

A Special Meeting of the **Capital Improvement and Strategic Planning Committee** was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

Members Present: Mayor Caggiano, Sebastian Panioto Glenn Heiser, Tom Hislop, Susan Tyler, Cheryl Thibeault (Zoom) and Diane Waldron. Absent Marie O'Brien and John Smith

Also Present: Robin Manuele, Jessica Pilgrim, Mark Morello, Peter Fusco, and Josh Medeiros

1. Call to order

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of minutes from January 22, 2025 meeting

Commissioner Panioto made a motion seconded by Commission Tyler "to approve the minutes from January 22, 2025 and place on file." Motion approved.

4. To review the Capital Budget for 2025-2026 and to take any action as necessary.

Diane Waldron reviewed the FY2026 Capital Budget as presented and funding sources.

Commissioner Heiser questioned the out years of the capital budget, and how many years the departments submit. Departments submit their current year and five years out.

Pete Fusco explained the three BOE requests which include BEHS and BCHS Target Alterations as well as BCHS Roof and Mechanicals. The targeted alterations focus mainly on the auditoriums of the schools. Ken Bagley is looking to see if there are any grants applicable to these projects, but the auditorium is used as an entrance to the school and the seats and floors would be replaced.

Chief Morello discussed the Police Department's two projects which include the Traffic Box/Intersection Upgrade and ISSI Radio Connection to the State. The ISSI would allow the radio system to work when anyone leaves the Bristol network area.

Currently all radio communications are dropped once outside Bristol. This system would allow them to connect using a gateway and communicate seamlessly. Regionalization with Wolcott and Plymouth Animal Control would need this. Fire would use it when providing mutual aid to other towns. The Court Liaisons would use it every day when transporting prisoners to court in New Britain.

The Traffic Box/Intersection Upgrades is a must have project as many of the equipment is out of date. This project would replace five intersections including cover replacement boxes, electronic equipment in cabinets, new traffic heads, cameras, buttons, and overhead wires.

Joshua Medeiros discussed the various Parks projects including Parks Safety Improvements, Rockwell Park Maintenance Building Improvements, Rockwell Park Revitalization, Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bathroom, Peck Park Site Improvements, and Page Park Revitalization.

The Page Park Revitalization project is currently deep into construction of the first phase of the project and the funding requested is for Phase 2 which includes restrooms, disc golf, and the playground. Last year the funding was pushed out, so the \$11.6 million is needed together to go out to final bid and complete this project.

The City did receive a grant for the Rockwell Park project. The \$1.9 million requested is for the City match. The grant opportunity moved this project timeline up. The Veterans Memorial Boulevard Bathroom project was started with ARPA funds and includes ADA sidewalk improvements. Weston & Sampson have designed these projects.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Tyler made a motion seconded by Commission Heiser "to adjourn" at 5:20 p.m. Motion approved.