

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Committee Special Meeting

March 31, 2026 at 4:30pm

Meeting Room 3-1, City Hall, 111 N. Main Street

Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu, Mickey Goldwasser – Chair, and Susan Tyler – City Council Member

Absent: Commissioner David Mills

ECD Staff: Justin Malley – ECD Executive Director

Guests: Nancy Haynes – Purchasing Agent, City of Bristol
Attorneys Tom Conlin – Corporation Counsel, City of Bristol
Mike Goman and Master Kumar – Goman + York Property Advisors

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

II. Public Participation

There was no Public Participation.

III. Accept the Minutes of the February 3, 2026 Special Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee's February 3, 2026 Special Meeting. The motion to approve was made by City Council Member Tyler, and was seconded by the mayor. There were no changes or updates noted. All were in favor, and the Minutes were accepted into the record.

IV. Executive Session

A. 273/296 Riverside Avenue RFP Discussion

The Chair called for a motion to move the Committee into Executive Session. The motion to move into Executive Session was made by City Council Member Tyler.

The Chair named the following individuals to attend Executive Session:

Sharon Arsego, ECD – Recording Secretary

Justin Malley, ECD Executive Director

Mickey Goldwasser, Committee Chair

Susan Tyler, Committee Member

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu

Mike Goman and Master Kumar, Goman + York Consultants

Nancy Haynes, Purchasing Agent - City of Bristol

Attorney Tom Conlin, Corporation Counsel – City of Bristol

The motion to move the meeting to Executive Session was seconded by the mayor. All were in favor and the Committee moved into Executive Session at 4:35pm.

V. Discussion of Next Steps

The Chair called for a motion to close the Executive Session and return to the main meeting. The motion was made by the mayor and was seconded by City Council Member Tyler. All were in favor and the Committee returned to the special meeting at 5:21pm.

The Chair noted for the record that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Based on the discussion held during Executive Session, the Committee presented the following motion for a vote:

Motion to select the preferred developer for redevelopment of 273-296 Riverside Avenue, and to forward a notice of selection to both the Economic and Community Development Board and Corporation Counsel for review.

The motion was made by the mayor, and was seconded by City Council Member Tyler. There was no further discussion or comments. All were in favor and the Motion was accepted into the record.

VI. Schedule the Centre Square Developer RFP Interviews

Justin Malley addressed the need for the Committee to consider meeting dates to interview the two developers who submitted RFPs for the Centre Square development project. The Purchasing Department and ECD Staff will coordinate a time and date with the Committee and developers. Notifications and meeting materials will be provided as needed.

VII. Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by City Council Member Tyler and was seconded by the mayor. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Arsego

Recording Secretary

Unapproved