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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:03p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Kelley, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alison W. and Aidan W. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu read a proclamation in observance of Autism Awareness month and Alison W spoke about it. In celebration of National Poetry Month, Tom Lagasse, Bristol Poet Laureate, read a poem he created about the City of Bristol.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Kelley, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on March 10, 2026.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Penny Critchley, 35 Vernon St. – Mrs. Critchley urged the Council to station ambulance services in the Forestville section of town. She started a petition which she gave to Mayor Zoppo-Sassu to pass along to Bristol Health.

Judith Ostroski, 94 Melrose St. – Ms. Ostroski spoke about the need for a left turn signal at the intersection of Downs St., Memorial Blvd., and Blakeslee St.

Erik Madsen, 70 Oak Hill Dr. – Mr. Madsen spoke in favor of the City purchasing twelve acres of land to protect and preserve the Hoppers.

On motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To entertain a new agenda item as this time: the matter of a six-acre parcel adjacent to the Hoppers - Birge Pond Preserve known as Map 60, Lot 15.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu explained that the city has funding to purchase six of the twelve acres at this time. The funds would come from the Land Capital Reserve Fund and would not impact the budget or taxes.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve the purchase of a privately owned six-acre parcel adjacent to the Hoppers – Birge Pond Preserve in the amount of \$380,000, and refer to the Board of Finance for appropriation from the Land Capital Reserve Fund.

Ronald Pokorny, 24 Hillside Pl. – Mr. Pokorny spoke in favor of the project labor agreement for the Edgewood Pre-K Academy project.

Michael Pokorny, 10 Conlon St. – Mr. Pokorny spoke about a long history of union work in his family and the opportunities it provided him with that he otherwise would not have had. He expressed that project labor agreements (PLAs) help set young people up for success.

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Tomas Cruz, 60 Atkins Ave. – Mr. Cruz stated that he would like his union to be considered for the PLA. He stated that driving long distances to work is disheartening when there are construction projects going on in your hometown.

Joe Toner, Executive Director of the United States Building Trades – Mr. Toner explained how project labor agreements benefit the city by: recirculating tax dollars, saving on the cost of gas and wear and tear on personal vehicles, and the Building Trades Training Institute helps recruit residents of Bristol and prepare them for jobs in the industry.

Council members asked clarifying questions and provided statements of their understanding of project labor agreements.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Kelley, it was unanimously voted: To move agenda item #12 d. Project Labor Agreement for Edgewood Pre-K Academy to this point in the agenda.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: That the City of Bristol, acting pursuant to Sec. 31-56b of the Connecticut General Statutes, makes the determination that requiring a project labor agreement for the Edgewood Pre-K Academy construction project (1) could promote efficiency and cost savings, and have direct and indirect economic benefits to the City of Bristol; (2) could better enable the City to take advantage of an available skilled workforce; (3) could have an additional benefit of preventing construction delays and avoid strikes or other work stoppages; (4) could promote greater job safety and quality of the work done on the project; (5) could advance minority and women-owned businesses; and (6) could provide employment opportunities for the Bristol community. I therefore move that a project labor agreement shall be required for the Edgewood Pre-K Academy construction project. I further move that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for the purposes of drafting a project labor agreement, and that all construction managers and contractors performing work within the scope of the project be required to sign said project labor agreement.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Osborne – Deputy Chief Osborne explained the items included in the Axon package, which is to be voted on this night.

Council members asked clarifying questions, provided statements in support of the package, and reasons for opposing the package. Axon Account Manager, Joe Kwiatek, was available to answer specific questions about the package. An in-depth discussion followed.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To move agenda item #12 e. Axon 10 Officer Safety Plan – Upgrade from existing Axon, Inc Contract to this point in the agenda.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was voted: To approve the contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., transferring the balance of the existing Axon, Inc. contract to the new Axon 10 Officer Safety Plan, which provides upgrades to all currently contracted Axon products, including State-mandated Body Worn and Vehicle dash cameras, and interview room cameras. Upgrade to Taser 10, and adds 13 LPR's, 3 Skydio Drones as First Responder, 3 Patrol lead drones, and two Tactical Drones, 3 Axon Dredrone (drone radars), 1 Axon Dredrone Beyond (drone detection device), 250 Fusus CCTV Streams, Auror- Retail Crime Hub. Said items to be covered for five years, effective June 2026, for a total price of \$4,030,952.09. I further move to authorize the

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Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents to effectuate said contract, and to take any action as necessary. (*Motion passed 5 – 2. Council members Tyler and Rosengren voted “No.”*)

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.**

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To adopt items a. – k. excluding i. (10 items) as part of the Consent Calendar.

**a. New Hire Report for March 2026**

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

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

**b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$47,711.63**

Request presented from Tax Collector Bednaz.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$ 6,993.00
Personal Property	19,121.82
Real Estate	<u>+21,596.81</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,711.63</b>

**c. Personal Property Exemption Filing**

Communication received from Tax Assessor DeNoto.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept the late personal property Manufacturers Machinery and Equipment (M-65) exemption filing, pursuant to CT General Statute 12-94e, for Thompson Aerospace dba Precision Threaded Products.

**d. Positive Referral – James P. Casey Road, Map 59, Lots 15, 16A1, and 16A2+13A**

Communication received from the Bristol Planning Commission.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file a positive referral from the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 review of James P. Casey Road, Map 59, Lots 15, 16A1, and

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16A2+13A for the proposed acquisition of Peacedale Cemetery, for the continued use as a cemetery, and for possible future municipal purposes on Lot 16A1 only.

**e. Positive Referral – 116 Marsh Road, Map 64, Lot 1 and Marsh Road, Map 64, Lots 1-1 and 16-1**

Communication received from the Bristol Planning Commission.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file a positive referral from the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 review of 116 Marsh Road, Map 64, Lot 1, and Marsh Road, Map 64, Lots 1-1 and 16-1 for the proposed acquisition of Chippanee Golf Club for the continued use as passive recreation and a municipal golf facility.

**f. Positive Referral – 137 Riverside Avenue, Map 30, Lot 134 and 145 Riverside Avenue, Map 30, Lot 134-1**

Communication received from the Bristol Planning Commission.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file a positive referral from the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 review of 137 Riverside Avenue - Map 30, Lot 134, and 145 Riverside Avenue - Map 30, Lot 134-1 to allow the Bristol Water Department to park motor vehicles during work hours on the abutting property.

**g. Storm Water Control Trust Annual Report 2025**

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the 2025 Annual Report of the Bristol Storm Water Control Trust.

**h. Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant FY 2027**

Communication received from Town & City Clerk Cabiya.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve submission of a grant application for up to \$6,000 to the Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents associated with the application/grant, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

**i. Additional Funding – Shine Early Learning Contract**

Communication received from Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative Liaison Osuch.

This item was removed from the “Consent Agenda” for discussion by motion of Council Member Dickau. All in favor.

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On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Kelley, it was unanimously voted: To accept supplemental funding from Shine Early Learning for up to \$28,029.44 for Quality Enhancement funding to support local quality improvement efforts for Bristol early childhood providers and families provided by the Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative with funding through June 30, 2027; and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for appropriation and any other necessary action.

Donna Osuch, Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative Liaison, answered questions posed by Council members.

**j. Amendment to Contract 2C25-001 Dayton Construction Company Inc.**

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign a contract amendment to Contract 2C25-001 with Dayton Construction Company Inc. for Phase 1 Page Park Improvements in the amount of \$213,971.21.

**k. Contract 2P26-048 Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services ADA Compliance Assessment and Transition Plan**

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P26-048 Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services ADA Compliance Assessment and Transition Plan to WT Group AEC, LLC in the amount of \$44,444.50 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

**6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Real Estate Committee**

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to renew a lease agreement with Bristol Hospital, Inc. and/or its assigns for the benefit of the Bristol Women, Infants, and Children (“WIC”) program for City owned property located at 11 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut for a term of one year commencing on or about May 1, 2026 through on or about April 30, 2027; and to refer this matter to Corporation Counsel to effectuate the same. The total rent paid by the tenant shall be \$1,703.52 per month for a total of \$20,442.24 per year.

**b. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To direct the Purchasing Agent to issue an RFP (Requests For Proposals) placing public notices and to notify abutting property owners of the city’s intention to sell city-owned property known as

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81 Church Avenue (Fire Company No. 3 Map 43, Lot 22). The asking price to be \$600,000 as determined by the Tax Assessor working with the Purchasing Agent.

**c. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To accept the offer from Bristol Lofts Management LLC or its assigns, for the purchase of city-owned property known as 135 East Main Street, Assessors Map 41, Lot 10, for the sales price of \$42,000; to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign any documents necessary to effectuate this motion, and that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

**d. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Bristol Water & Sewer Department located at 119 Riverside Avenue, to enter into a Parking and Maintenance Agreement with the abutting property owner of 165 Riverside Avenue to park motor vehicles during work hours as recommended by the Bristol Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Water & Sewer Commissions, to refer the matter to Corporation Counsel's Office to prepare the Parking and Maintenance Agreement; and if necessary, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents to effectuate the same.

**e. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to commence negotiating with the West Cemetery Association of Bristol CT Inc. aka West Cemetery Association for the proposed acquisition by the City of Bristol of the West Cemetery/Peacedale Cemetery, as recommended by the Bristol Planning Commission. The properties to be acquired are as follows: James P. Casey Road, Map 59, Lot 15, James P. Casey Road, Map 59, Lot 16A1, James P. Casey Road, Map 59, Lot 16A2 + 13A; to refer the matter to the Corporation Counsel's Office to prepare any and all documents for the acquisition of the aforementioned; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents to effectuate the same.

**f. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to grant to Forestville American Legion Post 209 the use of city-owned property known as 43 East Main Street (Map 41, Lot 8-1, aka the "Lauretti" property) from May 22, 2026 through May 25, 2026 for a staging area for their Memorial Day Parade; to refer the matter to Corporation Counsel's Office for insurance compliance; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

**g. Ordinance Committee**

On recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of, and adopt amendments to, the Bristol Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Article II, Peddlers, Solicitors, and Canvassers, Sections 17-16 through 17-50.

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Underscored text is proposed to be added. [Bracketed] text is proposed for deletion.

**Sec. 17-16 Definitions.**

(a) *As used in this article, the word "peddler" or "hawker" shall include any person whether a resident of the city or not, who goes from place to place, house to house, street to street, or one who occupies any public place, public sidewalk, public street, or private property for the purpose of selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefor any goods, wares, merchandise, meats, fish, fruits, foods, flowers, plants, trees, vegetables, truck garden or farm products or provisions either on foot, by pushcart, stand, motor vehicle or from any other type of conveyance.*

(b) *A "canvasser" or "solicitor" is defined as any individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, whether a resident of the city or not, traveling by foot, wagon, automobile, motor truck or any type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house or from street to street taking or attempting to take orders for sale of goods, wares and merchandise, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, including, among other things, the sale of books and magazines, or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether he is collecting advance payments on such sales or not, provided that such definition shall include any person who, for himself or for another person, hires, uses or occupies any building, structure, tent, railroad boxcar, boat, hotel room, lodging house, apartment, shop or any other place within the city for the sole purpose of exhibiting samples and taking orders for future delivery.*

(c) *Additional definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:*

*(1)Public place means any street, sidewalk, alley or other public way, any public park, square, space or grounds or any publicly owned or leased land or buildings.*

*(2)Public sidewalk means that part of a public highway used for pedestrian traffic.*

*(3)Public street means that part of the public highway used for vehicular traffic.*

*(4)Pushcart means any wheeled device, other than a motor vehicle, used by a vendor in a public place, that may be moved with or without a motor and that does not require registration with the department of motor vehicles.*

*(5)Stand means any moveable, portable or collapsible structure, framework, table, container, basket or other similar equipment or device, other than a pushcart, used by a vendor in a public place for the purpose of vending, displaying, keeping or storing any goods, wares, merchandise or food or any article used in the business of vending.*

*(6)Motor vehicle means any motor vehicle as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-1.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 12-14-10)*

**Sec. 17-17. - Noises, sound-amplification devices. Timing of Visits.**

*No peddler, solicitor or canvasser, or any person in his behalf, shall shout, make any outcry, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound device, including any loud-speaking radio or sound-amplifying system upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the city or upon any private premises in the city where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be*

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*capable of being plainly heard upon the streets, avenues, alleys, parks or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such peddler proposes to sell. No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall call upon any home or business before nine (9) A.M. on any day nor after dusk on any day, nor shall call upon any home or business more than once during any six-month period.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80)*

**Sec. 17-18. - Use of streets.**

*No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall be permitted a stationary location on Main Street, North Main Street, Hope Street or Riverside Avenue between Main Street and North Main Street, or any public place unless specifically authorized to do so, nor shall be permitted to operate in any congested area where such operations might impede or inconvenience the public. For the purpose of this section, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested or the public impeded or inconvenienced. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in accordance with Section 1-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bristol.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 10-8-13; Ord. of 9-10-19)*

**Sec. 17-19. - Duty of police to enforce article.**

*It shall be the duty of any police officer of the city to require any person seen peddling, hawking, soliciting or canvassing, and who is not known by such officer to be duly licensed under division 2 of the article, to produce his peddler's, hawker's, solicitor's or canvasser's license and to enforce the provisions of this article against any person found to be violating the same. When it is determined that a violation has occurred it shall constitute an infraction of a local ordinance and shall be prosecuted as such. Any person who shall engage in the business aforesaid without being duly licensed as provided herein, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined in accordance with Code section 1-11.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 12-14-10)*

**Sec. 17-20. - Records.**

*The chief of police shall maintain a record of all convictions for violation of this article, and a record for each license issued under division 2 of this article.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 4-10-18)*

**Sec. 17-21. - Exemptions from article specified.**

*This article shall not apply to the following:*

- (a) Salesmen selling goods to retail or wholesale establishments.*
- (b) Any person who has, and has had for the preceding twelve (12) months, a regular place of business within the city.*
- (c) Any person employed by or soliciting for any person who has, and has had for the preceding twelve (12) months, a regular place of business within the city.*
- (d) Nonprofit organizations as approved by the state.*

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(e) Sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce of their farms, gardens, and greenhouses, including fruit, vegetables and flowers, or to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffees, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods, to sales on approval, to conditional sales of merchandise, or to the taking of orders for merchandise for future delivery when full payment is not required at the time of solicitation as provided in G.S. § 21-37 of the State of Connecticut, and any further exemptions as may be provided in said G.S. § 21-37, as the same may be amended from time to time.

(f) Tag sales by residents of Bristol.

(g) Sales of lapel pins, buttons, flowers, small flags and similar novelties and books and magazines sold by any veteran eligible for exemption pursuant to G.S. § 21-30.

(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 5-3-83; Ord. of 7-11-94; Ord. of 7-13-04)

**Sec. 17-22. - Exemption for resident veterans.**

Any veteran who has resided within the state for a period of two (2) years next preceding the date of application and who served in time of war, as defined by G.S. § 27-103 shall be exempted from fees required in section 17-34 of this article for the privilege of buying, selling or vending goods, wares or merchandise provided he or she registers with the chief of police and claims this exemption. The chief of police may defer issuance of a license to a veteran for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise for a period not to exceed seven (7) days for the purpose of investigation. Each such veteran engaged in any of said occupations shall produce his or her discharge, certificate of honorable discharge from the service or a copy thereof certified by the town clerk from the records of the town where such discharge or certificate of discharge is recorded as provided in G.S. § 12-93, for inspection, together with proof that the applicant is a resident of the state as required by G.S. § 21-30, upon the demand of a police officer of the city and, if he or she fails to do so, shall be deemed not to be entitled to any privilege under this section. Any person who makes a false representation for the purpose of availing himself or herself of the privilege of this section shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(Ord. of 5-3-83; Ord. of 8-2-83; Ord. of 7-13-04; Ord. of 4-10-18; Ord. of 3-14-23)

**Sec. 17-23. - Requirements and restrictions.**

(a) Insurance. The peddler, hawker, solicitor, or canvasser who utilizes any public place, public sidewalk or public street as described in section 17-16, shall indemnify and hold the City of Bristol harmless from injury and liability resulting from the peddler, hawker, solicitor or canvasser's operation of business and shall file with the comptroller's office a certificate of insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut, naming the city, its officers, employees, agents and assigns as an additional insured. Said certificate of insurance shall evidence an existing policy of comprehensive general liability insurance, for a peddler, hawker, solicitor, or canvasser, in a minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for general liability, two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate and, if a motor vehicle is used to dispense products, in addition to general liability insurance as stated herein, automobile liability insurance, in a minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, property damage, and bodily injury coverage, against any and all damage and injury to property or person by reason of, or related to, the licensee's operations and its use of public streets, sidewalks or other places to vend merchandise. Said insurance shall be maintained throughout the duration of the license period and failure to do so shall be grounds for immediate revocation of the vendor's license. Motor vehicle insurance shall be in the nature of commercial motor vehicle insurance that shall insure the motor vehicle and any appendage to the motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, trailers.

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*(b) All certificates of insurance issued pursuant to this chapter shall contain a clause that thirty (30) days' written notice of cancellation or change shall be given to the comptroller's office for the city. (Ord. of 12-14-10; Amend. of 4-12-11)*

**Sec. 17-24. - Special event licenses; waivers and exemptions.**

*(a) A special event license may be issued to persons or entities engaged in the sale of various products at parades, festivals, and other special events, all as recognized and approved by the city council. Application for said license shall be submitted to the police department along with a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Said licenses shall be displayed conspicuously at all times. All sales under this special event license will be limited only to the hours of the parade, festival or special event and shall be conducted where the parade, festival or special event is being held.*

*(b) In the sole discretion of the city council, the application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be reduced to a nominal fee of one dollar (\$1.00) and the licensing procedure be waived under subsection (a) when such reduction and waiver of the licensing procedure will help promote a special event which has been recognized and approved by city council as being beneficial to the entire community. In exercising its discretion, city council shall consider such factors as the cultural, education, artistic, humanistic, charitable, scientific, literary, historic, and other benefits of the special event to the community.*

*(c) Any parade, festival, or other special event sponsored by the city shall be exempt from the provisions of ordinance chapter 17, except that the organization hired to do or individual vendors allowed to participate in the parade, festival or other special event shall maintain insurance coverage pursuant to ordinance section 17-23, and if the vendor is offering or selling any food or beverages, the vendor shall file an application with the Bristol-Burlington Health District, to obtain a food service certificate in compliance with the regulations of the Bristol-Burlington Health District and the public health code of the State of Connecticut. Food service facilities with certificates from the Bristol-Burlington Health District shall be exempt from additional fees for temporary events, but shall be required to apply for and receive a separate certificate for each event. (Ord. of 7-12-16)*

**Secs. 17-25—17-30. – Reserved.**

**DIVISION 2. - PERMIT AND LICENSE**

**Sec. 17-31. – Required.**

*It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of peddler, solicitor or canvasser, as defined in section 17-16 of this article, within the corporate limits of the city without first obtaining a permit and license therefor as provided in this division except one exempt under section 17-21.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80)*

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**Sec. 17-32. - Application; accompanying documents.**

(a) Applicants for a permit and license under section 17-31 of this article must file with the police department a sworn application in writing on a form to be furnished by the police department, which shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name and description of the applicant;
- (2) Address (legal and local);
- (3) A brief description of the nature of the business and the goods to be sold and in the case of products of a farm or orchard, whether produced or grown by the applicant;
- (4) If employed, the name and address of the employer, together with credentials establishing the exact relationship;
- (5) The length of time for which the right to do business is desired;
- (6) If a vehicle is to be used, a description of the same, together with license number or other means of identification;
- (7) A photograph of the applicant, taken within sixty (60) days immediately prior to the date of the filing of the application which picture shall be two (2) inches by two (2) inches, showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear and distinguishing manner;
- (8) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor or violation of any municipal ordinance, the nature of the offense and the punishment or penalty assessed therefore.

(b) The applicant must file a certificate of insurance with the comptroller's office, as required in section 17-23, at the same time of application or renewal of a license.

(c) If the applicant is offering or selling any foods or beverages, the applicant shall file with his application proof of a current valid food service license approved by the Bristol-Burlington Health District [application to the Director of the Bristol Burlington Health District for a food service license].

(d) If the applicant's business requires, or who uses in his business, any measure, weight or scale, he shall present to the police department proof from the Commissioner of Weights and Measures of the State of Connecticut that said measures, weights or scales have been tested by said commissioner or one (1) of the commissioner's inspectors and found to be correct.

(e) If the applicant is a veteran claiming exemption from regulation or fees pursuant to section 21-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes he or she must present to the police chief proof of entitlement to said exemption as provided for in section 17-22 herein.

(f) Said applicant shall comply fully with all the provisions of this Code and the statutes of the State of Connecticut regulating and concerning the sale of goods, wares and merchandise and will pay all judgments rendered against said licensee for any violations thereof.

(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 11-5-80; Ord. of 4-29-94; Ord. of 7-13-04; Amend. of 4-12-11; Ord. of 4-10-18)

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**Sec. 17-33. - Investigation; issuance or denial.**

(a) *At the time of filing an application for the permit and license required by section 17-31, the applicant shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to the police department to cover the cost of investigation.*

(b) *Upon receipt of such application, the original shall be referred to the chief of police, who shall cause such investigation of the applicant's business and moral character to be made as he deems necessary for the protection of the public good. If the applicant is offering food or beverages, the application also shall be referred to the director of health to sign his approval or disapproval.*

(c) *If as a result of such investigation, the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, the chief of police shall endorse on such application his disapproval and his reasons for the same, and return the application to the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no permit and license will be issued.*

(d) *If as a result of such investigation, the character and business responsibility of the applicant are found to be satisfactory, the chief of police shall endorse on the application his approval and return the application to the applicant, who shall, upon payment of the prescribed license fee, deliver to the applicant his permit and issue a license. Such license shall contain the signature of the chief of police and shall show the name, address and photograph of such licensee, the class of license issued and the kind of goods to be sold thereunder, the amount of fee paid, the date of issuance and the length of time the same shall be operative, as well as the license number and other identifying description of any vehicle used in such peddling.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 3-14-00; Amend. of 4-12-11; Ord. of 4-10-18)*

**Sec. 17-34. - Fees.**

*No person shall be exempt from fees except as appears in section 17-21.*

(a) *Peddlers. The license fee for a peddler as defined in section 17-16(a) shall be one hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185.00) per year from the date of issuance and shall be paid to the police department. A peddler's license shall not be issued for a shorter period of time.*

(b) *Solicitors and canvassers. The license fee for a solicitor or canvasser which shall be charged by the police department for the license required by section 17-31 shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per week, forty dollars (\$40.00) per month or seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per year.*

*(1) For the purpose of this section, any period of seven (7) calendar days or less shall be considered one (1) week; any period of more than seven (7) calendar days and not more than thirty (30) calendar days shall be considered one (1) month; any period of more than thirty (30) calendar days and not more than one (1) calendar year shall be treated as a year.*

*(2) The annual fees provided for in this section for solicitors and canvassers shall be assessed on a calendar year basis, and on and after July first the amount of the fee for such annual licenses shall be one-half (½) the amount stipulated for the remainder of the year.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 4-10-18; Ord. of 2-14-23)*

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**Sec. 17-35. - Numbers and badges.**

*The police department shall issue to each licensee under this division, at the time of delivery of his license, a suitable badge for each individual licensed under this division. The license and badges shall bear the words "licensed peddler" or "licensed solicitor and canvasser," and the number of the license in letters and figures plainly discernible. Each such licensee shall attach to, or paint on both sides of any vehicle so used, the words, "licensed peddler" or "licensed solicitor and canvasser," and the number of his license in letters and figures plainly discernible for a distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 4-10-18)*

**Sec. 17-36. - Transferability.**

*No license or badge issued under the provisions of this division shall be used or worn at any time by any person other than the one to whom it was issued.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80)*

**Sec. 17-37. - Exhibition of license and badge.**

*Peddlers, solicitors or canvassers are required to exhibit their licenses and badges at all times while conducting business.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 12-14-10)*

**Sec. 17-38. - Revocation.**

*(a) Permits and licenses issued under the provisions of this division may be revoked by the chief of police after notice and hearing, for any of the following causes:*

- (1) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement contained in the application for license;*
- (2) Fraud, misrepresentation or false statement made in the course of carrying on his business as peddler, solicitor or canvasser;*
- (3) Any violation of this article;*
- (4) Conviction of any crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;*
- (5) Conducting the business of peddling, soliciting or canvassing in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, safety or general welfare of the public.*

*(b) Notice of the hearing for revocation of a license shall be given in writing, setting forth specifically the grounds of complaint and the time and place of hearing. Such notice shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the licensee at his last known address at least five (5) days prior to the date set for hearing.*

*(Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80)*

**Sec. 17-39. – Appeal from denial or revocation.**

*(a) Any person aggrieved by the action of the chief of police in the denial of an application for permit or license as provided in subsection 17-33(c), or in the decision with reference to the revocation of a license as provided in section 17-38, shall have the right of appeal to the city council.*

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*(b) Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the council within fourteen (14) days after notice of the action complained of has been mailed to such person's last known address, a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal.*

*(c) The council shall set a time and place for a hearing on such appeal, and notice of such hearing shall be given the appellant in the same manner as provided in section 17-38 for notice of hearing on revocation. The decision and order of the council on such appeal shall be final and conclusive. (Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 4-10-18)*

***Sec. 17-40. - Expiration; renewal of solicitors and canvassers license.***

*All annual licenses issued under the provisions of this division shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in the year when issued. Other than annual licenses shall expire on the date specified in the license. Upon expiration, the license shall be renewed upon request made to the chief of police and upon payment of the license fee provided herein; and the fact of renewal shall be indicated by the chief of police upon the applicant's license showing the new expiration date thereof. Upon renewal, the chief of police shall issue to the applicant a new identification card as provided for in this article, showing the period for which the license has been issued. All annual licenses must be renewed within one (1) year after the expiration thereof; and any person applying for a license, after the abovementioned one (1) year, shall be required to submit a new application and comply with all of the requirements required of a new applicant. (Ord. of 11-8-78; Ord. of 7-1-80; Ord. of 4-10-18)*

***Sec. 17-41. – Expiration; renewal of peddler's license.***

*A peddler's license shall expire one year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed in compliance with the requirements of the original license. (Ord. of 7-1-80)*

***Sec. 17-42. - Repeal of conflicting ordinances.***

*All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this article are hereby repealed. (Ord. of 7-1-80)*

***Secs. 17-43—17-50. – Reserved***

***h. Ordinance Committee***

On recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the following amendments to Chapter 14 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Moving Vehicle Violations, Division 2. School Bus Violation Enforcement, Sections 14-89 through 14-94 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances; to set Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 4:45 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, First Floor, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut for the holding of a Public Hearing by the Ordinance Committee; that the City Clerk publish notice of said Public Hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter; and to waive the reading of the proposed amendments pertaining to Section 14-89 – 14-94 of the Code of Ordinances to be introduced this date.

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**ARTICLE IV. SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT**

**Sec. 14-89. Definitions.**

When used in this Article, the terms below shall have the following meaning:

DRIVER, MOTOR VEHICLE, NUMBER PLATE, AND OWNER: Shall have the same meanings as provided in C.G.S. §14-1.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM: Means a system with one or more camera sensors and computers that produce: (1) Digital and recorded video images of motor vehicles being operated in violation of this Article, (2) a visual image that is viewable remotely and a recorded image of the number plate of a motor vehicle violating this Article, and (3) a recorded image that indicates the date, time, and location of the violation (hereinafter "Enforcement System"). A municipal school bus violation enforcement system installed to enforce an ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of C.G.S. §14-279c shall, to the extent practicable, record images of such motor vehicle only, and shall not record images of the occupants of such motor vehicle or of any other person or vehicles in the vicinity at the time the images are recorded.

SCHOOL BUS OR SCHOOLBUS: Shall have the same meanings as provided in C.G.S. in §14-275.

**Sec. 14-90. Contracts for installation. Operation, and/or maintenance of enforcement system.**

Pursuant to C.G.S. §14-279c(n), the City may enter into an agreement with a private vendor(s) for the installation, operation, or maintenance of an Enforcement System, or any combination thereof. The City Council is authorized to execute such agreements on behalf of the City.

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 14-279a(b) Any such agreement that requires a private vendor to operate the Enforcement System shall require such vendor to report to the City and the Board of Education, not later than August first in each year thereafter in which the operation of such System continues pursuant to such agreement: (1) The total number of citations issued in the prior fiscal year for violations of this Article that were detected and recorded by the Enforcement System, and (2) the total amount of funds collected for such violations in the prior fiscal year.

**Sec. 14-91. City obligations and reporting.**

A. The City shall take all steps necessary to implement and effectuate this Article, including the appointment of hearing officers pursuant to C.G.S. §7-152c.

B. Pursuant to C.G.S. §14-279c(o)1, not later than October first following adoption of this Chapter, and not later than October first in each year thereafter in which this Ordinance is in effect, the City shall submit a report to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, which shall include, but need not be limited to: (a) A copy of this Ordinance; (b) the total number of citations issued for a violation of such Ordinance in the prior fiscal year; (c) the total amount of funds collected for such violations in the prior fiscal year, and (d) how the City spent such funds in the prior fiscal year.

C. Warning signs shall be posted on all school buses in which the Enforcement System is installed and operated indicating the use of such System pursuant to C.G.S. §14-279c(c)(2).

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D. A digital still or video image produced by the Enforcement System to enforce this Article shall be destroyed the later of: (a) Ninety (90) days after the date of the creation of such digital, still or video image, or (b) upon payment or final disposition of all matters related to a citation issued for a violation of this Article, to which such digital still or video image pertains.

**Sec. 14-92. Violations and penalties, including administrative and enforcement procedure.**

A. Violations.

The owner of a motor vehicle commits a violation of this Ordinance if the person operating such motor vehicle violates the provision of subsection (a) of C.G.S. §14-279, unless an affidavit is filed pursuant to subsection B(5) of this section.

B. Procedure following alleged violation – review of evidence file, issuance of citation, evidentiary matters for citation hearing, liability, defenses, etc.

(1) Upon receipt of an evidence file from the Enforcement System that captures an alleged violation of this Ordinance, a police officer or authorized municipal employee shall review such file. If such officer or employee has reasonable grounds to believe that such a violation occurred and such file captures the number plate, color, and type or vehicle allegedly violating this Ordinance and the date, approximate time, and location of such vehicle, such officer or employee shall issue a written warning or citation to the owner of such vehicle. Such officer or employee shall electronically certify a citation, and such citation shall only be issued if mailed within the time period described in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

(2) A citation issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include the following:

- (a) the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle;
- (b) the number plate of the motor vehicle;
- (c) the Ordinance allegedly violated;
- (d) the date, location, and time of the alleged violation;
- (e) a copy of or information on how to view, through electronic means, the recorded images described in subdivision (1).
- (f) a statement or electronically generated affirmation by the police officer or authorized employee who reviewed the recorded images and determined that the motor vehicle violated this Ordinance;
- (g) the fine imposed pursuant to this Ordinance and how to pay such fine;
- (h) notice of the right to contest the citation and instructions for how to request a citation hearing; and
- (i) information advising the owner of the motor vehicle of the procedure for disclaiming liability by submitting an affidavit as described in subsection B(5) of this section to the City or its designated agent.

(3) In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle registered in the State of Connecticut, the City, or its designated agent, shall send a copy of a citation to the owner of the vehicle observed in the alleged violation not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the alleged violation. In the case of an alleged violation involving a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction, the City, or its designated agent, shall send a copy of a citation to the address of the owner that is in the records of the official in the other jurisdiction issuing such registration not later than sixty (60) days after the alleged violation. A citation shall be sent by first-class mail.

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(4) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for any fine imposed pursuant to this Ordinance, unless (a) the vehicle identified by the Enforcement System is a leased or rented motor vehicle, in which case the lessee of such vehicle shall be liable for any such fine, or (b) an affidavit is filed pursuant to subsection (5) of this subsection, in which case the operator shall be liable for any such fine.

(5) Not later than thirty (30) days after the mailing of a citation pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection B of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection B of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle may submit a notarized affidavit, executed by such owner and the operator of such vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, stating that such operator is the party who may be responsible for the alleged violation and providing the name and address of such operator. If the City, or its designated agent receives such an affidavit, the City shall mail a citation to such operator not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the affidavit.

(6) All defenses shall be available to any person who is alleged to have committed a violation of subsection A of Section 15-109 of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, that:

(a) the operator was driving an emergency vehicle in accordance with the provision of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of C.G.S. §14-283;

(b) the violation was necessary to allow the passage of an emergency vehicle;

(c) the violation was necessary in order for the operator to comply with an order or direction from a law enforcement officer, which is observable on the recorded images;

(d) the violation was necessary to avoid injuring the person or property of another;

(e) the violation took place during a period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in C.G.S. §7-294a, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the violation;  
or

(f) the operator received a citation for a violation of C.G.S. §14-279, for the same incident.

C. Appeal of citation/requests for citation hearing, hearing officers, citation hearing proceedings, post-hearing process, and right to appeal to the superior court.

(1) In accordance with C.G. S §7-152c, any owner issued a citation for violating the provisions of this Ordinance may, within ten (10) days of the mailing date of the citation, deliver or mail an appeal, in writing, requesting a hearing to a citation hearing officer.

(2) The City Council shall appoint one (1) or more citation hearing officers, all of whom shall serve without pay, to conduct hearings in accordance with this subsection. Said citation hearing officers shall not be police officers or work for the City of Bristol Police Department. No person shall be appointed to the position of hearing officer unless such person is:

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(a) at least eighteen (18) years of age and

(b) in the opinion of the City Council, a person capable of fairly administering the applicable provisions of law based on such person's background and experience, including, but not limited to, the person's education, special skills and training.

Any appointed hearing officer whose personal interests do or may give the appearance of conflict with the hearing officer's official responsibilities herein enumerated shall remove themselves from presiding over any such hearing, and in such case the City Council shall appoint a substitute hearing officer for the hearing. Any hearing officer may be removed at any time by the City Council for whatever reason the City Council deems sufficient.

(3) Any person who timely requests a hearing pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be given written notice of the date, time, and place for a hearing. The hearing shall be held not less than fifteen (15) days, nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the citation, provided the hearing officer shall grant good cause shown any reasonable request by any interested party for postponement or continuance.

(4) A person wishing to contest the person's liability shall appear at the hearing and may present evidence. A designated City official, other than the hearing officer, may present evidence on behalf of the City. If the person fails to appear, the hearing officer may enter an assessment by default against the person upon a finding of proper notice and liability under this Ordinance. The hearing officer may accept from the person copies of police reports, investigatory, and citation reports, and other official documents by mail and may determine thereby that the appearance of such person is unnecessary.

(5) A manual or automated record prepared by the police officer, authorized employee or vendor in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of such mailing and shall be admissible in any citation hearing as to the facts contained in the citation.

(6) A certificate of facsimile or a certificate of the review of the evidence produced by the Enforcement System, sworn to by the police officer or authorized municipal employee who conducted such review, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained in such certificate.

(7) A digital, still or video image produced by the Enforcement System shall be sufficient evidence of a violation of this Ordinance and shall be admitted at a citation hearing proceeding without further authentication.

(8) A citation issued under this section may not be dismissed in a citation hearing solely because a recorded video or digital still image reveals images of such occupants or other persons or vehicles, as long as the operator of the Enforcement System has made reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of C.G.S. §14-279(c)(1).

(9) The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing in the order and form and with such methods of proof as the hearing officer deems fair and appropriate. The rules regarding the admissibility of evidence shall not be strictly applied, but all testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation. The hearing officer shall announce the decision at the end of the hearing. If the hearing

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officer determines that the person is not liable, the hearing officer shall dismiss the matter and enter this determination in writing accordingly. If the hearing officer determines that the person is liable for the violation, the hearing officer shall forthwith enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs, or fees against the person as provided by this Ordinance.

(10) The burden of proof shall be preponderance of the evidence.

(11) If any assessment entered by the hearing officer is not paid on the date of its entry, the hearing officer shall send by first-class mail a notice of the assessment to the person found liable and shall file, not less than thirty (30) days or more than twelve (12) months after such mailing, a certified copy of the notice of assessment with the clerk of a Superior Court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator, together with an entry fee of eight dollars. The certified copy of the notice of assessment shall constitute a record of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against the same person may be accrued and filed as one record of assessment. The clerk shall enter judgment, in the amount of such record of assessment and court costs of eight dollars, against such person in favor of the City. Notwithstanding any provision of the General Statutes, the hearing officer's assessment, when so entered as a judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment and a levy of execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such person.

(12) A person against whom an assessment has been entered pursuant to this section is entitled to judicial review by way of appeal. An appeal shall be instituted within thirty (30) days of the mailing of notice of assessment by filing a petition to reopen assessment, together with an entry fee in an amount equal to the entry fee for a small claims case pursuant to C.G.S. §52-259, at the Superior Court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator, which shall entitle such person to a hearing in accordance with the rules of the judge of the Superior Court.

D. Fine for violation.

The City shall impose a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) against the owner of a motor vehicle who commits a violation of this Ordinance.

The City shall collect such fines, with proceeds credited to the City.

Funds received by the City from such fines shall be used for the purposes of improving public safety in the City, including, but not limited to, compensating any private vendor that installs, operates, and/or maintains the City's Enforcement System

**Sec. 14-93. Prohibiting against use of images and violations of ordinance.**

A. No recorded image produced by the Enforcement System may be introduced as evidence in any other civil or criminal proceedings.

B. Violations of this Ordinance shall not be made part of the driving control record, as described in C.G.S. §14-1111 of such owner and may not be used for any purposes in the provision of a motor vehicle insurance policy.

**Sec. 14-94. Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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**i. Ordinance Committee**

On recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to Chapter 18, Planning, Article X, Youth Commission, Secs. 18-148 through 18-154 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, to read as follows; 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; and to waive the reading of said ordinance.

Underscored text is proposed to be added. [Bracketed] text is proposed for deletion.

**ARTICLE X. YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION*****Sec. 18-148. - Established.***

*Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the general statutes and the Charter of the city, there is hereby established a youth & community services 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.*

*(Code 1960, § 60-1; Ord. of 2-4-71)*

***Sec. 18-149. - Duties.***

*The commission established by this article shall study continuously the conditions and needs of the youth of the city in relation to employment, health and development of their skills and talents so as to become participating and contributing members of the community. The commission shall provide guidance for the delivery of community services to residents in need. It shall analyze the needs and shall make recommendations to the mayor and the city council regarding the programs and policies available to serve those needs.*

*(Code 1960, § 60-2; Ord. of 2-4-71; Ord. of 12-5-78)*

***Sec. 18-150. - Terms and appointments.***

*(a) The youth & community services commission shall consist of eleven (11) members. There shall be at least three (3) members currently under twenty-one (21) years of age, a representative of the school system, a representative of the police department, a private youth serving agency member, a city [councilman] councilor, four (4) citizens, and at least one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the total membership shall be people who receive less than fifty (50) percent of their livelihood by delivering services to youth and their families.*

*(b) All appointments shall be for three (3) years except the [councilman] City Council members who shall be appointed in November for a term of two (2) years and who shall serve only during [his] their term of office as [councilman] councilor. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired portion of the term succeeded to.*

*(Code 1960, § 60-3; Ord. of 2-4-71; Ord. of 3-1-77; Ord. of 5-3-77; Ord. of 12-5-78; Ord. of 6-13-94; Ord. of 12-14-04)*

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**Sec. 18-151. - Officers.**

*A chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary shall be elected by the members of the youth & community services commission from among their members.  
(Code 1960, § 60-4; Ord. of 2-4-71)*

**Sec. 18-152. - Budget.**

*As the need appears and arises, the youth & community services commission shall recommend to the mayor and city council the employment of personnel to serve the needs of youth. The commission [shall] provide guidance to staff and submit annually a budget for recommended programs and personnel for the ensuing year in as much detail as shall be required by the mayor, city council and board of finance.  
(Code 1960, § 60-5; Ord. of 2-4-71; Ord. of 12-5-78)*

**Sec. 18-153. - Meetings; agenda.**

*The youth & community services commission shall be empowered to determine the time and place of its meetings and its agenda.  
(Code 1961, § 60-6; Ord. of 2-4-71)*

**Sec. 18-154. - Reserved.**

*Editor's note— A motion adopted by the council on Dec. 10, 1984, provided that § 18-154, expiration, be deleted; that the youth commission be reestablished, effective Dec. 1, 1984; and that the terms of existing members of such commission continue until the expiration of such terms. Prior to deletion, § 18-154 was derived from an ordinance adopted Dec. 5, 1978.*

**Secs. 18-155—18-159. – Reserved.**

**j. Ordinance Committee**

On recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the following amendments to Chapter 16 Parks and Recreation, Article I, In General, Section 16-1, Veterans Memorial Park and Boulevard of the Bristol Code of Ordinances; to set Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 4:50 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, First Floor, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut for the holding of a Public Hearing by the Ordinance Committee; that the City Clerk publish notice of said Public Hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter; and to waive the reading of the proposed amendments pertaining to Section 16-1 of the Code of Ordinances to be introduced this date.

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**Sec. 16-1. Veterans Memorial Park and Boulevard.**

*(a) The park area between the Pequabuck River and South Street, heretofore given to the city and established as a memorial to Bristol's veterans of all wars, shall continue under the jurisdiction of*

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*the board of park commissioners. The highway, which begins at Willis Street and runs through said park shall be known as the Veterans Memorial Boulevard.*

*(b) The board of park commissioners shall give special care in maintaining said park as a fitting memorial and preserving the rows of memorial oaks which border the boulevard. They shall care for the monuments and statuary now located in the park and which may, with said board's permission, be hereafter located therein.*

*(c) To preserve the natural and peaceful conditions and the memorial character of the park and boulevard:*

*(1) There shall be no parking along the curb lines of the boulevard, except on such special areas or occasions as may be designated by the board of park commissioners.*

*(2) The use of the boulevard by motor vehicles is hereby restricted to vehicles [bearing "passenger-type" or school bus registration plates,] including motorcycles, and operated at such reasonable speeds as shall be established, from time to time, by the board of park commissioners. School buses shall only be permitted to use the boulevard travelling to or from [Memorial Boulevard School] Bristol Arts & Innovation Magnet School on the boulevard from Main Street to the school.*

*(3) No motor vehicles [bearing nonpassenger type registrations, including trucks and commercial vehicles, including those trucks and commercial vehicles bearing "combination" plates] weighing, unloaded more than 10,001 pounds, with the exception of city owned vehicles bearing "municipal" plates and emergency vehicles, shall pass or travel within said Memorial Park or boulevard, [provided that such nonpassenger vehicles may continue to use the two (2) cross-over streets known as Mellen Street and East Street]. Persons making such use shall be in violation of this section and shall be subject to the penalty for infractions provided in section 1-11 of the Code of General Ordinances. Fine for violation of this section shall be ninety dollars (\$90.00).*

*(d) The board of park commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to provide and maintain suitable signs for the control of traffic on the parkway known as the Memorial Boulevard. (Ord. of 9-6-83; Ord. of 4-29-94; Ord. of 7-12-16)*

Council members reported on other committees, activities, and events.

**7. OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu spoke about launching a new program called, "Citizen's Academy," which is an opportunity for citizens to learn more about various departments within the City. It will consist of five sessions with a maximum of thirty citizens each session

**9. RESIGNATIONS**

*Thomas LaPorte – City Cemetery Commission*

*William Veits – Retirement Board, Sec. 2-9*

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

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## 10. Appointments

- a. The following appointments were presented:

Assistant Comptroller

Robin Manuele – Reappointment – term to 4/30  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Economic and Community Development Director

Justin Malley – Reappointment – term to 4/30  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

City Arts & Culture Commission

Juliet Norton – Reappointment – term to 4/29.  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Maria Salice – Reappointment – term to 4/29.  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Board of Ethics

Joan Cloutier – Reappointment – term to 4/29.  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour, District 3.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Bristol Parking Authority

Andrea Adams – Reappointment – term to 4/29.  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Mike Massarelli – Reappointment – term to 4/29.  
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn  
 Motion passed in voice vote.

## 11. GRANTS

### a. Emergency Management Performance Grant

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of an EMPG grant application through a resolution, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the application and any and all documents associated with the application and grant, for the City Clerk to validate the Mayor as the City Official

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authorized to sign these documents on behalf of the City Council, to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action, and to waive the reading of said resolution.

The Resolution reads as follows –

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, that the filing of a grant application for \$33,365 to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant funding is hereby approved and that the Mayor or Acting Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into, deliver, and execute such application and any and all other documents relating to this application/grant, including but not limited to any final grant documents, and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this application/grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

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.

**12. CONTRACTS**

**a. Additional Fees for Outbuilding at Northeast Middle School**

Communication received from Asst. Manager of School Projects Landon.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To approve the additional fees of Quisenberry, Arcari, Malik, LLC in the amount of \$32,500.00 associated with the design of the outbuilding at NEMS as recommended by the Northeast Middle School Building Committee and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend their contract.

**b. Additional Erosion and Sedimentation Inspections at Northeast Middle School**

Communication received from Asst. Manager of School Projects Landon.

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On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To approve amendment #5 by Quisenberry, Arcari, Malik, LLC in the amount of \$46,750.00 as recommended by the Northeast Middle School Building Committee and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend their contract.

**c. Contract 2C26-039 Broad Street Retaining Wall**

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C26-039 Broad Street Retaining Wall to Dayton Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$1,966,610.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

**d. Project Labor Agreement for Edgewood Pre-K Academy**

It was voted that this item be moved to agenda item #3 Public Participation.

**e. Axon 10 Officer Safety Plan – Upgrade from existing Axon, Inc Contract**

It was voted that this item be moved to agenda item #3 Public Participation.

**13. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**a. MOU Creating Fire Apparatus Mechanic position**

Communication received from Human Resources Director Haselkamp.

On motion of Council Member Kelley and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To approve the funding necessary for Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bristol and Local # 773 IAFF eliminating the position of Fire Equipment Technician (salary range Step 1 \$84,177; Step 2 \$88,352), and creating the position of Fire Apparatus Mechanic with a salary range equivalent to the Fire Captain's range. (Step 1 \$94,098; Step 2 \$98,773; Step 3 \$100,653), and refer to the Board of Finance for reference.

**14. TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED CITIZENS**

Communication received from Tax Assessor DeNoto.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To establish a policy, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-129n, subject to the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to provide tax relief to homeowners within the City who are considered to be 100% disabled by the U.S. Social Security Administration; and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for its consideration and action.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS – None.**

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**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:10 p.m., on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Erica Cabiya**  
**Town & City Clerk**