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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:06 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Lusitani, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR UKRAINIANS AND WAR IN UKRAINE.

Mayor Caggiano requested a Moment of Reflection for the Ukrainians and the war in Ukraine.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on February 8, 2022.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Mike Petosa, President of the Greater Bristol Labor Federation - AFLCIO, 61 East Main Street spoke about the rescission of the project labor agreement by the City Council on December 14, 2021 for City Hall renovations.

Dave Roche, 657 Stevens Street commented on project labor agreements. He noted that union projects provide an opportunity to employ local residents.

Joseph Toner, Executive Director of CT State Building Trades Council, 11 Old Mill Road, Quaker Hill expressed concern about the termination of a project labor agreement by the City Council.

Gary Fiorillo, 200 Lake Avenue stated he was anticipating a job as a union member at the Boulevard.

Mark Davidson, 134 Merigold Drive, New Britain stated he disagreed with the decision by the City to rescind the project labor agreement.

Jeremy Figella, member of Local 15 Iron Workers union, 186 Peck Lane noted there was no union work in Connecticut. He spends hours driving to jobs all over New England.

Rubelise Acosta, iron worker apprentice with Local 15, 5 Lincoln Avenue stated she works about an hour away. It would be useful to work in the same town that she lives in.

Randy Blanchette, 32 Putnam Street questioned whether the rescission of the project labor agreement could be reversed.

Tomas Cruz, iron worker, 60 Atkins Avenue noted that it would be good to earn money and spend it in the community he lives in.

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John Bellemare, 36 Hill Street, President of IBEW Local 90 commented that a project labor agreement was a tool that could help the City of Bristol.

Thomas Berrill, 498 East Road spoke regarding the coalition for the preservation of marriage and innocence and requested the City change their flag policy. He requested the City allow the coalition to fly their flag.

Maggie Wernicki, 87 Great Pine Path, Southington board member of Veterans Strong Community Center explained the history of Patriots Day. She announced the 3rd annual Patriots Day ceremony scheduled for April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manross Public Library.

4. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

5. MOTOR VEHICLE, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$98,216.17, APPROVED.

Request presented from the Tax Collector.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$ 6,403.02
Real Estate	90,672.04
Personal Property	<u>1,141.11</u>
Total	\$98,216.17

6. NEW HIRE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, PLACED ON FILE.

Communication presented from the Human Resources Department.

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

7. AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO EXECUTE STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND FISCAL YEAR 2023 CERTIFICATION.

Communication presented from the Deputy Treasurer regarding a State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund Fiscal Year 2023 Certification.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund Fiscal Year 2023 Certification, per Public Act 21-2, JSS Sec. 63.

8. PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY REVISION ALONG 111 NORTH MAIN STREET REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §8-24.

Communication presented from the Director of Public Works regarding referral of a proposed right of way to the Planning Commission.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer the proposed right of way revision along 111 North Main Street to the Planning Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §8-24. Said right of way revision shall be in accordance with the map entitled “Boundary – Right of Way Survey prepared for The City of Bristol Revised right of Way for Main Street 111 North Main Street dated August 2021.”

9. CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CULINARY ARTS FACILITIES AT BRISTOL CENTRAL AND BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOLS WITH DRUMMEY ROSANE ANDERSON, INC. FOR \$92,500, APPROVED.

Communication from the Board of Education regarding a Contract for Culinary Arts Facilities at Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern High Schools.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P22-059 Development of Culinary Arts Facilities at Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern High Schools to Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. in the amount of \$92,500 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

10. CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT CASEY FIELD AND E.G. STOCK PLAYGROUND WITH LAN ASSOCIATES FOR \$109,000, APPROVED.

Communication from the Purchasing Agent regarding a Contract for Design of Renovations and Improvements at Casey Field and E.G. Stock Playground.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P22-061 Design of Renovations and Improvements at Casey Field and E.G. Stock Playground to LAN Associates in the amount of \$109,000 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

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11. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH STATE OF CONNECTICUT LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD STREET BRIDGE NEAR 90 FIELD STREET.

Communication presented from the City Engineer regarding authorization for the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute documents associated with the State of Connecticut Local Bridge Program for the Field Street Bridge near 90 Field Street.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign any and all documents associated with the State of Connecticut funded Local Bridge Program and associated permitting for the construction of the Field Street Bridge #017041 near 90 Field Street.

12. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12, 2022 FOR PARCELS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 CENTRE SQUARE.

Communication from the Assistant Corporation Counsel Steeg regarding a Public Hearing for the sale of Parcels 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Centre Square.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To schedule a City Council Public Hearing on April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-163e on the sale of Parcels 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Centre Square.

13. PARCELS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 CENTRE SQUARE, MEADOW STREET AND KELLEY STREET PARKING GARAGE, AND 111 NORTH MAIN STREET CITY HALL RENOVATIONS REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §8-24 REPORTS.

Communication from the Assistant Corporation Counsel Steeg regarding referrals to the Planning Commission for Connecticut General Statutes §8-24 Reports.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Planning Commission for a Connecticut General Statutes §8-24 Report regarding the sale of certain parcels of land known as Parcels 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Centre Square.

It was also voted to refer the following City owned properties to the Planning Commission for a Connecticut General Statutes §8-24 Report for the purpose of substantially improving the following properties:

Corner of Meadow Street and Kelley Street (Parking Garage)
111 North Main Street (City Hall Renovations)

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14. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5, 2022 REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BRISTOL CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 7-18 PERTAINING TO FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table a proposed amendment to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 7-18.

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Bristol Main Library, 5 High Street, Bristol, Connecticut on proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 7-18 pertaining to fire prevention and protection and to waive the reading of the proposed amendments, but to include them as part of the minutes. The ordinance reads as follows:

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

Sec. 7-18.

(a) The City of Bristol Fire Department shall provide a system for receiving, reviewing and maintaining records of inspections, testing and maintenance, including but not necessarily limited to any fire protection and life safety system installed and/or required by the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and Connecticut Fire Prevention Code with respect to properties within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Bristol, in accordance with the applicable requirements of such Codes and the Records Retention Schedules of the State Records Administrator.

(b) The Fire Chief and/or the Fire Marshal shall have the authority to mandate the method in which contractors who perform required inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire and life safety systems submit reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department.

(c) Effective as soon as practicable, any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems within the City of Bristol shall be required to electronically submit all compliant and non-compliant reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department via a method approved by the Fire Chief and/or the Fire Marshal unless otherwise permitted by the Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshal for good cause.

(d) Effective as soon as practicable, any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems within the City of Bristol shall be required to electronically submit all compliant and non-compliant reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department via "the Compliance Engine Solution" system operated by the Third-Party Provider in accordance with the requirements of the City of Bristol Fire Department and the Third-Party Provider, unless otherwise permitted by the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal for good cause.

(e) The Third-Party Provider may charge a fee to any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems within the City of Bristol. Any such fee charged by the Third-Party Provider shall be paid

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directly to the Third-Party Provider at the time of filing any and all required reports. Any such fee shall be in addition to any other fee charged by the Office of the Fire Marshal. Fees charged by the City of Bristol, Office of the Fire Marshal shall be paid directly to the Fire Marshal.

**15. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE
POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF LOT #16 CHURCH AVENUE WITH BD
CHURCH, LLC.**

Communication presented from the Fire Chief regarding the purchase of Lot #16 Church Avenue with the intent to build a new fire station.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to negotiate a potential purchase of Lot #16 Church Avenue with BD Church, LLC.

**16. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL
AND TOWN OF WOLCOTT FOR SHARING OF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SERVICES FOR INSPECTIONS.**

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bristol and the Town of Wolcott.

Communication presented regarding an agreement for the sharing of building official services for inspections through December 31, 2022.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bristol and the Town of Wolcott for the sharing of building official services for inspections through December 31, 2022 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign the Memorandum and any necessary documents.

17. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were presented:

COMMISSION ON AGING

Dolores Ricker – Reappointment – term to 3/25.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Sheila Herens – Reappointment – term to 3/25.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

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CITY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Michael Saman, Jr. – Reappointment – term to 3/25.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Nicole Laporte – Reappointment – term to 3/25.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

ESSER/ARP BUILDING COMMITTEE

John Smith – Appointment.

Board of Finance member – No confirming motion required.

Dante Tagariello – Appointment.

Board of Education member – No confirming motion required.

Melanie Vetrano, Education professional member – Appointment.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

John Freimuth, Professional community member – Appointment.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Robert Parenti, Professional community member – Appointment.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Roman Czuchta, Citizen taxpayer of district as a whole member – Appointment.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Amy Cutter – Citizen taxpayer of school area member – Appointment.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

18. RESOLUTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL READINESS GRANT PROGRAM/QUALITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT FROM OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, ADOPTED.

Communication from the School Readiness Grant Manager regarding the School Readiness Grant Program/Quality Enhancement Grant from the Office of Early Childhood.

Council Member Howe moved and it was seconded: That the following Resolution be adopted –

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, that the Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, or Acting Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relating to the application/funding/grant for the School Readiness Grant Program /Quality Enhancement Grant from the Office of

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Early Childhood for the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (1st year of grant), including but not limited to any amendments to said application and any fiscal funding/grant documents and any and all agreements and any amendments thereto with local service providers to implement grant.

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.*

**19. RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION TO CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL BOULEVARD
BRIDGE OVER PEQUABUCK RIVER, ADOPTED.**

Communication presented from the Public Works Director regarding an application to replace the Memorial Boulevard Bridge over the Pequabuck River No. 04105.

Council Member Thibeault moved and it was seconded: That the following Resolution be adopted –

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut that the Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, or Acting Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign the Local Bridge Program Supplemental Application and any associated agreements between the State of Connecticut and the City of Bristol for the Memorial Boulevard Bridge over the Pequabuck River, Bridge No. 04105.

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.*

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20. COUNCIL REDISTRICTING MAPS REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND CREATION OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES.

Communication from the Registrar of Voters regarding referring the Council Redistricting Maps to the Ordinance Committee for review.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer the Council Redistricting Maps to the Ordinance Committee for review and creation of amendments to the ordinances.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS REGARDING MATTER OF VINCENT ROSA VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, CLAIM NO. 7074312 AND CRAIG ZDUN VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC7074552.

At 8:22 p.m. on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Sessions regarding the matters of Vincent Rosa vs. City of Bristol, Claim No. 7074312 and Craig Zdun vs. City of Bristol, WCC7074552.

Present to review the matter of Vincent Rosa vs. City of Bristol, Claim No. 7074312: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Lusitani, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Lacey, and Steeg; and Attorney Eric Bartlett.

Present to review the matter of Craig Zdun vs. City of Bristol, WCC-7074552: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Lusitani, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Lacey, and Steeg; and Attorney Eric Bartlett.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 8:34 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

22. APPROVAL OF INDEMNITY ONLY SETTLEMENT IN MATTER OF VINCENT ROSA VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, CLAIM NO. 7074312.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: That that the City of Bristol enter into an indemnity only settlement in the matter of Vincent Rosa vs. City of Bristol for any and all workers' compensation claims for the total amount of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000.00) Dollars. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel to execute the indemnity only settlement.

The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to, the following:

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March 12, 1993	August 25, 1994	December 7, 1994
March 30, 1995	August 8, 1995	September 14, 1995
May 7, 1996	June 14, 1996	July 23, 1996
October 28, 1996	February 5, 1997	April 14, 1997
July 22, 1998	June 15, 1999	July 13, 1999
October 28, 1999	November 5, 2002	April 4, 2003
July 20, 2004	November 2, 2004	June 15, 2006
June 6, 2007	November 6, 2008	August 17, 2009
July 26, 2010	July 27, 2010	November 19, 2010
January 15, 2013	June 3, 2011	September 1, 2011
June 22, 2012	May 16, 2019	

23. APPROVAL OF FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT IN MATTER OF CRAIG ZDUN VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC-7074552.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: That that the City of Bristol enter into a Full and Final Settlement in the matter of Craig Zdun vs. City of Bristol for any and all workers' compensation claims for the total amount of Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel to execute the Full and Final Settlement.

The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to, the following:

September 30, 2004	January 3, 2005	June 10, 2005
October 13, 2006	January 11, 2007	April 21, 2007
October 9, 2007	November 10, 2008	March 28, 2009
September 1, 2010	December 26, 2014	October 8, 2015
December 4, 2019		

24. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:39 p.m., on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

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Town & City Clerk