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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Kelley, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Iwo Jima Survivor Joe Caminiti was recognized. Literature featuring Mr. Caminiti's journey to honor fellow Veterans from December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 was disseminated to Council Members and the Mayor. Mr. Caminiti will be attending the National Iwo Jima Remembrance Day this month in Washington, D.C. and he will place a wreath on the United States Marine Corps Monument and another on the National World War II Monument.

Amy Wernicki of Veteran Strong Community Center, Inc. gave a brief overview of the 6th Annual Patriots Day Ceremony taking place on Friday, April 24th at the Bristol Senior Center. Residents can nominate a Veteran who they feel continues to give back to the Bristol community. They do not need to reside in Bristol. Nominations can be emailed to Veteran Strong at info@vetstronginc.org. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu read a proclamation establishing March as Problem Gambling Awareness month and presented it to Ms. Wernicki.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on January 13, 2026.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Erosenko, 40 Palmorr Pl. – Mr. Erosenko expressed his support for the Mayor and Robert Parenti, along with Mr. Parenti's knowledge on special education and his ideas for Bristol.

4. RESIGNATIONS

Camerin Crowal – Fair Rent Commission, Sec. 2-9

Russell Anderson – Board of Education

Robert Parenti – Board of Park Commissioners

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

5. APPOINTMENTS

a. The following appointments were presented:

Fair Rent Commission

Connie Cohen – Appointment as alternate member representing "Landlords" – term to 5/28.
Replaced Ryan Carrier.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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Bristol Historic District Commission

Jason Messier – Appointment as alternate member – term to 2/31.
 Replaced Daphnee Delgado.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Board of Public Works

Frank Stawski – Reappointment – term to 2/29.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Board of Education

Robert Parenti – Appointment – term to 11/27.
 Replaced Russell Anderson.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative

Zachary Maher – Appointment – term to 8/26.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

BCHS Roof Replacement Building Committee

Ryan Broderick – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Kevin Gokey – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Daniel Micari – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Chris Fry – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

John Freimuth – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Eric Carlson – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

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Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

7. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adopt six items as part of the Consent Calendar.

a. New Hire Report for January 2026

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of January, 2026.

b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$274,220.60

Request presented from Tax Collector Bednaz.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$37,335.46
Real Estate	+ 236,885.14
Total	\$274,220.60

c. Grant Application to State of CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications for \$25,903

Communication received from Chief of Police Morello.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission by the Police Department for a \$25,903 Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Grant to provide funding to purchase 56 batteries; 32 for Willis Street; 12 for Princeton Drive; and 12 for Stevens Street. These battery backup units at the radio sites provide for uninterrupted radio communications in the event of a power outage, before the generator takes over. It was also approved to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign any necessary documents to effectuate said grant.

d. Cott Systems Conversion to RECORD Hub for the Town Clerk's Office

Communication received from Town Clerk Cabiya.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the \$0.00 agreement with Cott Systems to transition to RECORD Hub, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all

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documents necessary to effectuate this agreement, as reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel.

e. Land Use Training Reporting for Boards and Commissions

Communication received from City Planner Flanagan.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the Training Report for Land Use boards and commissions pursuant to C.G.S. Section 8-4c.

f. Adoption of Policy Pertaining to Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Communication received from Corporation Counsel Clift.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the policy pertaining to the use of artificial intelligence (AI).

8. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Salary Committee

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve the salary increase for the Registrar of Voters from \$50,862/year to \$65,000/year effective January 6, 2027, and to refer to the Board of Finance for informational purposes.

b. Salary Committee

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve an amendment to the Personnel Policies and Procedures, Appendix A of the Non-Bargaining Full-time Employee Supplement, to add a sick leave donation option, and to refer to the Board Finance for informational purposes.

c. Real Estate Committee

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To authorize that city-owned property known as 81 Church Avenue, Lot 22 on Tax Assessor's Map 43, aka Fire House No. 3 Forestville be referred to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Sec. 8-24 report. Specifically, to address whether this city building, should be sold. It was further moved that this property be referred to the Tax Assessor and Purchasing Agent to conduct an appraisal to determine a Fair Market Value should this property be sold by an outside real estate agent or through the "RFP" (Request for Proposals) process. It was further moved that this matter be referred to Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services, Public Works and Bristol Water & Sewer to determine if any of the aforementioned departments have an interest in utilizing this property.

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d. Real Estate Committee

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To authorize that the real property known as 112 Ambler Road, Lot 220 on Tax Assessor's Map 20, be referred to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Sec. 8-24 report. Specifically, to address the Board of Park Commissioners possible interest in acquiring this property to help preserve the Hoppers-Birge Pond and to allow for a future indoor programming space and/or maintenance building to support the park.

e. Ordinance Committee

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl, Section 4-8. Roosters-Penalty of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to introduce the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances; and that the time and place of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 immediately after the adjournment of the Regular Ordinance Committee Meeting, in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut be set for the holding of a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee; and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter.

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Sec. 4-8. Roosters—Penalty.

- (a) *If a valid noise complaint is received by the city regarding any rooster the city will require [the rooster to wear a noise reduction collar, vocal constriction collar or other noise reduction device or method] removal of the rooster by the property owner.*
- (b) *Any person required to [place a noise reduction collar, vocal constriction collar or other noise reduction device or method on the rooster] remove the rooster who fails to do so after a ten-day period shall be guilty of an infraction and fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day [any rooster is without said noise reduction collar, vocal constriction collar or other noise reduction device or method] a rooster exists on the property.*
- (c) *[If more than three (3) complaints are received by the city regarding the same rooster the city may require removal of that rooster.*
- (d)] *The provisions of this section shall not apply to roosters owned and maintained on premises owned or leased by any farm, charitable, eleemosynary or educational organization.*

f. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish amendments and additions to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Planning, Article XII., Bristol Transportation Commission, Sections 18-167 through 18-171.

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On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the amended ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: that Secs. 18-167 – 18-171 Bristol Transportation Commission of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, is hereby amended to read as follows. It was further moved that the City Clerk publish said amendments and additions to the Code of Ordinances, and that they become effective upon the expiration of 14 days from the date of their publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bristol.

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[ARTICLE XII. BRISTOL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION¹

Sec. 18-167. Bristol Transportation Commission established.

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the general statutes and the Charter of the city, there is hereby established a transportation commission, which shall be a part of the administration of the municipal government and shall be subject to the charter, general ordinances and regulations of the city.

(Amend. of 4-14-09)

Sec. 18-168. Purpose.

The purpose of the Bristol Transportation Commission shall be to promote a safe, efficient, and sustainable public transportation system for the City of Bristol.

(Amend. of 4-14-09)

Sec. 18-169. Duties.

The duties of the Bristol Transportation Commission shall be:

- (a) To review, monitor and make recommendations to the mayor, city council and other appropriate agencies regarding public transportation matters, including, but not limited to, automotive, bus, rail, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic within the city;*
- (b) To advise city agencies having responsibility for traffic, parking, and the transportation of school children and others, to the extent that these responsibilities overlap public transportation;*
- (c) To provide a forum for discussion of public transportation issues;*
- (d) To serve as the city's liaison with regional and state agencies on public transportation matters; and*
- (e) To conduct other activities as may be assigned by the mayor and/or city council.*

(Ord. of 5-6-80; Amend. of 4-14-09)

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Sec. 18-170. Members.

The commission shall consist of seven (7) voting members appointed by the mayor and city council. Three (3) shall serve for three (3) years; two (2) shall serve for two (2) years and two (2) shall serve for one (1) year. After initial appointment, all appointments shall be for three (3) years. Persons representing particular boards need not be members of those boards.

Voting members shall include:

A city council member;

A senior citizen at large; and

Five (5) citizens at large.

(Ord. of 5-6-80; Ord. of 10-13-87; Amend. of 4-14-09; Ord. of 6-9-15; Ord. of 10-8-24(4))

Sec. 18-171. Powers.

The commission may:

(a) Elect officers, chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, from among themselves;

(b) Designate or abolish additional (nonvoting) members by majority vote;

(c) Request administrative (secretarial) services from the city; and

(d) Determine time and place of meeting and agenda.]

(Ord. of 5-6-80; Amend. of 4-14-09)

Secs. [18-172] 18-167—18-179. Reserved.

g. Ordinance Committee

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III. Residential Construction, Sec. 5-22. Requirements for Residential Construction of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to introduce the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances; and that the time and place of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:47 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut be set for the holding of a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee; and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter.

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Sec. 5-22. Requirements for residential construction.

- (a) No building permit shall be issued for a new residential dwelling unless an approved site and/or plot plan is submitted with the application.
- (b) No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any new residential dwelling unless all improvements shown on the site and/or plot plans have been installed as shown on the site and/or plot plans and all property corners of the parcel have been pinned with iron survey markers and indicated as installed on the "as built" plan. In order to avoid delays of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy said pins shall be installed and indicated on the foundation as-built plan as required by the Building Department.
- (c) No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any new residential dwelling unless:

(1) all runoff from a residential dwelling roof shall be collected and discharged to a subsurface retention system or rain garden. Said system shall be sized for a 2-year storm in accordance with CT DOT design manual. Connection to City storm drainage system (if available), as an overflow is recommended and permitted. In areas of high groundwaters, bedrock, or impermeable soils, subsurface retention will not be required if supported by a written report prepared by a licensed professional engineer and submitted to the Department of Public Works for review. Residential dwelling roofs shall include additions or out-buildings with a square foot area above 300 SF.

(2) If the parcel in question is NOT vegetated at the time of the request for a Certificate of Occupancy, the Department of Public Works shall require a bond in the amount estimated to establish grass on the lot. The sole purpose of the bond is to prevent erosion and to ensure vegetation on the lot. The bond shall be released once vegetation is established and the potential for erosion is reduced. The purpose of the bond is not to establish high quality grass associated with a residential lawn.

[c]d The site and/or plot plan required shall:

- (1) Be based upon an accurate boundary line survey and drawn to an appropriate scale and sealed by a land surveyor licensed in the State of Connecticut.
- (2) Show the location of all existing and proposed structures with distances to lot lines (if an existing structure is to be demolished it shall be shown and designated).
- (3) Show the existing and proposed grading plan, including twenty (20) feet beyond all disturbed areas.
- (4) Show the first floor elevation, or top of foundation at front entrance.
- (5) Show established street, curb and sidewalk grades and location of proposed curb cuts.
- (6) Show location of wetlands floodplains and all underground utility house connections including, but not limited to, connections to municipal sanitary sewers, storm drains, water system foundation drains, electrical, telephone, cable and the location of such private utilities as wells and underground private sewage systems as may exist.

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([d]e) An "as-built" site and/or plot plan shall be submitted at or prior to a request for certification of occupancy inspection conforming with subsection (c) above.

(Ord. of 2-18-77; Ord. of 2-8-93; Ord. of 6-10-96; Ord. of 5-11-04; Amend. of 11-14-06)

h. Ordinance Committee

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 21, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Article II. Sidewalks, Curbs and Driveways, Sec. 21-23. Ice and snow to be removed by abutting owner of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to introduce the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances; and that the time and place of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:52 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut be set for the holding of a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee; and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter.

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Sec. 21-23. Ice and snow to be removed by abutting owner.

Every owner or occupant of land adjoining any street or part of a street adjacent to whose land there is a paved sidewalk, and sidewalks with wheelchair ramps, shall clear such sidewalk and sidewalks with wheelchair ramps and sidewalks with bus stops and/or bus shelters, of snow within twelve (12) hours after a storm which ends between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and within nine (9) hours after a storm which ends between 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.; and whenever ice shall form on such sidewalk, and sidewalk wheelchair ramps, shall either remove the same within such time, or cover it with salt and sand, so that it shall be safe for travel. The sidewalk, as defined in Section 21-22, shall include the area between the property line and pavement. Therefore, the clearing of snow in the area of a bus stop shall include, at minimum, a 10 ft length of sidewalk for the bus stop and or the area within and 4 ft around a bus shelter. Said area shall include the clearing of snow between the paved or concrete wall and the edge of the road (pole border).

(Code 1960, § 36-11; Ord. of 5-1-62; Ord. of 7-5-72; Ord. of 2-11-85; Ord. of 2-24-95)

i. Ordinance Committee

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 21, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Article II. Sidewalks, Curbs and Driveways, Sec. 21-24.5. Removal of obstruction and snow to eliminate vehicle sightline hazard of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to

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introduce the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances; and that the time and place of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:55 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut be set for the holding of a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee; and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter.

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Sec. 21-24.5. Removal of obstruction and snow to eliminate vehicle sightline hazards

The Department of Public Works reserves the right to remove items such as trees, bushes, landscaping and snow that pose a sightline hazard (obstruction) to vehicles. Said sightline hazard shall be documented by the Department of Public Works prior to City action. Work associated with the removal of the hazard shall include authorization to work on private property.

j. Ordinance Committee

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 21, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Article II. Sidewalks, Curbs and Driveways, Sec. 21-31. Illicit discharges & illegal connections of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to introduce the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances; and that the time and place of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:50 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut be set for the holding of a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee; and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter.

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Section 21-31 Illicit Discharges & Illegal Connections

General:

- A. No person shall throw, drain, or otherwise discharge, cause, or allow others under its control to throw, drain, or otherwise discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system any pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than stormwater. Prohibited discharges would include, but not be limited to, residential, industrial, or commercial wastes, trash, used motor vehicle fluids, pesticides, fertilizers, food preparation waste, leaf litter, grass clippings, or domestic animal wastes.
- B. The following discharges are exempt from the prohibition provision above provided that they do not contribute to a water quality violation; and such non-stormwater discharges are not significant contributors of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system:
 - i. uncontaminated ground water discharges including, but not limited to, pumped ground water, foundation drains, water from crawl space pumps and footing drains;

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- ii. irrigation water including, but not limited to, landscape irrigation and lawn watering runoff;
 - iii. residual street wash water associated with sweeping;
 - iv. naturally occurring discharges such as rising ground waters, uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20)), springs, diverted stream flows and flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;
 - v. water line flushing performed by a public utility; and air conditioning condensation.
 - vi. The prohibition provision above shall not apply to any non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the State and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- C. Discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system that are not composed entirely of stormwater runoff contribute to increased nonpoint source pollution and degradation of receiving waters; These non-stormwater discharges occur due to spills, dumping and improper connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system from residential, industrial, commercial or institutional establishments.
2. Prohibition of Illegal Connections
- A. The construction, connection, use, maintenance or continued existence of any illegal connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system is prohibited.
- i. This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illegal connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
 - ii. A person violates this ordinance if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the municipal separate storm sewer system or allows such a connection to continue.
 - iii. Improper connections in violation of this ordinance must be disconnected and redirected, if necessary, to an approved onsite wastewater management system or the sanitary sewer system upon approval of Bristol Water & Sewer. If what is being discharged is not acceptable to enter into the sanitary sewer system or infiltrate into the ground, then it will have to be discharged in another way that is acceptable to the City of Bristol in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations.
 - iv. Any drain or conveyance that has not been documented in plans, maps or equivalent, and which may be connected to the municipal storm sewer system, shall be relocated by the owner or occupant of that property upon receipt of written notice of violation from the City. Such notice will specify a time period within which the relocation of the drain or conveyance is to be completed, that the drain or conveyance be identified as storm sewer, sanitary sewer or other, and that the outfall location or point of connection to the storm sewer system, sanitary sewer system or other discharge point be identified. Results of these investigations are to be documented by the owner or occupant of that property and provided to the Director.

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3. Industrial, Commercial or Construction Activity Discharges

- A. Any person subject to an industrial, commercial or construction activity NPDES stormwater discharge permit shall comply with all provisions of such permit. Proof of compliance with said permit may be required in a form acceptable to the Director prior to allowing discharges to the municipal

4. Notification of Accidental Discharges and Spills

A. Notwithstanding other requirements of law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility, activity or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility, activity or operation has information of any known or suspected release of pollutants or non-stormwater discharges from that facility or operation which are resulting or may result in illicit discharges or pollutants discharging into stormwater, the municipal separate storm sewer system, State Waters, or Waters of the U.S., said person shall take all necessary steps to ensure the discovery, containment, and cleanup of such release so as to minimize the effects of the discharge.

Said person shall notify the Director no less than 24 hours after the event of the nature, quantity and time of occurrence of the discharge. Notifications in person or by phone shall be confirmed by written notice addressed and mailed to the Director within three business days of the phone or in person notice. If the discharge of prohibited materials emanates from a commercial or industrial establishment, the owner or operator of such establishment shall also retain an on-site written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years. Said person shall also take immediate steps to ensure no recurrence of the discharge or spill.

In the event of such a release of hazardous materials, emergency response agencies and/or other appropriate agencies shall be immediately notified.

5. Violation:

- A. An illicit discharge and or a failure to provide notification of a release shall be classified as a violation with the property owner being subject to fines or penalties in the amount of \$100/ day and shall include any and all cost of abatement, remediation and or corrective action to remove the violation. Whenever the Director finds that a violation of this ordinance has occurred, the Director may order compliance by written notice of violation containing the following:
- i. The name and address of the alleged violator;
 - ii. The address when available or a description of the building, structure or land upon which the violation is occurring, or has occurred;
 - iii. A statement specifying the nature of the violation;
 - iv. A description of the remedial measures necessary to restore compliance with this ordinance and a time schedule for the completion of such remedial action. It is not the responsibility of the Town to formulate or design any remedial systems.

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- v. A statement of the penalty or penalties that shall or may be assessed against the person to whom the notice of violation is directed; and,
- vi. A statement that the determination of violation may be appealed to the Board of Public Works by filing a written notice of appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the written Notice of Violation.

B. Such notice may require without limitation:

- i. The performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting required;
- ii. The elimination of illicit discharges and illegal connections;
- iii. That violating discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist;
- iv. The abatement or remediation of stormwater pollution or contamination hazards and the restoration of any affected property;
- v. Payment of costs to cover administrative and abatement costs; and,
- vi. The implementation of pollution prevention practices acceptable to the Town.
- vii. The reporting of the violation to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and/or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

6. Appeal of Notice of Violation:

- A. Any person receiving a Notice of Violation may appeal the determination of the Director to the Board of Public Works. The notice of appeal must be received by within thirty (30) days from the date of the written Notice of Violation.

7. Enforcement

A. If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice, or if an appeal is taken, within thirty (30) days after a decision on said appeal, the charges shall become a special assessment against the property and shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of the assessment.

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For intentional and flagrant violations of this ordinance, the Director may refer the violation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for enforcement of penalties under Sections 309 and 311 of the Clean Water Act.

Sec 21-22 Definitions:

“**Construction Activity**” means activities subject to the Connecticut Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act or General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities. These include construction projects resulting in land disturbance. Such activities include but are not limited to clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating, and demolition.

“**Illicit Discharge**” means any unpermitted discharge to waters of the state that does not consist entirely of stormwater or uncontaminated ground water except those discharges identified in Section 3.1.1 of this ordinance when such non-stormwater discharges are not significant contributors of pollution to a discharge from an identified municipal separate storm sewer system.

“**Illegal Connection**” means either of the following:

a) Any pipe, open channel, drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface, which allows an illicit discharge to enter the storm drain system including but not limited to any conveyances which allow any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the storm drain system, regardless of whether such pipe, open channel, drain or conveyance has been previously allowed, permitted, or approved by an authorized enforcement agency; or

b) Any pipe, open channel, drain or conveyance connected to the municipal separate storm sewer system which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by an authorized enforcement agency.

“**Industrial Activity**” means activities subject to NPDES Industrial Permits as defined in 40 CFR, Section 122.26 (b) (14) or CGS 22a-430b.

“**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit**” means a permit issued by the Connecticut DEEP under authority delegated pursuant to 33 USC § 1342(b) that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group, or general area-wide basis.

“**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System**” means any facility designed or used for collecting and/or conveying stormwater, including but not limited to any roads with drainage systems, highways, municipal streets, curbs, gutters, inlets, catch basins, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, structural stormwater controls, ditches, swales, natural and man-made or altered drainage channels, reservoirs, and other drainage structures,

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“Non-Stormwater Discharge” means any discharge to the storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater.

“Person” means, except to the extent exempted from this ordinance, any individual, partnership, firm, association, joint venture, public or private corporation, trust, estate, commission, board, public or private institution, utility, cooperative, city, county or other political subdivision of the State, any interstate body or any other legal entity.

“Pollutant” means anything that causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes, and solvents; petroleum hydrocarbons; automotive fluids; cooking grease; detergents (biodegradable or otherwise); degreasers; cleaning chemicals; non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects and accumulations, so that same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; liquid and solid wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; silt, sand and/or exposed earth and wastes and residues that result from constructing a building, a road and/or a structure; concrete and cement; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

“Pollution” means the contamination or other alteration of any water’s physical, chemical or biological properties by the addition of any constituent and includes but is not limited to, a change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of such waters, or the discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any such waters as will or is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, or environment, or to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

“Premises” mean any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land whether improved or unimproved including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips.

“Sidewalk” means all of the street space from the property line to the pavement but not including the curb, if any.

“Stormwater Runoff” or “Stormwater” means any surface flow, runoff, and drainage consisting entirely of water from any form of natural precipitation and resulting from such precipitation.

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k. Energy Commission – Letter of Intent with FirstLight Power Services LLC
Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes on behalf of the Energy Commission.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a Letter of Intent with FirstLight Power Services LLC as a solar development partner to enter into a non-residential renewable energy solutions (“NRES”) revenue sharing agreement with the City of Bristol.

Council Member Tyler wanted to confirm that the proposed solar site would be in Kent and asked how the City of Bristol would make revenue. Council Member Rosengren and the Mayor elaborated on the revenue process.

9. GRANTS

a. Main Street Community Foundation Grant for Bristol Police Department Police Cadet Radio Upgrades

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for up to \$7,000 to the Main Street Community Foundation to purchase radios and accessory equipment for the Bristol Police Cadet Program, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to this grant, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

b. AARP Grant for Douglas Beals Community – Senior Center

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for \$25,000 to the AARP to support the renovation of the parking lot at the Douglas Beals Community – Senior Center, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to this grant, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

c. Main Street Community Foundation Grant for Bristol Senior Center

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for up to \$5,000 to the Main Street Community Foundation to purchase personal care supplies for Seniors in need, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to this grant, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

d. Connecticut State Library Grant – 2026 Summer Enrichment

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve acceptance of grant funds from the Connecticut State Library for the Connecticut Library 2026 Summer Enrichment Grant Program, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents associated with the award, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

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10. RESOLUTION

a. Resolution for Additional Tax Exemptions Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 12-81 as Amended for Military Veterans and their Surviving Spouses

Communication received from the Office of Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve a resolution on a proposal providing additional tax exemption pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81 as amended for military veterans and their surviving spouses.

The Resolution reads as follows –

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2025, Governor Lamont signed Public Act 25-168, which modifies previous legislation to expand eligibility for a veteran's property tax exemption due to service-related disability, including such veteran's surviving spouse and children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, That the City Council of the City of Bristol adopts the local options commencing with the October 1, 2025 Grand List (FYE 2027) property tax exemption for disabled veterans and their spouses and children pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-81 (83) as amended by PA 25-168, and for Gold Star families pursuant to Connecticut General Statute, Section 12-81ii, all as may be amended from time to time, as follows:

- (A) Effective 10/1/2024 Per Section 233(83)(F) of Public Act 25-168, the surviving spouse of any resident of this state who (i) had served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force or Space Force of the United States, (ii) had been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled based on a service-connected disability rating of one hundred per cent, and (iii) dies prior to October 1, 2024, but after January 1, 1941.
- (B) Effective 10/1/2025 Per Section 241 of Public Act 25-168, the surviving spouse of any resident of this state who was a person killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces, as defined in section (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes.
- (C) Effective 10/1/2025 In lieu of any exemption prescribed under subdivision (20) section 12-81 of the general statutes, any resident of this City who has served in the armed services as authorized and described in section (B) above, and has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to have a service-connected total disability based upon individual unemployability, shall be entitled to the exemption provided by section 240 of PA 25-168, as may be amended from time to time.
- (D) Effective 10/1/2025 Any parent whose child was killed in action, or the surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action, while performing active military duty with the armed forces as defined by statute, provided such parent or spouse is a resident of Bristol, shall be entitled to an exemption pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81ii.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Assessor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions to implement this policy on behalf of the City of Bristol and make such adjustments to the Grand List as are requested or required pursuant to this policy.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Dickau		
“ ” Hahn		
“ ” Kelley		
“ ” Rosengren		
“ ” Seymour		
“ ” Tyler		
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 7; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

11. OLD BUSINESS – None

12. NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Zoppo-Sassu recognized Representative Hoxha had joined the meeting earlier and mentioned she was set to meet with him to discuss their shared legislative agenda.

The mayor was invited on opening day by Representative Fortier to listen to the Governor’s speech and to talk with other Mayors. The common theme was education funding. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu mentioned she has a meeting with Senator Looney next week regarding the same topic.

An item of concern that Mayor Zoppo-Sassu mentioned was in regards to Representative Pavalock referring residents to ICE for them to come get them. The mayor sent her an email to discuss and is awaiting her response.

13. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m., on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____
Merina Bigos
Acting Town & City Clerk