March 10, 2026

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Finance was held on March 10, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 6:45 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Kelley, Rosengren, Seymour and Tyler; Commissioners Campion, Maikowski, Murdock, and O'Brien. Present by Videoconference: Commissioners Tagariello, Massarelli and Peterson. Absent: Commissioner Mace

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular Joint Meeting held on February 10, 2026.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

3. $1,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FOR SNAP TOILETRY PROGRAM, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $1,000 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund for the SNAP Toiletry program.

4. $7,680 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND $39,072 TRANSFERS WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $7,680 and transfers totaling $39,072 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by donations and contributions.

5. $26,000 TRANSFERS WITHIN ARTS AND CULTURE FUND, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make transfers totaling $26,000 within the Arts and Culture Fund.

6. $3,544,430 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation totaling $3,544,430 within the Special Education Grant Fund funded by grant revenue.

7. $213,914 TRANSFERS WITHIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make transfers totaling $213,914 within the Road Improvement Fund.

8. $12,495 TRANSFER WITHIN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE WITH $6,515 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer $12,495 within the Comptroller's Office with $6,515 from the General Fund Contingency account.

9. $230,000 TRANSFER WITHIN PUBLIC WORKS SNOW OPERATING BUDGET WITH $200,000 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer $230,000 within the Public Works Snow Operating Budget with $200,000 from the General Fund Contingency account.

10. $256,000 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO EQUIPMENT BUILDING SINKING FUND FOR BOE TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOKS IN CURRENT YEAR, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer $256,000 from the General Fund Contingency account to the Equipment Building Sinking Fund for the BOE to purchase Chromebooks in the current year.

11. $600,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND $368,295 TRANSFER WITHIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR PAGE PARK REVITALIZATION, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $600,000 and transfer of $368,295 within the Capital Projects Fund for Page Park Revitalization.

12. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL $600,000 FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF PAGE PARK, TO WAIVE THE READING OF RESOLUTION, BUT TO INCLUDE IT AS PART OF THE MINUTES, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Kelly and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the resolution appropriating an additional $600,000 for the revitalization of Page Park, to waive the reading of the Resolution, but to include it as part of the minutes.

The Resolution reads as follows -

RESOLVED,

(a) That, pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter, the Joint Meeting of the Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determines that it is necessary to undertake the revitalization of Page Park, substantially as described in the 2020 Master Plan for Page Park.

(b) That the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($600,000) is appropriated therefor, in addition to a prior appropriation of $10,050,000, for an aggregate appropriation of $10,650,000.

(c) The aggregate $10,650,000 appropriation may be spent for equipment, materials, construction costs, site improvements, engineering and consultant fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

(d) The aggregate $10,650,000 appropriation shall be funded from borrowing less any grants received to defray the appropriation.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES		NO	ABSTAIN
Council Member	Dickau		
“ ”	Hahn		
“ ”	Kelley		
“ ’’	Rosengren		
“ ”	Seymour		
“ ’’	Tyler		
Commissioner	Campion		
“ ’’	Maikowski		
“ ”	Massarelli		
“ ”	Murdock		
“ ”	O’Brien		
“ ”	Peterson		
“ ’’	Tagariello		
	Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

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

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13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $10,650,000 TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF PAGE PARK, TO WAIVE THE READING OF RESOLUTION, BUT TO INCLUDE IT AS PART OF THE MINUTES, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes in the aggregate amount of $10,650,000 to finance the appropriation for the revitalization of Page Park, to waive the reading of the Resolution, but to include it as part of the minutes.

The Resolution reads as follows -

RESOLVED,

(a) That under authority of and in compliance with the City Charter and any other acts of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut thereto enabling, the Joint Meeting of the Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determines that it is necessary to issue bonds or notes in the aggregate principal sum of TEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,650,000) to finance the appropriation for the revitalization of Page Park, substantially as described in the 2020 Master Plan for Page Park. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Bristol and Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The bonds and notes authorized herein incorporate and include the previously authorized bonds and notes for the project.

(b) That the City issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,650,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Bristol and Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The City shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

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

(d) That the City hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 and, if applicable, pursuant to Section 54A(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the City reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings, including qualified tax credit bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the City pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

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

A roll call vote was taken.

YES		NO	ABSTAIN
Council Member	Dickau		
“ ”	Hahn		
“ ”	Kelley		
“ ’’	Rosengren		
“ ”	Seymour		
“ ’’	Tyler		
Commissioner	Campion		
“ ’’	Maikowski		
“ ”	Massarelli		
“ ”	Murdock		
“ ”	O’Brien		
“ ”	Peterson		
“ ’’	Tagariello		
	Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

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

14. MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT PRESENTATION BY COMPTROLLER.

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

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15. 2025 GRAND LIST DISCUSSION PRESENTATION BY ASSESSOR.

Tax Assessor Thomas DeNoto presented the 2025 Grand List Analysis for personal property, real estate and motor vehicle for the Joint Meeting members.

16. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:08 p.m., on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: ___________________________________
Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk