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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Mayor Caggiano recognized Joe Caminiti with a Proclamation for being the oldest known survivor of Iwo Jima in Connecticut. He will turn 100 on October 13th, which was proclaimed Joe Caminiti day.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

a. On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2024.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Logan Williams, 44 Hull St. – Stated that he was concerned about a “community engagement meeting” that certain Council members held and the reason he was told it was held in a certain fashion.

Michael Erosenko, 40 Palmorr Place – Stated that he was offended about being removed from a Zoom meeting and expressed frustration over something he believes occurred between the Mayor and Board of Education.

Jan Gatzura, 5 Churchill St., Southington – Represents the Friends of Hoppers Birge Pond. Ms. Gatzura spoke in favor of the City of Bristol purchasing Hoppers Birge Pond.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report For September 2024

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 September, 2024.

b. Tax Refunds In the Amount of \$30,638.59

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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	\$22,225.16
Personal Property	2,946.44
Real Estate	+ 5,466.99
Total	\$30,638.59

c. Application for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Communication received from Police Chief Morello

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$10,072 for the FY2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation, 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.

d. Positive Referral from Planning Commission

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. 8-24 review of Lot 3 Business Park Drive - Map 3, Lot 3.

e. Positive Referral from Planning Commission

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. 8-24 review of 396 Jerome Avenue - Map 53, Lot 134-2-2.

f. Positive Referral from Planning Commission

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. 8-24 review of 30 Cross Street - Map 4, Lot 13-1.

g. Extension of Contract 2P22-003 Project Manager for Use of ARPA Funding

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Communication received from Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve extension of Contract 2P22-003 Project Manager for Use of ARPA Funding with UHY Advisors N.E., LLC and/or its assigns, for the period through December 31, 2026, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effect said contract extension.

h. State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Grant

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Osuch.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept funding from the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for the following grant: School Readiness - Priority Private Provider Payment (0000000017-02 11000-16274-2025-83014-170002-OEC00017) in the amount of \$59,189.00 - Award Period 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; to refer this grant to the Board of Finance for appropriation and any other necessary action, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents related to the application, funding, and implementation of this grant.

i. Referral from Animal Control Building Committee

Communication received from Animal Control Building Committee.

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 referral from the Animal Control Building Committee to purchase the property located at 30 Cross Street for the purpose of the new Animal Control facility.

j. Award Contract 2P25-010 Architectural/Engineering Services Relative to Renovation of Office Space for Bristol Burlington Health District

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P25-010 Architectural/Engineering Services Relative to Renovation of Office Space for Bristol Burlington Health District to Colliers Engineering & Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Surveying, CT P.C. in an amount of \$139,150.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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a. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish amendments and additions to Sec. 2-80 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

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

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Officers and Employees, Division 5, Retirement, Sec. 2-80, Same – Early Retirement Option, that the City Clerk publish said amendments and additions 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.

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

Sec. 2-80. Same—early retirement option.

Each member who shall have reached his fifty-fifth birthday and shall have at least [ten (10)] five (5) years of service shall have the option, to be exercised by a written notice to the retirement board and with the consent of the retirement board, to retire at any time thereafter. The amount of pension benefits payable to such retired member shall be computed as provided in section 2-77 of this division, except that the date of such early retirement shall be used in determining his years of service and average annual pay, and the amount thus obtained will be reduced, such reduction to be determined by the actuary in accordance with accepted actuarial practice, if such retirement benefit is to commence prior to the earliest date on which he might otherwise have qualified for retirement as specified under section 2-76 of this division. The contingent annuitant and the fifteen-year certain options provided for in section 2-78 and 2-79 of this division may be elected by a member who elects to retire early under this section, in which case the term "retirement date" shall be deemed to mean early retirement date wherever applicable in sections 2-78 or 2-79.

(Code 1960, § 47-15; Ord. of 2-4-69; Ord. of 2-2-71; Ord. of 11-5-80)

b. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish amendments and additions to Sec. 2-86 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

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

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Officers and Employees, Division 5, Retirement, Sec. 2-86, Vesting, that the City Clerk publish said amendments and additions to the Code of

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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.

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Sec. 2-86. Vesting.

- (a) *If any member shall cease to be an employee of the city, except upon death or as a retired member, then he shall be entitled to a return of all of his own contributions under this division plus regular interest thereon compounded annually, as provided under section 2-75 of this division. In lieu of such return of contributions, however, any member who shall elect to leave his contributions in the retirement fund shall be entitled at his normal retirement date, if he shall then be living and if such contributions are left in the retirement fund, to the following percentage of the amount of pension benefit as computed under the provisions of section 2-77 of this division, such percentage to depend upon the number of his years of service as an employee of the City of Bristol, except that the date of his termination of employment shall be used in determining his years of service and average annual pay. For the purposes of this section, "normal retirement date" shall mean the earliest date on which the member might otherwise have qualified for retirement according to section 2-76 of this division.*

<i>Years of Service</i>	<i>Percent of Accrued Benefit Vested</i>
<i>0 to [10] less than 5</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>[10] 5 or more</i>	<i>100</i>

- (b) *Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in no event shall the vested benefit to which the terminated member is entitled be of lesser value than the amount of his own contributions; including interest as hereinabove provided, at the date of his termination of employment, as determined in accordance with accepted actuarial practice. Any terminated member, by written notice filed with the retirement board, may elect at any time to withdraw his own contributions to the retirement fund plus regular interest thereon compounded annually. Any such terminated member who shall so elect to withdraw his own contributions shall have no further rights whatsoever in and to any benefits under this division.*

(Code 1960, § 47-16; Ord. of 2-4-69; Ord. of 2-2-71; Ord. of 11-5-80)

c. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish amendments and additions to Sec. 18-170 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

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

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On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article XII, Bristol Transportation Commission, Sec. 18-170, Members, that the City Clerk publish said amendments and additions 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.

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Sec. 18-170. Members.

The commission shall consist of seven (7) voting members appointed by the mayor and city council. Three (3) shall serve for three (3) years; two (2) shall serve for two (2) years and two (2) shall serve for one (1) year. After initial appointment, all appointments shall be for three (3) years. Persons representing particular boards need not be members of those boards.

Voting members shall include:

[1] A City Council member;

[(2) City planner;]

[3] A senior citizen at large; and

[(4) Four (4)] Five (5) citizens at large.

11-12-14; Ord. of 4-12-16; Amend. eff. 11-29-19; Ord. of 4-13-21

d. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish amendments and additions to Sec. 5-19 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

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

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sec. 5-19, Fees, that the City Clerk publish said amendments and additions 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.

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Sec. 5-19. Fees.

- (a) *Generally.* No permit to begin work for new construction, alteration, removal, demolition or other building operation shall be issued until the fees prescribed in this section shall have been paid to the building official or other authorized municipal agency, nor shall an amendment to a permit necessitating an additional fee because of an increase in the estimated cost of the work involved be approved until the additional fee shall have been paid. The City of Bristol, the Bristol Board of Education, and the Bristol Water Department shall not be required to pay any fees under this section [provided that the City of Bristol, the Bristol Board of Education or the Bristol Water Department has secured third-party review of plans by a licensed engineer or architect] for new construction, alteration, removal, demolition or other building operations on City-owned property. This exemption does not apply to the State-mandated education fee required on each building permit application pursuant to C.G.S. § 29-263. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where work to be performed by or on behalf of the City of Bristol, the Bristol Board of Education, or the Bristol Water Department is funded by revenue bonds or grant funds and permit fees are allowable as a reimbursable expense, then such applicable permit fees shall be charged.
- (b) *Special fees.* The payment of the fee for the construction, repair, alteration, removal or demolition and for all work done in conjunction with or concurrent with work contemplated by a building permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the payment of other fees that are described further in this section or by ordinance in regards to plumbing permits, heating permits, electrical permits, sewer excavation or street opening permits, erection of signs and display structures, marquees or other appurtenant structures, certificates of use and occupancy or other privileges or requirements, both within and without the jurisdiction of the department of building inspection. All of the following fee charges to include the State of Connecticut Education fee amount which will be charged in addition to the city fees.
- (c) *Square foot area.* For the determination of any permit fee based on square foot area, such area shall be computed taking the extreme measurements from outside walls and including garages, breezeways and the like.
- (d) *Right of inspector to ask subcontractors for actual cost.* It will be the right of the inspector to ask for an affidavit as to the actual cost of the job and the subcontractor shall be responsible for additional permit fees for the difference between the estimated and actual costs.
- (e) *Reserved.*
- (f) *Fees for new construction.* The fee for a building permit for all new construction excluding all subcontracts such as plumbing, heating, electrical, etc. on residential building including covered decks and covered stairs, shall be at the rate of eighty cents (\$0.80) per square foot of area. On commercial or industrial building, said fee shall be at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per square foot of area. Area will be computed by taking the ground floor times the number of stories. The fee for accessory buildings, garages, open breezeways, decks, greenhouses, sheds, rigid frame or steel skeletal buildings for truck, heavy equipment or all-purpose storage, shall be at the rate of forty cents (\$0.40) per square foot of area. The minimum permit fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). There will be no maximum fee. Fees may be waived in accordance with subsection (a), above. Permits are required for all swimming pools, for which the minimum permit fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee shall be charged for all open decks under two hundred (200) square feet of area, which are not more than thirty (30) inches above grade at any point and are not attached to the dwelling or main structure. Open decks shall be anchored to resist wind induced uplift and dislocation.
- (g) *Fees for subcontractor permits.* Fees for permits for licenses issued by the state occupational licensing boards will be based on the estimated costs of the proposed work as follows:
- (1) Estimated cost up to \$1,000.00: \$25.00 permit fee.

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- (2) For each additional \$1,000.00 of estimated cost or fraction thereof, add \$25.00 to permit fee.
- (h) *Alteration and moving of buildings.* The fee for a building permit for alterations to building or structures, or to move a building or structure from one lot to another or to a new location shall be based on the estimated cost of foundation and all work necessary to place the building or structure in its completed condition at its new location as follows:
- (1) Estimated cost up to \$1,000.00: \$25.00 permit fee.
- (2) For each additional \$1,000.00 of estimated cost or fraction thereof, add \$25.00 to permit fee.
- (i) *Demolition.* The fee for a permit for demolition of a building shall be based on estimated cost in accordance with the schedule (g) of this section.
- (j) *Signs.* Fees for signs for which a permit is required by the state building code shall be based on estimated cost in accordance with the schedule in subsection (g) of this section.
- (k) *Certificates of occupancy.* The fee for a certificate of occupancy of a building shall be:
- (1) *Certificates of occupancy:*
- Residential \$25.00
Commercial, industrial \$50.00
Temporary \$100.00
- (2) *Reinspection, for first, second and third reinspection* \$35.00
- (3) *Reinspection, after third reinspection* \$50.00
- (l) *Certificates of approval.* The fee for certificates of approval shall be:
- Residential \$25.00
Commercial, industrial \$50.00
- (m) *Zoning permit fee* \$25.00
- (n) *Fences.* The fee for fences erected on any property in Bristol shall be based upon estimated cost in accordance with the schedule (g) of this section plus the zoning permit fee.
- (Code 1960, § 33-5; Ord. of 5-2-72; Ord. of 10-3-78; Ord. of 3-10-86; Ord. of 3-9-92; Ord. of 5-9-00; Ord. of 4-12-05; Ord. of 7-10-07; Ord. of 7-9-13; Ord. of 11-12-14; Ord. of 4-12-16; Amend. eff. 11-29-19; Ord. of 4-13-21)

e. Real Estate Committee

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted:

To refer city-owned property known as Lot 129-2 on Tax Assessor's Map 2, Violet Drive, to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 report specifically to address proposing a lot line boundary adjustment with the adjoining property known as 127 Daisy Circle.

It was further moved to refer city-owned property known as Lot 120-9 on Tax Assessor's Map 2, Candlewood Drive, to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Section 8-24 report

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specifically to address proposing boundary line adjustments with the following adjoining properties: 242 Candlewood Drive, 258 Candlewood Drive, 272 Candlewood Drive, 282 Candlewood Drive.

7. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

9. **RESIGNATIONS**

The following resignations were presented:

Craig Minor – Transportation Commission, Sr. Citizen Representative
Andrew Rasmussen-Tuller – Economic Community Development

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:

City Energy Commission

Sean Dunn – Reappointment – term to 10/27
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Storm Water Trust

Ryan Bodley – Appointment – term to 7/27
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Acting Mayor

Sebastian Panioto – Mayor’s Appointment – term to 11/25
No confirmation motion required.

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

a. Senior Volunteer Tax Credit

Communication received from the Executive Director for the Department of Aging.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, 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 Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To approve a resolution establishing a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program for senior citizens who volunteer their services to qualifying entities in the City.

The Resolution reads as follows –

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to promote the goals of scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable and non-profit entities located in the City of Bristol by drawing upon the skills, knowledge and experience of its senior citizens, the City Council of the City of Bristol hereby establishes a Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program for senior citizens who choose to donate their time, talent and experience by volunteering to provide services to such entities as follows:

- A. Qualifying senior citizens who volunteer to provide services to qualifying scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable and non-profit entities located in the City of Bristol shall be eligible for a tax credit on their real property tax bills in accordance with the provisions hereof. In order to qualify for the benefits of the senior citizens volunteer tax relief pilot program, taxpayers must be age 60 or older, own real property in the City of Bristol, must occupy the property as a principal residence and must have an annual gross income of not more than \$45,000 single, or \$50,000 couple, not including Social Security. Participating senior citizens may earn an annual tax credit of \$300.00 per household by performing a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service in a fiscal year to qualified non-profit entities.
- B. The program shall apply to volunteer work performed in fiscal year 2024-2025 and after, in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution and the guidelines and policies referred to in paragraphs D and E. The tax credit shall be applied to the tax bill due July 1 following the fiscal year in which the work is performed.
- C. The tax credits earned by the participants in the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program shall not exceed \$24,000 in a fiscal year on a first-come first-serve basis.
- D. The Assessor and Senior Center Executive Director shall develop guidelines and policies to administer the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program, including guidelines for qualifications for participating seniors and participating nonprofit entities, and for timing and form of applications.
- E. An extension time of two months, through August 31, 2025, to file for the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program will be allowed upon presentation of letter of medical proof from your doctor stating that you were under a doctor's care during the designated filing period of February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
- F. The City Council shall review and evaluate the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program after one year from the date of its approval.

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A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

b. Refunding Bonds

Communication received from Comptroller Waldron.

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

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in the amount of \$27,000,000 for the payment in whole or in part of the outstanding principal of and interest on and any call premium on the City's \$21,130,000 General Obligation Bonds, issue of 2017 and \$22,500,000 Tax-Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2018, Series A, and costs related thereto.

The Resolution reads as follows –

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to the City Charter the Board of Finance of the City of Bristol hereby determines that it is necessary to issue refunding bonds and appropriate the proceeds thereof to refund certain outstanding bonds of the City.

(b) That the City issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$27,000,000), the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated: (1) to fund one or more escrows, the balance held in such escrows, together with the investment earnings thereon, to be applied by the City to the payment in whole or in part, as to be determined by the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance of the City, of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the City's \$21,130,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2017 and \$22,500,000 Tax-Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2018, Series A, including the payment of interest accrued on said bonds to the date of payment, and (2) to pay costs of issuance of the refunding bonds authorized hereby, including legal fees, consultants' fees, trustee or escrow agent fees, underwriters' fees, net interest and other financing costs and other costs related to the payment of the outstanding bonds described above.

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The refunding bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City shall sign the bonds by manual or facsimile signature. The bonds shall be countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds.

(c) That the City hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the refunding may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the City reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the refunding. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the City pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(d) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance and the Comptroller or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(e) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the City to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the City's \$21,130,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2017 and \$22,500,000 Tax-Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2018, Series A, and to issue refunding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the City with underwriters, trustees, escrow agents and others to facilitate the issuance of the refunding bonds, the escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon, and the payment of the outstanding bonds in whole or in part.

(f) In addition to approval by the Board of Finance, this resolution is subject to approval by the City Council and a joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of Finance.

(g) That the above authorization to issue refunding bonds shall lapse on June 30, 2025.

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A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

c. Grant Agreement with CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor or Acting Mayor acting on behalf of the City to execute a grant agreement with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for \$320,000.00 in conjunction with the CT Recreational Trails Program for the multi-use trail path connecting the West End, Downtown, and Middle Street in Bristol.

The Resolution reads as follows –

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jeffrey Caggiano, Mayor of the City of Bristol, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Bristol a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for financial assistance to complete work in conjunction with the Connecticut Recreational Trails Program as described in the amount of \$320,000.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

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12. SOLAR POWER FACILITY SITE LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a Site Lease and Easement Agreement with CTEC Solar, LLC for use of a portion of the closed City landfill at 685 Lake Avenue under the terms as presented, and that the Mayor or Acting Mayor be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the City of Bristol.

It was further moved that the proposed lease and easement agreement be referred to the Planning Commission for its review and report pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 8-24; and that this matter be referred to Corporation Counsel for review.

13. FIREHOUSE 3

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 2C25-022 Construction of New Firehouse 3 to W.J. Mountford Company in the amount of \$6,763,000.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

14. CT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) GRANT

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to transfer to the Bristol Burlington Health District (BBHD), the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) grant known as “How Can We Help”.

The grant award is \$75,000.00/year. The funds are paid to the City of Bristol because BBHD had originally applied for this grant on behalf of the City. DMHAS has suggested BBHD assume control over the grant. BBHD will ensure that 100% of the grant funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the “scope of services” section of the State of Connecticut Purchase Service Contract.

It was further moved that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel to effectuate the same.

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15. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR OPEN SPACE/PARK PURPOSES; THE MATTER OF CITY OF BRISTOL V. TESSY R. DAMBOISE AND LIONEL PARADIS DOCKET NUMBERS CV-23-6081994-S AND CV-23-6081995-S

At 8:20 p.m., on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of real property for open space/park purposes, and the matter of City of Bristol v. Tessy R. Damboise and Lionel Paradis Docket Numbers CV-23-6081994-S and CV-23-6081995-S and take any action as necessary.

Present to discuss potential acquisition of real property for open space/park purposes: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Matney.

Present to discuss the matter of City of Bristol v. Tessy R. Damboise and Lionel Paradis Docket Numbers CV-23-6081994-S and CV-23-6081995-S: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Matney.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 9:07 p.m., on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to negotiate with the owner of Lot 11-R and Lot 12-5 Perkins Street, Bristol, CT purpose being to purchase said lots for open-space. It was further moved that if a negotiated price is approved by the City Council, then the Mayor or Acting Mayor is authorized to apply for any potential open-space grants in order to effectuate the purchase of Lot 11-R and Lot 12-5 Perkins Street, Bristol, CT. It was further moved that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel's Office to effectuate this motion.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was voted 4 - 3: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to bid for the purchase of properties known as Lot 216 Ambler Road and Lot 217 Grassy Road, both lots located in the City of Bristol. The public auction is to occur at 12 noon on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the premises. It was further moved that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel's Office to effectuate this motion. *(Yes votes: Council Members Rosengren, Dickau, Tyler, and Mayor Caggiano. No votes: Council Members Thibeault, Panioto, and Olsen.)*

16. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

OCTOBER 8, 2024**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:09 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____
Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk