July 14, 2026

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Finance was held on July 14, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 6:45 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Kelley, Rosengren, Seymour and Tyler; Commissioners Campion, Mace, Maikowski, Murdock and O'Brien. Present by Videoconference: Commissioner Massarelli. Absent: Commissioners Tagariello and Peterson.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular Joint Meeting held on June 9, 2026.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

3. $5,441 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY CONNECTICARD REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $5,441 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by Connecticard revenue.

4. $475 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $475 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund for the Early Childhood Collaborative.

5. $1,910 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE FROM MAIN STREET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $1,910 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by grant revenue from Main Street Community Foundation.

6. $2,708,859 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $2,708,859 within the Special Education Grant Fund funded by grant revenue for the Board of Education.

7. $411,575 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE FOR DRIP GRANT FOR BOE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of $411,575 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by grant revenue for the DRIP grant for the BOE.

8. $1,139,545 TRANSFER WITHIN THE EQUIPMENT BUILDING SINKING FUND TO PURCHASE CAPITAL OUTLAY, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make transfers totaling $1,139,545 within the Equipment Building Sinking Fund to purchase Capital Outlay.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement to acquire equipment and to waive the reading of the Resolution, but to include it as part of the minutes.

Commissioner Maikowski clarified that the lease is intended to finance certain equipment, including multiple trucks. On the municipal side, this arrangement is referred to as a lease.

The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Bristol, Connecticut (the “City”), desires to enter into a lease purchase financing for the acquisition of three (3) Freightliner 114SD plus tandem axle plow trucks with Everest SS body package, and may include acquisition costs, equipment, legal fees, financing costs and other expenses related to the acquisition and financing of the truck in the amount of $1,000,000 (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to acquire the Equipment and enter into a lease purchase agreement with a financing institution (the "Lessor") to finance the acquisition of such Equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. 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 enter into a lease-purchase agreement to finance the acquisition of three (3) Freightliner 114SD plus tandem axle plow trucks with Everest SS body package.

2. That the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City and the Comptroller are hereby authorized to receive and review a proposal or proposals for the lease purchase financing of the Equipment, and make an award to the Lessor as the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City or the Comptroller determine to be in the best interests of the City, and the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") by and between the City and the Lessor for the lease of the Equipment for a period of no more than five (5) years, in such form and having such terms and details as determined by the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City or the Comptroller, subject to the following limitations. The amount to be financed under the Lease shall be no greater than $1,000,000 and payable in installments of principal and interest, the frequency of which to be determined by the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City or the Comptroller. The Lease shall be countersigned by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Finance. The Comptroller's approval of the Lease shall be evidenced by his or her signature. At the conclusion of the term of the Lease, provided all the payments required under the Lease, including payments of rent, have been made, the Lessor's interest in the Equipment shall terminate. Payments in respect of the Lease shall be subject to annual appropriations of the City. The Lease shall include a "non-appropriation of funds" clause allowing for termination in the event that sufficient funds are not appropriated to make payments of rent and other amounts each fiscal year.

3. That the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City or the Comptroller is hereby authorized to make such representations and covenants and to execute and deliver such contracts, financing statements, affidavits, agreements and documents, including but not limited to, an escrow agreement and a tax regulatory agreement, as are determined by the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City or the Comptroller to be necessary or desirable to evidence and secure the City's obligations pursuant to the Lease, to ensure the interest paid on the Lease is exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and to finance the purchase of the Equipment, and that the execution of such contracts, financing statements, affidavits, agreements and documents shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.

4. That the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City or the Comptroller is hereby authorized to appoint a bank or trust company to act as escrow agent in connection with the foregoing lease purchase transaction and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to further the purposes of this resolution and the terms and obligations in respect of the Lease.

5. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the “Regulations”), to reimburse expenditures paid up to sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this Resolution in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for the Equipment with the proceeds of the Lease. The Lease shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the purchase of the Equipment, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his or her designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the execution of the Lease.

6. Nothing contained in this Resolution, the Lease nor any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the City as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the full faith and credit of the City or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement contained in this Resolution, the Lease or any other instrument or document executed in connection therewith impose any pecuniary liability upon the City or any charge upon its full faith and credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Lease are special limited obligations of the City as provided in the Lease.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: *YES – 13; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.*

10. MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT PRESENTATION BY COMPTROLLER.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.

At 6:55 p.m., on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: ___________________________________
Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk