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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Caggiano congratulated the UConn Huskies and Bristol native Donovan Clingan on their NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Tournament championship.

A moment of silence was held for Al Sonier.

Mayor Caggiano presented a proclamation for National Library Week 2024 to Scott Stanton, Assistant Director/Program Director of the Bristol Public Library.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

a. On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on March 12, 2024 as corrected.

b. On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the special City Council meeting held on April 4, 2024.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report For March 2024

Communication received 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 March, 2024.

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b. Tax Refunds In the Amount of \$17,198.35

Request presented from Tax Collector Bednaz.

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	\$ 4,240.29
Personal Property	323.81
Real Estate	+ <u>12,634.25</u>
Total	\$ 17,198.35

c. School Readiness Grant to Provide Subsidized Preschool

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Donna Osuch.

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 any and all necessary documents related to the application, funding, and grant for the School Readiness Continuation Grant Application from the CT Office of Early Childhood for the period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

d. Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Program

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve submission of a grant application to the Demand Responsive program under the auspices of NVCOG, 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.

e. ARPA Funds for Senior Centers

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve submission of an application to the CT Department of Aging and Disability Services for an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds in accordance with Public Act 22-146, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents associated with the allocation of such funding, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

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f. Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Communication received from Town Clerk.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve submission of a grant application for up to \$7,500 to the Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program, 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.

g. Positive Referral from Planning Commission for Memorial Boulevard/Wozenski Way

Communication received from City Planner Flanagan.

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 Planning Commission's positive referral for the proposed municipal improvements to Memorial Boulevard/Wozenski Way as outlined by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council Member Thibeault gave a brief explanation of the improvements.

h. Law Enforcement Use Attestation Agreement

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Steeg.

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 the Law Enforcement Use Attestation Agreement by and between Callyo, a Motorola Solutions company and the City of Bristol Police Department.

i. Return of Classrooms at Former West Woods School, Now Known as Douglas Beals Community (Senior) Center

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Matney.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept the return of the classrooms numbered 13, 14, 15, 16A, 21, 22, 23, and 24 at the former West Woods School, now known as the Douglas Beals Community (Senior) Center, from the Bristol Board of Education.

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j. Storm Water Control Trust (2023) Annual Report

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

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 Bristol Storm Water Control Trust Annual Report for 2023 prepared on March 20, 2024 (rev. March 27, 2024 on file).

k. Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation Grant for Police Cadet Program

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for \$5,000 to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to this grant, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

l. CT DEEP Urban Forest Equity Grant

Communication received from Deputy Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission by the Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department for a \$200,000 CT DEEP Urban Forest Equity grant for a tree inventory and forest management plan.

m. Emergency Management Performance Grant

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of an application for Emergency Management Performance Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Competitive Pool Funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of renovating and re-equipping the Emergency Operations Center, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the application and any and all documents associated with the application and grant, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

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6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To refer Map 02, Lot 129-2 Violet Drive to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. §8-24 Report, that this matter be referred to Public Works to assess the pond on the lot. It was further moved that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel to prepare and/or review any necessary documents, and that the Mayor, or acting Mayor, be authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

b. Real Estate Committee

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To refer Map 02, Lot 120-9 Candlewood Drive to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. §8-24 Report, that this matter be referred to Public Works to assess the pond and/or wetlands on the lot. It was further moved that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel to prepare and/or review any necessary documents, and that the Mayor, or acting Mayor, be authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

c. Real Estate Committee

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To grant to Forestville American Legion Post 209 the use of City owned property known as 43 East Main Street (Map 41, Lot 8-1, aka the “Lauretti” property) from May 24, 2024 through May 27, 2024 for a staging area for their Memorial Day Parade. It was further moved that the matter be referred to Corporation Counsel’s Office for insurance compliance, and that the Mayor, or acting Mayor, be authorized to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

7. OLD BUSINESS**a. Hope Street Parking Garage Update**

Mayor Caggiano referenced correspondence from Public Works Director Rogozinski to provide an update on the construction of the Hope Street Parking Garage.

b. Carrier and Wheeler project Updates

Mayor Caggiano stated that the Carrier project is on schedule to open in December and Wheeler Health is scheduled to open mid-summer.

c. Fine Fettle Update

Mayor Caggiano provided information from Fine Fettle stating that if all remaining inspections and installations remain on schedule, it will open between the middle and end of June.

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8. NEW BUSINESS – None.

9. RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations were presented:

Dave Preleski – American Rescue Plan Act Task Force. Sec. 2-9

Donna Friday – Bristol Burlington Health District

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To accept the resignations and send letters of thanks.

10. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were presented:

American Rescue Plan Act Task Force

David Preleski – Appointment – no term.

Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.

Motion passed in voice vote.

City Arts and Culture Commission

Walter Lewandoski – Reappointment – term to 4/27.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

April Dews – Reappointment – term to 4/27.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Energy Commission

Thomas Hick – Appointment – term to 4/27.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Bristol Parking Authority

Amy Lowrey – Appointment – 4/27.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Opioid Task Force

Julie Crist – Appointment – no term.

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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11. RETAINER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SAFETY PRIORITY CONSULTANTS LLC

a. Communication received from Fire Department.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To approve the retainer agreement between the City of Bristol Fire Department and Safety Priority Consultants LLC and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Bristol.

Bristol Fire Department Chief Hart provided information about changes to OSHA regulations and how Safety Priority Consultants LLC will help the department meet the new criteria.

12. CONTRACTS

a. Contract 2024-081 Curbing and Sidewalk Repair Program

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2024-081 Curbing and Sidewalk Repair Program to Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc., in the amount of \$188,470.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

b. Contract 2024-082 Permanent Patching of Utility Trenches in City Streets

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2024-082 Permanent Patching of Utility Trenches in City Streets to Laydon Industries, LLC, in the amount of \$152,085.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

c. Contract 2P24-032 Architectural/Engineering Services Relative to Construction of New Animal Control Facility

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P24-032 Architectural/Engineering Services Relative to Construction of New Animal Control Facility to Rauhaus Freedenfield & Associates, LLP in the amount of \$268,584.00, and to refer to the Office of Corporation Counsel for contract review, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

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d. Contract for Vitals Index Add On – Vitals Index Data Conversion

Communication received from Town Clerk.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve contract from Cott Systems, Inc. for Vitals Index Add On - Vitals Index Data Conversion and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract; and to refer to Board of Finance for any necessary action.

e. Contract for Marriage Backfile Services

Communication received from Town Clerk.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To approve contract from Cott Systems, Inc. for Marriage Backfile Services and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract; and to refer to Board of Finance for any necessary action.

f. Contract 2C24-088 Boiler Replacement at E.P. Hubbell School

Communication received from Board of Education Operations and Facilities Manager.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract# 2C24-088 Boiler Replacement at E.P. Hubbell School to Modern Mechanical Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$434,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

g. Contract 2C24-089 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at E.P. Hubbell School

Communication received from Board of Education Operations and Facilities Manager.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract# 2C24-089 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at E.P. Hubbell School to L. Holzner Electric Company, in the amount of \$277,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

There was a brief discussion about the cause of the cost difference for fire alarm panel replacement in the schools.

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h. Contract 2C24-090 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Bristol Central High School

Communication received from Board of Education Operations and Facilities Manager.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract# 2C24-090 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Bristol Central High School to Banton Construction Company, in the amount of \$698,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

i. Contract 2C24-091 Boiler Replacement at Bristol Eastern High School

Communication received from Board of Education Operations and Facilities Manager.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract# 2C24-091 Boiler Replacement at Bristol Eastern High School to Air Temp Mechanical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$599,600.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

j. Contract 2C24-092 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Bristol Eastern High School

Communication received from Board of Education Operations and Facilities Manager.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract# 2C24-092 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Bristol Eastern High School to L. Holzner Electric Company, in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

k. Contract 2C24-095 Boiler Replacement at Chippens Middle School

Communication received from Board of Education Operations and Facilities Manager.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract# 2C24-095 Boiler Replacement at Chippens Hill Middle School to Crest Mechanical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$369,365.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

13. RESOLUTION – RTE. 72 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the Resolution.

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On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To approve the City application for a \$ 6,850,000 grant from the CT Department of Economic and Community Development for the Rte. 72 Corridor Improvement Project.

The Resolution reads as follows –

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 32-285a, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development project; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Bristol make an application to the State for \$6,850,000.00 in order to undertake the Rte. 72 Corridor Improvement Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Bristol:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statutes Section 32-285a.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by The City of Bristol in an amount not to exceed \$6,850,000.00 is hereby approved and that Mayor Caggiano is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of The City of Bristol.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

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14. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY ON MATTER OF DARYL RONALTER VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC FILE #: 7074322

At 7:59 p.m., on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Session to discuss Daryl Ronalter v. City of Bristol, WCC File #: 7074322.

Present to discuss the matter of Daryl Ronalter vs. City of Bristol: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Matney; and outside counsel Nicole A. Fluckiger of McGann, Bartlett, & Brown Law.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 8:09 p.m., on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a full and final settlement in the matter of Daryl Ronalter v. City of Bristol, WCC File #: 7074322 for any and all workers' compensation claims filed by Daryl Ronalter for the total amount of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) Dollars. The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to the following:

May 29, 1991	March 12, 2002	November 3, 2008
March 5, 1992	July 9, 2002	October 23, 2009
April 20, 1992	February 10, 2003	July 14, 2010
June 4, 1992	November 17, 2003	July 26, 2010
August 26, 1992	February 19, 2004	July 29, 2010
December 10, 1992	May 24, 2004	August 28, 2011
August 3, 1993	October 18, 2005	November 25, 2011
June 27, 1995	October 24, 2005	November 20, 2013
May 12, 1997	October 10, 2006	April 25, 2014
April 6, 1998	November 11, 2006	November 12, 2014
May 26, 1998	March 5, 2007	November 20, 2014
March 29, 1999	March 6, 2007	December 9, 2014
April 16, 1999	May 31, 2007	July 11, 2016
January 30, 2001	November 2, 2007	September 30, 2016
August 27, 2001	June 5, 2008	October 11, 2017
	August 20, 2008	January 22, 2019
		June 2, 2020
		June 22, 2020
		February 24, 2021

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It was further voted that the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel be authorized to execute the Full and Final Settlement.

15. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m., on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk