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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:09 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler. Present by videoconference: Council Member Olsen.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Caggiano presented members of the AIDS/HIV Task Force with the All Heart Award. Recipients were: Tina Tanguay, Valerie Ingram, Delita Rose-Daniels, Patricia Checko, David Ryan, Phyllis DelMastro, Aisha Hamid, Alice Ferguson, Laura Minor, Hedy Kelley, and Marge Rivera.

Police Chief Brian Gould announced his retirement. Mayor Caggiano presented Chief Gould with a Key to the City.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on February 13, 2024.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Allaire, 228 Lazy Lane, Southington – Stated that the buzzing and humming from Covanta interfere with her sleep. She requested that something be done about it.

Ellen Slipski, 80 Melcon Drive, Southington – Posed questions related to Covanta: Was the person who did the testing certified? Why not impose a timeline on Covanta to remediate the noise? Who monitors them and how often?

Kimberly Grabowski, 47 BelAire Drive, Plainville – Stated that the noise from Covanta has gotten worst this past year. It interferes with sleep.

Christina Stafford, 32 Hemingway Street, Plainville – Echoed the sentiments of those that spoke before her and asked that something be done about Covanta.

Marco Palmeri, Director of the Bristol Burlington Health District – Explained that there is an ongoing investigation of the noise coming from Covanta and investigations take time. He assured the audience that expert consultants and scientists are being consulted and they are doing their due diligence in investigating the noise frequencies.

Mike Erosenko, 40 Palmorr Place, Bristol – Stated that former Mayor Ken Cockayne posted distasteful memes and promoted hate on his Facebook page during Black History Month. Mr. Erosenko requested that the Council vote to remove Mr. Cockayne's photograph from the wall of Council Chambers.

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report For February 2024

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of February, 2024.

b. Tax Refunds In the Amount of \$31,294.90

Request presented from Deputy Tax Collector Cole.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$ 10,675.31
Personal Property	348.57
Real Estate	+ <u>20,271.02</u>
Total	\$ 31,294.90

c. Referral to Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 Report

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

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer Map 30, Lot 115 and Map 30A, Lot 18 Memorial Boulevard to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 Report at the request of the Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services Department for the Memorial Boulevard ARPA Improvement Project.

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d. Pointman Embedded Safety Solutions Agreement

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the agreement between the City of Bristol and Pointman Safety Consulting, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Bristol.

e. Authorization to Submit Abandoned Brownfield Cleanup Program Application for 273 Riverside Avenue

Communication received from Economic and Community Development Director Malley.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To allow the Economic and Community Development Director to sign any and all documents associated with the Application for the Abandoned Brownfield Cleanup Program for 273 Riverside Avenue.

f. SNAP Qualified Toiletry Program for Senior Center members

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve submission of a grant application to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation to continue offering a SNAP Qualified Toiletry Program for members of the Bristol Senior Center, 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. Extension Agreement between City of Bristol and IDEMIA Identity & Security USA, LLC

Communication received from Bristol Police Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the contract extension agreement between the City of Bristol and IDEMIA Identity & Security USA, LLC for the year ending July 25, 2025 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement.

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h. CHRO Certification for Use of the Limited Exemption for Paving Contract

Communication received from Purchasing Director Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign a CHRO Certification for Use of the Limited Exemption for Paving Contract.

6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Salary Committee

As recommended by the Salary Committee and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To approve a \$5,000 annual salary increase for the Emergency Management Director retroactive to January 1, 2024, and to refer to the Board of Finance for informational purposes.

b. Salary Committee

As recommended by the Salary Committee and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was voted by majority voice vote with one opposed: To approve a 2.5% (two and one half percent) salary increase and a .75% (point seven five percent) insurance cost share increase for non-bargaining employees effective July 1, 2024, and to refer to the Board of Finance for informational purposes.

c. Code Enforcement Committee

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

As recommended by the Code Enforcement Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the amended Relocation Plan, attached hereto, for code enforcement activity pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-266, et seq. known as the Uniform Relocation Act; to refer this plan to the Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services Department to be effective immediately, and to refer to the Board of Finance for Informational purposes.

d. Real Estate Committee

As recommended by the Code Enforcement Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To direct the Purchasing Agent to issue an RFP (Requests For Proposals) placing public notices and to notify abutting property owners of the city's intention to sell a portion of city owned property known as Map 30, Lot R4-1 Prospect Street. The Purchasing Agent shall indicate that costs associated with selling this property be the responsibility of the purchaser. The City of Bristol shall not be responsible for any cost in the sale of this property

7. OLD BUSINESS – None.

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8. NEW BUSINESS – None.

9. RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations were presented:

Michael Massarelli Sr. – Economic and Community Development Board
Greg Klimek – City of Bristol Housing Authority

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

10. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were presented:

Housing Authority of the City of Bristol
David Hartley – Appointment – term to 12/26
Replaced Greg Klimek
Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Commission on Aging
Christine Leigh – Reappointment – term to 3/27.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

George Irving – Reappointment – term to 3/27.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Cemetery Commission
Thomas LaPorte – Reappointment – term to 3/27.
Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Economic and Community Development
Louise Provenzano – Appointment – term to 12/25.
Replaced Michael Massarelli Sr.
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

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Board of Ethics

Roger Chiasson – Reappointment – term to 3/27.

Reappointed by Council Member Thibeault.

No vote necessary.

Bryant Lishness – Appointment – term to 3/27

Appointed by Mayor Caggiano.

No vote necessary.

Byron Pierce – Reappointment – term to 3/27.

Reappointed by Council Member Panioto.

No vote necessary.

Kristen O'Donnell – Appointment – term to 3/27.

Appointed by Council Member Tyler.

No vote necessary.

11. CONTRACTS

- a.** Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C24-070 Roadway Reconstruction/Drainage and Miscellaneous Work to Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$1,444,250.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

12. RECOMMENDATION FROM BRISTOL PLANNING COMMISSION TO RELEASE RESTRICTIONS

- a.** Communication received from Bristol Planning Commission.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the following approved motion made by the Bristol Planning Commission: *To release the following Declaration of Restrictions adopted by the City Council on October 30, 1961 and recorded on the Bristol Land Records Volume 438, Page 513 for 135 Cross Street, Assessor's Map 3, Lot 15: Restriction #2 The use of the premises shall be restricted to industrial manufacturing purposes, and Restriction #7 The right of reversion of title to the City of Bristol at the original purchase price, under certain events. The Planning Commission finds that the restrictions are no longer needed due to changes in the land use approval process and the greater level of scrutiny that development applications now receive.*

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13. 135 CROSS STREET – CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT

- a.** Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To relieve 135 Cross Street, also known as Lot 15, Assessor's Map 3, from restriction number 2 of the Declaration of Restrictions recorded in Volume 438, page 513 of the City of Bristol land records, and from any rights of reversion as found in paragraphs 7 and 9 of said Declaration; that Corporation Counsel's office prepare a Partial Release for recording on the land records to give effect to this action, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute said Partial Release.

- b.** Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Cannabis Establishment application by Bud's Goods, pursuant to Ordinance section 13-126, to operate as a product manufacturer and packager.

14. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 p.m., on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk