

May 12, 2026

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Finance was held on May 12, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 6:46 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Kelley, Rosengren, Seymour and Tyler; Commissioners Campion, Mace, Maikowski, Murdock, O'Brien and Peterson. Present by Videoconference: Commissioner Massarelli. Absent: Commissioner Tagariello

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular Joint Meeting held on April 14, 2026.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

3. \$7,500 TRANSFER WITHIN LIBRARY'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR NATURAL GAS, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer \$7,500 within the Library's operating budget for Natural Gas.

4. \$10,845 TRANSFER WITHIN EQUIPMENT BUILDING SINKING FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer \$10,845 within the Equipment Building Sinking Fund for the Fire Department.

5. \$4,875 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATING BUDGET FUNDED BY A CONTRIBUTION, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$4,875 within the Fire Department's operating budget funded by a contribution.

May 12, 2026

6. \$9,406 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY DONATIONS APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$9,406 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by donations.

7. \$28,029 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FOR QUALITY ENHANCEMENT SERVICES, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$28,029 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund for Quality Enhancement Services.

8. \$48,127 TRANSFERS WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND WITHIN SHINE EARLY LEARNING BUDGET, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make transfers totaling \$48,127 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund within the Shine Early Learning budget.

9. \$32,000 TRANSFER WITHIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR SAFE STREETS & ROADS STUDY, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer \$32,000 within the Capital Projects Fund for the Safe Streets & Roads Study.

10. \$380,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR PURCHASE OF LAND, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$380,000 within the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of land.

May 12, 2026

- 11. \$2,488,176.57 TRANSFER OF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES; \$1,712,558.07 FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, \$408,013.24 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE AND \$367,605.26 FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY, APPROVED.**

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To transfer \$2,488,176.57 of uncollectible taxes; \$1,712,558.07 of Motor Vehicles, \$408,013.24 for Supplemental Motor Vehicle and \$367,605.26 for Personal Property.

- 12. \$197,865 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN PARKS OPERATING BUDGET FUNDED BY TRUST REVENUE, APPROVED.**

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation within the parks operating budget funded by Trust revenue.

- 13. \$2,800,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR POLICE COURT COMPLEX UPGRADES AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, APPROVED.**

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$2,800,000 within the Capital Projects Fund for the Police Court Complex Upgrades and Electrical Systems and to take any action as necessary.

- 14. RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE PROJECT SCOPE OF THE \$3,100,000 APPROPRIATION FOR POLICE COURT COMPLEX MEP UPGRADES – PHASE II, III TO POLICE COURT COMPLEX UPGRADES TO HEATING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$2,800,000 FOR AN AGGREGATE APPROPRIATION OF \$5,900,000, ADOPTED.**

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To approve a Resolution modifying the project scope of the \$3,100,000 appropriation for Police Court Complex MEP Upgrades – Phase II, III to Police Court Complex Upgrades to Heating and Electrical Systems and appropriating an additional \$2,800,000 for an aggregated appropriation of \$5,900,000, to waive the reading of 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 City Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determines that it is necessary to undertake upgrades to the Police Court Complex heating and electrical systems, comprised of replacement of

May 12, 2026

two existing steam boilers, as well as replacement of the existing air handling units, hot water heater, air cooled chiller, unit heaters along with pumps, fans and piping, and fire protection improvements associated with HVAC system equipment and emergency lighting, replacement of switch gear, replacement and relocation of Eversource transformer currently located in the building.

(b) That the sum of TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,800,000) is appropriated therefor, in addition to the \$3,100,000 previously appropriated for the project, for an aggregate appropriation of \$5,900,000.

(c) The \$5,900,000 appropriation may be spent for design, architect, equipment, site improvements, consultant fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing.

(d) The \$5,900,000 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		
“ ”	Mace		
“ ”	Maikowski		
“ ”	Massarelli		
“ ”	Murdock		
“ ”	O’Brien		
“ ”	Peterson		
	Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

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

15. RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE PROJECT SCOPE OF THE POLICE COURT COMPLEX MEP UPGRADES – PHASE II, III TO POLICE COURT COMPLEX UPGRADES TO HEATING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$2,800,000 BONDS AND NOTES FOR AN AGGREGATE BORROWING AUTHORIZATION OF \$5,900,000, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Commissioner Mace, it was unanimously voted: To approve a Resolution modifying the project scope of the Police Court Complex MEP Upgrades – Phase II, III to Police Court Complex Upgrades to Heating and Electrical Systems and to finance the appropriation authorizing an additional \$2,800,000 bonds and notes for an aggregate borrowing authorization of \$5,900,000.

May 12, 2026

The Resolution reads as follows -

RESOLVED,

(a) That under the 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 City Council and the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determines that it is necessary to issue bonds or notes in the principal sum of TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,800,000) in addition to the \$3,100,000 previously authorized for the project, for an aggregate borrowing authorization of FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,900,000) to finance the appropriation for upgrades to the Police Court Complex heating and electrical systems, comprised of replacement of two existing steam boilers, as well as replacement of the existing air handling units, hot water heater, air cooled chiller, unit heaters along with pumps, fans and piping, and fire protection improvements associated with HVAC system equipment and emergency lighting, replacement of switch gear, replacement and relocation of Eversource transformer currently located in the building. 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 TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,800,000) in addition to the \$3,100,000 previously authorized for the project, for an aggregate borrowing authorization of FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,900,000). 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 or her 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.

May 12, 2026

(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		
“	”	Mace	
“	”	Maikowski	
“	”	Massarelli	
“	”	Murdock	
“	”	O’Brien	
“	”	Peterson	
		Mayor Zoppo-Sassu	

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

16. MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT PRESENTATION BY COMPTROLLER.

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

Comptroller Waldron highlighted the 2026-2027 Budget presentation for the Joint Meeting members.

May 12, 2026

2026-2027 Budget BOF Adopted Expenditures

Department	Adopted 2026 Budget	BOF Adopted 2027 Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
General City	\$89,522,790	\$91,778,950	\$2,256,160	2.52%
Debt Service & Capital Transfers	\$16,074,345	\$17,375,800	\$1,301,455	8.09%
Education	\$137,061,815	\$148,825,885	\$11,764,070	8.58%
Total General Fund	\$242,658,950	\$257,980,635	\$15,321,685	6.31%

Proposed Joint Meeting Changes

- \$500,000 Remove City Share – SAFER Grant for 16 Firefighters
- \$750,000 - Use of Workers' Compensation (W/C) Reserve
 - Allocate \$510,000 to General City
 - Allows BOE to reduce W/C contribution by \$240,000
 - Use for General Education costs

May 12, 2026

Proposed Changes at Joint Meeting Budget Adoption May 18, 2026

Department	Adopted 2026 Budget	Proposed 2027 Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
General City	\$89,522,790	\$90,768,950	\$1,246,160	1.39%
Debt Service & Capital Transfers	\$16,074,345	\$17,375,800	\$1,301,455	8.09%
Education	\$137,061,815	\$148,825,885	\$11,764,070	8.58%
Total General Fund	\$242,658,950	\$256,970,635	\$14,311,685	5.90%

Proposed Revenues

	Adopted 2026 Budget	Proposed 2027 Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Taxes	\$4,220,000	\$4,620,000	\$400,000	9.5%
TIF District	\$1,474,345	\$1,740,800	\$266,455	18.1%
Licenses/Permits	\$2,096,900	\$2,106,050	\$9,150	0.1%
Charges for Services	\$2,662,945	\$2,817,865	\$154,920	5.82%
Investment Earnings	\$2,251,000	\$2,250,000	(\$1,000)	(0.0%)
Other/Misc.	\$552,620	\$560,685	\$8,065	1.7%
Fed/State Grants****	\$43,972,390	\$49,438,345	\$5,465,955	12.43%
Operating Transfers In	\$3,924,345	\$2,690,800	(\$1,233,545)	(31.4%)
Totals	\$61,154,545	\$66,224,545	\$5,070,000	8.29%

****Amount reflects additional Supplemental Education Aid in the amount of \$4,528,815

May 12, 2026

SUMMARY

	City	Education	Debt Service - Transfers	TOTAL	Mill Rate
Adopted FY26	\$89,522,790	\$137,061,815	\$16,074,345	\$242,658,950	33.75
FY2026-2027 Board of Finance Adopted					
BOF Adopted	\$91,778,950	\$148,825,885	\$17,375,800	\$257,980,635	35.50
% Increase	2.52%	8.58%	8.10%	6.31%	5.19%
FY2026-2027 Proposed Joint Meeting Adoption					
JM Proposed	\$90,768,950	\$148,825,885	\$17,375,800	\$256,970,635	35.30
% Increase	1.39%	8.58%	8.10%	5.90%	4.59%

October 1, 2025 Grand List FY 2026-2027

Category	10/1/24 Post BAA	10/1/25 Post BAA
Real Estate	\$4,489,357,182	\$4,517,816,953
Personal Property	\$536,770,804	\$586,166,346
Motor Vehicle	\$500,220,610	\$511,643,860
Total	\$5,526,348,596	\$5,615,627,159

1.62% Increase
2025/26 Mill Rate = 33.75 RE/PP; 32.46 MV

Additional Tax revenue generated by G/L increase*
Approximately \$1.9 million

*Adjusted for Personal Property corrections subsequent to Grand List signing

17. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:03 p.m., on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk