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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:15 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Lusitani, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR CRAIG YARDE WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

Mayor Caggiano requested a Moment of Reflection for Craig Yarde who recently passed away.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2022.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on January 11, 2022.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Anthony D'Amato, 1960 Perkins Street stated that the purchase of land by Wheeler Clinic was an important project for Bristol and a keystone in downtown development.

Sandra Bogdanski, 235 Fern Hill Road expressed her support of the Wheeler Clinic project. She noted it was important to provide accessibility to mental health services.

Lisa Limeburner, 32 Lawson Street commented that the downtown parcel was an acceptable location for Wheeler Clinic to provide outpatient mental treatment.

Sabrina Trocchi, President/CEO Wheeler Clinic, 10 North Main Street explained that Wheeler Clinic provided services to local residents, particularly mental health services which increased during the pandemic. The Clinic looked at ten different sites, but none offered the flexibility to integrate the health center and headquarters. Wheeler Health revised their project by reducing the size and parking around the building and shifting the building to free up part of a parcel for potential commercial development and green space.

Ken Rasmussen-Tuller, 75 Sturbridge Court stated it was not often that multi-million dollar businesses relocated their headquarters to Bristol. Considerable work was already done on this Wheeler Clinic project in Centre Square and they were willing to pay \$600,000 for the parcel. It would bring needed foot traffic to downtown which benefit local businesses.

Scott Rosado, 472 Stafford Avenue noted that the Wheeler Clinic development was the right fit and would change the look of downtown.

Jonathan Lukasiewicz, 290 Perkins Street commented there was a mental health crisis in the country, as well as Bristol. The Wheeler Clinic project would provide accessibility to mental health services for residents.

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Freddy Sinchi, 260 Queen Street noted that downtown Bristol would only have hospitals and health services, if the Wheeler Clinic project was approved. He noted that parking in downtown would be impacted since the Clinic would utilize many downtown parking spaces.

Cynthia Bombard, President/CEO of the Central CT Chambers stated Wheeler Clinic chose Bristol to relocate their headquarters. They were an outstanding business organization that serves not only Bristol residents, but regional citizens. The project would bring hundreds of employees into downtown and create foot traffic for local businesses.

Mayor Caggiano read a letter from David Haberfeld that emphasized the importance of the City realizing tax revenue from the downtown land when the City had the ability to make that choice.

Laura Carter noted the Wheeler Clinic development could add shade trees to provide privacy for patients and make the downtown area more attractive. She also commented about the Board of Education resolution regarding mask mandates and the burning of biomedical waste by Covanta, including monitoring emissions.

4. PURCHASE OF 1.35-ACRE PROPERTY ON HOPE STREET AND CENTER SQUARE KNOWN AS PARCEL 4 AND PORTION OF PARCEL 3 BY WHEELER HEALTH FOR \$600,000, APPROVED.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table an item regarding a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Wheeler Health.

Communication from the Executive Director of Economic and Community Development regarding a Centre Square Purchase and Sale Agreement with Wheeler Health.

Council Member Howe stated he performed considerable research since this item was last voted on. Centre Square appeared to be the best fit for the Wheeler Clinic project and was more in line with the long term development goals of the City.

Council Member Olsen noted she believed in the services that Wheeler Clinic provided and the professionals that make it their life's work for those in need. She further stated she was elected to represent all the residents in District 2, not just a few so she would not change her vote from December.

Council Member Tyler stated her vote in December was based on factors including her professional knowledge and experience, conversations with residents and business owners from downtown and outside downtown, consultations with other real estate professionals, discussion with regulatory departments, and reviews of the Centre Square master plan. She noted the City should not be in the real estate business and the process was flawed. A common thought was the City should jump at the first viable suitor. The City had not taken advantage of the current strong real estate market or used the proper real estate professionals and marketing options. Although the changes and improvements made to the original Wheeler plan were a better fit, it was still not the best use and fit for Centre Square.

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Council Member Thibeault stated her December 14 decision was based on the location, what was best for the City, the economic growth of the City, and what was best for Wheeler. She did exhaustive research and discussions and there were a few facts she learned after her previous vote. She noted in order to satisfy the covenant of a grant Wheeler was awarded to purchase the property, the facility had to be constructed in a socio-economic grid with accessibility for their clients and searching for alternative sites was not within the time constraints that Wheeler faced. Recent changes to the plan by Wheeler would allow dining or other development in Centre Square and moved the green.

Council Member Lusitani indicated an entertainment destination was more appropriate and stated Bristol residents wanted more than another medical building on Centre Square. She stated the site plans changed since December which would now allow a 35,000 square foot building that is family or community oriented.

Council Member Panioto noted he was in favor of the Wheeler project, but parking would be a future issue in downtown.

Mayor Caggiano stated he discussed searching for alternative sites or going back to the drawing board with Wheeler. Since December Wheeler made significant changes to their plan and made a commitment to shared parking.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Wheeler Health for the purchase and development of an approximately 1.35-acre property known as “Parcel 4” and a portion of “Parcel 3” as shown on the map *Concept Plan – Hope Street Subdivision, February 2, 2022* for the purchase price of \$600,000. It was also voted to refer this matter to the Corporation Counsel for review.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Howe	Council Member Olsen	
“ ” Lusitani	Council Member Tyler	
“ ” Panioto		
“ ” Thibeault		
Mayor Caggiano		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 5; NO – 2; ABSTAIN – 0.

5. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL AND CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY ON ROOFTOP OF SENIOR CENTER/BEALS CENTER AT 240 STAFFORD AVENUE.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table an item regarding a Letter of Intent between the City of Bristol and Connecticut Green Bank regarding a solar photovoltaic array on the rooftop of Senior Center/Beals Center.

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Communication from the Facilities and Energy Manager regarding a Letter of Intent between the City of Bristol and Connecticut Green Bank.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve a Letter of Intent between the City of Bristol and the Connecticut Green Bank regarding a solar photovoltaic array on the rooftop of the Senior Center/Beals Center at 240 Stafford Avenue. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the Letter of Intent.

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To remove from the Consent Calendar for discussion the item regarding the \$2,560 disbursement gift from the Hap Barnes Fire Safety Trailer Fund.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt nine matters as part of the Consent Calendar.

7. MOTOR VEHICLE AND REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$48,998.94, APPROVED.

Request presented from the Tax Collector.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$34,912.95
Real Estate	<u>14,085.99</u>
Total	\$48,998.94

8. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$37,000 WITH CONNECTICUT URBAN FOREST COUNCIL TO REMOVE BLIGHTED TENNIS COURTS ON MEMORIAL BOULEVARD AND REPLACE WITH URBAN GARDEN.

Communication presented from the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services regarding a request to submit an application for up to \$37,000 for a Connecticut Urban Forest Council grant to remove blighted tennis courts on Memorial Boulevard and replace them with an urban garden.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for \$37,000 to the CT Urban Forest Council with an in-kind matching component to remove blighted tennis courts on Memorial Boulevard and replace them with an urban garden and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate said grant.

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9. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$5,000 TO AMPLIFY, INC. TO SUPPORT LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL - B.E.S.T. WITH OPIOID PREVENTION EFFORTS IN BRISTOL.

Communication presented from the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services regarding a request to submit an application for a \$5,000 grant to support the local prevention council – B.E.S.T. – with opioid prevention efforts.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a State Opioid Response grant application for \$5,000 to Amplify, Inc. to support the local prevention council – B.E.S.T. – with opioid prevention efforts in Bristol and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate said grant.

10. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$5,000 TO UNITED WAY OF WEST CENTRAL CONNECTICUT TO FUND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

Communication presented from the Chief of Police regarding submission of a \$5,000 grant application to fund youth engagement programs.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for \$5,000 to the United Way of West Central Connecticut to fund youth engagement programs by the Police Department and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor, Police Chief or Deputy Chief to execute any necessary documents to effectuate said grant.

11. CONTRACT FOR PERMANENT PATCHING OF UTILITY TRENCHES IN CITY STREETS WITH LAYDON INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR \$126,700, APPROVED.

Communication from the Purchasing Agent regarding a Contract for permanent patching of utility trenches in city streets.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2022-055 Permanent Patching of Utility Trenches in City Streets to Laydon Industries, LLC in the amount of \$126,700 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

12. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO MAIN STREET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR UP TO \$2,460 TO ESTABLISH A POLICE THERAPY DOG PROGRAM.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding a request to submit a grant application of up to \$2,460 to establish a Police Therapy Dog program.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for \$2,460 to the Main Street Community Foundation to establish a Police Therapy Dog program, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

13. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL AND TOWN OF PLYMOUTH FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES, APPROVED.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel regarding approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bristol and Town of Plymouth for building inspection services.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bristol and the Town of Plymouth for building inspection services and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

14. APPROVAL OF BILLER AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT OF WORK BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL AND INVOICE CLOUD, INC.

Communication from the Deputy Treasurer regarding approval of the Biller Agreement and Statement of Work between the City of Bristol and Invoice Cloud, Inc. at a cost of approximately \$100/month.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Biller Agreement and Statement of Work at a cost of approximately \$100/month between the City of Bristol and Invoice Cloud, Inc. and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

15. NEW HIRE REPORT FOR JANUARY, PLACED ON FILE.

Communication presented from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of January, 2022.

16. WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM REGARDING DISBURSEMENT GIFT OF \$2,560 FROM HAP BARNES FIRE SAFETY TRAILER FUND.

Council Member Panioto stated this item was withdrawn from the agenda. No action was taken on the item.

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17. AMENDMENTS TO BRISTOL CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 16-3, TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED IN CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES, ADOPTED.

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend and adopt the Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 16-3, Tobacco products prohibited in city parks and recreational properties. It will be effective upon the expiration of fourteen days of its newspaper publication, and reads as follows –

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

Sec. 16-3. Tobacco products prohibited in city parks and recreational properties.

It shall be prohibited, at all times, for an individual to smoke and/or use any tobacco or cannabis product in any form while at a city park or recreational property.

(Ord. of 2-11-20)

18. AMENDMENTS TO BRISTOL CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 16-7 PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PRODUCTS PROHIBITED IN CITY PARKS, ADOPTED.

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend and adopt the Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 16-7 pertaining to definitions for products prohibited in city parks. It will be effective upon the expiration of fourteen days of its newspaper publication, and reads as follows –

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

Sec. 16-7. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

Enforcement. All law enforcement officers of the City of Bristol.

Park or recreational property. Property owned or operated by the City of Bristol and used in connection with recreational programs or purposes, including, but not limited to, sports or athletic fields and facilities, parks, pocket parks, parking lots, pools, playgrounds, bike or walking paths, dog parks, bleachers, gardens, passive recreation areas, tennis courts, trails and other areas where people may assemble for recreational purposes, and any community, recreation or building located on park or recreation property.

Tobacco product. The use of any substance containing tobacco or any tobacco product in all of its forms, including, but not limited to, a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or similar device, such as all electronic cigarettes (e-cig, e-hookah, vape pen, electronic nicotine delivery system), as well as chew tobacco, snus and snuff, as well as any product of formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold or offered for sale or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the

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product or matter will be introduced into the human body but does not include any product specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

“Cannabis” means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240 of the CT General Statutes;

“Cannabis product” means cannabis that is in the form of cannabis concentrate or a product that contains cannabis, which may be combined with other ingredients, and is intended for use or consumption.

(Ord. of 2-11-20)

19. RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations were presented:

Kevin Fuller, Board of Police Commissioners.

Orlando Calfe, Retirement Board.

Kimberly Ploszaj, Bristol Burlington Health District.

Dante Tagariello, Charter Revision Commission.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To send letters of thanks.

20. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were presented:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) TASK FORCE

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To rescind the appointment of Jay Maia from the December 14, 2021 City Council meeting.

Mark Peterson – Appointment.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

CITY ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Walter Lewandoski – Appointment – term to 6/24.

Replaced Lindsay Vigue.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

DIVERSITY COUNCIL

David Rackliffe – Appointment.

Replaced Daniel Mina.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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Kelly Pacheco-Houston – Appointment.
Replaced Kelley Browning.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Derek Jones – Appointment.
Replaced William Stortz.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Jaymie Bianca – Appointment.
Replaced Leah Burnett.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

ESSER/ARP BUILDING COMMITTEE

Jolene Lusitani – Appointment.
Mayor's appointment – No confirming motion required.

BRISTOL BURLINGTON HEALTH DISTRICT

James Moylan – Appointment – term to 7/24.
Replaced Kimberly Ploszaj.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Karen Stevens – Reappointment – term to 1/27.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Tony Lorenzetti – Appointment as alternate member – term to 7/25.
Replaced Jeffrey Hayden.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Scott Rosado – Appointment – term to 12/22.
Replaced Kevin Fuller.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

David Hartley – Appointment – term to 2/25.
Replaced Donald Padlo.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

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RETIREMENT BOARD

David Maikowski – Appointment – term to 2/25.
Replaced Orlando Calfe.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

ZONING COMMISSION

Rich Goodwin – Appointment as alternate member – term to 6/23.
Replaced Blake Dellabianca.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

John Lafreniere – Appointment.
Replaced Dante Tagariello.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Andrew Howe – Appointment.
Replaced Jacqueline Olsen, as Council Member.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

21. CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH QUISENBERRY ARCARI MALIK, LLC FOR \$222,660, APPROVED.

Recommendation from the Northeast Middle School Project Committee regarding the Contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services Relative to Construction of a new Northeast Middle School.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P22-051B Professional Architectural/Engineering Services Relative to Construction of a new Northeast Middle School to Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC in the amount of \$222,660 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said Contract.

22. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO D'AMATO DOWNES, A JOINT VENTURE TOTALING \$41,790.54 FOR MEMORIAL BOULEVARD INTRADISTRICT ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL.

Recommendation from the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Building Committee regarding change orders.

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On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D'Amato Downes, a Joint Venture, totaling \$41,790.54 as recommended by the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Committee.

23. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO D'AMATO DOWNES, A JOINT VENTURE TOTALING \$94,727.66 FOR MEMORIAL BOULEVARD INTRADISTRICT ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL.

Recommendation from the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Building Committee regarding change orders.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D'Amato Downes, a Joint Venture, totaling \$94,727.66 as recommended by the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Committee.

24. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO D'AMATO DOWNES, A JOINT VENTURE TOTALING \$3,358.23 FOR MEMORIAL BOULEVARD INTRADISTRICT ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL.

Recommendation from the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Building Committee regarding change orders.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D'Amato Downes, a Joint Venture, totaling (\$3,358.23) as recommended by the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Committee.

25. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL AND LOCALITY MEDIA, INC. FOR BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS FIRST DUE SIZE-UP FOR \$19,950 PLUS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, APPROVED.

Communication from the Fire Chief regarding an agreement for Services by and between the City of Bristol and Locality Media, Inc.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Agreement for Services by and between the City of Bristol and Locality Media, Inc. for the Bristol Fire Department to access First Due Size-Up for \$19,950 plus an annual subscription. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Bristol.

26. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO CT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR HISTORIC RESTORATION FUND GRANT.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding a request to submit an application for funds to the CT State Historic Preservation Office for a Historic Restoration Fund Grant.

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On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for funds to the CT State Historic Preservation Office for a Historic Restoration Fund Grant, 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.

27. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL AND NEW COLONY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR LAND BANKING SERVICES AT 273 RIVERSIDE AVENUE KNOWN AS SESSIONS BUILDING.

Communication from the Executive Director of Economic and Community Development regarding land banking services at 273 Riverside Avenue known as the Sessions Building.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve a Contract amendment between the City of Bristol and New Colony Development Corporation for land banking services at 273 Riverside Avenue known as the Sessions building and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign the Contract amendment.

28. RESOLUTION REGARDING ENDORSEMENT BY BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL TO RESCIND EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY CREATED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHICH OVERRIDES LOCAL CONTROL, ADOPTED.

Communication from the Executive Director of the Department of Aging regarding the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Pilot Program for senior citizens.

Mayor Caggiano stated that on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 he rescinded the proclamation dated March 19, 2020 for a state of emergency in Bristol regarding the COVID pandemic.

Council Member Lusitani moved and it was seconded: That the following Resolution be adopted and to waive the reading of the Resolution, but to incorporate it as part of the minutes –

Whereas the State of Connecticut has been operating under a State of Public Health Emergency declared by Governor Lamont for nearly two full years; and

Whereas our local government has been restricted in making policy for our town and our school system by the actions of Governor Lamont and state government agencies under his control, including but not limited to the State Department of Public Health, and the State Department of Education; and

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Whereas state government and the Governor of the State of Connecticut are poised in the next several weeks to adopt legislation extending the authority of the governor unilaterally to override the proper power of local government; and

Whereas there is no current emergency which prevents or prohibits state or local government from meeting to make policy for their constituencies; and

Whereas the people of Bristol have spoken and expect the City Council to act on their behalf, to defend their constitutional freedoms and to set policies for our town

Now therefore be it resolved that the Bristol City Council, in regular session assembled, calls upon the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut General Assembly to rescind any executive authority, created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which overrides the proper local control of the government of the city of Bristol.

A roll call vote was taken.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Howe			
“ ” Lusitani			
“ ” Olsen			
“ ” Panioto			
“ ” Thibeault			
“ ” Tyler			
Mayor Caggiano			

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: *YES – 7; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.*

29. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:52 p.m., on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____
Therese Pac
Town & City Clerk