

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 3, 2024
City Hall – Meeting Room 1-1
111 North Main Street, CT

ATTENDEES: Sebastian Panioto, Cheryl Thibeault, Mark Dickau
ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Thomas W. Conlin, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Panioto. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. November 5, 2024

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2024 and seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

3. Public Participation

Faye Duquette, 61 Apple Road spoke against installing red light cameras throughout the City.

Susan Tyler, 993 Hill Street, stated that the Committee wasn't being transparent as the item of red light cameras is not on the agenda. She is not in favor of installing red light cameras for many reasons. (i.e. increase in rear end crashes, many municipalities have banned them, and it's dismantling the police force.)

Ann Munger, 71 Eugene Avenue questioned whether the cameras were FLOCK cameras and how do the police know it's not a stolen vehicle.

Chief Morrello will address the questions under new business during his presentation.

4. Old Business

a. Proposed changes to Section 19-17 – Police Department Organization.

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to refer this matter to the City Council for a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

- b. Proposed changes to Section 2-97.3 – Retirement Benefits

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to refer this matter to the City Council for a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

- c. Consideration of new statute, Public Act 24-151.

Councilwoman Thibeault prepared a cost analysis of the amount allocated for City services and discussed this with the Committee and all in attendance. A copy of that analysis is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Questions from the audience were raised and answered. The Committee will take the material that Councilwoman Thibeault prepared to study it for discussion at the next meeting. A copy of that analysis is attached and made a part of these minutes.

5. New Business

Councilman Dickau made a motion to add traffic enforcement to the Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Thibeault. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Chief Morello gave a brief presentation regarding traffic enforcement devices around town. He stated that he had some vendors give presentations at the Board of Police Commissioners regarding these devices. He stated that they would not be on every camera in town, only a certain select few where there appears to be a high concentration of accidents. The placement of the cameras would have to be approved by the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation.

The vendor would install cameras that would take a picture of a vehicle plate that has gone through a red light. That footage is sent to the Police Department for an officer to verify that a traffic violation has been committed and authorizes the vendor to issue a ticket. The first offense is \$50.00 and \$75.00 thereafter. The Vendor would add \$15 to each ticket for an administrative fee. There is no cost to the Police Department for the equipment or services.

There were questions from the audience asking “what if the car was stolen”. The Chief responded that the police officers were verify the plates during their initial review to make sure the plate wasn’t stolen. In the case where a relative may have been driving a vehicle wherein the owner received a ticket, there will be an appeal process.

- a. Review of Sections 2-124 through 2-137.1 Ethics Commission.

Attorney Conlin gave the Committee samples from other towns on how their Ethics Commissions are structured. He stated there was a Commission meeting a few weeks ago and it made his office realize that this ordinance needs to be reviewed and updated.

b. 2025 Calendar

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to approve the 2025 Calendar, seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

6. Additional Public Participation
7. Committee Member Comment
8. Adjournment

Councilwoman Thibeault made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m., seconded by Councilman Dickau. All present voted in favor – Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary

Bristol Budget Book 2025

Real Estate Appraisal
Assessment Rate
Assessment Value

SNOW

TRASH

\$	4,460,101,573.00	\$	4,460,101,573.00	Page 31
\$	0.70	\$	0.70	
\$	3,122,071,101	\$	3,122,071,101	
\$	1,113,500	\$	1,316,455	Pages 337 & 349
	0.03567%		0.04217%	

Address	Taxes	Assessment	Appraisal	Monthly Condo Fee	Annual Condo Fee	Units	Revenue to Assoc.	Includes	Trash	Snow	Net	Percent
705 Lake Ave Unit 15	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 104,090.00	\$ 148,700.00	\$ 294.00	\$ 3,528.00	20.00	\$ 70,560.00	Association fees include grounds maintenance, trash pickup, snow removal, hot water, water, sewer, property management	\$ 37.12	\$ 43.89	\$ 81.01	2.296%
1325 Farmington Ave Unit 43	\$ 5,743.00	\$ 180,320.00	\$ 257,600.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,200.00	40.00	\$ 168,000.00	Association fees include grounds maintenance, snow removal, water, sewer, property management 40 Units	\$ 64.31	\$ 76.03	\$ 140.35	3.342%
268 Divinity St Unit 1-5	\$ 2,406.00	\$ 75,530.00	\$ 107,900.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 3,720.00	14.00	\$ 52,080.00	Association fees include grounds maintenance, trash pickup, snow removal, water, sewer, property management	\$ 26.94	\$ 31.85	\$ 58.79	1.580%
210 Boulder Ct Unit 210 (still under construction)	\$ 5,280.00	\$ 307,300.00	\$ 439,000.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 4,080.00	72.00	\$ 293,760.00	Association fees include grounds maintenance, trash pickup, snow removal, property management, road maintenance, insurance	\$ 109.60	\$ 129.58	\$ 239.18	5.862%
155 Redstone Hill Rd	\$ 3,237.24	\$ 101,640.00	\$ 145,200.00	\$ 254.09	\$ 3,049.08	196.00	\$ 597,619.68	Association fees include grounds maintenance, trash pickup, snow removal, property management, road maintenance, insurance	\$ 36.25	\$ 42.86	\$ 79.11	2.594%

Address

Ownership					
100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%

705 Lake Ave Unit 15

2.30%	2.07%	1.84%	1.61%	1.38%	1.15%
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1325 Farmington Ave Unit 43

3.34%	3.01%	2.67%	2.34%	2.00%	1.67%
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268 Divinity St Unit 1-5

1.58%	1.42%	1.26%	1.11%	0.95%	0.79%
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210 Boulder Ct Unit 210 (still
under construction)

5.86%	5.28%	4.69%	4.10%	3.52%	2.93%
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155 Redstone Hill Rd

2.59%	2.34%	2.08%	1.82%	1.56%	1.30%
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Tax Revenues and Mill Rate: Result of Budget Deliberations

Property taxation is the largest source of the City's revenue. Taxes are levied against real estate, personal property and motor vehicles based on an assessed value which is equivalent to 70% of the market value. The 2023-2024 mill rate was 30.35 for Real Estate and Personal Property and Motor Vehicles. The fiscal year 2024-2025 mill rate was set at 31.85 for Real Estate and Personal Property and 32.46 for motor vehicles. This is an increase of reduction of 4.94% and 6.95% respectively. In accordance with State legislation establishing a cap on the Motor Vehicle Tax at 32.46 the City set this mill rate at that cap so in future years there would be no fluctuations in the motor vehicle tax rate. This legislation was passed to provide more equity in the motor vehicle taxes paid by Connecticut residents as mill rates vary substantially throughout the State.

The total of all taxable property less exemptions is the "Net Taxable Grand List". For 2024-2025, the October 1, 2023 Net Taxable Grand List, after Board of Assessment Appeals adjustments, totaled \$5.45 billion representing an increase of \$18.8 million over the prior year grand list. Growth in the grand list helps offset any growth in budgeted expenditures to minimize mill rate increases.

As noted in the chart below, the grand list growth was 0.35% for the current year. This is significant and a direct result of revaluation. Real Estate values increased \$31.5 million or 0.71%, Personal Property increased \$23.2 million or 5.26% and Motor Vehicles decreased \$35.9 million or 6.37%.

Category	Grand List		Change	
	2022	2023	\$	%
Real Estate	\$4,428,580,329	\$4,460,101,573	\$31,521,244	0.71%
Personal Property	441,190,099	464,394,892	23,204,793	5.26%
Motor Vehicle	563,162,116	527,282,820	(35,879,296)	(6.37%)
Total	\$5,432,932,454	\$5,451,779,285	18,846,741	0.35%

Taxes (76% of all Revenues)

Combined tax revenues increased \$9,437,890 and represents 76% of all revenues. The City uses a collection rate of 98.515% to allow for estimated uncollectible taxes throughout the year. This allowance is approximately \$2.5 million. The actual tax collection rate was 99.5% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 and 99.5% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

The following charts present the annual net grand list growth and mill rates for a five-year period. In addition, several statistical tables are available throughout this document relative to tax levies and collections as well as comparative assessed valuation of taxable property which can be found in the respective department's summary sections.

Public Works - Snow Removal

Craig Kasparian
Superintendent of Streets

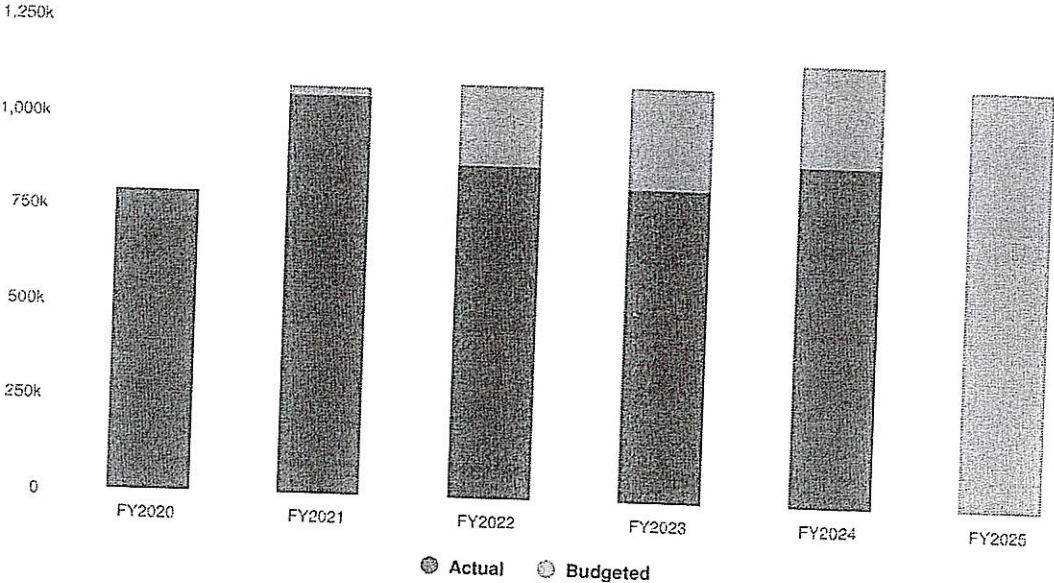
Snow removal is handled by the Streets Division and consists of clearing and road treatment of the 234 miles of accepted City streets including various municipal and Board of Education parking lots.

The Division purchases treated salt which is applied on the roads. The Division stockpiles its road salt in two storage domes. The main dome on Vincent P. Kelly Road serves as the main storage facility for the City as well as the distribution center for the southern and northeastern parts of the City. The satellite dome on James P. Casey Road serves the northeastern and northwestern parts of the City. Of the Division's twenty-one trucks equipped with salt spreading equipment, nineteen trucks are also equipped with magnesium chloride systems which wet the treated salt as it is being distributed on the roadway surface. This additive enhances the melting capability of the salt and keeps it active at lower temperatures.

Expenditures Summary

\$1,113,500 **-\$52,000**
(-4.46% vs. prior year)

Public Works - Snow Removal Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual



Public Works - Solid Waste



Josh Corey
Superintendent of Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department is charged with curbside collection of residential solid waste including rubbish, recycling, yard waste, bulk waste, leaves, brush, and Christmas trees. The Division is also responsible for operation and management of the Solid Waste Transfer Station, Compost Site, and Landfill as well as compliance with State of Connecticut recycling guidelines, participating in the Code Enforcement Committee, organizing and managing Bristol's Household Hazardous Waste Collection, and special Electronic Collections.

Expenditures Summary

\$1,316,455 **\$83,835**
(6.80% vs. prior year)

Public Works - Solid Waste Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

