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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:01 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Kelley, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Officers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.), Lodge #1010 of Bristol were presented with a Proclamation in celebration of the Bristol Elks Lodge 120th Anniversary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on June 9, 2026, and the special meeting held on June 30, 2026.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To move agenda item #12 to this point in the agenda.

On the amended motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: That the Bristol City Council formally requests the Bristol Zoning Commission to consider and initiate a text amendment to the Bristol Zoning Regulations to eliminate the 5,001-250,000 gross square footage for data centers within the Industrial (I) and Industrial Park (IP) Zoning Districts, to have all the data center applications be the subject of a special permit, and to be appropriately distanced from other data centers.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Daniel Corcoran, 24 Runge Avenue – Mr. Corcoran stated that he is deeply concerned about data centers and that the City should take additional time to consider this matter.

JC, 123 Farmington Avenue – JC expressed concerns regarding the site plan for a proposed data center and the extension of the property boundaries beyond the Pequabuck River. She read from a petition in her possession and stated that outstanding questions must be addressed. She questioned why the site layout still identifies the school as Memorial Boulevard.

Scarlett Fulton, 120 Fox Den Road – Ms. Fulton spoke in opposition to the proposed data center, stating that it would bring blight to the community. Ms. Fulton further stated that data centers, regardless of scale, contribute to the loss of livelihoods, the depletion of potable and fresh water, and the deterioration of viable living conditions. She also posed questions reflecting her concerns.

Sarah Pagano, 52 Irving Street – Ms. Pagano expressed concerns about low-frequency noise generated by the data center and its potential adverse effects on public health.

Laura Carter – 77 Goodwin Street – Ms. Carter spoke via videoconference. Ms. Carter spoke about zoning changes and access to railroads as factors that contribute to the location of potential data centers. She also expressed concern about noise and pollution from small data centers due to the allowable proximity to homes.

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu announced that for the first time in the Giamatti leadership Bristol is going to have a team representing Connecticut in the East Region Tournament.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu also read a letter from the Mayor of Eijdsden-Margraten in the Netherlands. An American soldier and Bristol native, Sgt. John Quinto is buried there and his grave is cared for by a member of the American Cemetery Adoption Grave Foundation.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report for June 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 June, 2026.

b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$2,668.79

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	\$ 2,668.79
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c. Bristol Senior Center/Department of Aging Services Policies and Procedures Manual

Communication received from Bristol Senior Center Executive Director Krueger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Bristol Senior Center/Department of Aging Services revised Policies and Procedures Manual.

d. Contract Amendment with BL Companies for Additional MS4 Permit Services

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 authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a contract

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amendment with BL Companies (PO 22603121) in the amount of \$87,310 for additional engineering services associated with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit compliance, including illicit discharge detection and stormwater outfall testing required under the City's MS4 Permit and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrative Order.

e. Contract 2C26-002 Renovations at Beals Community Center – Bristol Burlington Health District Space

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 authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to Contract 2C26-002, Renovation at the Beals Community Center – Bristol-Burlington Health District Space, with Orlando Annulli & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$42,495. This amendment will increase the total contract amount from \$2,158,000 to \$2,200,495.

f. Easement Agreement – Eversource Energy, 81 Church Street, Map 43, Lot 22

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 authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to establish and formalize a utility easement with Eversource Energy on the City-owned property formerly known as Fire House No. 3, located at 81 Church Street, Map 43, Lot 22.

g. Positive Referral – North Main Street, Map 30, Lot 3

Communication received from 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 North Main Street, Map 30, Lot 3 for the sale and redevelopment of the Centre Square North Main Street property.

h. Contract 2026-071 NRES Project for Bristol Central and Eastern High Schools

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 2026-071 NRES Project for Bristol Central and Eastern High Schools to Greenskies Clean Energy LLC, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. 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: In accordance with

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Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Section 23-5 of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the following amendments to Chapter 23 Ordinance Enforcement by Citation Officers, Section 23-5 Penalties For Offenses of the Bristol Code of Ordinances; to set Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 4:55 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.

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

Sec. 23-5. Penalties for offenses.

Unless otherwise provided, any violation enforceable by citation shall be punishable by a fine of [ninety dollars (\$90.00)] one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00). Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the fines set forth in this subsection, an additional administrative fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per ten dollars (\$10.00) of the amount of the fine(s) payable hereunder, or any fraction thereof, shall be payable to the city by each person to whom a citation is issued. The initial penalty for any citation not paid or under appeal shall double after fifteen (15) days and triple after thirty (30) days.

b. Ordinance Committee

On recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and on the amended motion proposed by Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To adopt additions and amendments to Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl, Section 4-8 Roosters – Penalty of the Bristol Code of Ordinances as amended and to read as follows; that the City Clerk publish said additions and amendments 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.

Sec. 4-8. Roosters—Penalty.

(a) If a valid and verified noise complaint is received by the [city] Zoning Enforcement Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer or police officer regarding any rooster, the city [will] may require [the rooster to wear a noise reduction collar, vocal constriction collar or other noise reduction device or method] removal of the rooster by the property owner. If more than three (3) complaints are received by the city regarding the same rooster the city shall require removal of that rooster.

(b) Any person required to [place a noise reduction collar, vocal constriction collar or other noise reduction device or method on the rooster] remove the rooster who fails to do so after a ten-day period shall be guilty of an infraction and fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day [any rooster is

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without said noise reduction collar, vocal constriction collar or other noise reduction device or method] a rooster exists on the property.

(c) [If more than three (3) complaints are received by the city regarding the same rooster the city may require removal of that rooster.

(d)] The provisions of this section shall not apply to roosters owned and maintained on premises owned or leased by any farm, charitable, eleemosynary or educational organization.

c. Salary Committee

On recommendation of the Salary Committee and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve, effective and retroactive to July 1, 2026, a three percent (3.00%) salary increase in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Non-Bargaining salary schedule including steps and classifications for all regular part-time, appointed, and non-union full-time positions including grant-funded positions not indicated on the salary schedule; excluding Police and Fire Chief, and refer to the Board of Finance.

Human Resources Director Haselkamp provided an explanation for the increase and how it rectifies inequality in how the city approaches increases each year.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To move agenda item #11d. to this point in the agenda because it is a related topic.

Tentative Agreement - Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association of Nutmeg Independent Labor

Communication received from Human Resources Director Haselkamp.

On motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To approve the funding for a tentative agreement reached between the City of Bristol and Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association of Nutmeg Independent Labor for a three-year contract from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, and refer to the Board of Finance.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Chippanee Golf Course – Mayor Zoppo Sassu stated that the last of the due diligence reports are coming in and the City is now weighing whether to hire a third-party management company or use the Parks and Recreation Department to run the course.

b. Vape Shop Referral to Zoning Commission – Mayor Zoppo Sassu provided an update on the Zoning Commission's response to the referral. She encouraged residents to attend the Zoning Commission meetings to voice their concerns about vape shops. Mayor Zoppo Sassu also stated that many laws have changed since the creation of the vape shop ordinance and for that reason she would like the ordinance to stay with the ordinance committee for further review. Mayor Zoppo Sassu and Council members felt that a moratorium on new vape shops would provide time to review new legislation and rework the ordinance.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To bring new business from the Public Works Director to the table.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the Collins Road Storm Drainage Project in the vicinity of 87 Collins Road. Authorization shall include, but not be limited to, the execution of all required Inland Wetlands and Watercourses permits, Floodplain permits, and any and all documents necessary to obtain approvals and construct the project.

9. RESIGNATIONS

Ryan Carrier – Fair Rent Commission
Connie Cohen – Fair Rent Commission
Sean Moore – Fire Commission

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Seymour, it was unanimously voted: To accept the resignations and send letters of thanks to Ryan Carrier and Sean Moore's family.

10. Appointments

a. The following appointments were presented:

Acting Mayor

Susan Tyler – Mayoral Appointment – term to 11/26.

Bristol-Burlington Health District

Thomas O'Brien – Appointment – term to 7/29.

Replaced Robert Wetmore.

Confirming motion by Council Member Dickau.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Fair Rent Commission

Deborah Schur – Appointment representing "Landlords" – term to 5/29.

Replaced Ryan Carrier.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Board of Finance

Marie O'Brien – Reappointment – term to 6/30.

Confirming motion by Council Member Dickau.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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Parking Authority

Eric Bonaiuto – Appointment – term to 4/28.
Replaced Jason Broyles.
Confirming motion by Council Member Dickau.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Planning Commission

Tracey Bacchus – Reappointment – term to 7/31.
Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Liza Salgado-Sirko – Reappointment – term to 7/29.
Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Alfred Radke – Reappointment – term to 7/29.
Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Rory Ghio – Reappointment – term to 7/29.
Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
Motion passed in voice vote.

David Pecevich – Reappointment – term to 7/29.
Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Zoning Commission

Peter Caruso – Reappointment as alternate member – term to 6/29
Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
Motion passed in voice vote.

11. CONTRACTS

a. Contract 2P26-066 Inspection Services for Shrub Road Sidewalks Project

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P26-066 Inspection Services for Shrub Road Sidewalks Project to Wengell, McDonnell & Costello Inc. in the amount of \$226,494.73, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

b. Contract 2P26-075 Leasing of Computer Equipment to First American Commercial Bancorp Inc. dba First American Equipment Finance

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes.

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On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P26-075 Leasing of Computer Equipment to First American Commercial Bancorp Inc. dba First American Equipment Finance and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

c. Contract 2P26-073 Concessions Services at Rockwell Theater

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Haynes.

On motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P26-073 Concessions Services at Rockwell Theater to Legacy Hospitality and Entertainment Group, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract amendment.

12. This item was taken up just before Public Participation item #3.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:29 p.m., on motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____
Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk