMV report. Section 12-71b of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that motor vehicles which are registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles after the October 1 assessment date but before the next August 1st are subject to a property tax as if the motor vehicle had been included on the October 1st Grand List. The tax is prorated and is based on the number of months of ownership between October 1 and the following July 31st. Motor vehicles purchased in August and September are not taxed until the next October 1st Grand List. If the motor vehicle replaces a motor vehicle that was taxed on the October Grand List, the taxpayer is entitled to certain credits. If the motor vehicle is sold, destroyed, or stolen and not replaced, the tax bill will be prorated for the number of months of ownership.

#### **MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX RATE**

Section 12-71e(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes (the "General Statutes") has been amended whereby the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 32.46 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, and each assessment year thereafter. Section 12-71e(b) of the General Statutes has been amended to state that no district or borough may set a motor vehicle mill rate that if combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the town, city, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough in which such district or borough is located would result in a combined motor vehicle mill rate above 32.46 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2021, and each assessment year thereafter. Section 4-66I of the General Statutes diverts a portion of State collected sales tax revenue to provide funding to municipalities to mitigate the revenue loss attributed to the motor vehicle property tax cap. The City's mill rate for motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2023 (the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025) is 31.85 mills.

The Personal Property list consists of all businesses located within the corporate City limits of Bristol. In general terms, personal property is everything needed to engage in a business enterprise, excluding land and any improvements thereon. The common categories are machinery, furniture and fixtures, equipment, data processing equipment, and unregistered motor vehicles. Discovery of new accounts are obtained by reviewing the Secretary of the State of Connecticut registry, newspaper articles, lessee reports, advertisements, trade names filed with the City Clerk, and a physical canvass of the City business districts. State Statutes require all owners of business personal property to file annual lists of such property no later than November 1st, or be subject to a 25% penalty. All business personal property is assessed annually. Site inspections and audits are completed periodically. Tax Management Associates is contracted to perform 597 audits through 2026.

Connecticut General Statutes 12-81(72) allows a five year, 100% property tax exemption for eligible new manufacturing machinery and equipment acquired and installed on or after October 2, 1991, and for "newly acquired" used manufacturing machinery and equipment acquired and installed on or after July 1, 1992. The State of Connecticut no longer reimburses each municipality for the revenue loss sustained as a result of this exemption.

## **Levy**

Property taxes are levied on all assessed property on the Grand List of October 1 prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. At the discretion of the City and for the convenience of the taxpayer, in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes, tax bills are payable in two installments - July 1 and January 1. A margin against delinquencies, legal reductions, and Grand List adjustments, such as assessor corrections, is provided by adjusting the Grand List downward when computing anticipated property tax revenue from the current levy. A modest estimate for delinquent taxes and outstanding interest and lien fees anticipated to be collected during the fiscal year is normally included as a revenue item in the budget. Delinquent taxes are billed at least three times a year, with interest charged at the rate of one and one-half percent per month in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, with a minimum charge of \$2. Outstanding real estate tax accounts are automatically lien-ed each year prior to June 30 with legal demands and alias tax warrants used in the collection of personal property and motor vehicle tax bills. Auto accounts and personal property accounts are transferred to suspense when deemed least likely to be collected and all accounts become uncollectible 15 years after the due date in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

## **Tax Abatement Policy**

The City of Bristol employs a number of statutory tax abatement mechanisms to incentivize economic growth in the community. Some of these programs include:

### Connecticut City and Town Development Act

In November of 2014, Bristol voters approved a five-year extension of the Connecticut City and Town Development Act pursuant to Chapter 114 of the General Statutes which provides the community with a broad range of financial tools to foster the development of residential, industrial, commercial, and manufacturing facilities including the power to exempt development property from local taxation. This act is up for re-approval in November 2024.

### Enterprise Zone

The Enterprise Zone primarily encompasses the geographic center of downtown Bristol. Two important business incentives available in the Enterprise Zone are a five-year, 80% abatement of local property taxes on qualifying real and personal property and a ten-year, 25% credit on that portion of the state's corporation business tax. Additionally, qualifying newly formed corporations located in the zone are eligible for corporate tax credits. In order to qualify for the State of CT Enterprise Zone Program, the business occupying the space must be deemed eligible for the program by the State. Generally, manufacturers or service-based organizations that do not conduct business with the general public are eligible.

The Enterprise Zone property tax abatement revenue loss is reported annually to the State Department of Economic and Community Development as part of the Distressed Municipalities initiative granting the City 50% abatement revenue loss reimbursement. The following table represents the City’s 50% abatement revenue loss reported to the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the last five years:

<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Revenue Abatement</b>	<b>Revenue Abatement Personal</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Property</b>	
2014	\$ 115,915	\$ 58,252	\$ 174,167
2015	70,793	54,073	124,866
2016	62,680	40,439	103,119
2017	81,090	22,769	103,859
2018	108,555	54,160	162,715
2019	101,583	47,542	149,125
2020	122,588	51,060	173,648
2021	117,645	25,000	142,645
2022	72,863	19,634	92,497
2023	46,201	22,700	68,901
<b>Total.....</b>			<b>\$ 1,501,020</b>

If a business does not qualify for the State of Connecticut Enterprise Zone Program, an opportunity exists to pursue tax abatement through the City of Bristol Enterprise Zone Program. The City of Bristol program offers a 7-year abatement of real property improvements: 100% (Year 1), 100% (Year 2), 50% (Year 3), 40% (Year 4), 30% (Year 5), 20% (Year 6), and 10% (Year 7). Per Article XIV, Section 18-201 of the City of Bristol Code of Ordinances, assessments on commercial or residential real property within the Enterprise Zone which is improved are eligible to be fixed for a period of seven (7) years from the time of such improvement and shall defer any increase in assessment attributable to such improvements based on the schedule noted above.

Bioscience Zone

The Bioscience Zone is located in downtown areas and the southeastern portion of Bristol. Businesses engaged in bioscience development or production including the study of genes, cells, tissues, and chemical and physical structures of living organisms will be able to benefit from the same incentives available to businesses located in the State of Connecticut Enterprise Zone Program.

Urban Jobs Program

The Urban Jobs Tax Abatement Program is designated for manufacturers moving to or expanding in Bristol. In addition, warehouse/distribution firms engaging in new construction are also eligible. The program has the same eligibility requirements and benefits as the State Sponsored Enterprise Zone Track, with the exception that the property in question does not need to be located within the City/State-designated Enterprise Zone.

Opportunity Zone Program

The City successfully applied for federal “Opportunity Zone” designation for Census tract 4061, which encompasses the majority of downtown Bristol. Opportunity Zones are a creation of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income communities. The program provides a federal tax incentive for investors to re-invest unrealized capital gains into Opportunity Zones. Each governor may designate up to 25% of the qualified Census tracts in the state as Opportunity Zones. Qualified Census tracts are those that have a poverty rate of at least 20% or a median income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income.

## Comparative Assessed Valuation

Grand List as of 10/1	Commercial/		All Land	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle	Gross Taxable Grand List	Less Exemptions	Net Taxable Grand List	Percent Change
	Residential Real Property	Industrial Real Property							
2023	63.0	15.0	0.5	12.0	9.0	\$ 5,710,269,388	\$ 258,908,073	\$ 5,451,361,315	0.34%
2022 <sup>2</sup>	63.0	15.0	0.5	11.5	10.0	5,696,522,801	263,716,077	5,432,806,724	28.11%
2021	56.8	16.7	0.5	14.0	12.0	4,505,777,309	265,164,378	4,240,612,931	4.03%
2020	54.6	21.0	0.6	14.0	9.8	4,364,588,167	288,223,993	4,076,364,174	1.87%
2019	55.4	21.0	0.6	13.7	9.3	4,288,754,003	287,085,596	4,001,668,407	1.36%
2018	56.0	21.0	0.6	13.2	9.2	4,222,404,205	274,505,156	3,947,899,049	0.77%
2017 <sup>2</sup>	56.1	21.0	0.6	13.1	9.1	4,206,276,093	288,658,108	3,917,617,985	0.16%
2016	56.3	20.4	0.8	13.4	9.2	4,204,366,433	292,906,704	3,911,459,729	1.72%
2015	57.1	20.5	0.8	12.6	9.0	4,134,126,831	288,994,455	3,845,132,376	0.60%
2014	56.8	20.5	0.8	12.8	9.0	4,134,114,218	312,023,752	3,822,090,466	-0.36%

<sup>1</sup> Before Board of Assessment Appeals.

<sup>2</sup> Revaluation.

Source: City of Bristol, City Assessor. The numbers listed above are before Board of Assessment Appeals action.

## Exempt Property Assessed Value

The following categories of exempt properties are not included in the Grand List:

	Assessed Value
<b>Public</b>	
State of Connecticut .....	\$ 8,581,730
City of Bristol .....	293,432,540
United States of America .....	6,384,980
<b>Sub-Total Public</b> .....	<b>\$ 308,399,250</b>
<b>Private</b>	
Recreation Facilities .....	\$ 2,587,760
Churches .....	39,153,730
Hospitals and Sanitariums .....	60,537,680
Veterans' Organizations .....	909,300
Scientific, Educational, Historical and Charitable .....	26,019,270
Cemeteries .....	2,651,880
<b>Sub-Total Private</b> .....	<b>\$ 131,859,620</b>
<b>Total Tax Exempt Property</b> .....	<b>\$ 440,258,870</b>
Percent Compared to Net Taxable Grand List <sup>1</sup> .....	8.08%

<sup>1</sup> Based on a Net Taxable Grand List as of October 1, 2023 of \$5,451,361,315.

Source: City of Bristol, Assessor.

## Ten Largest Taxpayers

Name	Nature of Business	Taxable Valuation	Percent of Net Taxable Grand List <sup>1</sup>
ESPN (Entertainment & Sports TV) <sup>2</sup> .....	Broadcasting Facility Headquarters	\$ 232,266,980	4.26%
Eversource .....	Utility	88,558,780	1.62%
Disney Streaming Tech LLC .....	Office Complex	71,933,940	1.32%
Bristol Center LLC .....	Manufacturing/Warehouse facility	52,585,330	0.96%
Covanta.....	Trash to Energy facility	42,276,010	0.78%
Yankee Gas Service Company .....	Utility	37,950,110	0.70%
D'Amato Construction/Affiliated LLCs ...	Real Estate owner/developer	33,277,358	0.61%
Carpenter Realty Company .....	Real Estate owner/developer	23,305,094	0.43%
Bristol Sports Center DST.....	Office Complex	23,149,560	0.42%
Federal Realty Investment Trust .....	Shopping Plaza	22,711,500	0.42%
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$ 628,014,662</b>	<b>11.52%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on a Net Taxable Grand List as of October 1, 2023 of \$5,451,361,315.

<sup>2</sup> The Walt Disney Company owns 80% and the Hearst Corporation owns 20% of ESPN, Inc. The Walt Disney Company is traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Hearst Corporation is privately-held.

Source: City of Bristol, Assessor.

## Property Tax Levies and Collections

Grand List of 10/1	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30	Net Taxable Grand List	Mill Rate	Adjusted Annual Levy	Percent Collected at End of Fiscal Year	Uncollected	
						Percent of Annual Levy Uncollected at End of Fiscal Year	Percent of Annual Levy Uncollected as of 6/30/2024
2023	2025 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 5,451,361,315	31.85	\$ 172,915,628 <sup>5</sup>		<b>IN COLLECTION</b>	
2022 <sup>1</sup>	2024 <sup>2</sup>	5,432,806,724	30.35	165,758,486	99.50	0.50	0.50
2021	2023	4,240,612,931	38.35	161,106,189	99.53	0.47	0.47
2020	2022	4,076,364,174	38.35	158,356,373	99.54	0.46	0.46
2019	2021	4,001,668,407	38.35	154,661,973	98.35	1.65	0.19
2018	2020	3,947,899,049	38.05	145,630,169 <sup>4</sup>	98.18	1.82	0.09
2017 <sup>1</sup>	2019	3,917,617,985	36.88	140,625,450	98.42	1.58	0.04
2016	2018	3,525,167,050	36.03	126,652,686	98.63	1.37	0.05
2016 (MV) <sup>3</sup>	2018	379,623,698	32.00	11,968,704	94.09	5.91	0.00
2015	2017	3,845,132,376	36.03	140,557,058	98.92	1.18	0.05
2014	2016	3,822,090,466	34.61	135,392,014	98.68	1.32	0.05

<sup>1</sup> Revaluation.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to audit.

<sup>3</sup> State legislation at the time of budget adoption capped the motor vehicle mill rate at 32.46 mills.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes the motor vehicle supplement billed on January 1, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> As of October 3, 2024.

Source: City of Bristol, Tax Collector.

**Property Taxes Receivable  
Last Five Fiscal Years  
(In Thousands)**

<b>As of June 30</b>	<b>Total Uncollected Taxes</b>	<b>Current Year Levy</b>
2024	\$ 1,851	\$ 796
2023	1,790	765
2022	1,884	728
2021	2,583	1,254
2020	2,147	1,070
2019	3,483	2,027
2018	3,496	1,953
2017	3,454	1,998
2016	4,155	2,541
2015	3,592	2,397

*Source: City of Bristol, Tax Collector.*

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**V. Debt Summary**  
**Long-Term Debt**  
**As of November 12, 2024**  
**Principal Only**  
**(Pro-Forma)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Rate %</b>	<b>Amount of Original Issue</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>Date of Fiscal Year Maturity</b>
04/20/06	Clean Water PLO (464-C) .....	2.00	\$ 470,225	\$ 39,975	2026
06/27/14	Water PLO .....	2.00	501,000	252,233	2033
07/31/15	Clean Water PLO (622-C).....	2.00	631,833	351,899	2035
09/30/15	Water PLO .....	2.00	344,155	194,481	2035
05/30/17	General Purpose .....	2.00-5.00	17,739,000	11,465,000	2035
05/30/17	Schools .....	2.00-5.00	3,391,000	2,195,000	2035
11/09/17	General Purpose Refunding .....	3.00-5.00	5,437,000	2,716,000	2031
11/09/17	Schools Refunding .....	3.00-5.00	16,094,000	8,043,000	2031
11/09/17	Sewer Refunding .....	3.00-5.00	3,401,000	1,704,000	2031
11/09/17	Water Refunding .....	3.00-5.00	503,000	252,000	2031
08/30/18	Clean Water PLO (640-DC).....	2.00	7,530,046	5,520,127	2039
10/25/18	General Purpose .....	2.50-5.00	18,094,096	13,294,000	2039
10/25/18	Schools .....	2.50-5.00	4,280,904	3,132,000	2039
10/25/18	Sewer .....	2.50-5.00	125,000	94,000	2039
10/25/18	General Purpose (Taxable).....	3.65-4.05	7,900,000	5,810,000	2039
07/31/19	Water PLO .....	2.00	497,096	370,423	2039
11/12/19	General Purpose .....	2.125-5.00	5,375,000	4,405,000	2040
11/12/19	Schools .....	2.125-5.00	19,625,000	16,095,000	2040
03/30/22	General Purpose .....	2.60-5.00	14,295,000	13,545,000	2042
03/30/22	Schools .....	2.60-5.00	11,205,000	10,620,000	2042
04/04/23	General Purpose .....	4.00-5.50	30,000,000	28,900,000	2043
<b>Total Outstanding Long-Term Debt.....</b>			<b>\$ 167,439,355</b>	<b>\$ 128,999,139</b>	

<sup>1</sup> The City has a Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding regarding the financing commitment of the Water Department to ensure the self-funding of the Water Department's debt.

Note: The City's debt service for general obligation sewer bonds is paid completely from the General Fund.

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**Short-Term Debt**  
**As of November 12, 2024**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Authorized Amount</b>	<b>Notes Maturing: 11/6/2025</b>
Animal Control Facility.....	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 1,200,000
Apparatus Replacements.....	748,000	748,000
City Hall Unit Heater/AC Perimeter Replacement.....	675,000	675,000
EG Stocks Playground and Splash Park Upgrade.....	1,025,000	1,000,000
Fire Station 3 Renovation/Relocation.....	8,770,000	4,000,000
Greene Hills School HVAC Corrective Plan.....	8,447,500	6,525,000
Jerome Avenue Bridge Replacement.....	3,168,000	1,680,000
Landfill Erosion Repairs.....	1,075,000	1,017,000
North Main Street Streetscape.....	790,000	750,000
Northeast Middle School Renovations.....	102,375,000	10,000,000
Page Park Pavilion Renovation Phase 2.....	600,000	600,000
Page Park Revitalization.....	10,050,000	4,930,000
Riverside Avenue Streetscape Improvements.....	500,000	300,000
Southside School HVAC Upgrade.....	3,917,160	275,000
Technology Replacements.....	2,554,000	1,300,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 147,544,660</b>	<b>\$ 35,000,000</b>

**General Fund**  
**Bonded Debt Maturity Schedule <sup>1</sup>**  
**As of November 12, 2024**  
**(Pro-Forma)**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative Principal Retired</b>
2025 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 2,856,931	\$ 2,484,104	\$ 5,341,035	2.2%
2026	9,475,576	4,327,129	13,802,705	9.6%
2027	9,482,068	3,943,695	13,425,763	17.1%
2028	9,495,020	3,568,440	13,063,460	24.5%
2029	9,498,137	3,195,044	12,693,181	31.9%
2030	9,656,415	2,819,344	12,475,760	39.4%
2031	9,659,860	2,450,358	12,110,218	47.0%
2032	7,590,474	2,147,381	9,737,855	52.9%
2033	7,599,266	1,890,402	9,489,668	58.9%
2034	7,663,233	1,656,326	9,319,560	64.9%
2035	7,656,496	1,417,840	9,074,335	70.8%
2036	6,403,042	1,176,708	7,579,750	75.9%
2037	6,411,785	969,594	7,381,379	80.9%
2038	6,420,702	760,667	7,181,369	85.9%
2039	6,045,996	551,424	6,597,420	90.6%
2040	4,375,000	375,733	4,750,733	94.0%
2041	2,995,000	249,063	3,244,063	96.4%
2042	2,995,000	141,368	3,136,368	98.7%
2043	1,650,000	33,000	1,683,000	100.0%
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 127,930,001</b>	<b>\$ 34,157,619</b>	<b>\$ 162,087,621</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Includes debt service related to Clean Water Fund Loans from the State of Connecticut outstanding as of November 12, 2024 but excludes self-supporting water debt.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes \$6,678,611 of principal and \$1,937,866 of interest paid between July 1, 2024 and

Note: The City's debt service for general obligation sewer bonds is paid for from sewer user fees.

**Self-Supporting Water Debt Maturity Schedule**  
**As of November 12, 2024**  
**(Pro-Forma)**

<b>Fiscal</b>				<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Principal Retired</b>
2025 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 43,169	\$ 15,927	\$ 59,097	4.0%
2026	107,850	24,358	132,209	14.1%
2027	109,181	21,137	130,317	24.3%
2028	110,538	18,083	128,621	34.7%
2029	111,923	15,031	126,955	45.1%
2030	113,336	11,937	125,273	55.7%
2031	114,778	8,814	123,592	66.5%
2032	74,248	6,496	80,744	73.4%
2033	75,749	5,001	80,749	80.5%
2034	62,143	3,532	65,675	86.3%
2035	42,926	2,500	45,426	90.3%
2036	28,087	1,814	29,901	93.0%
2037	28,654	1,245	29,899	95.6%
2038	29,232	665	29,897	98.4%
2039	17,324	116	17,439	100.0%
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,137</b>	<b>\$ 136,656</b>	<b>\$ 1,205,793</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Excludes \$62,377 of principal and \$15,927 of interest paid between July 1, 2024 and November 12, 2024.

**Overlapping/Underlying Debt**

The City of Bristol has neither overlapping nor underlying debt.

**THE CITY OF BRISTOL HAS NEVER DEFAULTED IN THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST ON ITS BONDS OR NOTES.**

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**Debt Statement**  
**As of November 12, 2024**  
**Principal Only**  
**(Pro Forma)**

**Long-Term Debt Outstanding:**

General Purpose .....	\$ 80,135,000
Schools .....	40,085,000
Sewers .....	7,710,001
Water .....	1,069,137
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b> .....	<b>128,999,139</b>
<b>Short-Term Debt</b> (This Issue: Due 11/6/25) .....	<b>35,000,000</b>
<b>Total Direct Debt</b> .....	<b>163,999,139</b>
Less: Self Supporting Water Debt <sup>1</sup> .....	(1,069,137)
<b>Total Net Direct Debt</b> .....	<b>162,930,001</b>
Plus: Overlapping/Underlying Debt .....	-
<b>Total Overall Net Debt</b> .....	<b>\$ 162,930,001</b>

<sup>1</sup> The City has a Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding regarding the financing commitment of the Water Department to ensure the self-funding of the Water Department's debt.

**Current Debt Ratios**  
**As of November 12, 2024**  
**(Pro Forma)**

Population (2022) .....	61,052
Net Taxable Grand List (10/1/23) .....	\$ 5,451,361,315
Estimated Full Value (70%).....	\$ 7,787,659,021
Equalized Grand List (10/1/22) <sup>2</sup> .....	\$ 7,780,071,146
Income per Capita (2022) <sup>1</sup> .....	\$ 40,984

	<b>Total Direct Debt</b>	<b>Total Net Direct Debt</b>	<b>Total Overall Net Debt</b>
	<b>\$163,999,139</b>	<b>\$162,930,001</b>	<b>\$162,930,001</b>
Per Capita.....	\$ 2,686.22	\$ 2,668.71	\$ 2,668.71
Ratio to Net Taxable Grand List.....	3.01%	2.99%	2.99%
Ratio to Estimated Full Value.....	2.11%	2.09%	2.09%
Ratio to Equalized Grand List.....	2.11%	2.09%	2.09%
Debt per Capita to Income per Capita (2022).....	6.55%	6.51%	6.51%

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Bureau of Census, American Community Survey (2018-2022).

<sup>2</sup> Office of Policy and Management, State of Connecticut.

## **Bond Authorization Procedure**

Authorization to incur indebtedness through the issuance of bonds or notes must be approved by the Board of Finance which has the sole power by Charter to determine the necessity for and manner of issuing bonds by the City of Bristol. Special appropriations which are financed by bond issues must be approved by the Board of Finance and the Joint Board. Refunding bonds are authorized by resolution of City Council.

## **Temporary Financing**

When general obligation bonds have been authorized, bond anticipation notes may be issued maturing in not more than two years (CGS Sec. 7-378). Temporary notes may be renewed up to ten years from their original date of issue as long as all project grant payments are applied toward payment of temporary notes when they become due and payable and the legislative body schedules principal reductions by the end of the third year and for all subsequent years during which such temporary notes remain outstanding in an amount equal to a minimum of 1/20th (1/30th for sewer projects and certain school projects) of the estimated net project cost (CGS Sec. 7-378a). The term of the bond issue is reduced by the amount of time temporary financing exceeds two years, or, for sewer projects, by the amount of time temporary financing has been outstanding.

Temporary notes must be permanently funded no later than ten years from the initial borrowing date except for sewer notes issued in anticipation of State and/or Federal grants. If a written commitment exists, the municipality may renew the notes from time to time in terms not to exceed six months until such time that the final grant payments are received (CGS Sec. 7-378b).

Temporary notes may also be issued for up to fifteen years for certain capital projects associated with the operation of a waterworks system (CGS Sec. 7-244a) or a sewage system (CGS Sec. 7-264a). In the first year following the completion of the project(s), or in the sixth year (whichever is sooner), and in each year thereafter, the notes must be reduced by at least 1/15 of the total amount of the notes issued by funds derived from certain sources of payment.

Temporary notes may be issued in one year maturities for up to fifteen years in anticipation of sewer assessments receivable, such notes to be reduced annually by the amount of assessments received during the preceding year (CGS Sec. 7-269a).

## **Clean Water Fund Program**

The City has periodically participated in the State of Connecticut's Clean Water Fund Program (General Statutes Sections 22a-475 et seq., as amended) which provides financial assistance through a combination of grants and loans bearing interest at a rate of 2% per annum.

Grants and loans to a participating municipality are made pursuant to a Project Grant and Project Loan Agreement. For loans, each municipality is obligated to repay only that amount which it draws down for the payment of project costs. Municipalities must permanently finance draws under the Interim Funding Obligations ("IFO") through the issuance of a Project Loan Obligation ("PLO").

Amortization of each loan is required to begin one year from the earlier of the project completion date specified in the PLO, or the actual project completion date. The final maturity of each loan is twenty years from the scheduled completion date. Principal and interest payments are payable 1) in equal monthly installments commencing one month after the scheduled completion date, or 2) in a single annual installment representing 1/20 of total principal not later than one year from the project completion date specified in the PLO, and thereafter in monthly installments. Municipalities may elect to make level debt service payments or level principal payments. Each municipality must deliver to the State an obligation secured by the full faith and credit of the municipality and/or a dedicated source of revenue of such municipality.

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## Limitation of Indebtedness

Municipalities shall not incur indebtedness through the issuance of bonds which will cause aggregate indebtedness by class to exceed the following:

General Purposes:	2.25 times annual receipts from taxation
School Purposes:	4.50 times annual receipts from taxation
Sewer Purposes:	3.75 times annual receipts from taxation
Urban Renewal Purposes:	3.25 times annual receipts from taxation
Unfunded Past Pension Purposes:	3.00 times annual receipts from taxation

In no case however, shall total indebtedness exceed seven times the annual receipts from taxation. Annual receipts from taxation (the "base,") are defined as total tax collections (including interest and penalties) and state payments for revenue loss under the Connecticut General Statutes Sections 12-129d and 7-528.

The statutes also provide for exclusion from the debt limit calculation debt issued in anticipation of taxes; for the supply of water, gas, electricity; for the construction of subways for cables, wires and pipes; for the construction of underground conduits for cables, wires and pipes; and for two or more of such purposes. There are additional exclusions for indebtedness issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from assessments levied upon property benefited by any public improvement and for indebtedness issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds from State or Federal grants evidenced by a written commitment or contract but only to the extent such indebtedness can be paid from such proceeds. The statutes also provide for exclusion from the debt limitation any debt to be paid from a funded sinking fund.

### Statement of Debt Limitation As of November 12, 2024 (Pro Forma)

<b>Total Tax Collections</b> (including interest and lien fees) for the year ended June 30, 2024 .....	\$ 166,150,996
Reimbursement for Revenue Loss on Tax Relief for Elderly-Freeze .....	-
<b>Base</b> .....	<u>\$ 166,150,996</u>

	<b>General Purpose</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Sewers</b>	<b>Urban Renewal</b>	<b>Unfunded Pension</b>
<b>Debt Limitation:</b>					
2 1/4 times base.....	\$ 373,839,741	-	-	-	-
4 1/2 times base.....	-	\$ 747,679,482	-	-	-
3 3/4 times base.....	-	-	\$ 623,066,235	-	-
3 1/4 times base.....	-	-	-	\$ 539,990,737	-
3 times base.....	-	-	-	-	\$ 498,452,988
<b>Total Debt Limitation</b> .....	<u>373,839,741</u>	<u>747,679,482</u>	<u>623,066,235</u>	<u>539,990,737</u>	<u>498,452,988</u>
<b>Indebtedness:</b>					
Outstanding Debt: <sup>1</sup>					
Bonds Payable.....	80,135,000	40,085,000	7,710,001	-	-
Notes (This Issue).....	17,200,000	17,800,000	-	-	-
Bonds Authorized But Unissued....	24,082,709	132,745,878 <sup>2</sup>	743,167	-	-
<b>Total Indebtedness</b> .....	<u>121,417,709</u>	<u>190,630,878</u>	<u>8,453,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Less School Construction Grants ...	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Net Indebtedness For Debt</b>					
<b>Limitation Calculation</b> .....	<u>121,417,709</u>	<u>190,630,878</u>	<u>8,453,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>DEBT LIMITATION IN EXCESS OF INDEBTEDNESS</b> .....	<u>\$ 252,422,032</u>	<u>\$ 557,048,604</u>	<u>\$ 614,613,067</u>	<u>\$ 539,990,737</u>	<u>\$ 498,452,988</u>

<sup>1</sup> Because water debt is excludable from the calculation of debt limitation as allowed by Connecticut General Statutes, excluded from above is \$1,069,137 of water bonds outstanding.

<sup>2</sup> Amount authorized but unissued for school projects has been reduced by grants received from the State of Connecticut, but not by additional grants expected to be received. For school projects authorized by the General Assembly after July 1, 1996, a bond authorization is required for the portion of the project that is eligible for state grants.

Note: In no case shall total indebtedness exceed seven times annual receipts from taxation or \$1,163,056,972.

**Authorized but Unissued Debt**  
**As of November 12, 2024**  
**(Pro Forma)**

Project	Authorized Amount	Debt Previously Issued	The Notes: To Mature: 11/6/25	Grants Received or Other Funds to Reduce Bond Authorization <sup>1</sup>	Net Authorized but Unissued
894 Middle Street Remediation Project.....	\$ 2,849,000	\$ 550,000	\$ -	\$ 2,266,073	\$ 32,927
Animal Control Facility.....	2,850,000	-	1,200,000	-	1,650,000
Apparatus Replacements.....	748,000	-	748,000	-	-
Broad Street Pump Force Main.....	1,500,000	756,833	-	-	743,167
Broad Street Retaining Wall.....	1,880,000	-	-	-	1,880,000
Centre Square Infrastructure Project.....	4,000,000	3,950,298	-	-	49,702
Chippens Hill Roof.....	2,909,560	1,650,000	-	772,489	487,071
City Hall Office Building Program.....	33,450,000	31,900,800	-	-	1,549,200
City Hall Swing Space ReUse.....	450,000	-	-	-	450,000
City Hall Unit Heater/AC Perimeter Replacement.....	675,000	-	675,000	-	-
City Wide Fiber Network.....	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Downs Street Bridge.....	320,000	275,000	-	-	45,000
Edgewood School Roof Replacement.....	16,809,910	-	-	-	16,809,910
EG Stocks Playground and Splash Park Upgrade.....	1,025,000	-	1,000,000	-	25,000
Field Street Culverts.....	430,000	-	-	-	430,000
Fire Station 3 Renovation/Relocation.....	8,770,000	550,000	4,000,000	-	4,220,000
Greene Hills School HVAC Corrective Plan.....	8,447,500	-	6,525,000	-	1,922,500
IAQ Commissioning.....	1,200,000	-	-	-	1,200,000
Jerome Avenue Bridge Replacement.....	3,168,000	-	1,680,000	1,485,000	3,000
Lake Avenue Bridge Replacement.....	1,396,000	-	-	-	1,396,000
Lake Avenue Culvert at Mix St.....	950,000	-	-	-	950,000
Landfill Erosion Repairs.....	1,075,000	-	1,017,000	-	58,000
Main Library LED Lighting Conversion.....	333,970	160,000	-	-	173,970
Memorial Blvd. Intradistrict Arts Magnet School.....	63,000,000	25,227,840	-	19,235,463	18,536,697 <sup>2</sup>
Memorial Bridge.....	4,100,000	2,100,000	-	1,961,000	39,000
NEMS Gym Floor.....	244,000	240,000	-	-	4,000
North Main Street Streetscape.....	790,000	-	750,000	-	40,000
Northeast Middle School Renovations.....	102,375,000	-	10,000,000	-	92,375,000 <sup>3</sup>
Page Park Pavilion Renovation Phase 2.....	600,000	-	600,000	-	-
Page Park Revitalization.....	10,050,000	-	4,930,000	-	5,120,000
Police Court Complex MEP Phase II & III.....	1,200,000	-	-	-	1,200,000
Riverside Avenue Streetscape Improvements.....	500,000	-	300,000	-	200,000
Route 72 Corridor Improvements.....	55,000	-	-	-	55,000
Security Upgrades - District Wide - BOE.....	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
Senior Center Renovations.....	2,638,910	-	-	-	2,638,910
Shrub Road Sidewalks.....	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
Southside School HVAC Upgrade.....	3,917,160	3,597,160	275,000	-	45,000
Stafford School Roof.....	2,514,275	630,000	-	1,343,575	540,700
Stevens Street Bridge- Richard Court Berm.....	550,000	498,000	-	-	52,000
Technology Replacements.....	2,554,000	1,254,000	1,300,000	-	-
Wolcott Street Reconstruction.....	130,000	-	-	-	130,000
Woodland Street Sidewalks.....	340,000	-	-	-	340,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 292,975,285</b>	<b>\$ 73,339,931</b>	<b>\$ 35,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,063,600</b>	<b>\$ 157,571,754</b>

<sup>1</sup> This column contains actual grants received, except where noted. It does not include estimates for grants to be received.

<sup>2</sup> The City expects to receive approximately \$10 million in school construction grants from the State of Connecticut for this project.

<sup>3</sup> The City expects to receive approximately \$55 million in school construction grants from the State of Connecticut for this project.

**Principal Amount of Outstanding Debt <sup>1</sup>  
Last Five Fiscal Years**

**General Obligation**

<b>Bonds Payable From:</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
General Fund <sup>2</sup> .....	\$ 127,471,500	\$ 135,184,500	\$ 112,620,500	\$ 104,462,072	\$ 112,491,733
Water Enterprise Fund <sup>3</sup> .....	1,383,500	1,565,500	1,949,500	1,881,520	2,219,107
<b>Sub-Total Bonds</b> .....	<b>128,855,000</b>	<b>136,750,000</b>	<b>114,570,000</b>	<b>106,343,592</b>	<b>114,710,840</b>
<b>Short-Term Debt</b>					
Bond Anticipation Notes .....	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Total Notes</b> .....	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 128,855,000</b>	<b>\$ 136,750,000</b>	<b>\$ 114,570,000</b>	<b>\$ 106,343,592</b>	<b>\$ 114,710,840</b>

<sup>1</sup> Amounts rounded.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Clean Water Fund Loans.

<sup>3</sup> The City has a memorandum of agreement and understanding regarding the financing commitment by the Water Department to ensure the self-funding of the Water Department's debt.

Note: Financial information is from the City's audits. 2024 provided by Finance Department.

**Ratio of Net Long-Term Debt to Valuation, Population and Income**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended 6/30</b>	<b>Net Assessed Value (000s)</b>	<b>Estimated Full Value (000s)</b>	<b>Net Long-Term Debt <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Ratio of Net Long-Term Debt to Assessed Value</b>	<b>Ratio of Net Long-Term Debt to Estimated Full Value</b>	<b>Population <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Ratio of Net Long-Term Debt per Capita to Income <sup>3</sup></b>
				<b>Value</b>	<b>Full Value</b>		<b>per Capita</b>
2024	\$ 5,432,807	\$ 7,761,152	\$ 127,472	2.35%	1.64%	61,052	\$ 2,087.92
2023	4,240,613	6,058,018	135,185	3.19%	2.23%	61,052	2,214.25
2022	4,076,364	5,823,377	112,621	2.76%	1.93%	61,052	1,844.67
2021	4,001,668	5,716,669	104,462	2.61%	1.83%	61,052	1,711.03
2020	3,947,899	5,639,856	112,492	2.85%	1.99%	61,052	1,842.56

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of water debt and school building grants receivable.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Bureau of Census, American Community Survey (2018-2022)

<sup>3</sup> Income per Capita: \$40,984. U.S. Bureau of Census, American Community Survey (2018-2022).

**Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures for Total Long-Term Debt to General Fund Expenditures (GAAP Basis)  
(In Thousands)**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended 6/30</b>	<b>Total Debt Service <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>Total General Fund Expenditures <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Ratio of General Fund Debt Service To Total General Fund Expenditures</b>
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>		
2025 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 8,985	\$ 4,558	\$ 13,543	4.96%
2024 <sup>3</sup>	7,713	4,037	11,750	4.69%
2023	7,436	4,042	11,478	4.53%
2022	8,521	3,400	11,921	4.99%
2021	7,357	3,770	11,127	4.82%
2020	6,931	3,584	10,515	4.54%
2019	6,192	3,276	9,468	4.41%
2018	6,340	2,334	8,674	3.80%
2017	6,177	2,310	8,487	3.88%
2016	6,186	2,440	8,626	4.25%

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Water Department's debt accounted for in the Enterprise Fund.

<sup>2</sup> Includes General Fund Expenditures and Transfers-Out.

<sup>3</sup> Budget Basis. State of Connecticut on-behalf contributions for teachers' pensions was included in the expenditure number for comparability to audited years.

Source: City of Bristol, Audit Reports 2016-2023. 2024 and 2025 from Finance Department.

## **VI. Financial Administration**

### **Audit**

The City of Bristol, pursuant to local ordinance and provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes (Chapter 111), is required to undergo an annual audit by an independent public accountant. The auditor, appointed by the Board of Finance, is required to conduct the audit under the guidelines outlined by the Office of Policy and Management, which also receives a copy of the audit report. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the financial statements of the various funds of the City were audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP of West Hartford, Connecticut.

### **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (“GFOA”) presents a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award to those applicants who conform to the program's requirements. The award is valid for one year only.

In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report, the contents of which conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

The City has not only received the Certificate of Conformance (previous name of award before 1986) for past financial reports, but the City also has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual financial report for the last thirty-seven consecutive years including the June 30, 2023 report.

The City feels confident that it meets the program requirements for the award and will continue to participate in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program.

### **Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation**

The GFOA presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting, to the City of Bristol for the twenty-third consecutive year for its annual budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. This award reflects the commitment of the governing body and its staff towards meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

The City feels confident that it meets the program requirements for this award, and will continue to participate in the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program.

### **Budget Procedure**

The Board of Finance is the budget making authority for the City. The Board annually adopts a budget calendar outlining the budget process timetable which is summarized below:

January .....	All City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Departments submit their estimates for revenues and expenditures.
Middle February to Early April.....	Board of Finance holds hearings and budget workshops.
15 Days Prior to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in May or 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in June, whichever is applicable .....	Board of Finance must adopt a budget and deliver to Council.
Seven Days Prior to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in May ....	Publish the budget in a newspaper.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in May or 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in June, as applicable .....	Board of Finance and City Council meet on budget (they may modify only) and adopt tax rate.

The Charter requires that the adopted budget have a balanced relationship between revenues and expenditures as well as the inclusion of pension contributions and debt service requirements. Once adopted, transfers may be authorized by the Board of Finance and, if in excess of \$5,000, transfers must also be approved at a Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Board of Finance. Additional appropriations require Board of Finance and City Council approval. The only exception to the above involves appropriations from the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures under the provisions of Chapter 108 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Appropriations are made based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance and approval by the City's legislative body, the City Council.

Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-661 creates a cap on adopted general budget expenditures for municipalities in Connecticut in order for municipalities to be eligible to receive the full amount of the State's municipal revenue sharing grant. Beginning in fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") must reduce the municipal revenue sharing grant amount for those municipalities whose adopted general fund budgeted expenditures (with certain exceptions including but not limited to debt service, special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards, budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital expenditures of \$100,000 or more, or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, and certain major disaster or emergency expenditures) exceeds the spending limits specified in the statute. For each applicable fiscal year, OPM must determine the municipality's percentage growth in general budget expenditures over the prior fiscal year and reduce the grant if the growth rate is equal to or greater than 2.5% or the inflation rate, whichever is greater, each of those amounts adjusted by an amount proportionate to any increase in the municipality's population from the previous fiscal year. The reduction is generally equal to 50 cents for every dollar the municipality spends over this cap. Each municipality must annually certify to the Secretary of the OPM whether such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in the statute and if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded. The City did receive \$1.6 million in fiscal year 2023-2024 that was not anticipated. For fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 through June 30, 2025 the City's budget has not exceeded the municipal spending cap.

### **Five-Year Capital Improvement Program Summary**

<b>Proposed Projects</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-2028</b>	<b>2028-2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board of Education .....	\$ 2,150,000	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 105,751,700	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 43,416,200	\$ 196,317,900
Fire Department .....	406,000	5,085,000	-	3,600,000	-	9,091,000
Police Department .....	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000
General Government .....	300,000	1,032,750	-	-	-	1,332,750
Parks & Recreation .....	285,000	9,960,000	5,800,000	2,625,000	-	18,670,000
Public Works .....	5,419,910	59,840,000	14,420,000	8,320,000	470,000	88,469,910
Water Pollution Control.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,560,910</b>	<b>\$ 117,917,750</b>	<b>\$ 125,971,700</b>	<b>\$ 17,545,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,886,200</b>	<b>\$ 323,881,560</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>						
General Fund Cash.....	\$ 160,000	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,000
State & Federal Aid .....	2,067,000	3,380,000	82,270,000	7,450,000	27,352,205	122,519,205
WPC CNR Fund.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Funds.....	720,000	190,000	-	-	-	910,000
Bonds .....	5,613,910	114,127,750	43,701,700	10,095,000	26,533,995	200,072,355
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,560,910</b>	<b>\$ 117,917,750</b>	<b>\$ 125,971,700</b>	<b>\$ 17,545,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,886,200</b>	<b>\$ 323,881,560</b>

Note: 2025 is adopted and 2026-2029 are proposed projects by Departments, not approved by the CIP Committee, Board of Finance or City Council.

## ***Insurance & Risk Management***

Through an appointed committee of the Board of Finance the Insurance Committee oversees all city wide insurance that includes property and liability, workers' compensation and medical. The City uses the services of consultants and qualified brokers to procure these insurances for the City and Board of Education.

Since July 2003 the City has been self-insured for Workers' Compensation claims. The program is administered by FutureComp, a third party claims administrator.

In September 1988, the decision was made to self-insure the City's Medical and Dental Benefits. The City uses an internal service fund to account for the medical claims and administration of its benefit programs. The City uses Cigna for medical and prescription and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for dental. Lockton Companies provides the City of Bristol and Board of Education with employee health and benefits insurance consulting services. As of June 30, 2023, the City's Internal Service Fund for health and workers' compensation had in excess of \$19 million which was all available for future claims. Effective with the FY2019-2020 budget the City purchased stop loss coverage to cover claims in excess of \$1 million for health as well as a \$750,000 stop loss for workers' compensation claims.

The City has not had any problems in securing or meeting its insurance needs.

## ***Investment Practices for Operating Funds***

The City's operating and working capital funds are invested at the direction of the City Treasurer in the following short-term investments: (1) various certificates of deposit with Connecticut banks; (2) overnight repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government agency obligations such as Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation which are valued daily; and (3) overnight U.S. Treasury obligations.

In addition, the City monitors the risk based capital ratios and collateral requirements of the qualified public depositories, as defined by the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 36-382, for which it places deposits or makes investments.

Eligible investments for Connecticut municipalities are governed by the Connecticut General Statutes, primarily Sections 7-400 and 7-402. Please refer to Note 15 in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023.

## ***Investment Practices for Pension Plans***

The City provides three pension plans which cover substantially all employees of the City. In 1969 the City adopted the Retirement Ordinance, pursuant to the City Charter, amended 1969. The pension plan provides retirement systems for Bristol's municipal employees, police and firefighters. It also empowers the General Retirement Board to oversee the management and administration of the funds. Teachers are covered under the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System.

The Retirement Ordinance establishes that decision-making authority regarding investments is entrusted to the General Retirement Board ("Board"), while the City Treasurer and Comptroller, as Custodian and Secretary respectively, carry out the directives of the General Retirement Board.

**City of Bristol General Retirement System  
Schedule of Employer Contributions**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>Annual Required Contribution</b>	<b>Amount Contributed</b>	<b>Percentage Contributed</b>
6/30/2015	\$ 507,245	\$ 127,325	25.1%
6/30/2016	352,543	44,000	12.5%
6/30/2017	756,393	1,064,936	140.8%
6/30/2018	2,617,369	2,617,369	100.0%
6/30/2019 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	n/a
6/30/2020 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	n/a
6/30/2021 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	n/a
6/30/2022 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	n/a
6/30/2023 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	n/a
6/30/2024 <sup>1,2</sup>	-	-	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Effective FY 6/30/2019 the City consolidated the three separate Retirement Funds, City, Police and Fire, under one reporting and actuarial valuation umbrella to maximize the assets and overfunding of the Police and Fire plans with the slightly underfunded City plan which required a contribution.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to audit.

During the FY2018-2019 budget process the City was faced with a significant tax increase primarily as a result of a loss of state revenues realized from the prior budget year. Looking at various alternatives to mitigate the tax increase the City focused on the required pension contribution for the City Retirement fund. The City has three pension plans, City Employee Retirement Fund, Firefighter Retirement Fund and Police Retirement Fund. The City is very fortunate in that all funds are extremely well funded. At June 30, 2017 the funded ratios for each plan were: City 99.5%, Fire 268% and Police 164%. However, since the City plan had dipped below the 100% funded ratio a contribution was required. The pension funds had historically been combined for investment purposes with activity allocated among the three plans for reporting and actuarial purposes. Recognizing the benefits of consolidation, City officials evaluated the best options to combine the funds under one “umbrella” plan to mitigate the required contribution. Working with City officials, the Fire and Police unions, the City’s actuary and pension attorney the plans were combined for actuarial and reporting purposes effective July 1, 2018. The combined funded ratio for the pension plan at the time of consolidation was 149%. The consolidated financial information is as follows:

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	<b>City of Bristol Retirement System</b>
Actuarial Liability.....	\$ 588,674,746
Actuarial Value of Assets.....	733,844,047
Unfunded Accrued Liability/(Surplus).....	<u>\$ (145,169,301)</u>
Past Service Cost.....	\$ (15,435,031)
City Normal Cost.....	11,616,862
Actuarially Determined	
Contribution for FY2022-23.....	<u>\$ <sup>1</sup> -</u>

<sup>1</sup> The City has no required contribution for the fiscal year 2023/24 or 2024/25.

**GASB 67 Disclosure – ALL PLANS**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 67 (“GASB 67”) requires a determination of the Total Pension Liability (“TPL”) for a plan using the Entry Age Normal actuarial funding method. The Net Pension Liability (“NPL”) is then set equal to the TPL minus the plan’s Fiduciary Net Position (“FNP”) which, generally, is the market value of assets in the plan as of the measurement date. Among the assumptions needed for the liability calculation is a Single Equivalent Interest Rate (“SEIR”). To determine the SEIR, the FNP must be projected into the future for as long as there are anticipated benefits payable to the membership and beneficiaries of the system on the measurement date. If the FNP of the plan is not expected to be depleted at any point in the future, the plan may use its long-term expected rate of return as the SEIR. If, on the other hand, the FNP of the plan is expected to be depleted, then the SEIR is the single rate of interest that will generate a present value of benefits equal to the sum of (i) the present value of all benefits through the date of depletion at a discount rate equal to the long-term expected rate of return, plus (ii) the present value of benefits after the date of depletion discounted at a rate based on 20-year, tax-exempt, general obligation municipal bonds, with an average credit rating of AA/Aa or higher.

The report for the Plan as of June 30, 2023 used its long term investment rate of 6.5% as the SEIR since the results currently indicate that the FNP will not be depleted at any point in the future. The City recently reduced the long term rate of return to 6.5% for its July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation. GASB 67 also requires sensitivity calculations based on a SEIR 1% in excess and 1% less than the SEIR used, which would impact the NPL as follows:

<b>Net pension liability (asset)</b>	<b>Current</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
	<b>5.50%</b>	<b>6.50%</b>	<b>7.50%</b>
City of Bristol Retirement System.....	(70,279,057)	(145,169,301)	(207,155,651)

See Appendix A – “Audited Financial Statements, Notes to Financial Statements, Note 14” herein.

***Education***

Teachers and administrators, who belong to the retirement program provided by the State Teachers' Retirement Board, contribute 7.25% (6% + 1.25% health insurance). The State of Connecticut makes appropriations from the General Fund for its contributions to the Retirement Fund. The contributions are determined on an actuarial reserve basis. Neither the City nor the Board of Education is required to currently contribute to the Retirement Fund.

## Other Post-Employment Benefits

In addition to providing pension benefits, the City provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees in accordance with City Council resolutions and bargaining agreements. Substantially all of the City's employees may become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the City. The cost of retiree health care benefits is recognized as an expenditure as claims are paid.

The City uses the actuarial firm Milliman to perform the actuarial analysis of its estimated liability for post-employment benefits. The following is a detailed analysis, as of the most recent valuation.

### Net OPEB Obligations

<b>Actuarial Valuation Date</b>	<b>Actuarial Value of Assets (a) (000s)</b>	<b>Actuarial Liability (AAL) Accrued (b) (000s)</b>	<b>Funded (Unfunded) AAL (UAAL) (a-b) (000s)</b>	<b>Percentage Funded (a/b)</b>	<b>Covered Payroll (c) (000s)</b>	<b>UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((a-b)/c)</b>
7/1/2014	\$ 4,440	\$ 60,733	\$ (56,293)	7.3%	\$ 96,521	58.3%
7/1/2016	6,128	70,897	(64,769)	8.6%	98,287	65.9%
7/1/2018	9,926	66,122	(56,196)	15.0%	98,287	57.2%
7/1/2020	14,091	80,355	(66,264)	17.5%	105,736	62.7%
7/1/2022	19,245	91,960	(72,715)	20.9%	118,077	61.6%

### Schedule of Employer Contributions

	<b>2024<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Actuarially Determined Contribution.....	\$ 10,136,309	\$ 8,643,752	\$ 8,664,061	\$ 8,411,459	\$ 8,280,600
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution.....	8,316,326	8,001,173	7,858,513	7,818,237	8,127,555
Contribution Deficiency (Excess).....	1,819,983	642,579	805,548	593,222	153,045
Contributions as a Percentage of Actuarially Determined Contribution...	82.04%	92.57%	90.70%	92.95%	98.15%
Covered Payroll.....	N/A	\$ 118,176,603	\$ 105,287,835	\$ 105,287,835	\$ 105,705,084
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll.....	N/A	6.77%	7.46%	7.43%	7.69%

<sup>1</sup> Subject to audit.

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**Four Year Summary of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP)  
And Estimated Actuals and Adopted Current Budget (Budgetary Basis)  
(In Thousands)**

	<i>Unaudited</i>					
	<b>Budget 2025<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Actual 2024<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Taxes and assessments .....	\$ 174,356	\$ 165,037	\$ 160,132	\$ 157,922	\$ 154,418	\$ 150,755
Interest and lien fees .....	800	1,114	1,007	1,102	1,059	865
Licenses and permits .....	2,113	2,435	3,056	2,713	2,820	2,059
Intergovernmental <sup>2</sup> .....	43,913	53,170	77,394	68,988	68,763	72,627
Charges for Services .....	2,502	2,985	5,057	5,403	5,310	3,921
Investment Income (Loss) .....	1,104	2,955	1,480	(856)	289	1,410
Sale of property and equipment .....	75	139	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous .....	476	594	129	188	148	68
<b>Total Revenues</b> .....	<b>225,338</b>	<b>228,429</b>	<b>248,255</b>	<b>235,459</b>	<b>232,807</b>	<b>231,704</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
General government .....	\$ 7,565	\$ 9,120	\$ 8,343	\$ 8,349	\$ 8,046	6,408
Public safety .....	30,748	38,904	33,874	35,763	35,092	26,569
Public works <sup>5</sup> .....	10,930	13,463	12,410	11,663	12,773	13,274
Health and Welfare .....	4,514	10,021	7,541	6,903	6,528	6,426
Libraries .....	2,616	3,099	2,961	2,944	2,956	2,306
Parks and Recreation .....	4,531	5,580	4,887	4,490	4,193	2,634
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	129,089	130,462	155,435	149,182	142,045	119,334
Employee Benefits .....	3,447	-	-	-	-	4,407
Insurance <sup>3</sup> .....	1,394	-	-	-	-	30,362
Miscellaneous .....	1,810	562	-	-	-	381
Capital Outlay .....	-	1,984	4,549	1,016	-	143
Debt Service <sup>4</sup> .....	-	12,000	15,360	12,376	10,100	9,850
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<b>196,643</b>	<b>225,195</b>	<b>245,361</b>	<b>232,687</b>	<b>221,733</b>	<b>222,095</b>
<b>Operating Results</b> .....	<b>28,694</b>	<b>3,234</b>	<b>2,895</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>11,074</b>	<b>9,609</b>
<b>Other Financing Source (Uses):</b>						
Operating transfers in & Other .....	3,777	4,026	1,325	1,667	18	46
Operating transfers (out) .....	(32,472)	(5,661)	(7,819)	(6,395)	(9,322)	(9,353)
Issuance of Capital Lease .....	-	-	1,098	1,016	-	143
Premium on Bonds .....	-	-	1,542	1,261	-	701
Issuance of SBITAs .....	-	-	3,451	-	-	-
Refunding bonds issued .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on refunding bonds issued .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> .....	<b>(28,694)</b>	<b>(1,635)</b>	<b>(402)</b>	<b>(2,451)</b>	<b>(9,304)</b>	<b>(8,463)</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses.</b>						
	-	1,599	2,493	321	1,770	1,146
<b>Fund Balance, July 1</b> .....	<b>47,339</b>	<b>45,740</b>	<b>43,247</b>	<b>42,926</b>	<b>41,156</b>	<b>40,010</b>
<b>Fund Balance, June 30</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 47,339</b>	<b>\$ 45,740</b>	<b>\$ 43,247</b>	<b>\$ 42,926</b>	<b>\$ 41,156</b>

<sup>1</sup> Actual (GAAP) years include State Teachers' Retirement Contribution on behalf payment. Years shown on an estimated and budgetary basis do not.

<sup>2</sup> Insurance includes Property, Casualty, Worker's Compensation, Heart & Hypertension and medical for all City and Board of Education employees.

<sup>3</sup> Effective with the June 30, 2021 audit, insurance is allocated among government functions for GAAP reporting.

<sup>4</sup> The City budgets and transfers Debt Service in Operating Transfers Out to the Debt Service Fund and is treated as such in the annual audits. For illustrative and comparative purposes herein Debt Service is allocated from Operating Transfers Out to the Debt Service category. the General Fund.

**Analysis of General Fund Equity**

	<b>Adopted Budget 2025<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Estimated Actual 2024<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>
	Nonspendable.....	N/A	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 14	\$ 2
Restricted.....	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Committed.....	N/A	3,165	3,200	3,246	3,150	3,132
Assigned.....	N/A	11,475	11,374	10,478	8,432	7,968
Unassigned.....	N/A	32,699	31,146	29,509	31,342	30,056
<b>Total Fund Balance</b> .....	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 47,339</b>	<b>\$ 45,740</b>	<b>\$ 43,247</b>	<b>\$ 42,926</b>	<b>\$ 41,156</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budgetary Basis. Subject to audit. No assurances can be given that subsequent projections and the final result of operations will not change.

## Enterprise Fund

The Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of the Bristol Water Department. These operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to that of a private business enterprise, utilizing the accrual basis of accounting, where the intent is that all costs (including depreciation), related to the provision of goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

### **Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance** (In Thousands)

	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2019</b>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>					
Charges for services .....	\$ 8,646	\$ 8,560	\$ 8,891	\$ 8,521	\$ 7,677
Miscellaneous .....	414	427	446	408	548
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>9,060</b>	<b>8,987</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>8,929</b>	<b>8,225</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>					
Source of supply .....	180	211	301	190	232
Pumping .....	257	257	292	416	314
Purification .....	1,680	1,512	1,168	1,133	990
Transmission and distribution .....	3,192	2,483	1,151	1,860	1,789
Customer accounts, administrative and general.....	3,109	3,145	3,029	3,220	2,446
Depreciation .....	1,126	1,158	1,162	1,135	1,136
Taxes other than income taxes .....	617	617	574	581	541
Loss on disposal .....	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b> .....	<b>10,161</b>	<b>9,383</b>	<b>7,677</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>7,448</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b> .....	<b>(1,102)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>777</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses):</b>					
Interest income (loss) .....	98	5	6	71	(37)
Interest expense .....	(33)	(50)	(64)	(77)	(85)
Other, net .....	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on disposal .....	-	-	-	-	-
Amortization of debt discount and expense..	23	21	18	14	14
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b> .....	<b>89</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(108)</b>
Income (loss) before capital contribution and operating transfers .....	(1,013)	(420)	1,620	403	669
Capital Contribution .....	-	-	-	-	-
Change in Net Assets.....	(1,013)	(420)	1,620	403	669
<b>Fund Balance, July 1</b> .....	<b>35,914</b>	<b>36,334</b>	<b>34,714</b>	<b>34,311</b>	<b>33,642</b>
<b>Fund Balance, June 30</b> .....	<b>\$ 34,901</b>	<b>\$ 35,914</b>	<b>\$ 36,334</b>	<b>\$ 34,714</b>	<b>\$ 34,311</b>

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**Bristol Water Department  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2023  
(In Thousands)**

**Assets and Other Debits**

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 8,436
Investments .....	-
Receivables, net .....	2,440
Inventories .....	-
Supplies .....	264
Other assets .....	2
<b>Total Current Assets .....</b>	<b>11,142</b>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Net Pension Asset .....	5,290
Capital assets:	
Assets not being depreciated.....	3,235
Assets being depreciated, net.....	18,498
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets .....</b>	<b>27,023</b>
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$ 38,165</b>

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Deferred charge on refunding .....	-
Deferred outflows related to pension.....	3,261
Deferred outflows related to OPEB.....	831
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,093</b>

**Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits**

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts and contracts payable .....	445
Payroll liabilities .....	71
Customer deposits .....	68
Unearned revenues .....	-
Compensated absences .....	73
Bonds payable - current .....	40
Lease payable - current .....	12
Notes payable - current.....	63
<b>Total Current Liabilities .....</b>	<b>772</b>
Non-current Liabilities:	
Compensated absences .....	82
Bonds payable .....	293
Lease payable .....	21
Notes payable .....	838
Net OPEB Liability .....	4,500
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities .....</b>	<b>5,734</b>
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>6,506</b>

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Deferred inflows related to Pension.....	9
Deferred inflows related to Lease.....	47
Deferred inflows related to OPEB.....	794
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources .....</b>	<b>\$ 850</b>
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt .....	20,465
Restricted for Pensions .....	5,290
Unrestricted .....	9,146
<b>Total Net Position .....</b>	<b>34,901</b>

## **VII. Legal and Other Information**

### **Litigation**

It is the opinion of the City's Corporation Counsel, Edward Krawiecki, that pending litigation will not be finally determined so as to result individually, or in the aggregate, in final judgments against the City which would materially adversely affect its financial position.

### **Transcript and Closing Documents**

Upon delivery of the Notes, the winning purchasers will be furnished with the following documents:

1. A Signature and No Litigation Certificate stating that at the time of delivery no litigation is pending or threatened affecting the validity of the Notes or the levy or collection of taxes to pay them.

2. A Certificate on behalf of the City, signed by the Mayor, Agent of the Board of Finance, and the Comptroller which will be dated the date of delivery, and which will certify, to the best of said officials' knowledge and belief, that at the time bids were accepted on the Notes, the descriptions and statements in the Official Statement relating to the City and its finances were true and correct in all material respects and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and that there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the City from that set forth in or contemplated by the Official Statement.

3. A receipt for the purchase price of the Notes.

4. The approving opinion of Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bond Counsel, of Hartford, Connecticut, substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix B.

5. An executed continuing disclosure agreement for the Notes substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix C.

6. The City has prepared an Official Statement for the Notes which is dated October 30, 2024. The City deems such Official Statement final as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), but is subject to revision or amendment. The City will make available to the each winning purchaser of the Notes a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement at the City's expense. The copies of the Official Statement will be made available to the winning purchasers within seven business days of the bid opening. If the City's Municipal Advisor is provided with the necessary information from the winning purchasers by noon of the day following the day bids on the Notes are received, the copies of the Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages indicating the interest rates, ratings, yields or re-offering prices, the name of the managing underwriter, and the name of the insurer, if any, on the Notes. The winning purchasers shall arrange with the Municipal Advisor the method of delivery of the copies of the Official Statement. Additional copies of the Official Statement may be obtained by the winning purchasers at their own expense by arrangement with the printer.

A transcript of the proceedings taken by the City in authorizing the Notes will be kept on file at the offices of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103 and may be examined upon reasonable request.

**Concluding Statement**

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the City and the purchaser or holders of the Notes. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates are not intended to be representation of fact, and no representation is made that any of such opinion or estimate will be realized. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by financial or other information herein, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the City since the date hereof. References to statutes, charters, or other laws herein may not be complete and such provisions of law are subject to repeal or amendment.

The following officials in their capacity as officers of the City, and in the name and on behalf of the City, do hereby certify in connection with this issue, that they have examined this Official Statement, and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the description and statements relating to the City and its finances are true and correct, as of the date of this Official Statement, in all material respects and do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

This Official Statement has been duly prepared and delivered by the City, and executed for and on behalf of the City by the following officials:

CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

*/s/ Jeffrey Caggiano*

JEFFREY CAGGIANO, *Mayor*

*/s/ David Maikowski*

DAVID MAIKOWSKI, *Chairman and Agent of the Board of Finance*

*/s/ Diane M. Waldron*

DIANE M. WALDRON, *Comptroller*

Dated: October 30, 2024

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## ***Appendix A***

### ***General Purpose Financial Statements (Excerpted from the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report)***

The following includes the General Purpose Financial Statements of the City of Bristol, Connecticut for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The supplemental data which was a part of that report has not been reproduced herein. A copy of the complete report is available upon request from Matthew Spoerndle, Senior Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 53 River Street, Suite #1, Milford, Connecticut. Telephone (203) 878-4945.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

City Council and the Board of Finance  
City of Bristol, Connecticut

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Bristol, Connecticut's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Bristol, Connecticut and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Emphasis of Matter - Change in Accounting Principle**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, effective July 1, 2022, the City of Bristol, Connecticut adopted new accounting guidance for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA). The guidance requires the entity to recognize a right-to-use subscription asset and corresponding subscription liability all SBITA contracts with terms greater than twelve months. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Emphasis of Matter – Prior Period Adjustments**

As discussed in Note 16 to the financial statements, the City of Bristol, Connecticut restated beginning net position of the governmental activities and business type activities, and beginning of fund balance of capital projects fund and nonmajor governmental funds to record the effect of the reclassification of the Sewer Operating Fund to business-type activity from a nonmajor governmental fund. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Bristol, Connecticut's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Bristol, Connecticut's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about City of Bristol, Connecticut's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pension and OPEB schedules, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit for the year ended June 30, 2023 was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Bristol, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules for the year ended June 30, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023 and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2023.

We also previously audited, in accordance with GAAS, the basic financial statements of City of Bristol, Connecticut as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 (not presented herein), and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2022, which contained unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. The accompanying financial statements for the General Fund, Internal Service Funds, and Pension and OPEB Trust Funds as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2022 financial statements. The information was subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the 2022 basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare those financial statements or to those financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the financial statements for the General Fund, Internal Service Funds, and Pension and OPEB Trust Funds were fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2022.

**Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 28, 2023, on our consideration of the City of Bristol, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bristol, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Bristol, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

West Hartford, Connecticut  
December 28, 2023

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

This discussion and analysis of the City of Bristol, Connecticut's (the City) financial performance is provided by management to provide an overview of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Please read this MD&A in conjunction with the transmittal letter beginning on page iii and the City's financial statements, Exhibits I to IX.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The City's total net position decreased \$2.3 million or 0.4%. Net position of business-type activities decreased \$1.9 million, or 2%, and net position of governmental activities decreased slightly by \$0.4 million, as restated for both business-type and governmental activities. The restatement is due to the reclassification of the sewer funds to an enterprise fund. Operational and financial control was transferred to the water department.
- During the year, expenses exceeded revenues generated in tax and other revenues for governmental programs and business activities by \$2.3 million. The majority of the decrease is attributable to operating losses in business-type activities of \$1.9 million. Overall governmental program expenses exceeded program revenues by \$0.4 million.
- In the City's governmental activities, revenues increased \$18.7 million or 6.3% and expenses increased \$41.8 million or 15.2%. The increase in revenues was primarily a result of operating grants and contributions of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expended for both City and Board of Education projects. In addition, there is a decrease in capital grants and contributions when compared to the prior year due to the completion of the of the Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School in 2022 when the majority of the school construction grants were received. The increase in expenses of \$41.8 million or 15.2% is primarily a result of the use of ARPA funds both for the City and education as mentioned earlier, as well as capital expenditures for renovations to City Hall.
- In the City's business-type activities, revenues increased \$7.6 million primarily due to the change in operational and financial oversight of the sewer department from public works to the water department. Of the \$9.1 million increase in expenses, \$8.3 million is a result of this change and restatement.
- Total cost of all City programs was \$335.9 million with no new programs added this year. This represents a \$50.9 million or 17.8% increase compared to fiscal year 2022.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$31.1 million, or 12.3% of general fund budgetary expenditures and transfers out including the State Teachers retirement and OPEB on behalf payments.
- The tax collection rate was 99.5% on the current levy which compares to the same, 99.5%, in the prior year.
- The City of Bristol's total bonded indebtedness including Enterprise fund debt increased \$22.2 million representing a 19.4% increase. This is net after current year annual debt service payments of \$7.8 million and a \$30 million bond issue in March, 2023. This financing was for various capital improvement projects that included renovation of City hall, public safety communications upgrades and purchase of land for a new firehouse.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities (Exhibits I and II, respectively) provide information about the activities of the City as a whole and present a longer-term view of the City's finances. Fund financial statements are presented in Exhibit III to IX. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the City acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The analysis of the City as a whole begins on Exhibit I and II. The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities for the current period. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the City's net position and changes in them. The City's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the City's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The reader needs to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's capital assets, to assess the overall health of the City.

The statement of net position and the statement of activities divides the City into three types of activities:

*Governmental Activities* – Most of the City's basic services are reported here, including education, public safety, public works, health and welfare, libraries, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes, charges for services, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

*Business-Type Activities* – The City charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The City's Water Department operations are reported here. Effective July 1, 2022, Sewer Department operations were reclassified as a business-type activity and financial and operation controls were transferred to the Water Department.

*Component Units* – The City includes one separate legal entity in its report; the Bristol-Burlington Health District. Although legally separate, this "component unit" is important because the City is financially accountable for it.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements begin with Exhibit III and provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the City as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by Charter. However, the City Council established many other funds to help control and manage financial activities for particular purposes (like the Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund) or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for grants, and other funds restricted for specific purposes. The City's funds are divided into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

*Governmental Funds (Exhibit III and IV)* – Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation included with the fund financial statements.

*Proprietary Funds (Exhibit V through VII)* – When the City charges customers for the services it provides, whether to outside customers or to other units of the City, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities. The City's enterprise fund (a component of proprietary funds) is the same as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide statements, but provides more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for the proprietary funds. Internal service funds (the other component of proprietary funds) are used to report activities that provide supplies and services for the City's other programs and activities - such as the City's Health Benefit and Workers' Compensation Internal Service Fund.

*Fiduciary Funds (Exhibit VIII and IX)* – The City is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plans. It is also responsible for other post-employment benefit assets that, because of a trust arrangement, can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. All of the City's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the City's other financial statements because the City cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The City is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The City's combined net position decreased from a year ago from \$589 million to \$587 million. The analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the City's governmental and business-type activities.

TABLE 1  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Assets:</b>						
Current and Other Assets	\$ 305,281,593	\$ 305,539,309	\$ 33,994,035	\$ 17,025,521	\$ 339,275,628	\$ 322,564,830
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	413,667,001	423,938,124	69,902,173	21,658,795	483,569,174	445,596,919
Total Assets	<u>718,948,594</u>	<u>729,477,433</u>	<u>103,896,208</u>	<u>38,684,316</u>	<u>822,844,802</u>	<u>768,161,749</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	55,923,817	82,948,891	4,257,047	4,914,555	60,180,864	87,863,446
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Long-Term Liabilities						
Outstanding	229,526,924	206,520,762	14,717,053	6,136,971	244,243,977	212,657,733
Other Liabilities	49,211,101	51,249,909	977,929	479,174	50,189,030	51,729,083
Total Liabilities	<u>278,738,025</u>	<u>257,770,671</u>	<u>15,694,982</u>	<u>6,616,145</u>	<u>294,433,007</u>	<u>264,386,816</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	818,955	1,425,944	946,419	1,068,591	1,765,374	2,494,535
<b>Net Position:</b>						
Net Investment in						
Capital Assets	266,725,375	293,358,016	60,939,743	20,048,741	327,665,118	313,406,757
Restricted	148,030,371	135,865,652	6,265,137	5,150,455	154,295,508	141,016,107
Unrestricted	80,559,685	124,006,041	24,306,974	10,714,939	104,866,659	134,720,980
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 495,315,431</u>	<u>\$ 553,229,709</u>	<u>\$ 91,511,854</u>	<u>\$ 35,914,135</u>	<u>\$ 586,827,285</u>	<u>\$ 589,143,844</u>

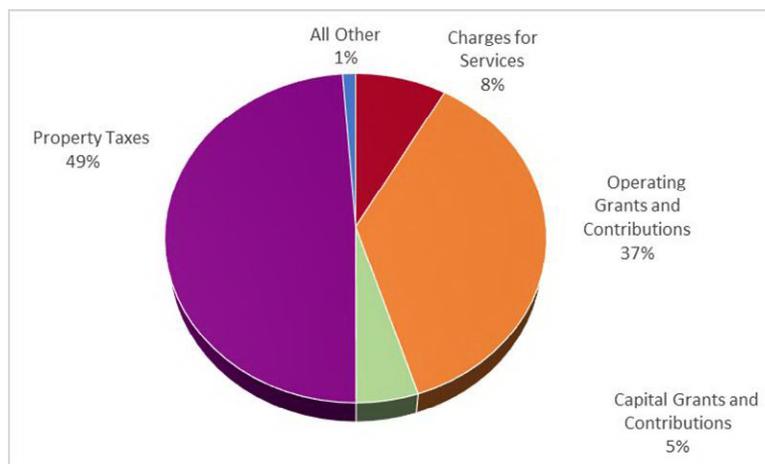
Net position of the City's governmental activities decreased by \$57.9 million or 10.5%, compared to a prior year increase of \$22.7 million. Unrestricted net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements is \$81 million at the end of this year. The net position of business-type activities increased by \$55.6 million and unrestricted net position increased by \$13.6 million or 155% in 2023 compared to 2022. This increase is solely related to the restatement due to the reclassification of the sewer activities from governmental to business-type activities.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

TABLE 2  
SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

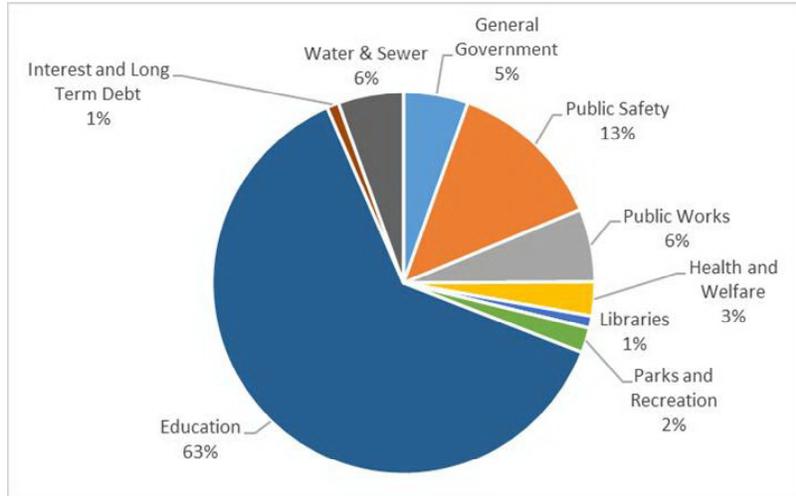
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	<b>Revenues:</b>					
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ 10,671,916	\$ 18,107,619	\$ 16,475,946	\$ 8,986,921	\$ 27,147,862	\$ 27,094,540
Operating Grants and Contributions	121,250,063	94,828,770	-	-	121,250,063	94,828,770
Capital Grants and Contributions	16,217,382	25,044,469	-	-	16,217,382	25,044,469
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	160,950,019	158,576,636	-	-	160,950,019	158,576,636
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	3,880,452	1,044,465	-	-	3,880,452	1,044,465
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	2,699,167	(945,915)	131,632	5,036	2,830,799	(940,879)
Other General Revenues	1,265,485	1,592,763	-	-	1,265,485	1,592,763
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>316,934,484</b>	<b>298,248,807</b>	<b>16,607,578</b>	<b>8,991,957</b>	<b>333,542,062</b>	<b>307,240,764</b>
<b>Program Expenses:</b>						
General Government	18,603,390	13,444,646	-	-	18,603,390	13,444,646
Public Safety	44,388,305	36,892,301	-	-	44,388,305	36,892,301
Public Works	20,865,335	26,360,852	-	-	20,865,335	26,360,852
Health and Welfare	9,607,566	8,201,633	-	-	9,607,566	8,201,633
Libraries	3,564,699	3,388,477	-	-	3,564,699	3,388,477
Parks and Recreation	7,156,286	5,395,601	-	-	7,156,286	5,395,601
Education	209,761,954	178,857,787	-	-	209,761,954	178,857,787
Interest on Long-Term Debt	3,400,197	3,036,139	-	-	3,400,197	3,036,139
Water	-	-	10,170,628	9,411,894	10,170,628	9,411,894
Sewer	-	-	8,340,261	-	8,340,261	-
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>317,347,732</b>	<b>275,577,436</b>	<b>18,510,889</b>	<b>9,411,894</b>	<b>335,858,621</b>	<b>284,989,330</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(413,248)</b>	<b>22,671,371</b>	<b>(1,903,311)</b>	<b>(419,937)</b>	<b>(2,316,559)</b>	<b>22,251,434</b>
Net Position - Beginning	553,229,709	530,558,338	35,914,135	36,334,072	589,143,844	566,892,410
<b>Restatement</b>	<b>(57,501,030)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,501,030</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Position - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 495,315,431</b>	<b>\$ 553,229,709</b>	<b>\$ 91,511,854</b>	<b>\$ 35,914,135</b>	<b>\$ 586,827,285</b>	<b>\$ 589,143,844</b>

The City's total revenues were \$333.5 million. The total cost of all programs and services was \$335.9 million with an overall change in net position of (\$2.3) million. The revenue pie chart below considers the operations of governmental and business-type activities.



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The expenditure pie chart below considers the operations of governmental and business-type activities.



**Governmental Activities**

Governmental Activities decreased the City of Bristol's net position by \$0.4 million. The prior year increase in net position was \$22 million. Key elements of the 2023 change, increases with offsetting decreases, are highlighted below:

- Property tax collections increased \$2.4 million compared to the prior year. There was no mill rate increase for this year however the October 1 2021 Grand List growth was \$165 million that generated approximately \$6.2 million in additional tax revenue. This was instrumental in keeping the mill rate the same. The increase in the grand list was attributable to an 11% increase in Personal Property and a 26% increase in Motor Vehicle assessments.
- In addition, the City did generate additional revenue with the Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills issued for January 1, 2023. There was a slight increase in the number of new and used cars purchased throughout the year as well as an increase in values, especially for most used cars. This was a direct result of the pandemic and the lack of car inventory. The City anticipated \$1.5 million in the adopted budget and actual collections were approximately \$1.9 million.
- Operating grants and contributions for governmental activities increased \$26.4 million. This is primarily a result of both the City and Education using ARPA and ESSER funding.
- Capital grants and contributions decreased \$8.8 million, the majority of which is attributable to completion of the Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School. Significant school construction grants were recognized in the prior year.
- Charges for services decreased \$7.4 million. The majority of this is due to the reclassification of the City's sewer operations to a business-type activity.
- The large variance in investment earnings from the prior year of \$3.6 million is due to the sharp increase in interest rates over the year.

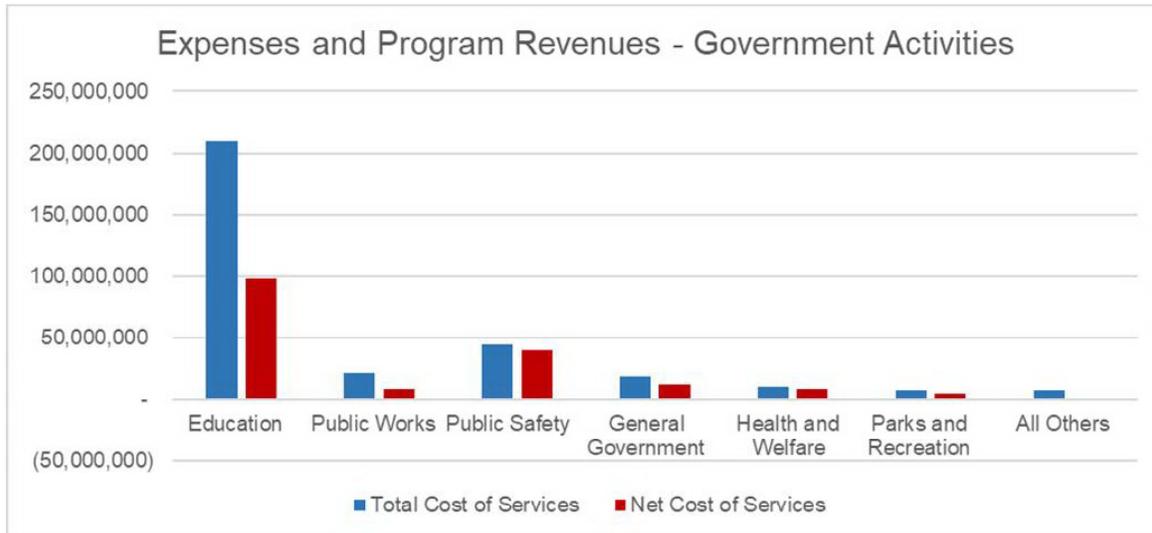
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- Governmental activities expenses increased \$41.7 million primarily as a result of decreases in deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB as well as the increase in bonds payable compared to the prior year.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the City's six largest programs – education, public works, public safety, general government, parks and recreation, and health and welfare – as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the City's taxpayers by each of these functions.

**TABLE 3  
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Education	\$ 209,761,954	\$ 178,857,787	\$ 97,794,351	\$ 71,613,945
Public Works	20,865,335	26,360,852	5,042,485	9,894,220
Public Safety	44,388,305	36,892,301	39,249,842	32,054,203
General Government	18,603,390	13,444,646	11,667,668	8,071,969
Health and Welfare	9,607,566	8,201,633	4,406,612	7,189,513
Parks and Recreation	7,156,286	5,395,601	4,244,197	2,978,082
All Others	6,964,896	6,424,616	6,803,216	5,794,646
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 317,347,732</b>	<b>\$ 275,577,436</b>	<b>\$ 169,208,371</b>	<b>\$ 137,596,578</b>



**Business-Type Activities**

Revenues of the City's business-type activities (see Table 2) were \$16.6 million in 2023 compared to \$9.0 million in 2022 and net expenses increased \$9 million or 97%. The primary factor influencing these results are a result of the restatement of the sewer operations as a business-type activity effective July 1, 2022. Overall operations were consistent with the prior year and net position increased \$55.6 million or 155% primarily due to the restatement.

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**CITY FUNDS FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Governmental Funds**

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet – Exhibit III) reported a combined fund balance of \$70.4 million.

There is a negative unassigned fund balance of approximately \$0.6 million due to the committed resources in the Capital Projects fund. The remainder of fund balance is constrained to specific purposes to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed 1) to liquidate contracts and purchase orders of a prior period, 2) to pay debt service 3) to generate income to pay for the perpetual care and maintenance of storm water control problem areas and City cemeteries, or 4) for a variety of other restricted specific purposes.

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City of Bristol. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$31.1 million, while total fund balance reached \$45.7 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 12.3% of total general fund expenditures including the State Teacher's Retirement and OPEB on-behalf payments, while total fund balance represents 18.1% of that same amount. This compares to same amounts, 12.3% and 18.1%, respectively, to the prior year.

The Capital Projects Fund has a fund balance of \$4.5 million compared to the prior year's fund balance of \$3.7 million. The City did issue \$30 million in bonds in April 2023 to meet estimated cash flow requirements over the next year for major projects.

**Internal Service Fund**

The Health Benefits and Workers' Compensation fund experienced an overall \$0.9 million decrease in net position. There are a few factors that caused this:

- Charges for services made up of contributions from the City, BOE and Employees decreased by \$1.9 million.
- Claims, premiums and fees were \$1.8 million more than the previous year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Variances between original budget and the amended budget (RSI-1 and RSI-2) can be briefly summarized as follows:

**Estimated Revenues**

- Property tax collections increased \$2.4 million compared to the prior year. There was no mill rate increase for this year however the October 1 2021 Grand List growth was \$165 million growth that generated approximately \$6.2 million in additional tax revenue. This was instrumental in keeping the mill rate the same. The increase in the grand list was attributable to an 11% increase in Personal Property and a 26% increase in Motor Vehicle assessments.

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- The Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax revenue collected was \$1.8 million and generated approximately \$0.38 million more than originally anticipated. While historically the City has overachieved on this revenue, conservative budget estimates are used as the motor vehicle supplement list can be volatile year over year and may be affected by the state of the economy.
- Building permit collections were \$1.2 million over original budgeted estimates. This revenue source increase was due to a significant amount of building throughout the City both for residential and commercial development activity.
- Overall, state and federal grants received were as expected with the exception of the Municipal Revenue Sharing grant which was not anticipated in the amount of \$1.2 million.
- Public Safety Charges for Services also exceeded budget amounts due to the increase in activity and magnitude of construction projects on City roadways. The costs associated with these services are fully paid for by the contractors.
- Conveyance Fees exceeded original budget estimates by approximately \$1.1 million and was comparable to the prior year. The City experienced a significant increase in residential and commercial sales and transfers of property, a trend that was prevalent during the year as the demand for housing exploded in the area primarily a result of remote workers seeking to purchase homes in more suburban or rural areas as opposed to living in surrounding cities such as New York or Boston.
- Investment earnings were \$1.4 million more than anticipated due to the unexpected significant increase in interest rates during the year.

**Appropriations**

Many departments throughout the fiscal year may require adjustments to their original appropriations as situations arise throughout the fiscal year and unanticipated expenditures occur. Per City Charter, departments cannot over expend their line items. Adjustments may occur throughout the year or at year-end. Over expenditures are covered by either transfer within the department line items or transfers from another departments' excess funds at year-end.

Large transfers or additional appropriation amounts usually signify unusual circumstances. For instance:

- The School Readiness grant is not budgeted until the grant amount is known, which is usually after budget adoption.
- Public Safety adjustments within the Police and Fire Department budgets are typically caused by costs of overtime for unplanned local emergencies, private duty contracts, of which the cost is paid for by the third party contractor, and contractual replacement for sick or injured personnel within divisions as well as vacancies that occur through normal attrition and retirement. Both departments experienced a significant number of retirements in both the Police and Fire departments.
- Transfers were also required from Contractual Obligations/Employee Benefits to all departments as a result of negotiated contract wages that were settled after the budget was adopted.

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- A \$30.7 million transfer from the General fund to the Internal Service Fund represents the combined City and Education appropriations for health benefits and workers' compensation expenses.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2023, the Governmental Activities had \$414 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, park facilities, vehicles and equipment, roads, bridges, and water and sewer lines – Table 4. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$38 million, or 10%, over the prior year, as restated.

TABLE 4  
CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END (Net of Depreciation and Amortization)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	\$ 18,654,912	\$ 21,293,473	\$ 2,828,970	\$ 2,828,970	\$ 21,483,882	\$ 24,122,443
Construction In Progress	103,722,629	78,683,192	483,065	1,876,382	104,205,694	80,559,574
Buildings	141,305,800	145,475,883	33,217,913	33,224,256	174,523,713	178,700,139
Improvement Other Than Buildings	6,219,132	5,595,892	15,063	16,463	6,234,195	5,612,355
Machinery and Equipment	42,511,364	35,094,635	4,929,684	3,978,864	47,441,048	39,073,499
Subscription Assets	3,605,265	1,005,511	-	-	3,605,265	1,005,511
Infrastructure	97,647,899	88,807,658	28,427,478	28,721,254	126,075,377	117,528,912
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 413,667,001</b>	<b>\$ 375,956,244</b>	<b>\$ 69,902,173</b>	<b>\$ 70,646,189</b>	<b>\$ 483,569,174</b>	<b>\$ 446,602,433</b>

Capital assets for 2022 has been adjusted in the amount of \$49.0 million between governmental activities and business-type activities due to the reclassification of the Sewer Operating and Assessment fund from governmental activities to business-type activities. This is a result of a charter revision reassigning and combining these operations with the Bristol Water Department, a business-type activity.

The following are the more significant aspects of the changes in capital assets:

**Land**

- Governmental Activities: The decrease of \$3.2 million represents lots 1-12 at Centre Square on North Main Street the City sold for development.

**Construction in Progress (CIP)**

- Governmental Activities increase due to:
  - City Hall renovations in the amount of \$21 million
  - Various public works projects including construction of a parking garage behind City Hall in the amount of \$4.2 million, continued rehabilitation of the Memorial Boulevard Bridge in the amount of \$0.5 million and various other public works projects including road improvements and other bridge replacements.

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**Buildings**

- Governmental Activities decrease is due to:
  - Decrease of \$4.2 is attributable to depreciation and amortization expense.
  - The only addition of significance was renovations to firehouse 2 and headquarters in the amount of approximately \$1.5 million.

**Machinery and Equipment**

- Governmental Activities increased primarily due to:
  - Education in the amount of approximately \$8.5 million for the purchase of equipment for students, smart board replacement and technology upgrades.
  - Purchase of a fire truck, police vehicles and body cameras for the police officers.
  - Public works equipment purchases of significance included a bulky waste truck, 2 dump trucks and a wheel loader.

**Infrastructure**

- Governmental Activities increase due to:
  - Repairs to Louisiana Bridge in the amount of \$3 million.
  - A retaining wall at the Pequabuck river in the amount of \$1.5 million.
  - There were a number of other projects completed during the year including roads, cul-de-sacs, rights of way, storm drains, related pavement outlays and various resurfacing of City streets.

The City's fiscal year 2022-2023 capital budget called for it to spend \$117.9 million for capital projects.

<b>Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Budget</b>	
<b><u>Department</u></b>	
Board of Education	\$90,118,965
Fire Department	\$7,398,000
Parks Department	\$4,390,000
Public Works	\$15,601,000
Sewer	\$450,000
<b>Total All Departments</b>	<b><u>\$117,957,965</u></b>
<b><u>Funding</u></b>	
Sale of Bonds	\$58,819,725
Grants/ARPA Funds	\$56,688,240
WPC CNR	\$450,000
Cash	\$370,000
Other Funds	\$1,240,000
LOCIP	\$390,000
<b>Total All Funding</b>	<b><u>\$117,957,965</u></b>

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Some of the main highlights of capital asset activity include:

- Fire Station 3 Improvements and Apparatus Replacement
- Park improvements including Page Park Revitalization
- School Building improvements
- Various infrastructure improvements

More detailed information about the City's capital assets is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

**Long-Term Debt**

At June 30, 2023 the City had \$136.8 million in total bonded indebtedness versus \$114.8 million last year – an increase of \$22.1 million or 19.4% – as shown in Table 5. The City issued \$30 million in general obligation bonds in April 2023. The increase of \$22 million is net of this bond issue and principal payments during the year of \$7.8 million.

TABLE 5  
OUTSTANDING DEBT, AT YEAR-END

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	General Obligation Bonds (Backed by the City)	\$ 135,184,500	\$ 112,620,500	\$ 1,565,500	\$ 1,949,500	\$ 136,750,000

Outstanding debt for 2022 has been adjusted in the amount of \$1.4 million between governmental activities and business-type activities due to the reclassification of the Sewer Operating and Assessment fund from governmental activities to business-type activities. This is a result of a charter revision reassigning and combining these operations with the Bristol Water Department, a business-type activity.

The City's general obligation bond ratings are Aa2 and AA+ respectfully from Moody's Investors Service and Standard and Poor's. Standard and Poor's (S&P) rating represents an upgrade from AA to AA+ received in February, 2009. Prior to this upgrade, the City received upgrades from Moody's and S&P in August 2000. A Fitch rating was first established for the City in June 2006. In October 2016 Fitch upgraded the rating to AAA.

The State limits the amount of general obligation debt that cities can issue based on formula determined under State Statutes based on type of debt and tax base. The City's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below the state-imposed limit.

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave. More detailed information about the City's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 8 to the financial statements.

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**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The City's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget tax rates, and fees for both the General Fund and for business-type activities. Of primary concern however for the General Fund was the effect of implementing the State mandated 5-year revaluation that was effective with the 10/1/22 Grand List for the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. As experienced throughout the country, particularly in the Northeast, residential property values skyrocketed since the pandemic. Bristol experienced an increase of 35% in the real estate portion of the grand list resulting in a significant shift in tax burden to real estate from personal property. This was challenging in the development of the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget to minimize the impact of increased taxes on the average homeowner with this shift.

Economic indicators were also taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for 2023-2024. The General Fund budget was adopted at \$222.8 million, an increase of \$7.7 million over the previous year's budget of \$215.2 million. The property tax rate did decrease from 38.35 to 30.35 and while this is a 21% decrease, adjusted for comparative purposes, the average homeowner experienced approximately a 9% tax increase due to the increase in property values. The City continues to work with its American Rescue Plan Act Task Force created to oversee the allocation and plan of the \$28 million it was allocated. The Task Force meets on a regular basis. The City is using ARPA funds for many capital items that meet the eligibility requirements for funding. The goal is to use these funds for projects that are transformational and address issues directly related to the pandemic.

Another factor considered during the budget process is the overall economy. Unemployment in the City decreased to 4.1% versus 4.3% a year ago. This compares with the State's unemployment rate of 3.7% (not seasonally adjusted) and the national rate of 3.8%. (Source: CT Department of Labor, Average and Bureau of Labor Statistics).

If the FY2024 budget estimates are realized, the City's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to remain constant at June 30, 2023 levels, however surpluses in various revenue accounts are anticipated to be realized which will increase the City's unassigned fund balance. Residential Building Permits, Conveyance Tax fees, motor vehicle supplemental taxes and investment income continue to exceed anticipated projections. Overall, the City continues to conservatively estimate revenues for budget purposes to reflect current economic conditions.

While the City of Bristol completed the 2023 year with a surplus, the Board of Finance and City Council designated \$1.25 million to a mill rate stabilization reserve fund, \$0.25 million was allocated to future Economic Development opportunities, \$1.5 million to the Equipment Building Sinking Fund, \$0.5 million to the Debt Service fund and \$2.55 million for the purchases of an aerial truck and an apparatus truck. The latter was initially to be funded through borrowing.

As for the City's business-type activities marginal growth is expected (0.25-0.50%) to net position based on sales over the past three fiscal years. Expense increases will be primarily due to salaries and benefits while other expenses are expected to have a slight marginal increase. Also, expenses will increase for continued infrastructure and equipment improvements.

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**CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives and expends. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Comptroller's Office, City of Bristol, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut, 06010.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Bristol- Burlington Health District
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 124,912,555	\$ 24,424,157	\$ 149,336,712	\$ 2,922,051
Investments	17,939,728	-	17,939,728	-
Receivables, Net	23,427,705	3,038,467	26,466,172	39,276
Supplies	77,660	264,488	342,148	-
Other Assets	19,781	1,786	21,567	-
Net Pension Asset	138,904,164	6,265,137	145,169,301	-
Capital Assets:				
Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized	122,377,541	3,312,035	125,689,576	-
Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net	291,289,460	66,590,138	357,879,598	261,750
Total Assets	<u>718,948,594</u>	<u>103,896,208</u>	<u>822,844,802</u>	<u>3,223,077</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred Charge on Refunding	715,242	-	715,242	-
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	41,104,793	3,272,036	44,376,829	-
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	14,103,782	985,011	15,088,793	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>55,923,817</u>	<u>4,257,047</u>	<u>60,180,864</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts and Other Payables	15,898,957	839,185	16,738,142	10,540
Accrued Liabilities	11,422,032	70,508	11,492,540	106,870
Accrued Interest Payable	1,441,859	-	1,441,859	-
Customer Deposits	-	68,236	68,236	-
Unearned Revenue	20,448,253	-	20,448,253	10,017
Noncurrent Liabilities:				
Due Within One Year	16,262,340	777,560	17,039,900	77,403
Due in More Than One Year	213,264,584	13,939,493	227,204,077	23,288
Total Liabilities	<u>278,738,025</u>	<u>15,694,982</u>	<u>294,433,007</u>	<u>228,118</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	1,603	102,981	104,584	-
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	817,352	49,258	866,610	-
Deferred Inflows Related to Leases	-	794,180	794,180	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>818,955</u>	<u>946,419</u>	<u>1,765,374</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	266,725,375	60,939,743	327,665,118	222,574
Restricted For:				
Pensions	138,904,164	6,265,137	145,169,301	-
Trust Purposes:				
Nonexpendable	1,281,458	-	1,281,458	-
Grants	5,961,088	-	5,961,088	-
Debt Service	1,883,661	-	1,883,661	-
Unrestricted	<u>80,559,685</u>	<u>24,306,974</u>	<u>104,866,659</u>	<u>2,772,385</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 495,315,431</u>	<u>\$ 91,511,854</u>	<u>\$ 586,827,285</u>	<u>\$ 2,994,959</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Unit Bristol- Burlington Health District
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>								
Governmental Activities:								
General Government	\$ 18,603,390	\$ 3,045,338	\$ 3,890,384	\$ -	\$ (11,667,668)	\$ -	\$ (11,667,668)	\$ -
Public Safety	44,388,305	4,487,430	651,033	-	(39,249,842)	-	(39,249,842)	-
Public Works	20,865,335	1,313,301	3,334,293	11,175,256	(5,042,485)	-	(5,042,485)	-
Health and Welfare	9,607,566	426,814	4,774,140	-	(4,406,612)	-	(4,406,612)	-
Libraries	3,564,699	20,716	140,964	-	(3,403,019)	-	(3,403,019)	-
Parks and Recreation	7,156,286	850,357	1,259,450	802,282	(4,244,197)	-	(4,244,197)	-
Education	209,761,954	527,960	107,199,799	4,239,844	(97,794,351)	-	(97,794,351)	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,400,197	-	-	-	(3,400,197)	-	(3,400,197)	-
Total Governmental Activities	317,347,732	10,671,916	121,250,063	16,217,382	(169,208,371)	-	(169,208,371)	-
Business-Type Activities:								
Water	10,170,628	9,059,610	-	-	-	(1,111,018)	(1,111,018)	-
Sewer	8,340,261	7,416,336	-	-	-	(923,925)	(923,925)	-
Total Business-Type Activities	18,510,889	16,475,946	-	-	-	(2,034,943)	(2,034,943)	-
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 335,858,621</u>	<u>\$ 27,147,862</u>	<u>\$ 121,250,063</u>	<u>\$ 16,217,382</u>	(169,208,371)	(2,034,943)	(171,243,314)	-
<b>COMPONENT UNIT</b>								
Bristol-Burlington Health District	<u>\$ 4,640,246</u>	<u>\$ 209,385</u>	<u>\$ 4,299,917</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	-	-	(130,944)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>								
Property Taxes					160,950,019	-	160,950,019	-
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs					3,880,452	-	3,880,452	-
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					2,699,167	131,632	2,830,799	40,215
Miscellaneous					1,265,485	-	1,265,485	-
Total General Revenues					<u>168,795,123</u>	<u>131,632</u>	<u>168,926,755</u>	<u>40,215</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>								
					(413,248)	(1,903,311)	(2,316,559)	(90,729)
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as Restated					<u>495,728,679</u>	<u>93,415,165</u>	<u>589,143,844</u>	<u>3,085,688</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>					<u>\$ 495,315,431</u>	<u>\$ 91,511,854</u>	<u>\$ 586,827,285</u>	<u>\$ 2,994,959</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 40,674,950	\$ 30,541,182	\$ 25,105,605	\$ 96,321,737
Investments	16,608,369	-	1,331,359	17,939,728
Receivables, Net	4,052,581	15,648,214	3,607,910	23,308,705
Due from Other Funds	2,789,864	10,468	267,326	3,067,658
Other Assets	19,781	-	-	19,781
Supplies	-	-	77,660	77,660
	<u>64,145,545</u>	<u>46,199,864</u>	<u>30,389,860</u>	<u>140,735,269</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 64,145,545</u>	<u>\$ 46,199,864</u>	<u>\$ 30,389,860</u>	<u>\$ 140,735,269</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts and Other Payables	\$ 5,839,365	\$ 6,873,676	\$ 2,689,199	\$ 15,402,240
Accrued Liabilities	9,665,389	-	1,756,643	11,422,032
Due to Other Funds	267,326	-	5,000,537	5,267,863
Due to Other Governments	-	-	53,987	53,987
Unearned Revenue	607,138	19,173,070	634,601	20,414,809
Total Liabilities	<u>16,379,218</u>	<u>26,046,746</u>	<u>10,134,967</u>	<u>52,560,931</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	2,025,985	-	-	2,025,985
Unavailable Revenue - Grants	-	15,660,321	-	15,660,321
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,025,985</u>	<u>15,660,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,686,306</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	19,781	-	1,359,118	1,378,899
Restricted	-	-	7,844,749	7,844,749
Committed	3,199,792	36,241,126	11,036,712	50,477,630
Assigned	11,374,384	-	14,314	11,388,698
Unassigned	31,146,385	(31,748,329)	-	(601,944)
Total Fund Balances	<u>45,740,342</u>	<u>4,492,797</u>	<u>20,254,893</u>	<u>70,488,032</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 64,145,545</u>	<u>\$ 46,199,864</u>	<u>\$ 30,389,860</u>	<u>\$ 140,735,269</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 70,488,032

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit I) are different because of the following:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Governmental Capital Assets	747,470,532
Less: Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(333,803,531)</u>
Net Capital Assets	413,667,001

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are not recorded in the funds:

Net Pension Asset	138,904,164
Property Tax Receivables Greater Than 60 Days	872,839
Interest Receivable on Property Taxes	1,153,146
Grants Receivables	15,660,321
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	41,104,793
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	14,103,782

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of risk management to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are reported with governmental activities in the statement of net position.

19,353,291

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Bonds Payable	(135,184,500)
Unamortized Premium on General Obligation Bonds	(7,291,387)
Leases payable	(2,126,048)
SBITA payable	(2,257,533)
Net OPEB Liability	(66,059,562)
Interest Payable on Bonds	(1,441,859)
Compensated Absences	(4,157,042)
Landfill Post Closure Care	(1,370,294)
Deferred Charges on Refunding	715,242
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	(1,603)
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	<u>(817,352)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit I)

\$ 495,315,431

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes and Assessments	\$ 160,132,296	\$ 14,271	\$ -	\$ 160,146,567
Interest and Lien Fees on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments	1,007,271	-	-	1,007,271
Licenses, Permit, and Fees	3,056,187	-	1,005,178	4,061,365
Intergovernmental	77,394,240	23,971,614	33,062,933	134,428,787
Charges for Services	5,056,574	-	1,553,977	6,610,551
Income on Investments	1,479,516	374,122	338,036	2,191,674
Miscellaneous	129,341	842,569	2,321,774	3,293,684
Total Revenues	<u>248,255,425</u>	<u>25,202,576</u>	<u>38,281,898</u>	<u>311,739,899</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General Government	8,343,229	238,914	2,078,675	10,660,818
Public Safety	33,873,922	-	1,933,564	35,807,486
Public Works	12,410,396	-	3,539,287	15,949,683
Health and Welfare	7,541,091	-	2,018,393	9,559,484
Libraries	2,961,200	-	32,473	2,993,673
Parks and Recreation	4,886,555	-	1,661,132	6,547,687
Education	155,434,689	-	32,019,228	187,453,917
Capital Outlay	4,549,492	50,019,068	-	54,568,560
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	3,844,788	-	7,436,000	11,280,788
Interest and Fiscal Charges	14,827	-	4,042,300	4,057,127
Total Expenditures	<u>233,860,189</u>	<u>50,257,982</u>	<u>54,761,052</u>	<u>338,879,223</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	14,395,236	(25,055,406)	(16,479,154)	(27,139,324)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers In	1,325,403	3,756,367	15,566,745	20,648,515
Transfers Out	(19,318,975)	-	(1,329,540)	(20,648,515)
Issuance of Leases	1,098,057	-	-	1,098,057
Issuance of SBITAs	3,451,435	-	-	3,451,435
Bonds Issued	-	30,000,000	-	30,000,000
Premium on Bonds	1,541,917	-	906,211	2,448,128
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(11,902,163)</u>	<u>33,756,367</u>	<u>15,143,416</u>	<u>36,997,620</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	2,493,073	8,700,961	(1,335,738)	9,858,296
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year, as Restated	<u>43,247,269</u>	<u>(4,208,164)</u>	<u>21,590,631</u>	<u>60,629,736</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 45,740,342</u>	<u>\$ 4,492,797</u>	<u>\$ 20,254,893</u>	<u>\$ 70,488,032</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit IV) \$ 9,858,296

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit II) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation/amortization expense.

Capital Outlay	58,346,687
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	(17,372,499)

The statement of activities reports losses arising from the trade-in or disposal of existing capital assets to acquire new capital assets. Conversely, governmental funds do not report any gain or loss on a trade-in of capital assets. (3,263,431)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds, and revenues recognized in the funds are not reported in the statement of activities:

Property Tax Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	(187,883)
Property Tax Interest and Lien Revenue - Accrual Basis Change	(15,936)
Grants Receivable	(596,880)
Net Pension Asset	11,925,146
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	(31,742,376)
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	4,936,787

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items and are amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Bonds Issued	(30,000,000)
Bond Principal Payments	7,436,000
Bond Premiums	(2,448,128)
Issuance of Lease	(1,098,057)
Principal Payments on Leases	1,645,375
Issuance of Subscription	(3,451,435)
Principal Subscription Payments	2,199,413

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:

Net OPEB Liability	(6,377,110)
Compensated Absences	(464,390)
Amortization of Bond Premiums	990,573
Landfill Post Closure Care	(33,196)
Accrued Interest	(215,227)
Amortization of Deferred Charge on Refunding	(133,243)
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	331,173
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	249,989

Internal service funds are used by management to charge costs to individual funds. The net revenue of certain activities of internal services funds is reported with governmental activities. (932,896)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit II) \$ (413,248)

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities
	Water	Sewer	Total	Internal Service Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,435,604	\$ 15,988,553	\$ 24,424,157	\$ 28,590,818
Receivables, Net	2,440,111	598,356	3,038,467	97,000
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	2,200,205
Supplies	264,488	-	264,488	-
Other Assets	1,786	-	1,786	-
Total Current Assets	<u>11,141,989</u>	<u>16,586,909</u>	<u>27,728,898</u>	<u>30,888,023</u>
Noncurrent Assets:				
Net Pension Asset	5,289,583	975,554	6,265,137	-
Capital Assets:				
Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized	3,235,205	76,830	3,312,035	-
Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net	18,497,731	48,092,407	66,590,138	-
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>27,022,519</u>	<u>49,144,791</u>	<u>76,167,310</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	38,164,508	65,731,700	103,896,208	30,888,023
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred Charge on Refunding	-	-	-	-
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	3,261,442	10,594	3,272,036	-
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	831,402	153,609	985,011	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,092,844</u>	<u>164,203</u>	<u>4,257,047</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts and Other Payables	444,635	394,550	839,185	420,730
Payroll Liabilities	70,508	-	70,508	-
Customer Deposits	68,236	-	68,236	-
Unearned Revenues	-	-	-	33,444
Compensated Absences - Current	73,472	30,883	104,355	-
Bonds Payable - Current	40,000	142,000	182,000	-
Lease Payable - Current	12,147	-	12,147	-
Notes Payable - Current	63,268	415,790	479,058	-
Unpaid Claims - Current	-	-	-	4,890,562
Total Current Liabilities	<u>772,266</u>	<u>983,223</u>	<u>1,755,489</u>	<u>5,344,736</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:				
Compensated Absences	81,639	50,906	132,545	-
Bonds Payable	293,000	1,090,500	1,383,500	-
Lease Payable	20,661	-	20,661	-
Notes Payable	838,453	6,046,611	6,885,064	-
Net OPEB Liability	4,499,866	1,017,857	5,517,723	-
Unpaid Claims	-	-	-	6,189,996
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>5,733,619</u>	<u>8,205,874</u>	<u>13,939,493</u>	<u>6,189,996</u>
Total Liabilities	6,505,885	9,189,097	15,694,982	11,534,732
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	8,508	94,473	102,981	-
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	47,491	1,767	49,258	-
Deferred Inflows Related to Leases	794,180	-	794,180	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>850,179</u>	<u>96,240</u>	<u>946,419</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	20,465,407	40,474,336	60,939,743	-
Restricted for Pensions	5,289,583	975,554	6,265,137	-
Unrestricted	9,146,298	15,160,676	24,306,974	19,353,291
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 34,901,288</u>	<u>\$ 56,610,566</u>	<u>\$ 91,511,854</u>	<u>\$ 19,353,291</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities
	Water	Sewer	Total	Internal Service Fund
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 8,645,979	\$ 7,409,140	\$ 16,055,119	\$ 42,475,063
Contributions	-	-	-	171,309
Miscellaneous	413,631	-	413,631	107,202
Total Operating Revenues	9,059,610	7,409,140	16,468,750	42,753,574
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Source of Supply	180,264	-	180,264	-
Pumping	257,170	-	257,170	-
Purification	1,680,050	1,127,121	2,807,171	-
Collections	-	138,171	138,171	-
Transmission and Distribution	3,191,851	-	3,191,851	-
Customer Accounts, Administrative, and General	3,108,916	4,535,598	7,644,514	-
Depreciation and Amortization	1,126,397	2,167,119	3,293,516	-
Taxes Other than Income Taxes	616,760	-	616,760	-
Insurance Claims, Premiums, and Fees	-	181,872	181,872	44,193,963
Total Operating Expenses	10,161,408	8,149,881	18,311,289	44,193,963
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	(1,101,798)	(740,741)	(1,842,539)	(1,440,389)
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Special Assessments	-	7,196	7,196	-
Income on Investments	98,171	33,461	131,632	507,493
Interest Expense	(32,652)	(190,380)	(223,032)	-
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense	23,432	-	23,432	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	88,951	(149,723)	(60,772)	507,493
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	(1,012,847)	(890,464)	(1,903,311)	(932,896)
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as Restated	35,914,135	57,501,030	93,415,165	20,286,187
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 34,901,288	\$ 56,610,566	\$ 91,511,854	\$ 19,353,291

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities
	Water	Sewer	Total	Internal Service Fund
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Cash Received from Charges for Services	\$ 9,164,223	\$ 7,470,470	\$ 16,634,693	\$ 42,416,045
Cash Received from Other Operating Revenue	-	-	-	281,794
Cash Paid to Employees	(835,575)	(1,519,680)	(2,355,255)	-
Cash Paid to Suppliers	(7,334,300)	(4,092,944)	(11,427,244)	-
Cash Payment for Claims Paid	-	-	-	(44,694,413)
Deposits Received from Customers	28,682	-	28,682	-
Cash Received for Interfund Services Provided	-	-	-	(338,548)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>1,023,030</u>	<u>1,857,846</u>	<u>2,880,876</u>	<u>(2,335,122)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Purchase of Capital Assets/Utility Plant	(1,316,351)	(1,348,965)	(2,665,316)	-
Special assessments	-	7,196	7,196	-
Principal Payments on Bonds, Notes and Leases	(358,846)	(615,021)	(973,867)	-
Interest Payments and Issuance Costs	(32,652)	(190,380)	(223,032)	-
Net Cash Provided Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(1,707,849)</u>	<u>(2,147,170)</u>	<u>(3,855,019)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Income on Investments	<u>98,171</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>131,632</u>	<u>507,493</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>98,171</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>131,632</u>	<u>507,493</u>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	(586,648)	(255,863)	(842,511)	(1,827,629)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>9,022,252</u>	<u>16,244,416</u>	<u>25,266,668</u>	<u>30,418,447</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 8,435,604</u>	<u>\$ 15,988,553</u>	<u>\$ 24,424,157</u>	<u>\$ 28,590,818</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)  
PROPRIETARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities
	Water	Sewer	Total	Internal Service Fund
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Operating Loss	\$ (1,101,798)	\$ (740,741)	\$ (1,842,539)	\$ (1,440,389)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation/Amortization	1,126,397	2,167,119	3,293,516	-
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	104,613	61,330	165,943	(59,018)
(Increase) Decrease in Supplies	41,816	-	41,816	-
(Increase) Decrease in Net Pension Assets	(139,128)	24,065	(115,063)	-
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows - Pension	1,225,635	1,152	1,226,787	-
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows - OPEB	(420,245)	15,360	(404,885)	-
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	(338,548)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	46,244	93,709	139,953	(49,802)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenues	-	-	-	3,283
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities	29,279	-	29,279	-
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	(366,430)	(12,763)	(379,193)	-
Increase (Decrease) in Unpaid Claims	-	-	-	(450,648)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	28,682	-	28,682	-
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Liability	510,811	272,675	783,486	-
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows - Pension	(50,668)	(23,618)	(74,286)	-
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(12,178)	(442)	(12,620)	-
Total Adjustments	<u>2,124,828</u>	<u>2,598,587</u>	<u>4,723,415</u>	<u>(894,733)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,023,030</u>	<u>\$ 1,857,846</u>	<u>\$ 2,880,876</u>	<u>\$ (2,335,122)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Pension and OPEB Trust Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 65,863,591
Investments, at Fair Value:	
U.S. Government Securities	8,166,761
U.S. Government Agencies	9,450,454
Corporate Bonds	7,443,298
Mutual Funds	99,509,144
Common Stock	194,890,795
Alternative Investments	371,370,412
Total Investments	690,830,864
Total Assets	756,694,455
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	3,607
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted for Pension Benefits	733,844,047
Restricted for OPEB Benefits	22,846,801
Total Net Position	\$ 756,690,848

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Pension and OPEB Trust Funds</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 8,001,173
Plan Members	<u>3,609,659</u>
Total Contributions	<u>11,610,832</u>
Investment Income:	
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	65,406,800
Interest and Dividends	<u>6,698,857</u>
Total	<u>72,105,657</u>
Less: Investment Expense	<u>(8,924,250)</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>63,181,407</u>
Total Additions	74,792,239
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Benefits	40,803,008
Administration	<u>147,402</u>
Total Deductions	<u>40,950,410</u>
<b>NET CHANGE</b>	33,841,829
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>722,849,019</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 756,690,848</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the City of Bristol, Connecticut (the City) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant policies of the City are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The City was incorporated in 1911. Its legal authority is derived from Chapter 99 of the General Statutes of the state of Connecticut and Number 352 of the Special Acts of 1911. The City has operated under the Council-Mayor form of government since 1911. Services provided include education, water, sewer, refuse, streets and drainage, recreation and parks, planning and zoning, community development, human services, police, and fire protection.

GAAP require that the reporting entity include 1) the primary government, 2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and 3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The criteria provided in GASB Codification Section 2100 have been considered and have resulted in the inclusion of one discretely presented component unit and fiduciary component unit as detailed below.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Bristol-Burlington Health District (the District) was formed on July 1, 1979 as a health district under Section 19-106 of the General Statutes of the state of Connecticut as a legally separate entity. The City appoints a majority of the District's governing six-member board once every three years. Although it is legally separate from the City of Bristol, the District is presented discretely as it is fiscally dependent upon the City. The City contributes eighty four percent (84%) of the District's annual operating budget. Additionally, if the District were to dissolve, according to state statute the District would immediately become a department of the City. The District does not provide services primarily to the City of Bristol, but to its citizens. A complete set of financial statements may be obtained at the District's office located at 240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut 06010.

Fiduciary Component Units

The City has established one single-employer Public Retirement Systems (PERS) plan and one postretirement health care benefits (OPEB) plan to provide retirement benefits and postretirement health care benefits primary to employees and their beneficiaries. The City performs the duties of a governing board for the Pension and OPEB plans and is required to make contributions to the pension and OPEB plans.

The financial statements of the fiduciary component unit are reported as Pension and OPEB Trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Separate financial statements have not been prepared for the fiduciary component unit.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the City is reported separately from a certain legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. All other revenues are considered available if they are collected within 180 days of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, including lease and SBITA liabilities, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, postemployment benefits are recorded only when payment is due.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation  
(Continued)**

General capital acquisitions, including entering into contract given the City the right to use lease assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, charges for services, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund**

The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the City, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Capital Projects Fund**

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds or Trust Funds).

The City reports the following major proprietary fund:

**Water Enterprise Fund**

The Water Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of the Bristol Water Department.

**Sewer Enterprise Fund**

The Sewer Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of the sanitary sewer system.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

**Internal Service Fund**

The Internal Service Fund accounts for the risk management activities of the City.

**Pension and OPEB Trust Funds**

The Pension and OPEB Trust Funds account for the activities of the City Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Plans, which accumulate resources for pension and OPEB benefit payments to qualified City employees.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation  
(Continued)**

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments in lieu of taxes and other charges between certain City functions because the elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Functional expenses in the statement of activities include certain indirect expenses, such as employee benefits, pension, and insurance. These expenses are allocated to governmental activity functions based on total salary expenses for each function.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include property taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Water Enterprise Fund, Sewer Enterprise Fund and of the City's internal service funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and internal service fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation and amortization on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**D. Deposits and Investments**

The City's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements and certain other investments as described in Note 3.

Investments for the City, as well as for its component units, are reported at fair value.

The pension funds allow for investments in certain alternative investments. Alternative investments may include investments where there may be no ready market to determine fair value. These investments are valued using the most recent valuation available from the external fund manager. These values do not necessarily represent the amounts that will ultimately be realized upon the disposition of those assets, which may be materially higher or lower than values determined if a ready market for those securities existed.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**E. Receivables and Payables**

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either “due to/from other funds” (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or “advances to/from other funds” (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.” Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances.”

Property taxes are levied each July 1 based on the assessed property values of the prior October 1 Grand List. Assessed values are established by the City Assessor’s Office at 70% of appraised value.

Property taxes related to assessed values of under \$1,000 are due in one installment on July 1; remaining property taxes are due in two equal installments on July 1 and the following January 1. Supplemental motor vehicle taxes are due in full on January 1. Taxes become overdue one month after the installment due date. Interest at the rate of 1.5% per month accrues on all overdue taxes. As of June 30, an enforceable lien is recorded against any outstanding real property taxes.

Accounts receivables, property tax receivables and notes receivable for the primary government are reported net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$475,857. The allowance for doubtful accounts represents those accounts which are deemed uncollectible based upon past collection history and an assessment of the creditor’s ability to pay.

**F. Supplies and Prepaid Items**

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**G. Net Pension Asset**

The net pension asset is measured as the portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefits that is attributed to past periods of employee service (total pension liability), net of the pension plan’s fiduciary net position. The pension plan’s fiduciary net position is determined using the same valuation methods that are used by the pension plan for purposes of preparing its statement of fiduciary net position. The net pension asset is measured as of a date (measurement date) no earlier than the end of the employer’s prior fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period. The investments in the calculation of the net pension liability are measured at fair value.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**H. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets, donated works of art and similar items, and capital assets received in a service concession arrangement are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other tangible and intangible property, plant and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component units, are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	25-50
Improvements Other Than Buildings	20
Machinery and Equipment	3-20
Infrastructure	10-65

Right-to-use lease assets are initially measured at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the lease term.

SBITA assets are initially measured as the sum of the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term, payments associated with the SBITA contract made to the SBITA vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, when applicable, and capitalizable implementation costs, less any SBITA vendor incentives received from the SBITA vendor at the commencement of the SBITA term. SBITA assets are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the subscription term.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets or fund balance that applies to a future period or periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City reports a deferred charge on refunding and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB in the government-wide statement of net position and proprietary funds statement of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. A deferred outflow of resources related to pension and OPEB results from differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions or other inputs, and net difference between projected and actual earnings. These amounts are deferred and included in pension and OPEB expense in a systematic and rational manner.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets or fund balance that applies to a future period or periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City reports a deferred inflow of resources related to pension, OPEB and leases in the government-wide statement of net position and proprietary funds statement of net position. A deferred inflow of resources related to pension and OPEB results from differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions or other inputs. These amounts are deferred and included in pension and OPEB expense in a systematic and rational manner. A deferred inflow of resources related to leases is recognized at the commencement of the lease term (lessor) and subsequently is recognized as revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from several sources: property taxes, special assessments and sewer use. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) in the period in which the amounts become available.

**J. Compensated Absences**

A limited amount of vacation time earned may be accumulated by employees until termination of their employment. Vacation leave is valued using current salary costs, as well as any salary-related payments that are directly and incrementally connected with leave payments to employees. Sick leave accruals are also based on current salary costs as well as salary-related payments.

Eligible City employees earn 5 to 25 days of sick leave per year and 5 to 20 days of vacation per year depending on employees' length of service. A maximum of 200 days of sick leave and 40 days of vacation leave may be accrued. An employee leaving the employ of the City is entitled to be paid for all unused vacation and a maximum of 90 days or 45% of sick leave upon retirement.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**J Compensated Absences (Continued)**

Board of Education employees earn 10 to 20 days of sick leave per year. Maximum sick leave accrual varies by bargaining units from 180 to 275 days. Board of Education employees, with the exception of teachers, earn 5 to 20 days of vacation leave that cannot be accrued and must be used within the fiscal year it was earned. Upon termination, Board of Education employees are paid for all unused vacation leave. Unused sick leave is paid only on retirement to a maximum of 30% depending on bargaining units.

Compensated absences to be paid in future periods are accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only for the amounts that have become due.

**K. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of any significant applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

**L. Net OPEB Liability**

The net OPEB liability is measured as the portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefits that is attributed to past periods of employee service (total OPEB liability), net of the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is determined using the same valuation methods that are used by the OPEB plan for purposes of preparing its statement of fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability is measured as of a date (measurement date) no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**M. Fund Equity**

Equity in the government-wide financial statements, proprietary fund financial statements and discretely presented component unit is defined as “net position” and is classified in the following categories:

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

*Restricted Net Position* – Restrictions are externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted Net Position* – This component consists of net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. Unrestricted resources are used in the following order: committed, assigned then unassigned.

The equity of the fund financial statements is defined as “fund balance” and is classified in the following categories:

*Nonspendable Fund Balance* – This represents amounts that cannot be spent due to form (e.g., inventories and prepaid amounts).

*Restricted Fund Balance* – This represents amounts constrained for a specific purpose by external parties, such as grantors, creditors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments.

*Committed Fund Balance* – This represents amounts constrained for a specific purpose by a government using its highest level of decision-making authority (City Board of Finance). Amounts remain committed until action is taken by the Board of Finance (resolution) to remove or revise the limitations.

*Assigned Fund Balance* – This represents amounts constrained for the intent to be used for a specific purpose by the Board of Finance, which has been delegated authority to assign amounts by the City Charter.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**M Fund Equity (Continued)**

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – This represents fund balance in the General Fund in excess of nonspendable, restricted, committed and assigned fund balance. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, it is reported as a negative amount in unassigned fund balance.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the City considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

**N. Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**O. Adoption of New Accounting Standards**

*GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*

In May 2020, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This standard defines a subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA); establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset) and a corresponding subscription liability; provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA.

The City adopted the requirements of the guidance effective July 1, 2022 and has applied the provisions of this standard to the beginning of the period of adoption. The implementation of this standard resulted in the Government reporting a SBITA asset and a SBITA liability as disclosed in Note 6 and Note 8.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
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**NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Budgetary Information**

The City adopts an annual operating budget for the General Fund only. The following details the procedures relating to the General Fund budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

The City Charter requires the Board of Finance to submit a recommended operating budget to the City Council 15 days prior to the third Monday in May. The budget provides a financial plan for the year and contains estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures. After at least one public hearing on the recommended budget, the Board of Finance and City Council may adopt a final budget for the year.

In practice, the budget is submitted to the Board of Finance in February. A series of work sessions is held to review the budget and is followed by one or more public hearings. The final budget, which includes the annual property tax levy, is then approved.

Appropriations for the General Fund lapse at June 30 of each year. All other program appropriations do not lapse at year-end.

The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis, except for encumbrances, by function, activity and object. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the object level within a department. The Board of Finance has the power to approve budget revisions during the year up to \$5,000. Revisions in excess of \$5,000 require Board of Finance and City Council approval. All budget revisions must be approved. Additional appropriations in the amount of approximately \$12,458,000 were approved during the fiscal year.

Encumbrances are recognized as a valid and proper charge in the year in which the purchase order, contract or other commitment is issued, and, accordingly, encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reflected in budgetary reports as expenditures in the current year. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are included in either restricted, committed or assigned fund balance depending on the level of restriction in accordance with GAAP since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. Encumbrances do not impact the classification of fund balance.

Also, the City has reported on-behalf payments made by the state of Connecticut into the teachers' retirement system for Pension and OPEB Plans in the Governmental Funds.

Budgets for Special Revenue Funds are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the various grant agreements and/or legal provisions that control the expenditure of such funds. Since such budgets are adopted on a program basis, it is not practicable to present the results of budgetary operations at the combined level. Special Revenue Funds are budgeted on the modified accrual basis.

Appropriations for the Capital Projects Funds do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but continue until the completion of the applicable project.

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS**

The deposit of public funds is controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes (Section 7-402). Deposits may be made in a “qualified public depository” as defined by Statute, or, in amounts not exceeding the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limit, in an “out of state bank” as defined by the statutes, which is not a “qualified public depository.”

The Connecticut General Statutes (Section 7-400) permit municipalities to invest in: 1) obligations of the United States and its agencies; 2) highly rated obligations of any state of the United States or of any political subdivision, authority or agency thereof; and 3) shares or other interests in custodial arrangements or pools maintaining constant net asset values and in highly rated no-load open end money market and mutual funds (with constant or fluctuating net asset values) whose portfolios are limited to obligations of the United States and its agencies, and repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations.

Other provisions of the statutes cover specific municipal funds with particular investment authority. The provisions of the statutes regarding the investment of municipal pension funds do not specify permitted investments. Therefore, investment of such funds is generally controlled by the laws applicable to fiduciaries and the provisions of the applicable plan.

The statutes (Sections 3-24f and 3-27f) also provide for investment in shares of the state Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF). This investment pool is under the control of the State Treasurer, with oversight provided by the Treasurer’s Cash Management Advisory Board, and are regulated under the state statutes and subject to annual audit by the Auditors of Public Accounts. Investment yields are accounted for on an amortized-cost basis with an investment portfolio that is designed to attain a market-average rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles. Investors accrue interest daily based on actual earnings, less expenses and transfers to the designated surplus reserve, and the fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

**A. Deposits**

Deposit Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the City’s deposit will not be returned. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The deposit of public funds is controlled by the Connecticut General Statutes. Deposits may be placed with any qualified public depository that has its main place of business in the state of Connecticut. Connecticut General Statutes require that each depository maintain segregated collateral (not required to be based on a security agreement between the depository and the municipality and, therefore, not perfected in accordance with federal law) in an amount equal to a defined percentage of its public deposits based upon the depository’s risk based capital ratio.

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Deposits (Continued)**

Deposit Custodial Credit Risk (Continued)

Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*, \$116,531,532 of the City's bank balance of \$130,110,831 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and Uncollateralized	\$ 104,661,621
Uninsured and Collateral Held by the Pledging Bank's Trust Department, Not in the City's Name	11,869,911
Total Amount Subject to Custodial Credit Risk	\$ 116,531,532

At June 30, 2023, the entire amount of the component unit's deposits were included as part of pooled cash with the City's cash accounts. Responsibility for custodial credit risk of deposits for the component unit rests with the City.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and purchased within 90 days of maturity. As of June 30, 2023, the cash equivalent amounted to \$103,535,574.

The following table provides summary of the City's cash equivalents (excluding U.S. government guaranteed obligations) as rated by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

	Standard & Poor's
State of Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund	AAAm
MultiBank	*
Northern Capital Securities	*
Fidelity	*

\* Not Rated

State of Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund is an investment pool of high-quality, short-term money market instruments with an average maturity of less than 60 days. There are no limitations or restrictions on any withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Deposits (Continued)**

Cash Equivalents (Continued)

Cash, cash equivalents, and investments are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 149,336,712
Investments	<u>17,939,728</u>
Total Statement of Net Position	<u>167,276,440</u>

Fiduciary Funds:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	65,863,591
Investments	<u>690,830,864</u>
Total Fiduciary Funds	<u>756,694,455</u>

Total Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	<u><u>\$ 923,970,895</u></u>
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**B. Investments**

Investments as of June 30, 2023 in all funds are as follows:

	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (Years)		
		Less Than 1	1-10	More Than 10
Interest-Bearing Investments:				
Certificate of Deposit*	\$ 11,063,587 *	\$ 2,508,024	\$ 8,555,563	\$ -
State of CT GO Bonds	266,930	111,990	154,940	-
U.S. Government Securities	13,430,505	6,053,623	7,159,140	217,742
U.S. Government Agencies	9,532,871	2,040,998	939,696	6,552,177
Corporate Bonds	<u>7,286,293</u>	980,931	4,387,558	1,917,804
Total	41,580,186	<u>\$ 11,695,566</u>	<u>\$ 21,196,897</u>	<u>\$ 8,687,723</u>
Other Investments:				
Common Stock	195,047,800			
Mutual Funds	100,772,194			
Alternative Investments	<u>371,370,412</u>			
Total Investments	<u><u>\$ 708,770,592</u></u>			

\*Subject to coverage by federal depository insurance and collateralization.

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Investments (Continued)**

Average rating for of investments in debt securities at June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Average Rating	Corporate Bonds	U.S. Government Securities	U.S. Government Agencies	State of CT Bonds	Certificate of Deposit	Total
Aaa	\$ -	\$ 10,674,493	\$ 851,915	\$ -	\$ 899,255	\$ 12,425,663
Aa1	-	1,079,375	-	-	-	1,079,375
Aa2	-	1,535,414	82,417	-	249,060	1,866,891
Aa3	492,423	141,223	-	266,930	-	900,576
A1	600,795	-	-	-	-	600,795
A2	376,048	-	-	-	-	376,048
A3	447,041	-	-	-	-	447,041
Baa1	1,456,326	-	-	-	-	1,456,326
Baa2	1,571,530	-	-	-	-	1,571,530
Baa3	1,495,617	-	-	-	-	1,495,617
Ba1	417,142	-	-	-	-	417,142
Ba2	42,437	-	-	-	-	42,437
Ba3	320,272	-	-	-	-	320,272
B1	66,662	-	-	-	-	66,662
C	-	-	-	-	68,309	68,309
Unrated	-	-	8,598,539	-	9,846,963	18,445,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,286,293</b>	<b>\$ 13,430,505</b>	<b>\$ 9,532,871</b>	<b>\$ 266,930</b>	<b>\$ 11,063,587</b>	<b>\$ 41,580,186</b>

Interest Rate Risk

The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – Investments

As indicated above, state statutes limit the investment options of cities. The City has an investment policy that allows the same type of investments as state statutes.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The City does not have a policy limiting investments in any one issuer that is in excess of 5% of the City's total investments. Information regarding concentration of the investments that represent more than 5% of the investments in the Pension Plan is detailed in Note 15.

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Investments (Continued)**

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for an investment is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (the institution that pledges collateral or repurchase agreement securities to the City or that sells investments to or buys them for the City), the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2023, the City did not have any uninsured and unregistered securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent that were not in the City's name.

The City's individual investments in fixed income securities, equities, U.S. treasury securities, domestic corporate bonds, foreign bonds, and U.S. government agency securities are uninsured and registered securities held by a counterparty, or by its trust department or agent that are in the City's pension and OPEB plans. The City's other investments are held in alternative investments because they are evidenced by contracts rather than by securities, are not subject to custodial credit risk determination.

**C. Fair Value**

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements); followed by quoted prices in inactive markets or for similar assets or with observable inputs (Level 2 measurements); and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The City has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

Investment Type	June 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurement Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments by Fair Value Level:				
U.S. Government Securities	\$ 13,430,505	\$ 13,430,505	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government Agencies	9,532,871	9,532,871	-	-
State of CT GO Bonds	266,930	266,930	-	-
Corporate Bonds	7,286,293	7,286,293	-	-
Common Stock	195,047,800	195,047,800	-	-
Mutual Funds	100,772,194	100,772,194	-	-
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	326,336,593	\$ 326,336,593	\$ -	\$ -
Investments Measured at				
Net Asset Value (NAV):				
Alternative Investments	371,370,412			
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	697,707,005			
Certificate of Deposits	11,063,587			
Total Investments	\$ 708,770,592			

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**C. Fair Value (Continued)**

Debt and equity securities, classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy, are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. Commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities classified in Level 3 are valued using discounted cash flow techniques. Collateralized debt obligations classified in Level 3 are valued using consensus pricing.

The Pension and OPEB Trust Funds allow for investments in certain alternative investments. Alternative investments may include private equity partnerships; infrastructure limited partnerships, hedge and absolute return funds for which there may be no ready market to determine fair value. These investments are valued using the most recent valuation available from the external fund manager. These estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that will ultimately be realized upon the disposition of those assets, which may be materially higher or lower than values determined if a ready market for the securities existed.

NAV per share (or its equivalent) are considered "alternative investments" and, unlike more traditional investments, generally do not have readily obtainable fair values and take the form of limited partnerships. The City values these investments based on the partnerships' audited financial statements. If June 30 statements are available, those values are used preferentially. However, some partnerships have fiscal years ending at other than June 30. If June 30 valuations are not available, the value is progressed from the most recently available valuation taking into account subsequent calls and distributions.

The following table summarizes all investments recorded using NAV as a practical expedient to fair value:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Alternative Investments	\$ 157,142,167	\$ 106,455,577	N/A	N/A
Alternative Investments	147,934,983		Quarterly	30-60 days
Alternative Investments	47,484,917		Quarterly	95-185 days
Alternative Investments	18,572,686		Annual	60 days
Alternative Investments	235,659		Monthly	185 days
Total	<u>\$ 371,370,412</u>			

Private equity funds include limited partnership funds. These investments can never be redeemed with funds. Instead, the nature of the investments in this type is that distributions are received through liquidation of the underlying assets of the fund capital. As of June 30, 2023, it is probable that all of the investments in this type will be sold at an amount different from NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital. Therefore, the fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using recent observation transaction information for similar investments and nonbinding bids received from potential buys of the investments.

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**NOTE 3 CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**C. Fair Value (Continued)**

Real estate funds include real estate funds that invest primarily in U.S. commercial real estate. The fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalents) of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital. These investments can never be redeemed with the funds. Distributions from each fund will be received as the underlying investments of the funds are liquidated. Because it is not probable that any individual investments will be sold, the fair value of each individual investments has been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalents) of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital.

**NOTE 4 RECEIVABLES**

Receivables as of year-end for the City's individual major funds and nonmajor, internal service and fiduciary funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General	Capital Projects	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Nonmajor and Other Funds	Total
Receivables:						
Taxes	\$ 1,790,358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,790,358
Interest	1,153,146	-	-	-	-	1,153,146
Accounts	1,295,744	7,515	1,639,128	277,334	179,830	3,399,551
Special Assessments	-	-	64,503	421,022	-	485,525
Intergovernmental	123,333	15,640,699	-	-	3,525,080	19,289,112
Leases	-	-	802,337	-	-	802,337
Gross Receivables	<u>4,362,581</u>	<u>15,648,214</u>	<u>2,505,968</u>	<u>698,356</u>	<u>3,704,910</u>	<u>26,920,029</u>
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	310,000	-	65,857	100,000	-	475,857
Net Total Receivables	<u>\$ 4,052,581</u>	<u>\$ 15,648,214</u>	<u>\$ 2,440,111</u>	<u>\$ 598,356</u>	<u>\$ 3,704,910</u>	<u>\$ 26,444,172</u>

Total uncollectible amounts related to revenues of the current period are as follows:

General Fund:

Uncollectibles Related to Taxes Receivable \$ 300,000  
 Uncollectibles Related to Accounts Receivable 10,000

Water Enterprise Fund:

Uncollectibles Related to Accounts Receivable 65,857

Sewer Enterprise Fund:

Uncollectibles Related to Accounts Receivable 100,000

Total Uncollectibles of the Current Fiscal Year \$ 475,857

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**NOTE 5 LEASES RECEIVABLE**

The City, acting as lessor, leases land, infrastructure and buildings under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2043 and provide for renewal options ranging from three months to six years. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized \$143,919 and \$10,038 in lease revenue and interest revenue, respectively, pursuant to these contracts.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity under lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,953	\$ 9,135	\$ 156,088
2025	-	-	127,057	8,230	135,287
2026	-	-	64,084	7,450	71,534
2027	-	-	23,009	7,038	30,047
2028	-	-	23,671	6,676	30,347
2029-2033	-	-	128,761	27,587	156,348
2034-2038	-	-	147,421	16,902	164,323
2039-2043	-	-	141,381	4,835	146,216
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 802,337</u>	<u>\$ 87,853</u>	<u>\$ 890,190</u>

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**NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

**Primary Government**

	Beginning Balance <u>Restated (1)(2)</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
<b>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:</b>					
Land	\$ 21,293,473	\$ 545,030	\$ (3,183,591)	\$ -	\$ 18,654,912
Construction In Progress	78,683,192	37,675,258	-	(12,635,821)	103,722,629
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	99,976,665	38,220,288	(3,183,591)	(12,635,821)	122,377,541
<b>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</b>					
Buildings	282,986,269	194,401	-	1,930,512	285,111,182
Improvements Other Than Buildings	17,065,305	660,685	-	-	17,725,990
Machinery and Equipment	82,624,238	8,390,604	(1,413,015)	4,751,874	94,353,701
Infrastructure	208,814,230	6,331,217	(2,264,826)	5,953,435	218,834,056
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	591,490,042	15,576,907	(3,677,841)	12,635,821	616,024,929
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation For:</b>					
Buildings	(137,749,935)	(6,413,443)	-	-	(144,163,378)
Improvements Other Than Buildings	(11,469,413)	(37,445)	-	-	(11,506,858)
Machinery and Equipment	(49,973,949)	(5,000,265)	1,348,114	-	(53,626,100)
Infrastructure	(120,006,572)	(3,429,472)	2,249,887	-	(121,186,157)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(319,199,869)	(14,880,625)	3,598,001	-	(330,482,493)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	272,290,173	696,282	(79,840)	12,635,821	285,542,436
<b>Right-to-Use Lease Assets:</b>					
Buildings	467,561	485,420	(135,877)	-	817,104
Machinery and Equipment	3,576,974	612,637	(395,599)	-	3,794,012
Total Right-to-Use Lease Assets	4,044,535	1,098,057	(531,476)	-	4,611,116
<b>Less Lease Asset Accumulated Amortization:</b>					
Buildings	(228,012)	(366,973)	135,877	-	(459,108)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,132,628)	(1,273,220)	395,599	-	(2,010,249)
Total Accumulated Amortization	(1,360,640)	(1,640,193)	531,476	-	(2,469,357)
Total Right-to-Use Lease Assets, Net	2,683,895	(542,136)	-	-	2,141,759
<b>Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement Assets Being Amortized:</b>					
Subscription Assets	1,005,511	3,451,435	-	-	4,456,946
<b>Less Accumulated Amortization for:</b>					
Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements	-	(851,681)	-	-	(851,681)
Total Subscription Assets, Net	1,005,511	2,599,754	-	-	3,605,265
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 375,956,244</u>	<u>\$ 40,974,188</u>	<u>\$ (3,263,431)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 413,667,001</u>

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**NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

**Primary Government (Continued)**

	Beginning Balance <u>Restated (1)(2)</u>	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
<b>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:</b>					
Land	\$ 2,828,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,828,970
Construction In Progress	<u>1,876,382</u>	<u>279,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,672,747)</u>	<u>483,065</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	4,705,352	279,430	-	(1,672,747)	3,312,035
<b>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</b>					
Buildings and System	79,969,987	152,477	-	1,672,747	81,795,211
Land Improvements	320,594	-	-	-	320,594
Machinery and Equipment	22,306,868	1,606,991	(132,866)	-	23,780,993
Infrastructure	<u>61,090,082</u>	<u>523,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,613,557</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	163,687,531	2,282,943	(132,866)	1,672,747	167,510,355
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation For:</b>					
Buildings and System	(46,745,731)	(1,831,567)	-	-	(48,577,298)
Land Improvements	(304,131)	(1,400)	-	-	(305,531)
Machinery and Equipment	(18,365,144)	(638,828)	119,993	-	(18,883,979)
Infrastructure	<u>(32,368,828)</u>	<u>(817,251)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,186,079)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(97,783,834)</u>	<u>(3,289,046)</u>	<u>119,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,952,887)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	65,903,697	(1,006,103)	(12,873)	1,672,747	66,557,468
<b>Lease Assets Being Amortized:</b>					
Machinery and Equipment	<u>53,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,070</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Amortized	53,070	-	-	-	53,070
<b>Less Lease Asset Accumulated Amortization:</b>					
Machinery and Equipment	<u>(15,930)</u>	<u>(4,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,400)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Amortized	<u>(15,930)</u>	<u>(4,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,400)</u>
Total Right-to-Use Lease Assets, Net	<u>37,140</u>	<u>(4,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,670</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>					
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 70,646,189</u>	<u>\$ (731,143)</u>	<u>\$ (12,873)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 69,902,173</u>

- (1) The beginning balance was restated due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96. See Note 1.
- (2) The beginning balance was restated due to reclassification of Sewer Operating Fund from nonmajor governmental fund to business type activity fund. See Note 16.

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**NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

**Primary Government (Continued)**

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General Government	\$ 836,639
Public Safety	2,819,328
Public Works	4,678,557
Libraries	524,335
Parks and Recreation	533,302
Education	7,980,338
Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 17,372,499</u>

Business-Type Activities

Water	\$ 1,126,397
Sewer	2,167,119
Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense - Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 3,293,516</u>

**Construction Commitments**

The City has several active construction projects as of June 30, 2023. The following is a summary of capital projects as of June 30, 2023:

	Project Authorization (in thousands)	Cumulative Expenditures (in thousands)	Remaining Balance (in thousands)
Schools	\$ 223,044	\$ 132,171	\$ 90,873
Streets, Bridges, and Building Improvements	149,387	85,477	63,910
Capital and Nonrecurring	16,500	13,582	2,918
Total	<u>\$ 388,931</u>	<u>\$ 231,230</u>	<u>\$ 157,701</u>

The commitments are being financed with general obligation bonds and state and federal grants.

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**NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

**Discretely Presented Component Unit**

Activity for the Bristol-Burlington Health District for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance Restated (1)	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 459,814	\$ 74,253	\$ (1,097)	\$ 532,970
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Furniture and Equipment	<u>(263,152)</u>	<u>(47,071)</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>(310,004)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	196,662	27,182	(878)	222,966
Lease Assets Being Amortized:				
Buildings	79,883	53,868	(79,883)	53,868
Furniture and Equipment	<u>9,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,632</u>
Total Lease Assets Being Amortized	89,515	53,868	(79,883)	63,500
Less Lease Asset Accumulated Amortization:				
Buildings	(53,255)	(53,562)	79,883	(26,934)
Furniture and Equipment	<u>(2,116)</u>	<u>(2,707)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,823)</u>
Total Lease Asset Accumulated Amortization	(55,371)	(56,269)	79,883	(31,757)
Total Lease Assets, Being Amortized, Net	34,144	(2,401)	-	31,743
Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement Assets Being Amortized:				
Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements	<u>10,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,290</u>
Less Accumulated Amortization for:				
Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,249)</u>
Total Subscription Assets, Net	<u>10,290</u>	<u>(3,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,041</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated and Amortized, Net	<u>\$ 241,096</u>	<u>\$ 21,532</u>	<u>\$ (878)</u>	<u>\$ 261,750</u>

(1) The beginning balance was restated due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96. See Note 1.

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$106,589 was charged to component unit for the year ending June 30, 2023.

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**NOTE 7 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS**

At June 30, 2023, interfund receivables and payables were comprised of the following:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 2,789,864
Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	10,468
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	267,326
Internal Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	2,200,205
Total		<u>\$ 5,267,863</u>

Interfund receivables and payables generally represent temporary balances arising from reimbursement-type transactions. All balances are expected to be repaid within a year.

**Interfund Transfers**

	<u>Transfers In</u>			<u>Total Transfers Out</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Nonmajor Govern- mental</u>	
Transfers Out:				
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,752,230	\$ 15,566,745	\$ 19,318,975
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	1,325,403	4,137	-	1,329,540
Total Transfers In	<u>\$ 1,325,403</u>	<u>\$ 3,756,367</u>	<u>\$ 15,566,745</u>	<u>\$ 20,648,515</u>

Transfers are for regularly recurring operational transfers. Interfund transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay for principal and interest on debt, 2) supplement revenues of other funds such as the Capital Projects Fund for the projects that have been closed out, and 3) support the self-insurance for health and workers' compensation benefits.

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

**Primary Government**

	Beginning Balance <u>Restated (1)(2)</u>	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
<b>Bond Payable:</b>					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 112,620,500	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 7,436,000	\$ 135,184,500	\$ 7,713,000
Premium on General Obligation Bonds	5,833,832	2,448,128	990,573	7,291,387	-
Total Bonds Payable	<u>118,454,332</u>	<u>32,448,128</u>	<u>8,426,573</u>	<u>142,475,887</u>	<u>7,713,000</u>
Lease Payable	2,673,366	1,098,057	1,645,375	2,126,048	1,178,741
SBITA Payable	1,005,511	3,451,435	2,199,413	2,257,533	813,629
Compensated Absences	3,692,652	1,506,783	1,042,393	4,157,042	1,606,408
Landfill Postclosure Care	1,337,098	93,196	60,000	1,370,294	60,000
Net OPEB Liability	59,682,452	6,377,110	-	66,059,562	-
Unpaid Claims	<u>11,531,206</u>	<u>44,193,963</u>	<u>44,644,611</u>	<u>11,080,558</u>	<u>4,890,562</u>
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 198,376,617</u>	<u>\$ 89,168,672</u>	<u>\$ 58,018,365</u>	<u>\$ 229,526,924</u>	<u>\$ 16,262,340</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
<b>Bonds Payable:</b>					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 1,949,500	\$ -	\$ 384,000	\$ 1,565,500	\$ 182,000
Premium on General Obligation Bonds	39,753	-	39,753	-	-
Total Bonds Payable	<u>1,989,253</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423,753</u>	<u>1,565,500</u>	<u>182,000</u>
<b>Direct Borrowing - Notes Payable:</b>					
Drinking Water Notes	963,739	-	62,018	901,721	63,268
Clean Water Notes	6,938,422	-	476,021	6,462,401	415,790
Lease Payable	44,883	-	12,075	32,808	12,147
Compensated Absences	616,093	145,140	524,333	236,900	104,355
Net OPEB Liability	<u>4,734,237</u>	<u>783,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,517,723</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Business-Type Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 15,286,627</u>	<u>\$ 928,626</u>	<u>\$ 1,498,200</u>	<u>\$ 14,717,053</u>	<u>\$ 777,560</u>
<b>Discretely Presented Component Unit:</b>					
Compensated Absences	\$ 61,093	\$ 46,603	\$ 46,181	\$ 61,515	\$ 44,407
SBITA Payable	10,290	-	3,186	7,104	3,237
Lease Payable	<u>34,426</u>	<u>53,867</u>	<u>56,221</u>	<u>32,072</u>	<u>29,759</u>
Total Component Unit Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 105,809</u>	<u>\$ 100,470</u>	<u>\$ 105,588</u>	<u>\$ 100,691</u>	<u>\$ 77,403</u>

(1) The beginning balance was restated due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96. See Note 1.

(2) The beginning balance was restated due to reclassification of Sewer Operating Fund from nonmajor governmental fund to business type activity fund. See Note 16.

For the governmental activities, compensated absences, landfill post closure and OPEB liabilities are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

**General Obligation Bonds**

General obligation bonds as of June 30, 2023 were comprised of the following:

Description	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Amount of Original Issue	Balance Outstanding June 30, 2023
General City Bonds:					
General Improvement:					
2015 Refunding	11/17/15	10/15/24	3.00-5.00	\$ 4,126,000	\$ 1,020,000
2017 Issue	05/30/17	05/15/35	2.00-5.00	17,739,000	12,510,000
2017 Refunding	11/09/17	08/01/30	3.00-5.00	5,437,000	3,593,000
2018 Issue - Series A	10/25/18	10/15/38	2.50-5.00	18,094,096	15,134,000
2018 Issue - Series B	10/25/18	10/15/38	3.65-4.05	7,900,000	6,625,000
2019 Issue	10/29/19	08/01/39	2.13-5.00	5,375,000	4,950,000
2022 Issue	03/16/22	03/15/42	2.60-5.00	14,295,000	14,295,000
2023 Issue	03/22/23	06/30/43	4.00-5.50	30,000,000	<u>30,000,000</u>
Total General Improvement Bonds					88,127,000
School:					
2015 Refunding	11/17/15	10/15/24	3.00-5.00	2,991,000	50,000
2017 Issue	05/30/17	05/15/35	2.00-5.00	3,391,000	2,395,000
2017 Refunding	11/09/17	08/01/30	3.00-5.00	16,094,000	10,641,000
2018 Issue - Series A	10/25/18	10/15/38	2.50-5.00	4,280,904	3,570,000
2019 Issue	10/29/19	08/01/39	2.13-5.00	19,625,000	18,070,000
2022 Issue	03/16/22	03/15/42	2.60-5.00	11,205,000	<u>11,205,000</u>
Total School Bonds					45,931,000
Sewer:					
2017 Refunding	11/09/17	08/01/30	3.00-5.00	3,401,000	<u>1,126,500</u>
Total Governmental Activities					135,184,500
Enterprise Fund Bonds:					
Water:					
Water 2017 Refunding	11/09/17	08/01/30	3.00-5.00	503,000	333,000
Sewer:					
2017 Refunding	11/09/17	08/01/30	3.00-5.00	3,401,000	1,126,500
2018 Issue - Series A	10/25/18	10/15/38	2.50-5.00	125,000	<u>106,000</u>
Total Sewer Bonds					1,232,500
Total Business-Type Activities					<u>1,565,500</u>
Total Bonded Indebtedness					<u>\$ 136,750,000</u>

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

**General Obligation Bonds (Continued)**

General obligation bonds payable are secured by the general revenue raising powers of the City. The annual requirements to amortize long-term bond obligations at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Bonds					
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 7,713,000	\$ 4,943,210	\$ 182,000	\$ 62,708	\$ 7,895,000	\$ 5,005,918
2025	8,984,500	4,557,879	185,500	53,581	9,170,000	4,611,460
2026	8,921,500	4,183,195	188,500	44,364	9,110,000	4,227,559
2027	8,940,000	3,814,254	190,000	35,956	9,130,000	3,850,210
2028	8,944,500	3,452,846	190,500	28,407	9,135,000	3,481,253
2029-2033	41,408,000	12,126,501	587,000	43,186	41,995,000	12,169,687
2034-2038	32,295,000	5,856,296	35,000	4,353	32,330,000	5,860,649
2039-2043	17,978,000	1,350,263	7,000	131	17,985,000	1,350,394
Total	<u>\$ 135,184,500</u>	<u>\$ 40,284,444</u>	<u>\$ 1,565,500</u>	<u>\$ 272,686</u>	<u>\$ 136,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,557,130</u>

**Notes Payable**

The City has seven state of Connecticut Clean Water Fund serial notes outstanding. These notes were issued to finance improvements to the sewer plant, pump stations and the water distribution infrastructure. A schedule of notes payable at June 30, 2023 is presented below:

Description	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Amount of Original Issue	Balance Outstanding June 30, 2023
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>					
Clean Water Fund Note 562-C	11/30/04	11/30/23	2.00	\$ 694,000	\$ 17,292
Clean Water Fund Note 464-C	05/31/06	03/31/26	2.00	470,000	76,578
Clean Water Fund Note 622-CSL	01/01/16	01/31/35	2.00	631,833	392,601
Clean Water Fund Note 640-DC	03/03/16	08/31/38	2.00	7,530,046	5,975,930
<b>Water Fund:</b>					
Water 2014 Note	12/31/14	12/31/33	2.00	501,000	285,156
Water 2015 Note	09/30/15	03/31/35	2.00	344,155	216,579
Water 2019 Note	10/16/18	01/31/39	2.00	497,096	399,986
Total Business-Type Activities					<u>7,364,122</u>
Total Notes Payable					<u>\$ 7,364,122</u>

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

**Notes Payable (Continued)**

The annual debt service requirements of notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Notes Payable					
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 479,058	\$ 142,807	\$ 479,058	\$ 142,807
2025	-	-	471,087	133,398	471,087	133,398
2026	-	-	473,423	123,903	473,423	123,903
2027	-	-	461,246	114,598	461,246	114,598
2028	-	-	470,556	105,287	470,556	105,287
2029-2033	-	-	2,499,135	380,078	2,499,135	380,078
2034-2038	-	-	2,416,291	130,236	2,416,291	130,236
2039	-	-	93,326	305	93,326	305
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,364,122	\$ 1,130,612	\$ 7,364,122	\$ 1,130,612

The City's indebtedness does not exceed the legal debt limitations as required by Connecticut General Statutes as reflected in the following schedule:

Category	Debt Limit	Net Indebtedness	Balance
General Purpose	\$ 357,806,250	\$ 117,948,154	\$ 239,858,096
Schools	715,612,500	98,502,735	617,109,765
Sewers	596,343,750	1,869,667	594,474,083
Urban Renewal	516,831,250	-	516,831,250
Pension Deficit	477,075,000	-	477,075,000

The total overall statutory debt limit for the City is equal to seven times annual receipts from taxation, or \$1,113,175,000.

The indebtedness reflected above includes bonds outstanding in addition to the amount of bonds authorized and unissued against which bond anticipation notes are issued and outstanding. Bonds authorized but not issued are as follows:

General Purpose	\$ 26,922,573
Schools	111,228,975
Sewers	743,167
Total	<u>\$ 138,894,715</u>

Additionally, net indebtedness is reduced by state of Connecticut grant commitments in the amount of \$60,142,240.

Water and Sewer related debt of \$8,962,430 has been excluded from the calculation.

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

**Lease Payable**

The City leases equipment as well as certain operating and office facilities for various terms under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2035 and provide for renewal options ranging from three months to six years.

Principal and interest requirements to maturity under lease agreements are as follows:

**Primary Government**

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2024	\$ 1,178,741	\$ 15,547	\$ 12,147	\$ 177	\$ 1,206,612
2025	717,469	9,484	10,254	109	737,316
2026	172,711	4,464	7,775	46	184,996
2027	9,863	1,867	2,632	7	14,369
2028	1,382	-	-	-	1,382
2029-2033	7,675	-	-	-	7,675
2033-2037	38,207	-	-	-	38,207
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 2,126,048</u>	<u>\$ 31,362</u>	<u>\$ 32,808</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,557</u>

**Discretely Presented Component Unit**

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Component Unit</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2024	\$ 29,759	\$ 292	\$ 30,051
2025	754	44	798
2026	771	27	798
2027	788	11	799
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 32,072</u>	<u>\$ 374</u>	<u>\$ 32,446</u>

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**NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

**Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements**

The Entity has entered into subscription based-information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for several subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs's) for Software as a Service (SaaS) and Platform as a Service (PaaS) applications. The SBITA arrangements expire at various dates through 2029 and provide for renewal options.

**Primary Government**

The future subscription payments under SBITA agreements are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2024	\$ 813,629	\$ 66,965	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 880,594
2025	697,227	44,523	-	-	741,750
2026	713,574	22,992	-	-	736,566
2027	16,593	564	-	-	17,157
2028	8,274	330	-	-	8,604
2029	8,236	167	-	-	8,403
Total Minimum Subscription Payments	<u>\$ 2,257,533</u>	<u>\$ 135,541</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,393,074</u>

**Discretely Presented Component Unit**

As of June 30, 2023, SBITA assets and the related accumulated amortization totaled \$10,290 and \$3,249, respectively.

The future subscription payments under SBITA agreements are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Component Unit</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2024	\$ 3,237	\$ 123	\$ 3,360
2025	3,309	51	3,360
2026	558	2	560
Total Minimum Subscription Payments	<u>\$ 7,104</u>	<u>\$ 176</u>	<u>\$ 7,280</u>

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**NOTE 9 LANDFILL CLOSURE**

The City closed its municipal solid waste landfill in 2002. Prior to this the City closed its metal hydroxide landfill cell in 1986. The City is currently operating its landfill under a CT DEEP landfill stewardship permit.

Solid waste landfill closure and post closure care requirements have been established by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Federal Environmental and Protections Agency. The projected costs of this post closure period are \$1,370,294 as of June 30, 2023. These projected costs could be impacted future inflation and regulations. The costs associated with monitoring and maintaining the landfill area during the post closure period are the responsibility of the City.

**NOTE 10 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss including torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City generally obtains commercial insurance for these risks but has chosen to retain the risks for employee health and medical claims. The City has also retained risk for workers' compensation claims for fiscal years July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1998 and July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2011. The Health Benefits and Worker's Compensation Internal Service Fund is utilized to report this self-insurance activity. CIGNA administers the medical, Express Scripts administers the prescription and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield administers the dental plan, for which the City pays a fee. All funds of the City contribute to the Internal Service Fund based upon actuarial and insurance carrier estimates. The claims liability of \$ 11,080,558 reported in the Internal Service Fund at June 30, 2023 is based on GASB Statement No. 10, which requires that a liability for estimated claims incurred but not reported be recorded. Changes in the claims liability were as follows:

	Liability July 1,	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claim Payment	Liability June 30,
2021-2022	\$ 10,939,066	\$ 42,360,150	\$ 41,768,010	\$ 11,531,206
2022-2023	11,531,206	44,193,963	44,644,611	11,080,558

Settled claims for all types of commercial coverage have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.

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**NOTE 11 FUND BALANCE**

The components of fund balance for the governmental funds at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable:				
Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,660	\$ 77,660
Prepays	19,781	-	-	19,781
Trust Purpose	-	-	1,281,458	1,281,458
Restricted For:				
Grants	-	-	5,961,088	5,961,088
Debt Service	-	-	1,883,661	1,883,661
Committed To:				
Landfill Closure	699,792	-	-	699,792
Compensated Absences	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000
School Renovations	-	12,150,351	-	12,150,351
Capital Improvements	-	13,644,464	-	13,644,464
Road Improvements	-	2,351,104	-	2,351,104
Coronavirus Recovery	-	8,095,207	-	8,095,207
Equipment	-	-	5,420,764	5,420,764
Education	-	-	2,625,305	2,625,305
Manross Memorial Library	-	-	1,186,243	1,186,243
Solid Waste Disposal	-	-	311,770	311,770
Community Development	-	-	31,523	31,523
Pine Lake Challenge Course	-	-	50,094	50,094
Transfer Station	-	-	505,013	505,013
Open Space	-	-	-	-
Energy Efficiency	-	-	31,331	31,331
Centre Mall	-	-	570,167	570,167
Senior Citizens	-	-	193,010	193,010
Trust Purpose	-	-	111,492	111,492
Assigned To:				
Subsequent Year's Budget	-	-	-	-
General Government - Carryover	899,883	-	14,314	914,197
Mill Rate Stabilization Fund	10,069,953	-	-	10,069,953
General Government Encumbrances	25,075	-	-	25,075
Public Safety Encumbrances	44,176	-	-	44,176
Public Works Encumbrances	292,640	-	-	292,640
Parks and Recreation Encumbrances	19,173	-	-	19,173
Libraries Encumbrances	23,484	-	-	23,484
Unassigned	31,146,385	(31,748,329)	-	(601,944)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 45,740,342</b>	<b>\$ 4,492,797</b>	<b>\$ 20,254,893</b>	<b>\$ 70,488,032</b>

Major encumbrances are reported in the assigned fund balance of the General Fund of \$404,548, in the committed fund balance of the Capital Projects Fund of \$35,444,571, and committed and restricted fund balance for Nonmajor Governmental Funds of \$750,156.

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**NOTE 12 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The City is a defendant in a number of lawsuits. Based on Counsel’s review of all asserted claims for damages, the City is of the opinion that resolution of all lawsuits against the City will not significantly affect its financial position.

The City participates in a number of state and federal grant programs that are subject to program compliance audits by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement of expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grants. As of June 30, 2023, the City is of the opinion that such reimbursements in respect of disallowed expenditures, if any, will not be significant.

**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**City Plan**

**A. Plan Description**

The City provides certain health care benefits for retired employees in accordance with City Council resolutions and bargaining agreements. All regular active employees who retire directly from the City and meet eligibility criteria may participate. Benefit provisions are established through negotiations between the City and the various unions representing the employees. The other postemployment benefits plan is a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan administered by the City. The City does not issue stand-alone financial statements for this program.

At July 1, 2022, plan membership consisted of the following:

	Retiree Healthcare Plan
Active Plan Members	1,622
Retired Members	347
Spouses of Retirees	210
Beneficiaries	11
Total Participants	2,190

**B. Funding Policy**

The City has established a trust fund to irrevocably segregate assets to fund the liability associated with the postemployment benefits. The fund is reported as a trust fund in accordance with GASB guidelines. The contribution requirements of plan members and the City are also negotiated with the various unions representing the employees.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**City Plan (Continued)**

**B. Funding Policy (Continued)**

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual actuarially determined contribution of the employer are subject to continual revision as accrual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections for benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

**C. Investments**

Investment Policy

The OPEB plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Investment Committee. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan.

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on investments, net of investment expense, was 7.97%, an increase from a rate of (9.56)% in the prior year. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

**D. Net OPEB Liability of the City**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized a net OPEB liability of \$71,577,285, of which \$65,780,194 was reported in the governmental activities and \$5,797,091 in the business-type activities. The City's net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The components of the net OPEB liability of the City at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Total OPEB Liability	\$ 94,424,086
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>22,846,801</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u><u>\$ 71,577,285</u></u>

Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	24.20 %
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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**City Plan (Continued)**

**D. Net OPEB Liability of the City (Continued)**

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, rolled forward to June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.40%
Salary Increases	Varies by group
Discount Rate	6.50%
Expected Return on Assets	6.50%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	5.90% to 3.80% over 51 years
Mortality Rates	BOE Certified#: PubT-2010 Mortality table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants with generational projection of future improvements per the MP-2019 Ultimate scale.

Police and Fire: PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2021 ultimate scale.

(Prior Police and Fire: RP-2000 Mortality Table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants with generational projection per Scale BB.)

All Others: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2021 ultimate scale.

(Prior All Others: RP-2000 Mortality Table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants with generational projection per Scale BB.)

Each of the assumptions used in this valuation (except for BOE Certified) was set based on a formal study of the pension plan's experience for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The arithmetic long-term expected real rate of return is 6.5%

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**City Plan (Continued)**

**D. Net OPEB Liability of the City (Continued)**

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The target allocation for each major asset as of June 30, 2023 is summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Cash	16.69 %	0.20 %
U.S. Core Fixed Income	2.92	1.84
U.S. Short Bonds	9.77	1.06
U.S. Interm Bonds	4.08	1.39
U.S. Long Bonds	3.05	2.14
U.S. High Yield Bonds	1.11	3.70
U.S. Large Caps	16.79	4.08
U.S. Large & Mid Cap Growth Equity	6.74	3.77
U.S. Large & Mid Cap Value Equity	2.50	3.93
U.S. Mid Cap Equity	1.36	3.96
U.S. Small Cap Equity	4.43	4.65
U.S. Small and Mid Cap Equity	1.02	4.10
Non-U.S. Equity	0.06	5.84
Foreign Developed Equity	11.38	5.25
Emerging Markets Equity	5.49	5.97
Private Real Estate Property	1.40	3.57
Private Equity	1.13	6.52
Commodities	0.71	1.18
Hedge FOF Diversified	9.37	2.73
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**E. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.5% a decrease from the rate of 7% in the prior year. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the City's contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**City Plan (Continued)**

**F. Changes in the Net OPEB Liability**

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 83,661,551	\$ 19,244,862	\$ 64,416,689
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	2,900,409	-	2,900,409
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	5,831,413	-	5,831,413
Effect of Plan Changes	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	3,362,056	-	3,362,056
Effect of Assumptions, Changes, or Inputs	5,292,830	-	5,292,830
Employer Contributions	-	8,001,173	(8,001,173)
Member Contributions	-	664,213	(664,213)
Net Investment Income	-	1,586,586	(1,586,586)
Benefit Payments	(6,624,173)	(6,624,173)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(25,860)	25,860
Net Changes	<u>10,762,535</u>	<u>3,601,939</u>	<u>7,160,596</u>
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 94,424,086</u>	<u>\$ 22,846,801</u>	<u>\$ 71,577,285</u>

**G. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 78,707,139</u>	<u>\$ 71,577,285</u>	<u>\$ 65,106,148</u>

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**City Plan (Continued)**

**H. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (4.90% Decreasing to 2.80%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (5.90% Decreasing to 3.80%)	1% Increase (6.90% Decreasing to 4.80%)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 62,889,513	\$ 71,577,285	\$ 81,622,398

**I. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$9,557,488, of which \$8,862,697 was reported in the governmental activities and \$694,791 in the business-type activities. At June 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 4,122,745	\$ 817,352	\$ 217,635	\$ 49,258	\$ 4,340,380	\$ 866,610
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	8,824,372	-	758,782	-	9,583,154	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	1,156,665	-	8,594	-	1,165,259	-
Total	\$ 14,103,782	\$ 817,352	\$ 985,011	\$ 49,258	\$ 15,088,793	\$ 866,610

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
2024	\$ 2,592,700	\$ 241,547	\$ 2,834,247
2025	2,422,334	213,292	2,635,626
2026	2,966,083	106,092	3,072,175
2027	1,507,460	100,555	1,608,015
2028	1,176,661	111,198	1,287,859
Thereafter	2,621,192	163,069	2,784,261

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan**

**A. Plan Description**

Teachers, principals, superintendents or supervisors engaged in service of public schools plus professional employees at state schools of higher education are eligible to participate in the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System Retiree Health Insurance Plan (TRS-RHIP), a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan administered by the Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB), if they choose to be covered.

Chapter 167a of the state statutes grants authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the TRB. TRS-RHIP issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.ct.gov/trb](http://www.ct.gov/trb).

**B. Benefit Provisions**

There are two types of the health care benefits offered through the system. Subsidized Local School District Coverage provides a subsidy paid to members still receiving coverage through their former employer and the CTRB Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans provide coverage for those participating in Medicare but not receiving Subsidized Local School District Coverage.

Any member who is not currently participating in Medicare Parts A & B is eligible to continue health care coverage with their former employer. A subsidy of up to \$220 per month for a retired member plus an additional \$220 per month for a spouse enrolled in a local school district plan is provided to the school district to first offset the retiree's share of the cost of coverage, and any remaining portion is used to offset the district's cost. The subsidy amount is set by statute. A subsidy amount of \$440 per month may be paid for a retired member, spouse or the surviving spouse of a member who has attained the normal retirement age to participate in Medicare, is not eligible for Part A of Medicare without cost, and contributes at least \$440 per month towards coverage under a local school district plan.

Any member who is currently participating in Medicare Parts A & B is eligible to either continue health care coverage with their former employer, if offered, or enroll in the plan sponsored by the System. If they elect to remain in the plan with their former employer, the same subsidies as above will be paid to offset the cost of coverage.

If a member participating in Medicare Parts A & B so elects, they may enroll in one of the CTRB Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans. Effective July 1, 2018, the System added a Medicare Advantage Plan option. Active members, retirees and the state pay equally toward the cost of the basic coverage (medical and prescription drug benefits) under the Medicare Advantage Plan. Retired members who choose to enroll in the Medicare Supplement Plan are responsible for the full difference in the premium cost between the two plans. Additionally, effective July 1, 2018, retired members who cancel their health care coverage or elect to not enroll in a CTRB sponsored health care coverage option must wait two years to re-enroll.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan  
(Continued)**

**B. Benefit Provisions (Continued)**

Survivor Health Care Coverage

Survivors of former employees or retirees remain eligible to participate in the plan and continue to be eligible to receive either the \$220 monthly subsidy or participate in the TRB-Sponsored Medicare Supplement Plans, as long as they do not remarry.

**C. Eligibility**

Any member who is currently receiving a retirement or disability benefit is eligible to participate in the plan.

Credited Service

One month for each month of service as a teacher in Connecticut public schools, maximum 10 months for each school year. Ten months of credited service constitutes one year of Credited Service. Certain other types of teaching services, state employment, or wartime military service may be purchased prior to retirement if the member pays one-half the cost.

Normal Retirement

Age 60 with 20 years of Credited Service in Connecticut, or 35 years of Credited Service including at least 25 years of service in Connecticut.

Early Retirement

Age 55 with 20 years of Credited Service including 15 years of Connecticut service, or 25 years of Credited Service including 20 years of Connecticut service.

Proratable Retirement

Age 60 with 10 years of Credited Service.

Disability Retirement

No service requirement if incurred in the performance of duty, and 5 years of Credited Service in Connecticut if not incurred in the performance of duty.

Termination of Employment

Ten or more years of Credited Service.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan  
(Continued)**

**D. Contributions**

State of Connecticut

Per Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-183z, contribution requirements of active employees and the state of Connecticut are approved, amended and certified by the state Teachers’ Retirement Board and appropriated by the General Assembly. The state contributions are not currently actuarially funded. The state appropriates from the General Fund one-third of the annual costs of the Plan. Administrative costs of the Plan are financed by the state. Based upon Chapter 167a, Subsection D of Section 10 183t of the Connecticut statutes, it is assumed the state will pay for any long-term shortfall arising from insufficient active member contributions.

Employer (School Districts)

School District employers are not required to make contributions to the plan.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the amount of “on-behalf” contributions made by the state was \$278,522 and is recognized in the General Fund as intergovernmental revenues and education expenditures.

Employees/Retirees

The cost of providing plan benefits is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis as follows: active teachers’ pay for one-third of the Plan costs through a contribution of 1.25% of their pensionable salaries, and retired teachers pay for one-third of the Plan costs through monthly premiums, which helps reduce the cost of health insurance for eligible retired members and dependents.

**E. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2023, the City reports no amounts for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows, due to the statutory requirement that the state pay 100% of the required contribution. The amount recognized by the City as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related state support and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the City was as follows:

City’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$	-
State’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB		
Liability Associated with the City		21,873,429
Total		<u>\$ 21,873,429</u>

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the City has no proportionate share of the net OPEB liability.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan  
(Continued)**

**E. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and  
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense and revenue of \$1,318,474 in Exhibit II.

**F. Actuarial Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Known increases until calendar year 2024 then general trend decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2031
Salary Increases	3.00-6.50%, Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	3.53%, Net of OPEB Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation
Year Fund Net Position Will Be Depleted	2027

Mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table (adjusted 105% for males and 103% for females at ages 82 and above), projected generationally with MP-2019 for the period after service retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019.

The changes in the assumptions since the prior year are as follows:

- Discount rate changed from 2.17% to 3.53%;
- Expected annual per capita claims costs were updated to better reflect anticipated medical and prescription drug claim experience;
- The assumed age-related annual percentage increases in expected annual per capita health care claim costs were updated;
- Long-term health care cost trend rates were updated; and
- The percentages of participating retirees who are expected to enroll in the Medicare Supplement Plan and the Medicare Advantage Plan options were updated to better reflect anticipated plan experience.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan  
(Continued)**

**F. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

The changes in the benefit terms since the prior year are as follows:

- There was a change in the maximum monthly subsidy amounts offered to retirees and their dependents from \$110/\$220 to \$220/\$440.

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the GASB 75 valuation process. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including the plan's current asset allocations and a log-normal distribution analysis using the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class. The long-term expected rate of return was determined by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years. The plan is 100% invested in U.S. Treasuries (Cash Equivalents) for which the expected 10 Year Geometric Real Rate of Return is (0.98%).

**G. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.53%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate was performed in accordance with GASB 75. The projection was based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2022.

In addition to the actuarial methods and assumptions of the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation, the following actuarial methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total payroll for the initial projection year consists of the payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date. In subsequent projection years, total payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the current member contribution rate. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Annual State contributions were assumed to be equal to the most recent five-year average of state contributions toward the fund.

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**NOTE 13 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**Other Postemployment Benefit – Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan  
(Continued)**

**G. Discount Rate (Continued)**

Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2027 and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent rate.

**H. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate and the Discount Rate**

The City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability is \$-0- and, therefore, the change in the health care cost trend rate or the discount rate would only impact the amount recorded by the state of Connecticut.

**I. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the Connecticut State Teachers OPEB Plan fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of Connecticut Annual Comprehensive Financial Report at [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

**J. Other Information**

Additional information is included in the required supplementary information section of the financial statements. A schedule of contributions is not presented as the City has no obligation to contribute to the plan.

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN**

**City Retirement System**

**A. Plan Description**

The City is the administrator of the City Retirement System Pension Plan a defined benefit single-employer Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). The PERS is considered to be part of the City's financial reporting entity and is included in the City's financial reports as a pension trust fund. There are no stand-alone financial statements issued for the PERS. This plan was established and can be amended through collective bargaining or under the authority of the City Charter Ordinances.

The management of the City retirement system is vested in a retirement board consisting of 12 members, as follows: A member of the City Council, a member of the Board of Finance, the comptroller, the treasurer, three electors of the City, none of whom shall be an officer or employee of the City, one member who shall be a member of the City's employees' local number 1338 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, one member who shall be a member of the City's employees' Bristol Professionals and Supervisors Association (BPSA), one member of the City's Bristol Police Union, one member of the City's Local Number 773 International Association of Firefighters, and the mayor, ex officio. All members, except the comptroller, the treasurer and the mayor, shall be nominated by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The members representing the City Council and the Board of Finance shall be appointed for terms of two years and three years, respectively. The other members of the retirement board shall be appointed for five-year terms. The term of office of each appointed member shall continue until a successor is appointed and has qualified. In the event of a vacancy on such board, such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the member to be succeeded was appointed or elected. In no event shall any person remain a member of such retirement board except during the time he continues to be a member of the board or body from which he was appointed or elected.

At July 1, 2022, PERS membership consisted of:

	City of Bristol Retirement System
Retirees, Disabled, and Beneficiaries	
Currently Receiving Benefits	897
Terminated Employees Entitled to Benefits	
But Not Yet Receiving Them	169
Active Members	980
Total	2,046

The City of Bristol General Retirement System consists of three divisions serving and pertaining to full time City employees, excluding teachers, as follows:

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**A. Plan Description (Continued)**

The City of Bristol Employees division covers all full-time employees (except fire, police and teachers). The City provides all retirement, death and disability benefits through a single-employer, contributory, defined benefit plan. Depending on collective bargaining agreement, employees are 100% vested after 5 or 10 years of continuous service and can retire if their contributions remain in the fund upon termination and they reach normal retirement when their age plus years of service is equal to 80 with a minimum age of 55. The retirement benefit for life is 2.40% of average annual pay times the number of completed years of service. If an employee leaves employment or dies before meeting vesting requirements, accumulated employee contributions and interest are refunded.

Recently negotiated contracts provide for a modified benefit formula for new hires. The effective date of this provision varies by contract. Employees who retire at normal retirement receive a retirement benefit for life of 2.0% but in no event shall the total amount of the pension benefit exceed 72% of base pay. City employees hired after the applicable effective date per union contract contribute 7% of base pay on a pre-tax basis.

Firefighters' division covers all members of the Fire Department and provides all retirement, death and disability benefits through a single-employer, contributory, defined benefit plan. Under the plan, all employees of the Fire Department are eligible to join. Employees are 100% vested after 10 years of continuous service if their contributions remain in the fund. Fire employees who retire at normal retirement (the earlier of age 65 and 25 years of continuous service) receive a retirement benefit for life of 70% of base pay (including  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an employee's unused sick leave paid out at the time of retirement). Benefit payments are adjusted annually to reflect salary increases granted to active employees in their bargaining group which is limited to a 2.25% increase per year. If an employee leaves employment or dies before meeting the vesting requirements, accumulated employee contributions are refunded. Benefits and employee contributions are fixed by contract and may be amended by union negotiations.

Police division covers all members of the Police Department and provides all retirement, death and disability benefits through a single-employer, contributory, defined benefit plan. Under the plan, all employees of the Police Department are eligible to join. Employees are 100% vested after 10 years of continuous service if their contributions remain in the fund upon termination. Police employees who retire at normal retirement (the earlier of age 65 or 25 years of continuous service) receive a retirement benefit for life of 70% of the compensation paid to the member in the year prior to his retirement. The pension benefit formula is 70% of a member's compensation (base pay). Base pay shall include 40% of an employee's unused sick leave paid out at the time of retirement if applicable, 25% for retirees prior to July 1, 2018.

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**A. Plan Description (Continued)**

Police retirees also receive automatic postretirement increases on retiree pensions. The pension is adjusted by the pay increase awarded to a then-active member in the same grade as the retiree last held. The cost-of-living escalation is limited to a 2.50% increase per year for retirees after July 1, 2018 and 2.25% for retirees prior to that date. Member's contributions are returnable on termination or on death while active, or after retirement (less any benefits paid), provided in each case that no death benefits are otherwise payable.

**B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters**

**Basis of Accounting**

Financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting for the three defined benefit pension plans. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and a formal commitment to provide the contributions has been made. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plans. Administrative costs of the plans are paid from pension fund resources.

**C. Contributions**

Employees covered under the City of Bristol Employees Division are required to contribute 6% of pay. If an employee leaves employment or dies before meeting the vesting requirements, accumulated employee contributions and interest are refunded. Depending on union contract, new hires contribute 7% effective July 1, 2018. Of the 6% (7% for new hires) 1.5% (1.75% for new hires) of City employee contributions are diverted to the City's OPEB Trust Fund if there is no City required contribution to the pension plan.

Fire employees are required to contribute 4% of their base pay to the PERS. After 25 years of service, employee contributions cease. Employees shall be fully vested after 10 years of continuous service. If an employee leaves employment or dies before meeting the vesting requirements, accumulated employee contributions are refunded. Of the 4% contributions, 1% is diverted to the City's OPEB Trust Fund.

Police employees are required to contribute 6.5% of their base pay to the PERS. Employees hired after March 10, 2020 contribute 7.5% of base pay. Contribution to OPEB is 25% of their contribution. After 25 years of service, employee contributions cease. If an employee leaves employment or dies before meeting the vesting requirements, accumulated employee contributions are refunded. The City is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to finance the benefits for its employees.

The City is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to finance the benefits for its employees. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City was not required to make a contribution for the current fiscal year. Benefits and employee contributions are fixed by contract and may be amended by union negotiations.

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**D. Investments**

Investment Policy

The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Retirement Board. It is the policy of the Retirement Board to pursue an investment strategy that reduces risk through the prudent diversification of the portfolio across a broad selection of distinct asset classes. The pension plan's investment policy discourages the use of cash equivalents, except for liquidity purposes, and aims to refrain from dramatically shifting asset class allocations over short time spans.

Concentration of Investments

The following represents the investments in Pension Trust Fund that represent more than 5% of the Fund's net position as of June 30, 2023:

Boyd Watterson GSA Fund LP	\$38,242,474
Verition International Multi-Strategy Fund Ltd.	\$39,712,983

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 9.00%, an increase from prior year rate of (9.6)%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the City**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized a net pension asset of \$145,169,301, of which \$138,904,164 was reported in the governmental activities and \$6,265,137 in the business-type activities. The components of the net pension liability (asset) of the City at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$ 588,674,746
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	733,844,047
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>\$ (145,169,301)</u>

Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	124.66 %
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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**F. Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset)**

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)-(b)
Balances - July 1, 2022	\$ 570,475,065	\$ 703,604,157	\$ (133,129,092)
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	13,417,026	-	13,417,026
Interest on Total Pension Liability	36,859,661	-	36,859,661
Effect of Plan Changes	-	-	-
Effect of Economic/Demographic Gains or Losses	2,101,829	-	2,101,829
Effect of Assumption Changes or Inputs	-	-	-
Employer Contributions	-	-	-
Member Contributions	-	2,945,446	(2,945,446)
Net Investment Income (Loss)	-	61,594,821	(61,594,821)
Benefit Payments	(34,178,835)	(34,178,835)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(121,542)	121,542
Net Changes	<u>18,199,681</u>	<u>30,239,890</u>	<u>(12,040,209)</u>
Balances - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 588,674,746</u>	<u>\$ 733,844,047</u>	<u>\$ (145,169,301)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	City of Bristol Retirement System
Actuarial Valuation Date	July 1, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Inflation	2.40%
Salary Increases Including Inflation	Service based
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Mortality Rates	City: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale.  Fire and Police: PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale.

The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability (asset) as of June 30, 2023 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020.

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**F. Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and the best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Cash	0.72 %	0.20 %
U.S. Core Fixed Income	16.23	1.84
U.S. High Yield Bonds	2.90	3.70
U.S. Large & Mid Cap Growth	15.56	3.77
U.S. Large & Mid Cap Value	13.87	3.93
U.S. Small & Mid Cap	5.65	4.10
Non-U.S. Equity	0.31	6.06
Foreign Developed Equity	6.12	5.56
Emerging Markets Equity	5.44	5.97
Private Real Estate Property	7.76	3.57
Private Equity	6.29	6.71
Commodities	3.95	1.18
Hedge FOF Diversified	15.20	2.75
Total	100.00 %	

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability (asset).

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**F. Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (Continued)**

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension asset of the City's Pension Plans, calculated using the current discount rate, as well as what the City's Pension Plans net pension asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease to 5.50%	Current Discount Rate 6.50%	1% Increase to 7.50%
Net Pension Asset	\$ (70,279,057)	\$ (145,169,301)	\$ (207,155,651)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension

As of June 30, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are reported as follows:

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 4,716,532	\$ 1,603	\$ 1,206,748	\$ 8,508	\$ 5,923,280
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	24,232,776	-	1,494,001	-	25,726,777	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings	12,155,485		571,287	94,473	12,632,299	-
Total	\$ 41,104,793	\$ 1,603	\$ 3,272,036	\$ 102,981	\$ 44,282,356	\$ 10,111

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of \$20,523,495, of which \$19,379,712 was reported in the governmental activities and \$1,143,783 in the business-type activities.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
2024	\$ 11,872,573	\$ 898,784	\$ 12,771,357
2025	2,588,902	512,545	3,101,447
2026	28,919,290	1,615,592	30,534,882
2027	(2,346,259)	91,849	(2,254,410)
2028	73,518	45,451	118,969
Thereafter	(4,834)	4,834	-

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**City Retirement System (Continued)**

**F. Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (Continued)**

**Combining Schedule of Pension and OPEB Plans Net Position**

	Pension Trust Fund	OPEB Trust Fund	Total
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 59,029,234	\$ 6,834,357	\$ 65,863,591
Investments	674,818,419	16,012,445	690,830,864
Total Assets	<u>733,847,653</u>	<u>22,846,802</u>	<u>756,694,455</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Vouchers Payable	<u>3,606</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3,607</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Restricted for Pension Benefits	733,844,047	-	733,844,047
Restricted for OPEB Benefits	<u>-</u>	<u>22,846,801</u>	<u>22,846,801</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 733,844,047</u>	<u>\$ 22,846,801</u>	<u>\$ 756,690,848</u>

**Combining Schedule of Pension and OPEB Plans Changes in Plan Net Position**

	Pension Trust Fund	OPEB Trust Fund	Total
<b>Additions:</b>			
<b>Contributions:</b>			
Employer	\$ -	\$ 8,001,173	\$ 8,001,173
Plan Members	2,945,446	664,213	3,609,659
Total Contributions	<u>2,945,446</u>	<u>8,665,386</u>	<u>11,610,832</u>
<b>Investment Income:</b>			
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	64,177,809	1,228,991	65,406,800
Interest and Dividends	6,298,275	400,582	6,698,857
Total	<u>70,476,084</u>	<u>1,629,573</u>	<u>72,105,657</u>
Less: Investment Expense	<u>(8,881,263)</u>	<u>(42,987)</u>	<u>(8,924,250)</u>
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>61,594,821</u>	<u>1,586,586</u>	<u>63,181,407</u>
Total Additions	64,540,267	10,251,972	74,792,239
<b>Deductions:</b>			
Benefits	34,178,835	6,624,173	40,803,008
Administration	121,542	25,860	147,402
Total Deductions	<u>34,300,377</u>	<u>6,650,033</u>	<u>40,950,410</u>
Net Change	30,239,890	3,601,939	33,841,829
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>703,604,157</u>	<u>19,244,862</u>	<u>722,849,019</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 733,844,047</u>	<u>\$ 22,846,801</u>	<u>\$ 756,690,848</u>

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension**

**A. Plan Description**

Teachers, principals, superintendents or supervisors engaged in service of public schools are provided with pensions through the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System, a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Teachers Retirement Board. Chapter 167a of the state statutes grants authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the Teachers Retirement Board. The Teachers Retirement Board issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

**B. Benefit Provisions**

The plan provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Employees are eligible to retire at age 60 with 20 years of credited service in Connecticut, or 35 years of credited service including at least 25 years of service in Connecticut.

**Normal Retirement**

Retirement benefits for employees are calculated as 2% of the average annual salary times the years of Credited Service (maximum benefit is 75% of average annual salary during the three years of highest salary).

**Early Retirement**

Employees are eligible after 25 years of Credited Service including 20 years of Connecticut service, or age 55 with 20 years of Credited Service including 15 years of Connecticut service with reduced benefit amounts.

**Disability Retirement**

Employees are eligible for service-related disability benefits regardless of length of service. Five years of Credited Service is required for nonservice-related disability eligibility. Disability benefits are calculated as 2% of average annual salary times Credited Service to date of disability, but not less than 15% of average annual salary, nor more than 50% of average annual salary.

**C. Contributions**

Per Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-183z (which reflects Public Act 79-436 as amended), contribution requirements of active employees and the state of Connecticut are approved, amended and certified by the state Teachers Retirement Board and appropriated by the General Assembly.

**Employer (School Districts)**

School District employers are not required to make contributions to the plan.

The statutes require the state of Connecticut to contribute 100% of each school districts' required contributions, which are actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of the benefits earned by employees during the year, with any additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**C. Contributions (Continued)**

Employer (School Districts) (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the amount of “on-behalf” contributions made by the state was \$19,691,944 and is recognized in the General Fund as intergovernmental revenues and education expenditures.

Employees

Effective July 1, 1992, each teacher is required to contribute 6% of salary for the pension benefit.

Effective January 1, 2018, the required contribution increased to 7% of pensionable salary.

**D. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At June 30, 2023, the City reports no amounts for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows, due to the statutory requirement that the state pay 100% of the required contribution. The amount recognized by the City as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related state support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the City were as follows:

City’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	-
State’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the City		249,762,067
Total		\$ 249,762,067

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2023, the City has no proportionate share of the net pension liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense and revenue of \$24,139,783 in Exhibit II.

**E. Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increase	3.00-6.50%, Including Inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%, Net of Pension Plan Investment Expense, Including Inflation

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table (adjusted 105% for males and 103% for females at ages 82 and above), projected generationally with MP-2019 for the period after service retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019.

Assumption changes since the prior year are as follows:

- There were no changes in assumptions that affected the measurement of the TPL since the prior measurement date.

Benefit changes since the prior year are as follows:

- There Legislation was passed restoring the 25% wear down of Plan benefits to vested members as of June 30, 2019.

**Cost-of-Living Allowance**

For teachers who retired prior to September 1, 1992, pension benefit adjustments are made in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index, with a minimum of 3% and a maximum of 5% per annum.

For teachers who were members of the Teachers' Retirement System before July 1, 2007 and retire on or after September 1, 1992, pension benefit adjustments are made that are consistent with those provided for Social Security benefits on January 1 of the year granted, with a maximum of 6% per annum. If the return on assets in the previous year was less than 8.5%, the maximum increase is 1.5%.

For teachers who were members of the Teachers' Retirement System after July 1, 2007, pension benefit adjustments are made that are consistent with those provided for Social Security benefits on January 1 of the year granted, with a maximum of 5% per annum. If the return on assets in the previous year was less than 11.5%, the maximum increase is 3%, and if the return on the assets in the previous year was less than 8.5%, the maximum increase is 1.0%.

**Long-Term Rate of Return**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Long-Term Rate of Return (Continued)

The current capital market assumptions and the target asset allocation as provided by the state of Connecticut Treasurer’s Office are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Expected Return	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity Fund	5.40 %	20.00 %
Developed Market Intl. Stock Fund	6.40	11.00
Emerging Market Intl. Stock Fund	8.60	9.00
Core Fixed Income Fund	0.80	13.00
Private Credit	6.50	5.00
Emerging Market Debt Fund	3.80	5.00
High Yield Bond Fund	3.40	3.00
Real Estate Fund	5.20	19.00
Private Equity	9.40	10.00
Alternative Investments	3.10	3.00
Liquidity Fund	(0.40)	2.00
Total		<u>100.00 %</u>

**F. Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that state contributions will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates in the future years. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**G. Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability is \$-0- and, therefore, the change in the discount rate would only impact the amount recorded by the state of Connecticut.

**H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial statements available at [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

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**NOTE 14 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Connecticut Teachers Retirement System – Pension (Continued)**

**I. Other Information**

Additional information is included in the required supplementary information section of the financial statements. A schedule of contributions is not presented as the City has no obligation to contribute to the plan.

**NOTE 15 TAX ABATEMENTS**

The City provides the following tax abatement programs:

- State-sponsored Enterprise Zone Program and Urban Jobs Program
- City-sponsored Enterprise Zone Program for projects that fall within the State-designated Enterprise Zone area but which do not qualify for the State-sponsored Connecticut Enterprise Zone Program.
- The City exercises powers authorized under the City and Town Development Act and Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-65b to provide tax abatements for extraordinary projects or for projects that do not qualify for established programs.

The State-sponsored Enterprise Zone Program and the Urban Jobs Program provide real property tax abatements to encourage economic development. Both programs offer the opportunity for the City to receive partial reimbursement of the abated taxes via the State of Connecticut. The Connecticut Enterprise Zone Program and Urban Jobs Program are made possible by the City of Bristol's designation as a "Targeted Investment Community" or "Distressed Municipality" under Connecticut General Statutes Section 32-71. The State-sponsored Enterprise Zone Program is available to certain businesses undertaking major renovation projects within the State-designated Enterprise Zone that encompasses much of downtown Bristol. Eligible businesses include manufacturers, warehouse distributors and certain designated service-related businesses. The Urban Jobs Program is available outside geographic boundaries of the Enterprise Zone to manufacturers or distributors. The property tax abatement is for a five-year period and takes effect with the start of the first full assessment year following issuance of a "Certificate of Eligibility". For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, taxes abated through the State-sponsored Enterprise Zone Program totaled \$-0- and taxes abated under the Urban Jobs Program totaled approximately \$170,519. There are no provisions to recapture abated taxes under these programs other than to apply for a percentage reimbursement of abated taxes through the State of Connecticut. No other commitments have been made by the City to the abatement recipients under these programs.

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**NOTE 15 TAX ABATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The City-Sponsored Enterprise Zone Program is for projects within the State-designated Enterprise Zone area in which the applicant need not be a manufacturer, warehouse distributor, or eligible service-related business. This is a local program, with no reimbursement from the State of Connecticut. To be eligible, commercial property must be improved to the extent of \$175,000 or greater. Program benefits are structured as a seven-year abatement of qualifying real and personal property improvements according to the following schedule: 100% (Year 1), 100% (Year 2), 50% (Year 3), 40% (Year 4), 30% (Year 5), 20% (Year 6), and 10% (Year 7). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, taxes abated through this program totaled approximately \$261,432.

By the powers authorized under the City and Town Development Act and Connecticut General Statutes 12-65b, for period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the City abated approximately \$743,923 in real property taxes.

**NOTE 16 PRIOR PERIOD RECLASSIFICATION AND RESTATEMENTS**

The governmental activities, business type activities, capital projects fund, nonmajor governmental funds were restated to record reclassification of Sewer Operating Fund to business type activity. The following changes were made to net position and fund balance as a result of reclassification:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Restatements to Net Position		
Balance as Previously Reported - June 30, 2022	\$ 553,229,709	\$ 35,914,135
Adjustments:		
Sewer Capital Projects Fund Balance	(7,971,044)	7,971,044
Sewer Operating Fund Balance	(8,170,517)	8,170,517
Sewer Assessment Accrual Basis Change	(461,700)	461,700
Capital Assets	(48,987,391)	48,987,391
Bonds and Notes Payable	8,309,922	(8,309,922)
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	(11,746)	11,746
Deffered Inflows Related to Pension	118,091	(118,091)
Net Pension Asset	(999,619)	999,619
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	(168,969)	168,969
Deffered Inflows Related to OPEB	2,209	(2,209)
Net OPEB Liability	745,182	(745,182)
Compensated Absences	94,552	(94,552)
Balance as Restated - July 1, 2022	\$ 495,728,679	\$ 93,415,165

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**NOTE 16 PRIOR PERIOD RECLASSIFICATION AND RESTATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

	Restatements to Fund Balance		
	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance as Previously Reported - June 30, 2022	\$ 3,762,880	\$ 29,761,148	\$ -
Adjustments:			
Sewer Capital Projects Fund Balance	(7,971,044)		7,971,044
Sewer Operating Fund Balance		(8,170,517)	8,170,517
Transfers from Governmental Activities:			
Sewer Assessment Accrual Basis Change	-	-	461,700
Capital Assets	-	-	48,987,391
Bonds and Notes Payable	-	-	(8,309,922)
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	-	-	11,746
Deffered Inflows Related to Pension	-	-	(118,091)
Net Pension Asset	-	-	999,619
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	-	-	168,969
Deffered Inflows Related to OPEB	-	-	(2,209)
Net OPEB Liability	-	-	(745,182)
Compensated Absences	-	-	(94,552)
Balance as Restated - July 1, 2022	<u>\$ (4,208,164)</u>	<u>\$ 21,590,631</u>	<u>\$ 57,501,030</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  
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	2023				Variance Over (Under)	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Property Taxes:						
Current Levy	\$ 156,603	\$ -	\$ 156,603	\$ 156,477	\$ (126)	\$ 153,905
Prior Levies	1,320	191	1,511	1,512	1	1,946
60-Day: GAAP	-	-	-	94	94	(252)
MV Supplemental	1,500	379	1,879	1,880	1	2,235
TIF District	171	-	171	171	-	88
Interest and Penalties	810	197	1,007	1,007	-	1,102
Total Property Taxes	160,404	767	161,171	161,141	(30)	159,024
Licenses, Permits, and Fees:						
Assessor's Late Filing Fees	1	-	1	-	(1)	2
Delinquent Fees	1	-	1	-	(1)	-
Circuit Court Fines	1	-	1	-	(1)	1
Dog Penalties	1	-	1	-	(1)	1
Merchandising Licenses	-	-	-	1	1	-
Animal Licenses	7	-	7	3	(4)	12
Marriage Licenses	3	-	3	3	-	3
Fees	13	-	13	17	4	16
Liquor Permits	1	-	1	1	-	1
Notary Services	4	-	4	4	-	4
Burial Permits	5	-	5	4	(1)	5
Trade Names	1	-	1	1	-	1
Vital Statistics	120	-	120	129	9	137
Parking Violations	75	-	75	39	(36)	51
Alarm Fees	17	-	17	14	(3)	16
Police Report Fees	14	-	14	19	5	19
Bingo/Raffle Fees	12	-	12	9	(3)	9
Building Permits	1,300	1,200	2,500	2,500	-	1,976
PW Excavating Permits	8	-	8	4	(4)	7
Zoning Violations	1	-	1	-	(1)	-
Land Use Fees and Permits	23	-	23	38	15	34
Drop Box Fee	2	-	2	-	(2)	-
Library Fines	6	-	6	4	(2)	7
Total Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,616	1,200	2,816	2,790	(26)	2,302
State and Federal Grants:						
State Grants-in-Aid:						
State Owned Property PILOT	-	-	-	-	-	48
Private Hospitals (PILOT)	-	-	-	-	-	839
Tax Relief Totally Disabled	15	-	15	13	(2)	14
Additional Tax Relief: Veterans	20	-	20	21	1	22
Enterprise Zone Reimbursement	155	-	155	143	(12)	169
Town Aid Road Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mashantucket Pequot Grant	400	-	400	400	-	400
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	888	-	888	888	-	-
Off-Track Betting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Grant	2,816	-	2,816	2,816	-	-

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	2023					2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)	
State and Federal Grants (Continued):						
State Grants-in-Aid (Continued):						
Utilities Tax	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 106	\$ 6	\$ 93
Municipal Stabilization Grant	235	-	235	235	-	235
Demand Response	-	57	57	55	(2)	57
Youth Services Bureau	42	7	49	49	-	42
Enhancement Services	13	-	13	13	-	13
Juvenile Diversion Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
E911 Subsidy Grant	135	-	135	207	72	173
Dispatch Training Grant	6	3	9	9	-	2
School Readiness Grant/Quality Enhancement	-	3,629	3,629	3,408	(221)	2,960
Education Cost Sharing	41,657	-	41,657	41,623	(34)	41,621
Health Serv. PA 481/Private Sch Health Reimb.	150	100	250	251	1	245
Revenue Sharing Grant	-	1,235	1,235	1,235	-	-
COVID Grant	-	-	-	-	-	21
Liquor Bottle Deposit	100	-	100	-	(100)	41
Housing Authority (FED- PILOT)	110	-	110	117	7	114
FEMA-Tropical Storm ISAIS	-	238	238	239	1	38
Civil Preparedness	30	-	30	-	(30)	8
American Rescue Plan Funds School Read	-	-	-	-	-	80
Total State and Federal Grants	46,872	5,269	52,141	51,828	(313)	47,235
Charges for Services:						
Copier Charges	55	-	55	52	(3)	68
Water Reimbursement Fees	1	-	1	1	-	2
Foreclosure Reimbursement Fees	-	-	-	6	6	-
Recording Fees	285	-	285	266	(19)	411
Real Estate Transfer Tax (Conveyance Tax)	860	1,064	1,924	1,924	-	1,955
Department of Aging Services	4	-	4	6	2	5
Public Safety Charges for Services	873	1,015	1,888	1,900	12	2,333
Animal Control Charges	3	-	3	1	(2)	1
Miscellaneous Charges for Services	6	-	6	1	(5)	4
Public Works Service and Maps	386	-	386	447	61	423
Recycling Permits	25	-	25	27	2	29
City Building Rentals	146	-	146	135	(11)	144
Patching Charges	-	29	29	29	-	1
Pool Revenue	203	-	203	225	22	188
Park Program	317	-	317	289	(28)	237
Total Charges for Services	3,164	2,108	5,272	5,309	37	5,801
Investment Earnings:						
Interest - General Fund	275	1,403	1,678	1,678	-	275
Interest - Miscellaneous A/R	1	-	1	1	-	4
Total Investment Earnings	276	1,403	1,679	1,679	-	279
Sale of Property and Equipment	75	-	75	85	10	185

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(IN THOUSANDS)**

	2023				Variance Over (Under)	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Other Local Revenue:						
Miscellaneous	\$ 18	\$ 3	\$ 21	\$ 69	\$ 48	\$ 106
Library Trust Funds	35	53	88	88	-	34
Park Trust Funds and Gifts	423	86	509	513	4	702
Total Other Local Revenue	<u>476</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>842</u>
Transfers In	<u>2,300</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,267</u>
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78

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(1,000)

Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV

\$ 255,672

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(IN THOUSANDS)**

	2023					2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance (Over) Under	
General Government:						
City Council:						
Personnel Services	\$ 61	\$ -	\$ 61	\$ 61	\$ -	\$ 61
Mayor's Office:						
Personnel Services	186	12	198	199	(1)	190
Contractual Services	21	(1)	20	18	2	15
Supplies	1	-	1	-	1	-
Total Mayor's Office	<u>208</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>205</u>
Probate Court:						
Contractual Services	35	-	35	30	5	33
Supplies	8	-	8	6	2	6
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Probate Court	<u>43</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>39</u>
Registrar's of Voters:						
Personnel Services	237	(1)	236	235	1	199
Contractual Services	43	(2)	41	39	2	27
Supplies	23	(5)	18	15	3	10
Total Registrar's of Voters	<u>303</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>236</u>
Assessor's:						
Personnel Services	445	16	461	456	5	477
Contractual Services	42	1	43	35	8	28
Supplies	5	-	5	5	-	6
Total Assessor's	<u>492</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>496</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>511</u>
Board of Assessment Appeals:						
Personnel Services	8	3	11	8	3	4
Contractual Services	1	-	1	1	-	1
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Board of Assessment Appeals	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
Tax Collector:						
Personnel Services	332	18	350	343	7	330
Contractual Services	75	-	75	65	10	62
Supplies	1	-	1	1	-	1
Total Tax Collector	<u>408</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>393</u>
Purchasing:						
Personnel Services	218	9	227	226	1	215
Contractual Services	8	-	8	7	1	9
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Purchasing	<u>226</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>224</u>

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	2023				Variance (Over) Under	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
General Government (Continued):						
Comptroller's Office:						
Personnel Services	\$ 800	\$ 42	\$ 842	\$ 830	\$ 12	\$ 805
Contractual Services	35	7	42	40	2	14
Supplies	1	-	1	1	-	1
Total Comptroller's Office	<u>836</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>820</u>
Treasurer:						
Personnel Services	141	13	154	145	9	140
Contractual Services	9	2	11	10	1	8
Supplies	1	-	1	-	1	-
Other/Miscellaneous	5	(1)	4	-	4	-
Total Treasurer	<u>156</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>148</u>
Information Systems:						
Personnel Services	802	34	836	836	-	790
Contractual Services	654	28	682	626	56	570
Supplies	8	-	8	8	-	7
Total Information Systems	<u>1,464</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,470</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>1,367</u>
Human Resources:						
Personnel Services	367	29	396	386	10	368
Contractual Services	76	1	77	75	2	129
Purch. Prof. Services	9	5	14	13	1	10
Supplies	5	-	5	3	2	6
Total Human Resources	<u>457</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>513</u>
Corporation Counsel:						
Personnel Services	465	29	494	494	-	457
Contractual Services	164	37	201	199	2	136
Supplies	17	(5)	12	11	1	12
Total Corporation Counsel	<u>646</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>605</u>
City Clerk:						
Personnel Services	412	2	414	385	29	388
Contractual Services	71	(1)	70	67	3	65
Purch. Prof. Services	-	1	1	-	1	-
Supplies	2	-	2	2	-	2
Total City Clerk	<u>485</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>455</u>
Board of Finance:						
Personnel Services	2	-	2	2	-	2
Contractual Services	87	(8)	79	80	(1)	65
Total Board of Finance	<u>89</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>67</u>

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	2023				Variance (Over) Under	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
General Government (Continued):						
Aging Department:						
Personnel Services	\$ 501	\$ 12	\$ 513	\$ 499	\$ 14	\$ 499
Contractual Services	192	63	255	232	23	246
Supplies	54	14	68	65	3	58
Total Aging Department	<u>747</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>803</u>
City Memberships:						
Contractual Services	79	-	79	79	-	77
Community Promotions:						
Contractual Services	50	-	50	50	-	40
Other/Miscellaneous	10	-	10	9	1	13
Total Community Promotions	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>53</u>
Boards and Commissions:						
Personnel Services	7	4	11	10	1	7
Contractual Services	-	2	2	2	-	-
Total Boards and Commissions	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Total General Government	6,776	360	7,136	6,909	227	6,589
Public Safety:						
Police Department:						
Personnel Services	16,848	679	17,527	17,462	65	17,373
Contractual Services	844	23	867	824	43	715
Benefits	199	(10)	189	181	8	166
Supplies	311	24	335	315	20	258
Capital Outlay	44	17	61	60	1	38
Total Police Department	<u>18,246</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>18,979</u>	<u>18,842</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>18,550</u>
Fire Department:						
Personnel Services	8,977	(269)	8,708	8,694	14	9,074
Contractual Services	143	6	149	142	7	243
Benefits	51	-	51	44	7	47
Supplies	261	82	343	335	8	296
Capital Outlay	66	(16)	50	46	4	54
Total Fire Department	<u>9,498</u>	<u>(197)</u>	<u>9,301</u>	<u>9,261</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>9,714</u>
Animal Control:						
Personnel Services	180	(1)	179	161	18	164
Contractual Services	9	-	9	7	2	7
Benefits	3	-	3	2	1	2
Supplies	6	-	6	5	1	6
Total Animal Control	<u>198</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>179</u>

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	2023				Variance (Over) Under	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Public Safety (Continued):						
Emergency Management:						
Personnel Services	\$ 28	\$ -	\$ 28	\$ 27	\$ 1	\$ 14
Contractual Services	5	-	5	2	3	2
Supplies	28	-	28	8	20	3
Total Emergency Management	61	-	61	37	24	19
Building Inspection:						
Personnel Services	636	26	662	661	1	627
Contractual Services	13	-	13	10	3	7
Supplies	16	(2)	14	12	2	7
Capital Outlay	-	15	15	15	-	-
Total Building Inspection	665	39	704	698	6	641
Total Public Safety	28,668	574	29,242	29,013	229	29,103
Public Works:						
Administration:						
Personnel Services	406	42	448	422	26	389
Contractual Services	19	3	22	18	4	19
Supplies	2	-	2	2	-	2
Total Administration	427	45	472	442	30	410
Engineering:						
Personnel Services	861	(133)	728	725	3	793
Contractual Services	63	12	75	68	7	58
Supplies	7	8	15	6	9	4
Total Engineering	931	(113)	818	799	19	855
Land Use:						
Personnel Services	250	22	272	267	5	248
Contractual Services	19	9	28	23	5	37
Supplies	-	1	1	1	-	-
Total Land Use	269	32	301	291	10	285
Building Maintenance:						
Personnel Services	600	(34)	566	563	3	604
Contractual Services	350	16	366	360	6	352
Supplies	93	86	179	179	-	130
Total Building Maintenance	1,043	68	1,111	1,102	9	1,086

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	2023				Variance (Over) Under	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Public Works (Continued):						
Streets Division:						
Personnel Services	\$ 2,027	\$ (38)	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,962	\$ 27	\$ 2,040
Contractual Services	28	4	32	26	6	28
Supplies	165	42	207	194	13	131
Total Streets Division	<u>2,220</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>2,199</u>
Solid Waste Division:						
Personnel Services	1,132	(4)	1,128	1,085	43	1,082
Contractual Services	39	-	39	35	4	57
Supplies	62	-	62	53	9	68
Total Solid Waste Division	<u>1,233</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>1,173</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>1,207</u>
Fleet Maintenance:						
Personnel Services	702	(55)	647	647	-	601
Contractual Services	271	(95)	176	175	1	147
Supplies	961	139	1,100	1,100	-	1,022
Total Fleet Maintenance	<u>1,934</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>1,922</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,770</u>
Snow Removal:						
Personnel Services	270	(94)	176	176	-	272
Contractual Services	336	(273)	63	59	4	160
Supplies	491	286	777	769	8	508
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	(61)
Total Snow Removal	<u>1,097</u>	<u>(81)</u>	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,004</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>879</u>
Major Road Improvements:						
Personnel Services	35	-	35	25	10	18
Railroad Maintenance:						
Contractual Services	44	-	44	8	36	96
Other City Buildings:						
Contractual Services	127	27	154	152	2	162
Supplies	4	(1)	3	3	-	3
Total Other City Buildings	<u>131</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>165</u>
Perm Patch Utility Trenches:						
Personnel Services	-	29	29	29	-	1

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	2023				Variance (Over) Under	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Public Works (Continued):						
Fleet:						
Capital Outlay	\$ 850	\$ (15)	\$ 835	\$ 834	\$ 1	\$ 570
Line Painting:						
Contractual Services	90	-	90	12	78	100
Supplies	1	-	1	-	1	-
Total Line Painting	<u>91</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>100</u>
Storm Water Maintenance:						
Personnel Services	-	21	21	21	-	14
Contractual Services	-	4	4	4	-	7
Total Storm Water Maintenance	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21</u>
Street Lighting:						
Contractual Services	<u>235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>219</u>
Total Public Works	10,540	9	10,549	10,177	372	9,881
Health and Welfare:						
Bristol-Burlington Health:						
Contractual Services	3,882	-	3,882	3,882	-	3,632
Health/SS Outside Agencies:						
Contractual Services	92	2	94	94	-	75
Other/Miscellaneous	13	-	13	13	-	13
Total Health/SS Outside Agencies	<u>105</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88</u>
Cemetery Upkeep:						
Purch. Prof. Services	79	-	79	79	-	79
School Readiness Program:						
Personnel Services	-	84	84	84	-	100
Contractual Service	25	3,525	3,550	3,367	183	2,967
Total School Readiness Program	<u>25</u>	<u>3,609</u>	<u>3,634</u>	<u>3,451</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>3,067</u>
Total Health and Welfare	4,091	3,611	7,702	7,519	183	6,866

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	2023				Variance (Over) Under	2022 Actual
	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Libraries:						
Personnel Services	\$ 1,850	\$ 27	\$ 1,877	\$ 1,809	\$ 68	\$ 1,770
Contractual Services	318	31	349	312	37	289
Supplies	310	(12)	298	287	11	286
Total Libraries	2,478	46	2,524	2,408	116	2,345
Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Comm. Services:						
Personnel Services	2,994	(54)	2,940	2,885	55	2,819
Contractual Services	588	177	765	722	43	577
Purch. Prof. Services	-	8	8	8	-	-
Supplies	286	61	347	345	2	266
Capital Outlay	10	-	10	8	2	8
Other/Miscellaneous	39	128	167	166	1	36
General Insurance	73	-	73	66	7	66
Total Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Comm. Services	3,990	320	4,310	4,200	110	3,772
Employee Benefits and Pension:						
Employee Benefits	1,956	382	2,338	2,308	30	3,508
Other Postemployment Benefit	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
Total Employee Benefits and Pension	3,156	382	3,538	3,508	30	4,708
General Insurance:						
General City Insurance	1,129	30	1,159	1,086	73	1,008
Miscellaneous:						
All Other Costs and Fees	2,011	173	2,184	377	1,807	356
Transfers to Other Funds:						
Special Revenue	2,003	452	2,455	2,455	-	4,951
Mill Rate Stabilization Fund	-	1,250	1,250	1,250	-	2,000
Debt Service	11,000	500	11,500	11,500	-	11,000
Capital Projects	891	2,861	3,752	3,752	-	569
Sinking Fund	250	1,362	1,612	1,612	-	176
Internal Service	13,872	16,808	30,680	30,680	-	32,214
Total Transfers to Other Funds	28,016	23,233	51,249	51,249	-	50,910

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	Original Budget	Adjustments	Amended Budget	Actual		
Board of Education:						
General Control	\$ 2,584	\$ 6	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,566	\$ 24	\$ 2,637
Instruction	50,813	(2,065)	48,748	48,748	-	48,181
Transportation	5,479	179	5,658	5,658	-	4,617
Operation of Plant	7,519	(51)	7,468	7,468	-	7,068
Maintenance of Plant	2,739	3	2,742	2,742	-	2,975
Benefits and Fixed	19,386	(16,522)	2,864	2,864	-	2,856
Athletics and Student	2,148	(47)	2,101	2,101	-	2,030
Capital Outlay	2,449	(383)	2,066	2,066	-	2,083
Special Education	34,395	3,796	38,191	38,191	-	33,542
Tuition	990	170	1,160	1,160	-	1,007
Other/Miscellaneous	(4,174)	(1,366)	(5,540)	(5,540)	-	(3,810)
Total Board of Education	<u>124,328</u>	<u>(16,280)</u>	<u>108,048</u>	<u>108,024</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>103,186</u>
 Total	<u>\$ 215,183</u>	<u>\$ 12,458</u>	<u>\$ 227,641</u>	224,470	<u>\$ 3,171</u>	<u>\$ 218,724</u>

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Encumbrances for purchases and commitments ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes but in the year received for financial reporting purposes

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Budgeted transfer to Mill Rate Stabilization Fund, which does not meet the definition of a special revenue fund in accordance with GASB No. 54 and must be combined with the General Fund

(1,250)

Transfers out from Mill Rate Stabilization Fund to Debt Service not included above

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Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV

\$ 253,179

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**OPEB PLAN**  
**LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS\***

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service Cost	\$ 2,900,409	\$ 2,554,048	\$ 2,506,027	\$ 2,340,950	\$ 1,900,749	\$ 1,954,699	\$ 1,821,714
Interest	5,831,413	5,692,043	5,419,700	5,332,920	4,668,876	4,614,833	4,434,274
Effect of Plan Changes	-	-	-	-	1,759,188	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	3,362,056	-	2,160,599	-	(2,179,655)	-	851,289
Changes of Assumptions	5,292,830	-	304,628	-	11,321,902	548,793	-
Benefit Payments	(6,624,173)	(6,579,513)	(6,518,237)	(6,677,555)	(6,467,323)	(4,438,442)	(5,083,891)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	10,762,535	1,666,578	3,872,717	996,315	11,003,737	2,679,883	2,023,386
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	83,661,551	81,994,973	78,122,256	77,125,941	66,122,204	63,442,321	61,418,935
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	94,424,086	83,661,551	81,994,973	78,122,256	77,125,941	66,122,204	63,442,321
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:							
Contributions - Employer	8,001,173	7,858,513	7,818,237	8,127,555	7,917,323	5,801,097	6,583,891
Contributions - Member	664,213	650,102	600,849	436,072	390,715	56,308	54,072
Net Investment Income	1,586,586	(1,879,121)	3,235,041	(56,213)	540,355	380,520	445,223
Benefit Payments	(6,624,173)	(6,579,513)	(6,518,237)	(6,677,555)	(6,467,323)	(4,438,442)	(5,083,891)
Administrative Expense	(25,860)	(8,360)	(24,080)	(45,885)	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	3,601,939	41,621	5,111,810	1,783,974	2,381,070	1,799,483	1,999,295
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	19,244,862	19,203,241	14,091,431	12,307,457	9,926,387	8,126,904	6,127,609
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	22,846,801	19,244,862	19,203,241	14,091,431	12,307,457	9,926,387	8,126,904
Net OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ 71,577,285	\$ 64,416,689	\$ 62,791,732	\$ 64,030,825	\$ 64,818,484	\$ 56,195,817	\$ 55,315,417
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	24.20 %	23.00 %	23.42 %	18.04 %	15.96 %	15.01 %	12.81 %
Covered Payroll	\$ 118,076,603	\$ 105,287,835	\$ 105,287,835	\$ 105,156,160	\$ 105,156,160	\$ 98,287,369	\$ 98,287,369
Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	60.62 %	61.18 %	59.64 %	60.89 %	61.64 %	57.18 %	56.28 %

Notes to Schedule:

Assumption Changes:

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**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
OPEB PLAN  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 8,643,752	\$ 8,664,061	\$ 8,411,459	\$ 8,280,600	\$ 7,208,338	\$ 6,234,993	\$ 7,256,765	\$ 7,308,579	\$ 7,008,204	\$ 9,322,000
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	<u>8,001,173</u>	<u>7,858,513</u>	<u>7,818,237</u>	<u>8,127,555</u>	<u>7,917,323</u>	<u>5,801,097</u>	<u>6,583,891</u>	<u>3,961,206</u>	<u>3,156,480</u>	<u>4,446,594</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 642,579</u>	<u>\$ 805,548</u>	<u>\$ 593,222</u>	<u>\$ 153,045</u>	<u>\$ (708,985)</u>	<u>\$ 433,896</u>	<u>\$ 672,874</u>	<u>\$ 3,347,373</u>	<u>\$ 3,851,724</u>	<u>\$ 4,875,406</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 118,076,603	\$ 105,287,835	\$ 105,287,835	\$ 105,156,160	\$ 105,156,160	\$ 98,287,369	\$ 98,287,369	\$ 96,520,538	\$ 96,520,538	\$ 88,563,000
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6.78 %	7.46 %	7.43 %	7.73 %	7.53 %	5.90 %	6.70 %	4.10 %	3.27 %	5.02 %

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: July 1, 2022  
 Measurement Date: June 30, 2023  
 Valuation Timing: Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, one year prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to

Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age Normal  
 Amortization Method: Level Dollar, Closed  
 Remaining Amortization Period: 16 Years  
 Asset Valuation Method: Fair Value  
 Inflation: 2.40%  
 Salary Increases: Varies by Group  
 Investment Rate of Return: 6.50%  
 Healthcare trend rates: Varies by Year  
 Mortality: BOE Certified#: PubT-2010 Mortality table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants with generational projection of future improvements per the MP-2019 Ultimate scale.  
 Police and Fire: PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2021 ultimate scale.  
 (Prior Police and Fire: RP-2000 Mortality Table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants with generational projection per Scale BB.)  
 All Others: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2021 ultimate scale.  
 (Prior All Others: RP-2000 Mortality Table for Employees and Healthy Annuitants with generational projection per Scale BB.)

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS  
 OPEB PLAN  
 LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS\***

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	7.97 %	(9.56)%	23.22 %	(0.44)%	4.92 %	4.31 %	6.83 %

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**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
TEACHERS RETIREMENT PLAN  
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS\***

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the City	<u>21,873,429</u>	<u>22,073,028</u>	<u>38,153,599</u>	<u>36,629,540</u>	<u>36,202,980</u>	<u>49,154,327</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,873,429</u>	<u>\$ 22,073,028</u>	<u>\$ 38,153,599</u>	<u>\$ 36,629,540</u>	<u>\$ 36,202,980</u>	<u>\$ 49,154,327</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 64,646,444	\$ 56,237,175	\$ 58,925,072	\$ 54,241,694	\$ 56,863,119	\$ 56,374,579
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	9.46 %	6.11 %	2.50 %	2.08 %	1.49 %	1.79 %

Notes to Schedule:

<p>Changes in Benefit Terms</p> <p>Changes of Assumptions</p>	<p>There was a change in the maximum monthly subsidy amounts offered to retirees and their dependents from \$110/\$220 to \$220/\$440.</p> <p>Based on the procedure described in GASB 74, the discount rate used to measure plan obligations for financial accounting purposes as of June 30, 2022 was updated to equal the SEIR of 3.53% as of June 30, 2022;</p> <p>Expected annual per capita claims costs were updated to better reflect anticipated medical and prescription drug claim experience;</p> <p>The assumed age-related annual percentage increases in expected annual per capita health care claims costs were updated;</p> <p>Long-term health care cost trend rates were updated; and</p> <p>The percentages of participating retirees who are expected to enroll in the Medicare Supplement Plan and the Medicare Advantage Plan options were updated to better reflect anticipated plan experience.</p>
<p>Actuarial Cost Method</p> <p>Amortization Method</p> <p>Remaining Amortization Period</p> <p>Asset Valuation Method</p> <p>Investment Rate of Return</p> <p>Price Inflation</p>	<p>Entry age</p> <p>Level percent of payroll over an open period</p> <p>30 years</p> <p>Fair value of assets</p> <p>3.00%, net of investment related expense including price inflation</p> <p>2.50%</p>

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\* The measurement date is one year earlier than the employer's reporting date

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**CITY OF BRISTOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Pension Liability:</b>										
Service Cost	\$ 13,417,026	\$ 11,529,653	\$ 10,510,065	\$ 10,078,318	\$ 9,602,581	\$ 9,104,904	\$ 9,177,475	\$ 8,277,518	\$ 8,034,547	\$ 7,964,316
Interest on Total Pension Liability	36,859,661	35,932,337	34,274,749	32,854,841	31,656,104	30,841,588	29,232,077	28,136,062	27,281,639	26,593,867
Effect of Plan Changes	-	-	1,187,130	(30,584)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of Economic/Demographic Gains or Losses	2,101,829	5,092,953	1,502,734	2,937,892	(178,621)	(5,688,780)	5,571,684	(2,130,022)	(4,305,301)	-
Effect of Assumption Changes or Inputs	-	31,690,847	11,755,196	8,072,260	7,471,588	7,044,151	6,729,043	-	-	-
Benefit Payments	(34,178,835)	(30,602,736)	(28,768,219)	(27,091,735)	(25,638,387)	(24,245,472)	(23,012,190)	(22,398,939)	(21,687,626)	(20,636,951)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>18,199,681</b>	<b>53,643,054</b>	<b>30,461,655</b>	<b>26,820,992</b>	<b>22,913,265</b>	<b>17,056,391</b>	<b>27,698,089</b>	<b>11,884,619</b>	<b>9,323,259</b>	<b>13,921,232</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - Beginning</b>	<b>570,475,065</b>	<b>516,832,011</b>	<b>486,370,356</b>	<b>459,549,364</b>	<b>436,636,099</b>	<b>419,579,708</b>	<b>391,881,619</b>	<b>379,997,000</b>	<b>370,673,741</b>	<b>356,752,509</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - Ending</b>	<b>588,674,746</b>	<b>570,475,065</b>	<b>516,832,011</b>	<b>486,370,356</b>	<b>459,549,364</b>	<b>436,636,099</b>	<b>419,579,708</b>	<b>391,881,619</b>	<b>379,997,000</b>	<b>370,673,741</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position:</b>										
Employer Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	2,617,369	1,064,936	44,000	127,325	227,500
Member Contributions	2,945,446	2,837,424	2,613,269	2,478,107	2,234,181	2,781,706	2,654,883	2,582,644	2,419,097	2,488,640
Net Investment Income (Loss)	61,594,821	(75,942,113)	193,857,287	11,435,778	30,248,708	57,843,541	66,698,627	(9,656,082)	(4,242,226)	79,063,132
Benefit Payments	(34,178,835)	(30,602,736)	(28,768,219)	(27,091,735)	(25,638,387)	(24,245,472)	(23,012,190)	(22,398,939)	(21,687,626)	(21,156,744)
Administrative Expenses	(121,542)	(213,218)	(388,010)	(449,831)	(177,904)	(190,448)	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>30,239,890</b>	<b>(103,920,643)</b>	<b>167,314,327</b>	<b>(13,627,681)</b>	<b>6,666,598</b>	<b>38,806,696</b>	<b>47,406,256</b>	<b>(29,428,377)</b>	<b>(23,383,430)</b>	<b>60,622,528</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning</b>	<b>703,604,157</b>	<b>807,524,800</b>	<b>640,210,473</b>	<b>653,838,154</b>	<b>647,171,556</b>	<b>608,364,860</b>	<b>560,958,604</b>	<b>590,386,981</b>	<b>613,770,411</b>	<b>553,147,883</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending</b>	<b>733,844,047</b>	<b>703,604,157</b>	<b>807,524,800</b>	<b>640,210,473</b>	<b>653,838,154</b>	<b>647,171,556</b>	<b>608,364,860</b>	<b>560,958,604</b>	<b>590,386,981</b>	<b>613,770,411</b>
<b>Net Pension Asset - Ending</b>	<b>\$ (145,169,301)</b>	<b>\$ (133,129,092)</b>	<b>\$ (290,692,789)</b>	<b>\$ (153,840,117)</b>	<b>\$ (194,288,790)</b>	<b>\$ (210,535,457)</b>	<b>\$ (188,785,152)</b>	<b>\$ (169,076,985)</b>	<b>\$ (210,389,981)</b>	<b>\$ (243,096,670)</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>124.66 %</b>	<b>123.34 %</b>	<b>156.25 %</b>	<b>131.63 %</b>	<b>142.28 %</b>	<b>148.22 %</b>	<b>144.99 %</b>	<b>143.14 %</b>	<b>155.37 %</b>	<b>165.58 %</b>
<b>Covered Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 56,446,054</b>	<b>\$ 53,660,972</b>	<b>\$ 52,204,668</b>	<b>\$ 51,163,929</b>	<b>\$ 49,004,030</b>	<b>\$ 48,452,620</b>	<b>\$ 44,945,681</b>	<b>\$ 45,357,037</b>	<b>\$ 44,715,823</b>	<b>\$ 44,891,754</b>
<b>Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>	<b>(257.18)%</b>	<b>(248.09)%</b>	<b>(556.83)%</b>	<b>(300.68)%</b>	<b>(396.48)%</b>	<b>(434.52)%</b>	<b>(420.03)%</b>	<b>(372.77)%</b>	<b>(470.50)%</b>	<b>(541.52)%</b>

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
CITY OF BRISTOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,617,369	\$ 756,393	\$ 352,453	\$ 507,245	\$ 604,612
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	2,617,369	1,064,936	44,000	127,325	227,500
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (308,543)	\$ 308,453	\$ 379,920	\$ 377,112
Covered Payroll	\$ 56,446,054	\$ 53,660,972	\$ 52,204,668	\$ 51,163,929	\$ 49,004,030	\$ 48,452,620	\$ 44,945,681	\$ 45,357,037	\$ 44,715,823	\$ 44,891,754
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %	5.40 %	2.37 %	0.10 %	0.28 %	0.51 %

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: July 1, 2022  
 Measurement Date: June 30, 2023  
 Valuation Timing: Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine

Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age Normal  
 Amortization Method: Level Dollar, Open  
 Remaining Amortization Period: 20 years  
 Asset Valuation Method: 5-years smoothed fair value, non-asymptotic, Corridor - none  
 Inflation: 2.40%  
 Salary Increases: Rates that vary by group and service  
 Investment Rate of Return: 6.50%  
 Cost of Living Adjustment: City: None  
 Fire and Police: 3%

Retirement Age: City: Rates based on age and service  
 Fire: Rates based on age  
 Police: Rates based on age and service

Turnover: City: Rates based on age; Fire and Police: None  
 Mortality: City: PubG-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale  
 Fire and Police: PubS-2010 Mortality Table with generational projection per the MP-2019 ultimate scale

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS  
CITY OF BRISTOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return Net of Investment Expense	9.00 %	(9.60)%	30.90 %	1.89 %	4.71 %	8.81 %	12.06 %	(2.47)%	0.52 %	15.44 %

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
TEACHERS RETIREMENT PLAN  
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS\***

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the City	<u>249,762,067</u>	<u>202,601,183</u>	<u>255,806,837</u>	<u>234,871,528</u>	<u>181,099,594</u>	<u>190,973,158</u>	<u>201,478,144</u>	<u>152,907,734</u>	<u>141,332,557</u>
Total	<u>\$ 249,762,067</u>	<u>\$ 202,601,183</u>	<u>\$ 255,806,837</u>	<u>\$ 234,871,528</u>	<u>\$ 181,099,594</u>	<u>\$ 190,973,158</u>	<u>\$ 201,478,144</u>	<u>\$ 152,907,734</u>	<u>\$ 141,332,557</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 64,646,444	\$ 56,237,175	\$ 58,925,072	\$ 54,241,694	\$ 56,863,119	\$ 56,374,579	\$ 58,343,820	\$ 56,044,000	\$ 54,605,000
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	54.06 %	60.77 %	49.24 %	52.00 %	57.69 %	55.93 %	52.26 %	59.50 %	61.51 %

Notes to Schedule:

Changes in Benefit Terms	Legislation was passed restoring the 25% wear down of Plan N benefits to vested members as of June 30, 2019.
Changes of Assumptions	None
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level percent of pay, closed, grading to a level dollar amortization method for the June 30, 2024 valuation
Single Equivalent Amortization Period	27.8 years
Asset Valuation Method	4-Year Smoothed Fair Value
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increase	3.00%-6.50%, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%, Net of Investment Related Expense

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- The measurement date is one year earlier than the employer's reporting date.

***Appendix B***

***Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel***

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## APPENDIX B: FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

November \_\_, 2024

City of Bristol  
111 North Main Street  
Bristol, CT 06010

We have acted as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by the City of Bristol, Connecticut (the “City”), of its \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) dated November \_\_, 2024. In such capacity, we have examined a record of proceedings of the City authorizing the Notes, a Tax Regulatory Agreement of the City dated the date hereof (the “Agreement”), such law and such other proceedings, certifications, and documents as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

We are of the opinion that when the Notes are duly certified by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, the Notes will be valid and legally binding general obligations of the City payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the City without limitation as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to Connecticut statutes. We are further of the opinion that the Agreement is a valid and binding agreement of the City and was duly authorized by the City.

The rights of the holders of the Notes and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) establishes certain requirements that must be satisfied at and subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes be excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. In the Agreement, the City has made covenants and representations designed to assure compliance with such requirements of the Code. The City has covenanted in the Agreement that it will at all times comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Notes to ensure that interest on the Notes shall not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Notes, including covenants regarding, among other matters, the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Notes.

In rendering the below opinions regarding the federal treatment of interest on the Notes, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Agreement, and (ii) continuing compliance by the City with the covenants set forth in the Agreement as to such tax matters.

In our opinion, under existing statutes and court decisions, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (ii) such interest is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. We express no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences caused by ownership or disposition of, or receipt of interest on the Notes.

We are further of the opinion that, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is excluded from Connecticut taxable income for purposes of the Connecticut income tax on individuals, trusts and estates and is excluded from amounts on which the net Connecticut minimum tax is based for individuals, trusts and estates required to pay the federal alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other state income tax consequences caused by ownership or disposition of, or receipt of interest on the Notes.

We express no opinion herein regarding the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement and other offering material relating to the Notes.

The foregoing opinion is based upon existing laws, regulations, rules and court decisions. We undertake no responsibility to inform you of changes in law or fact occurring after the date hereof which may affect the conclusions herein. In addition, we have not undertaken to advise in the future whether any events after the date of issuance of the Notes, including the adoption of federal tax legislation, may affect the tax status of interest on the Notes.

Respectfully,

PULLMAN & COMLEY, LLC

## ***Appendix C***

### ***Form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement***

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## APPENDIX C: FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

*In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the City will agree, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement for Notes to be executed by the City substantially in the following form, to provide, or cause to be provided, notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Notes:*

### **Continuing Disclosure Agreement**

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of November \_\_, 2024 by the City of Bristol, Connecticut (the “Issuer”) acting by its undersigned officers, duly authorized, in connection with the issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, dated as of November \_\_, 2024 of the Issuer (the “Notes”), for the benefit of the beneficial owners from time to time of the Notes.

**Section 1. Definitions.** For purposes of this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto.

“Repository” means the MSRB or any other information repository established pursuant to the Rule as amended from time to time.

“Rule” means Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the date of this Agreement.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States, or any successor thereto.

### **Section 2. Notice of Certain Events.**

The Issuer agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, to each Repository, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (b) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;
- (g) modifications to rights of holders of the Notes, if material;

- (h) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (i) Note defeasances;
- (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
- (k) rating changes;
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
- (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (o) incurrence of a financial obligation, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of the financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

*Events (d) and (e).* The Issuer does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Notes, unless the Issuer applies for or participates in obtaining the enhancement.

*Event (f).* Event (f) is relevant only to the extent interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

*Event (h).* The Issuer does not undertake to provide the above-described event notice of a mandatory scheduled redemption, not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event, if (A) the terms, dates and amounts of redemption are set forth in detail in the Final Official Statement, (B) the sole matter to be determined is which of the Notes will be redeemed in the case of a partial redemption, (C) notice of redemption is given to the holders of the Note to be redeemed as required under the terms of the Notes, and (D) public notice of redemption is given pursuant to Exchange Act Release No. 23856 of the SEC, even if the originally scheduled amounts are reduced due to prior optional redemptions or Note purchases.

*Events (o) and (p).* The term “financial obligation” is defined as a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with or pledged as security or a source of payment for an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation does not include municipal securities for which a final official statement has been filed with MSRB pursuant to the Rule.

### **Section 3. Use of Agents.**

Notices to be provided pursuant to this Agreement may be provided by the Issuer or by any agents which may be employed by the Issuer for such purpose from time to time.

#### **Section 4. Termination.**

The obligations of the Issuer under this Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier of (i) payment or legal defeasance, at maturity or otherwise, of all of the Notes, or (ii) such time as the Issuer ceases to be an obligated person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule.

#### **Section 5. Enforcement.**

The Issuer acknowledges that the undertakings set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement are intended to be for the benefit of, and enforceable by, the beneficial owners from time to time of the Notes. In the event the Issuer shall fail to perform its duties hereunder, the Issuer shall have the option to cure such failure within a reasonable time (but not exceeding five business days with respect to the undertakings set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement) from the time the Issuer's Comptroller, or a successor, receives written notice from any beneficial owner of the Notes of such failure. The present address of the Comptroller is Bristol City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut 06010.

In the event the Issuer does not cure such failure within the time specified above, the beneficial owner of any Notes shall be entitled only to the remedy of specific performance. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that no monetary damages shall arise or be payable hereunder nor shall any failure to comply with this Agreement constitute an event of default with respect to the Notes.

#### **Section 6. Miscellaneous.**

(a) All documents provided by the Issuer to a Repository pursuant to the Issuer's undertakings set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement shall be in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time.

(b) The Issuer shall have no obligation to provide any information, data or notices other than as set forth in this Agreement; provided, however, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting the Issuer from providing such additional information, data or notices from time to time as it deems appropriate in connection with the Notes. If the Issuer elects to provide any such additional information, data or notices, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update or continue to provide further additional information, data or notices of the type so provided.

(c) This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Issuer may amend this Agreement, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change of circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer, and is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws, to the effect that (i) such amendment or waiver would not materially adversely affect the beneficial owners of the Notes, and (ii) the provisions of the Agreement as so amended or waived would have complied with the requirements of the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule as well as any changes in circumstances, in each case as of the date of such amendment to the Agreement or waiver. A copy of any such amendment or waiver will be filed in a timely manner with each Repository.

(e) This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
JEFFREY J. CAGGIANO  
Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID MAIKOWSKI  
Chairman and Agent of the Board of Finance

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DIANE M. WALDRON  
Comptroller

***Appendix D***

***Notice of Sale***

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## **APPENDIX D: NOTICE OF SALE**

### **NOTICE OF SALE**

#### **CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT \$35,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that ELECTRONIC BIDS via **PARITY**® (as described herein) will be received by the CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT (the “Issuer”), until 11:30 A.M. (E.T.) on WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 30, 2024

(the “Sale Date”) for the purchase of the Issuer’s \$35,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”). Electronic bids must be submitted via **PARITY**® (see “Electronic Bidding Procedures”).

#### **The Notes**

The Notes are expected to be dated November 12, 2024 and will mature and be payable to the registered owner on November 6, 2025 as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined). The Notes will bear interest (which interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) payable at maturity at the rate or rates per annum fixed in the proposal or proposals accepted for their purchase, which rates shall be in multiples of 1/100 of 1% per annum.

#### **Nature of Obligation**

The Notes will constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the Issuer will pledge its full faith and credit to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes when due. Unless paid from other sources, the Notes are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied on all taxable property subject to taxation by the Issuer without limit as to rate or amount except as to classified property such as certified forest lands taxable at a limited rate and dwelling houses of qualified elderly persons of low income or of qualified disabled persons taxable at limited amounts pursuant to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. The information in this Notice of Sale is only a brief summary of certain provisions of the Notes. For further information about the Notes, reference is hereby made to the Preliminary Official Statement.

#### **Bank Qualification**

The Notes SHALL NOT be designated by the Issuer as qualified tax exempt obligations under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of the deduction by financial institutions for interest expense allocable to the Notes.

## **Registration**

The Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public. The Notes will be issued in registered form and one note certificate for each interest rate will be issued to The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, registered in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co., and immobilized in its custody. A book-entry system will be employed, evidencing ownership of the Notes in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures adopted by DTC and its participants. The purchaser(s), as a condition to delivery of the Notes, will be required to deposit the Note certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Issuer or its agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. Principal and interest payments by DTC to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The Issuer will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants or indirect participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. Upon receipt from the Issuer, the Paying Agent will pay principal of and interest on the Notes directly to DTC so long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co, is the Noteholder.

## **Bid Specifications; Basis of Award; Right to Reject Proposals; Waiver; Postponement; Change of Terms**

Each bid for the purchase of the Notes must be in accordance with the requirements prescribed herein. A proposal may be for all or any part of the Notes but any proposal for a part must be for at least \$100,000, or a whole multiple thereof, and a separate proposal will be required for each part of the Notes for which a separate interest rate is bid. Unless all bids are rejected, the Notes will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost (“NIC”), computed as to each interest rate stated by adding the total interest which will be paid at such rate and deducting therefrom the premium offered, if any. As between proposals resulting in the same lowest net interest cost to the Issuer, the award will be made on the basis of the highest principal amount of the Notes specified. No bid for less than par and accrued interest, if any, will be considered and the Issuer reserves the right to award to any bidder all or any part of the Notes bid for in its proposal. If a bidder is awarded only a part of the Notes bid for in its proposal, any premium offered in such proposal will be proportionately reduced so that the resulting net interest cost to the Issuer with respect to the Notes awarded is the same as that contained in the bidder’s proposal with respect to the entire amount bid, carried to six decimal places. The purchase price must be paid in immediately available federal funds.

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals and to reject any proposal not complying with this Notice of Sale and to waive any irregularity or informality with respect to any proposal.

The Issuer further reserves the right to postpone the sale to another time and date in its sole discretion for any reason, including Internet difficulties. The Issuer will use its best efforts to notify prospective bidders in a timely manner of any need for a postponement. Upon the establishment of an alternative sale date, any bidder may submit proposals for the purchase of the Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Notice of Sale.

### **Electronic Bidding Procedures**

Any prospective bidder intending to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>. Subscription to i-Deal LLC's BiDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid and the Issuer will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the Issuer. By submitting a bid for the Notes via **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>, the bidder represents and warrants to the Issuer that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Notes is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the prospective bidder by an irrevocable offer and that acceptance of such bid by the Issuer will bind the bidder by a legal, valid and enforceable contract, for the purchase of the Notes on the terms described in this Notice of Sale. **The Issuer shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>, or the inaccuracies of any information, including bid information or worksheets supplied by **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>, the use of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder. Each Bidder is solely responsible for knowing the terms of the sale as set forth herein.**

If any provisions of this Notice of Sale shall conflict with information provided by **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale shall control. Further information about **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>, including any fee charged, may be obtained from **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>, 1359 Broadway, 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018, Attention: Customer Service Department (telephone: (212) 849-5021 - email notice: [www.parity@i-deal.com](mailto:www.parity@i-deal.com)).

For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> shall constitute the official time. For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their bids the net interest cost to the Issuer, as described under "Bid Specifications; Basis of Award; Right to Reject Proposals; Waiver; Postponement; Change of Terms" above, and in the written form of Proposal for Notes. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale and form of Proposal for Notes.

**Disclaimer.** Each **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> prospective electronic bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> for the purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Issuer nor **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such arrangements to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any prospective bidder, and neither the Issuer nor **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to make a bid or for proper operation

of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, **PARITY**<sup>®</sup>. The Issuer is using **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> as a communication mechanism, and not as the Issuer's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Notes. The Issuer is not bound by any advice and determination of **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> to the effect that any particular bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale and in particular the bid requirements herein set forth. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their subscription to, arrangements with and submission of bids via **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> are the sole responsibility of the bidders; and the Issuer is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in arranging to bid or submitting, modifying or withdrawing a bid for the Notes, the prospective bidder should telephone **PARITY**<sup>®</sup> at (212) 849-5021.

### **CUSIP Numbers**

The deposit of the Notes with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of Phoenix Advisors LLC to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Notes prior to delivery, and Phoenix Advisors, LLC, will provide the CUSIP Service Bureau with the final details of the sale, including the identity of the winning bidder(s). The Issuer will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the inability to deposit the Notes with DTC due to the failure of Phoenix Advisors, LLC to obtain such numbers and to supply them to the Issuer in a timely manner. Neither the failure to print such CUSIP number on any note, nor any error with respect thereto, shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes shall be paid for by the Issuer; provided, however, that the Issuer assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charge that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers, which charges shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

### **Certifying Agent, Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent**

The Notes will be authenticated by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Hartford, Connecticut. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association will also act as Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent.

### **Delivery, Payment and Closing Requirements**

At or prior to the delivery of the Notes the winning bidder shall be furnished, without cost, with (a) the approving opinion of Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut, Bond Counsel ("Bond Counsel"); (b) a signature and no litigation certificate, in form satisfactory to said firm, dated as of the date of delivery of the Notes, and stating that there is no litigation pending, or to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof threatened, affecting the validity of the Notes or the power of the Issuer to levy and collect taxes to pay them; (c) a copy of the Official Statement prepared for this note issue; (d) a certificate of Issuer Officials relating to the accuracy and completeness of the Official Statement; (e) a Continuing Disclosure Agreement; and (f) a receipt of payment for the Notes.

The Notes will be delivered against payment in immediately available federal funds through the facilities of DTC, New York, New York or its agent via Fast Automated Securities Transfer (“FAST”) on or about November 12, 2024 (the “Closing Date”).

The Issuer will have no responsibility to pay for any expenses of the purchaser except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale. The purchaser will have no responsibility to pay for any of the Issuer’s costs of issuance except to the extent specifically stated in this Notice of Sale.

The purchaser will be responsible for the clearance or exemption with respect to the status of the Notes for sale under securities or “Blue Sky” laws and the preparation of any surveys or memoranda in connection with such sale. The Issuer shall have no responsibility for such clearance, exemption or preparation.

### **Bond Counsel Opinion**

The legality of the issue will be passed upon by Bond Counsel, and the purchaser will be furnished with its opinion, without charge, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B-2 to the Official Statement. The opinion will state that the Notes are valid and binding obligations of the Issuer. Bond Counsel will require as a precondition to release of its opinion that the purchaser of such Notes deliver to it a completed “issue price” certificate, or similar certificate, regarding expectations or public offering prices, as applicable, with respect to the Notes awarded to such bidder, as described below under “Establishment of Issue Price”.

### **Establishment of Issue Price**

In order to provide the Issuer with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) relating to the exclusion of interest on the Notes from the gross income of their owners, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the Issuer at or prior to the delivery of the Notes an “issue price” or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (the “Initial Offering Price”) or the actual sales price or prices of the Notes, as circumstances may determine, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of Bond Counsel. Communications relating to this “Establishment of Issue Price” section, the completed certificate(s) and any supporting information shall be delivered to (1) Bond Counsel at Glenn G. Rybacki, Esq., Pullman & Comley, LLC, 90 State House Square, Hartford, CT 06103, Telephone: (860) 424-4391, E-mail: grybacki@pullcom.com and (2) the Municipal Advisor at Matthew Spoerndle, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 53 River Street, Milford, CT 06460, Telephone: (203) 878-4945, E-mail: mspoerndle@muniadvisors.com (the “Municipal Advisor”). Questions related to this “Establishment of Issue Price” section should be directed to Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor. For purposes of this “Establishment of Issue Price” section, Bond Counsel may act on behalf of the Issuer and the Municipal Advisor may act on behalf of the Issuer.

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Notes, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a “courtesy bid” being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the “issue price” of the Notes pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds or notes who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or notes.

By submitting a bid, a bidder represents to the Issuer that it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or notes such as the Notes, represents that such bidder’s bid is submitted for or on behalf of such bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Notes, and understands that upon award by the Issuer that this Notice of Sale constitutes a written contract between such bidder, as winning bidder, and the Issuer.

By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that if the Competitive Sale Rule (as set forth below) is not met, it will satisfy either the Actual Sales Rule (as set forth below) or the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule (as set forth below).

Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied.

***Notification of Contact Information of Winning Bidder.*** Promptly upon award, the winning bidder shall notify the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel of the contact name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person(s) of the winning bidder for purposes of communications concerning this “Establishment of Issue Price” section.

***Competitive Sale Rule.*** The Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Notes) will apply to the initial sale of the Notes (the “Competitive Sale Rule”) because:

- (1) the Issuer shall disseminate, or have disseminated on its behalf, this Notice of Sale to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Issuer anticipates receiving bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds or notes who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or notes; and
- (4) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Notes to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Notes at the lowest net interest cost, as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

**Competitive Sale Rule Met.** The Issuer, or the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the Issuer, shall at the time of award advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Rule has been met. The winning bidder will be required to deliver to Bond Counsel on behalf of the Issuer prior to the delivery of the Notes a completed “Certificate as to Issue Price” (in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel) for such Notes, setting forth the Initial Offering Price.

**Competitive Sale Rule Not Met.** In the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, the Issuer, or the Municipal Advisor on behalf of the Issuer, shall at the time of award advise the winning bidder. The Issuer may determine to treat (i) the first price at which ten percent (10%) of a Maturity of the Notes (the “Actual Sales Rule”) is sold to the Public as the issue price of that Maturity, and/or (ii) the Initial Offering Price to the Public as of the Sale Date of any Maturity of the Notes as the issue price of that Maturity (the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule”), in each case applied on a Maturity-by-Maturity basis. In the event that the Competitive Sale Rule is not satisfied, the winning bidder, by 4:30 p.m. (E.T.) on the Sale Date, shall notify and provide, via e-mail, Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor (I) of the first price at which ten percent (10%) of each Maturity has been sold to the Public and (II) reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such price the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel; i.e., those Maturities that satisfy the Actual Sales Rule as of the Sale Date. After such receipt, the Issuer, or Bond Counsel on behalf of the Issuer, shall promptly confirm with the winning bidder, via e-mail, which Maturities of the Notes shall be subject to the Actual Sales Rule and which Maturities shall be subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule.

For those Maturities of Notes subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, the winning bidder shall (i) provide Bond Counsel (via e-mail) a copy of pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Notes (ii) confirm that each Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or will offer all of the Notes to the Public on or before the date of award at the Initial Offering Prices and (iii) agree, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Notes, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell unsold Notes of any Maturity to which the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least ten percent (10%) of that Maturity of the Notes to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, via e-mail, when the Underwriters have sold ten percent (10%) of that Maturity of the Notes to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth (5th) business day after the Sale Date.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity or all Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Notes of each Maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the Actual Sales Rule has been satisfied as to the Notes of that Maturity or all Notes of that Maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Notes to any person that is a Related Party (as defined below) to an Underwriter shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Notice of Sale.

**Definitions.** For purposes of this “Establishment of Issue Price” section:

- (1) “Maturity” means Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Notes with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
- (2) “Public” means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (3) “Related Party” generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (4) “Underwriter” means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).

## Official Statement

For more information regarding the Notes or the Issuer, reference is made to the Preliminary Official Statement dated October 23, 2024 (the “Official Statement”) describing the Notes and the financial condition of the Issuer. The Preliminary Official Statement is available in electronic format at <https://munihub.com>, and such electronic access is being provided as a matter of convenience only. Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from Matthew Spoerndle, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, 53 River Street, Milford, CT 06460, Telephone: (203) 878-4945, E-mail: [mspoerndle@muniadvisors.com](mailto:mspoerndle@muniadvisors.com). The Issuer deems such Official Statement to be a final official statement for purposes of complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”), but such Official Statement is subject to revision or amendment as appropriate. The Issuer will make available to the purchaser a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement at the Issuer’s expense, and the final Official Statement will be made available to the purchaser by no later than the earlier of the delivery of the Notes or by the seventh (7th) business day after the day bids on the Notes are received. If the Issuer’s Municipal Advisor, is provided with the necessary information from the purchaser by 12:00 o’clock noon on the day after the Sale Date, the copies of the final Official Statement will include an additional cover page and other pages, if necessary, indicating the interest rates, rating(s), yields or reoffering prices and the name of the managing underwriter of the Notes, and any corrections. The purchaser shall arrange with the Municipal Advisor the method of delivery of the copies of the final Official Statement to the purchaser. Additional copies of the final Official Statement may be obtained by the purchaser at its own expense by arrangement with the printer.

## Continuing Disclosure Agreement

As required by the Rule, the Issuer will undertake, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the “Agreement”), to provide notice of the occurrence of certain events with respect to the Notes within ten (10) business days of such event. A form of the Agreement is attached to the Official Statement as Appendix C-2. The purchaser’s obligation to purchase the Notes shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to delivery of the Notes, an executed Agreement.

CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

JEFFREY J. CAGGIANO

Mayor

DAVID MAIKOWSKI

Chairman and Agent of the Board of Finance

DIANE M. WALDRON

Comptroller

October 24, 2024

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