

JULY 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street at 7:09 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler. Absent: Council Member Lusitani.

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR ARTHUR WARD, FORMER MAYOR OF BRISTOL WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

Mayor Caggiano requested a Moment of Reflection for Arthur Ward, former Mayor of Bristol who recently passed away.

Mayor Caggiano read a statement that racism, hatred and bigotry has no place in Bristol. Diversity makes us stronger as a City and a nation. The City was committed to an ongoing struggle to defeat bigotry and racism.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2022.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on June 14, 2022.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Bristol Fire Chief Richard Hart, 181 North Main Street presented Public Works Director Raymond Rogozinski and the Department of Public Works with a certificate of appreciation for assistance with the recruit training class.

Camelia Lopez, 91 Tulip Street requested the Mayor and Council support a resolution against racism because of flyers distributed in Bristol.

Jane Murdock, 400 Shrub Road spoke regarding speeding on her street and around Bristol. She suggested installing speed bumps, rumble strips, or roundabouts.

Nicole Laporte, 180 Lake Avenue stated the Mayor should denounce racism.

Karen Vibert, 114 Brace Avenue reiterated the Mayor should denounce racism.

Zachary Chamberland, 56 Tulip Street stated a neo-Nazi group distributed flyers in Bristol and many other Connecticut cities. He requested protection for residents.

Adam Antar, 265 Rambler Street stated the people attending the meeting were requesting the City Council denounce white supremacy and racism.

Timothy Camerl, 1565 Stafford Avenue, Vice President for Bristol Chapter of the NAACP stated his experience in Bristol has been good and the NAACP formed a good

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relationship with the Mayor, the Board of Education, and the Police Department. He did not want to give credence or support to the group being complained about with radical ideas.

Eric Clemons, 38 Belmont Street, President for Bristol Chapter of the NAACP stated they were ready to stand with the entire community against any type of racism. He stated that the City should be prepared, vigilant, and fight against hatred and racism.

Jeffrey Israel, 43 Pinnacle Road, member of the Bristol Diversity Council spoke about the holocaust and hatred and provided an example of a speaker that was canceled at Northeast School.

Jaymie Bianca, 197 Glendale Drive, (by videoconference) Chair of the Bristol Diversity Council stated residents have a right to feel safe, respected, and valued in the City.

Deborah Dorsey, 49 Norris Drive gave an example of what it was like to be black or a person of color.

Brittany Barney, 128 Queen Street (by videoconference) suggested the City Council entertain the resolution against racism and neo-Nazi groups.

Whit Betts, 1924 Perkins Street stated the best way to solve a problem was to develop relationships. He was a member of the NAACP and stated Bristol was a tight knit community that cares about everyone. People should respect each other when they disagree.

4. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To remove from the Consent Calendar the item regarding the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for the City of Bristol.

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

5. NEW HIRE REPORT FOR JUNE, PLACED ON FILE.

Communication presented 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 June, 2022.

6. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PLAINVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF CITY FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES ON VINCENT P. KELLY ROAD.

Communication from the Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin regarding an agreement between the Bristol Fire Department and Plainville Fire Department for the use of the City fire training facilities.

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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 an agreement between the Bristol Fire Department and the Town of Plainville Fire Department for the use of the City fire training facilities on Vincent P. Kelly Road.

7. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR, BOARD OF FINANCE CHAIR, AND COMPTROLLER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT AND STATEMENT OF WORK WITH CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP TO PERFORM JUNE 30, 2022 FISCAL YEAR-END AUDIT.

Communication from Comptroller Waldron regarding the Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to perform the June 30, 2022 fiscal year-end audit.

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, Board of Finance Chair, and Comptroller to sign the Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to perform the June 30, 2022 fiscal year-end audit.

8. RESOLUTION REGARDING 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR CITY OF BRISTOL, ADOPTED.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding a request to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for the City of Bristol.

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

Council Member Thibeault moved and it was seconded: That the following Resolution be adopted –

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, that the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, as approved by the Economic & Community Development Board on July 7, 2022 is hereby approved, with a U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) allocation in the amount of \$633,730; and that the Mayor or Acting Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relating to this grant including final agreements; and to submit all required documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its approval and allocation of funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Year 48 CDBG Annual Action Plan be referred to the Board of Finance for action regarding the appropriation of funds, subject to final approval of the Annual Action Plan by HUD.

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A roll call vote was taken.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 4; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

(Council Member Tyler recused herself from the meeting since she was on the Board of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Council Member Panioto recused himself from the meeting since he was on the Board of the Carousel Museum.)

9. FORECLOSURE ACTION ON ASSESSOR’S MAP 29 LOT #68 OWNED BY 153 SCHOOL STREET LLC, APPROVED.

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve a foreclosure action on property known as Assessor’s Map 29 Lot #68 owned by 153 School Street LLC so that the City can take ownership of the property to clear the title. It was also voted to refer this matter to the Corporation Counsel to effectuate the same.

10. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO RENEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BRISTOL HOSPITAL, INC. OR ASSIGNS FOR BENEFIT OF BRISTOL WOMAN INFANT CHILD PROGRAM.

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to renew a lease agreement with Bristol Hospital, Inc. and/or its assigns for the benefit of the Bristol Woman Infant Child (“WIC”) program for City owned property located at 11 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut for a term of one year commencing on or about July 17, 2022 through on or about July 17, 2023 with a 4% increase in rent. The total rent paid by the Tenant shall be \$1,560.00 per month for a total of \$18,720.00 per year. It was also voted to refer this matter to the Corporation Counsel to effectuate the same.

11. PROPOSED SALE OF LOT 153/58 EUGENE AVENUE, ASSESSOR’S MAP 17 REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR C.G.S. §8-24 REPORT AND BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THEIR INPUT.

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Planning Commission the proposed sale of Assessor’s Map 17 Lot 153/58 Eugene Avenue, for a Connecticut General Statutes §8-24 Report. It was also voted to refer this matter to the Board of Water Commissioners and Department of Public Works for their input.

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12. APPROVAL OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) REGARDING STATION SUPPORT DOG PROGRAM.

Recommendation presented from the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) regarding the station support dog program.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) regarding the station support dog program. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same, including but not limited to, the Transfer of Ownership Agreement between the City of Bristol and K9s for Warriors.

13. RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations were presented:

Christina Cipriani, Mayor's Task Force on AIDS.
Donna Osuch, American Rescue Plan Task Force.
Jeffery Twombly, Zoning Board of Appeals.
Jarre Betts, Board of Library Directors.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To send letters of thanks.

14. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were presented:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE

Morgan Uργο – Appointment – no term.
 Replaced Donna Osuch.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Kenneth Lundquist, Jr. – Appointment – no term.
 Replaced Orlando Calfe.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Shannon Welburn – Appointment – term to 6/24.
 Replaced Kristen Granatek.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Craig Kazemekas – Appointment – term to 6/25.
 Replaced Orlando Calfe.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

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BRISTOL BURLINGTON HEALTH DISTRICT

Kathy Burness – Reappointment – term to 7/25.

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To rescind the appointment of Logan Williams from the June 14, 2022 City Council meeting.

Reynardo Ortiz, Jr. – Appointment as alternate member – term to 1/24.

Replaced Carolyn Checovetes.

Mayor's appointment. No confirming motion required.

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To rescind the appointment of Ashley Verceles from the June 14, 2022 City Council meeting since she was not an elector at that time.

Ashley Verceles – Appointment – term to 1/25.

Replaced LaCea Stewart-Roman.

Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.

Motion passed in voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeffrey Hayden – Reappointment – term to 7/31/27.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

RETIREMENT BOARD

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To rescind the appointment of Christopher Gallant from the June 14, 2022 City Council meeting.

Craig Vibert– Appointment as 1338 representative – term to 7/23.

Replaced Paul Keegan.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

ZONING COMMISSION

Clarify appointment of Marc Gagnon from 6/14/22 as regular member to replace Michael Massarelli – term to 6/25.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Clarify appointment of Brian Skinner from 6/14/22 as alternate member to replace Marc Gagnon made regular member – term to 12/22.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Raymond – Reappointment – term to 7/25.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Michael Erosenko – Appointment – term to 7/24.

Replaced Tim Adamaitis.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Richard Balsam – Appointment as regular member – term to 7/23.

Replaced Jeffrey Twombly.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

John Lafreniere – Appointment as alternate member – term to 7/23.

Replaced Richard Balsam.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

15. RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF MAIN STREET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS OF \$2,052 FOR VOICE AMPLIFIERS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS, ADOPTED.

Communication from the School Readiness Liaison Osuch regarding the acceptance of the Main Street Community Foundation Grant for \$2,052 for voice amplifiers for early childhood teachers.

Council Member Thibeault moved and it was seconded: That the following Resolution be adopted –

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, that the Mayor, Jeffrey Caggiano or Acting Mayor, is hereby authorized to accept the Main Street Community Foundation Grant and check for \$2,052 for voice amplifiers for early childhood teachers – Award period 7/1/2022-6/30/2023. It was also voted to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for appropriation and any other necessary action.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 6; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

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16. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26, 2022 TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION DRAFT REPORT, APPROVED.

Submission presented by the Charter Revision Commission of their Draft Report to the City Council.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To acknowledge receipt of the Draft Report and schedule a Public Hearing on July 26, 2022 to receive public comment regarding the Charter Revision Commission Draft Report.

17. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2030 GRANT.

Communication from the Grants Administrator regarding an application for the Community Investment Fund 2030 Grant.

Council Member Tyler questioned voting on other groups' projects. She expressed concern over voting on \$6.5 million for the Sessions building and what the money was for.

Executive Director Economic and Community Development Malley clarified it was the State that suggested the City join forces for the grant.

Council Member Thibeault expressed concern over the amount of money the State was spending.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign an application for a Community Investment Fund 2030 grant for up to \$30 million, as well as any other legal documents required to process said award, contract, and agreement issued by the State of Connecticut to effectuate this project. It was also voted to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for action.

(Council Member Tyler voted "No" on this matter. Council Member Panioto recused himself since he was on the Board of the Carousel Museum.)

(Council Member Howe left the meeting at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 9:03 p.m. during the discussion.)

18. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DOG LICENSING SOFTWARE WITH COTT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR BRISTOL TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT COST OF \$2,955.

Communication from the Town and City Clerk Pac regarding the Toby Trax Dog license program for the Town Clerk's Office.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve a contract for dog licensing services with Cott Systems, Inc. to provide dog license software to the Bristol Town Clerk's office for \$2,955. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign the Contract and any necessary documents, subject to review by Corporation Counsel.

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**19. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 2P21-031B WITH D'AMATO DOWNES
JOINT VENTURE FOR \$45,286.62.**

Communication from the Director of Public Works Rogozinski regarding an Amendment to Contract 2P21-031B with D'Amato Downes Joint Venture for \$45,286.62.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute an Amendment to Contract 2P21-031B with D'Amato Downes Joint Venture in the amount of \$45,286.62.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS REGARDING MATTER OF MICHAEL BRASCHE
VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC #W001658447 AND MATTER OF JOHN
QUILTER VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC #W000155480.**

At 9:13 p.m. on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Sessions regarding the matters of Michael Brasche vs. City of Bristol, WCC #W001658447 and John Quilter vs. City of Bristol, WCC #W000155480.

Present to review the matter of Michael Brasche vs. City of Bristol, WCC #W001658447: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Lacey, Steeg, and Welch; and Attorney Nicole Fluckiger.

Present to review the matter of John Quilter vs. City of Bristol, WCC #W000155480: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Lacey, Steeg, and Welch; and Attorney Nicole Fluckiger.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 9:42 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

**21. APPROVAL OF FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT IN MATTER OF JOHN
QUILTER VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC #W000155480.**

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: That the City of Bristol enter into a Full and Final Settlement in the matter of John Quilter v. City of Bristol for WWC#000155480 in consideration of a payment of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars. This settlement resolves the outstanding Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-433c claims entitled "Benefits for Policemen or Firemen Disabled or Dead as a result of Hypertension or Heart Disease".

It was also voted that the City of Bristol enter into a Full and Final Settlement for any and all workers' compensation claims filed by John Quilter for the total amount of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars.

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The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to, are for:

October 27, 1976
May 14, 1982
July 26, 1983
August 8, 1990
November 16, 1995
March 24, 1996

It was also voted to authorize the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel to execute the Full and Final Settlement.

**22. APPROVAL OF FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT IN MATTER OF
MICHAEL BRASCHE VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC #W001658447.**

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: That the City of Bristol enter into a Full and Final Settlement in the matter of Michael Brasche v. City of Bristol for WCC#001658447 in consideration of a payment of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars. This settlement resolves the outstanding Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-433c claims entitled "Benefits for Policemen or Firemen Disabled or Dead as a result of Hypertension or Heart Disease".

It was also voted that the City of Bristol enter into a Full and Final Settlement for any and all workers' compensation claims filed by Michael Brasche for the total amount of Two Hundred & Sixty Five Thousand (\$265,000.00) Dollars.

The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to, are for:

October 27, 2003	May 4, 2012
May 15, 2005	November 14, 2013
September 13, 2006	June 26, 2014
June 19, 2007	January 7, 2021
May 15, 2008	
November 8, 2008	

It was also voted to authorize the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel to execute the Full and Final Settlement.

23. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:45 p.m., on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

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Town & City Clerk