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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler. Absent: Council Member Rosengren.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Opening Ceremonies – Mayor Caggiano recognized Captains Emmanuel and Shareena Echavarria, of the Salvation Army, for over nine years of service by presenting them with the All-Heart award. The 2025 All-Heart Parks Advocate of the Year award presentation was postponed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on April 8, 2025.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jeff Hayden, 50 Melinda Ln. – Mr. Hayden stated that he presented his request for sidewalks along the road at South Side School to the Public Works Board and based on language in the Code of Ordinances, is bringing his proposal to Council. He reiterated his concern for the safety of children in his presentation.

Michelle Rudy, 102 Henderson St. – Ms. Rudy spoke on behalf of Friends of Hoppers-Birge Pond Nature Preserve stating that the volunteer organization is willing to raise funds if the DEEP Open Space and Watershed Acquisition grant does not cover the cost of purchasing the land.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report for April 2025

Communication received 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 April, 2025.

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b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$60,422.48

Request presented from Tax Collector Bednaz.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$26,288.35
Personal Property	13,890.61
Real Estate	<u>+ 20,303.52</u>
Total	\$60,422.48

c. Change Order for D'Amato+Downes Joint Venture – Northeast Middle School

Communication received from BOE Operations and Facilities Manager Landon.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D'Amato+Downes Joint Venture, totaling \$8,677.11, as recommended by the Northeast Middle School Building Committee, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend their contract.

d. Amendment to Contract 2P22-051 Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC

Communication received from BOE Operations and Facilities Manager Landon.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve amendment to Contract 2P22-051 to Quisenberry Arcari Malik, LLC in the amount of \$1,760.00 as recommended by the Northeast Middle School Building Committee, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend their contract.

e. DCF Youth Service Bureau Cost-Sharing Grant

Communication received from Deputy Superintendent Larson of PRYCS.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve submission by the Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services Department for a \$73,219.00 SFY 26 CT DCF Youth Service Bureau cost-sharing grant.

f. Electronic Voting Equipment Lease Agreement

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

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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 sign any and all documents necessary to execute the Electronic Voting Equipment Lease Agreement with the State of Connecticut.

g. Storm Water Control Trust Annual Report 2024

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

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 Bristol Storm Water Control Trust 2024 Annual Report and the Storm Water Facilities Fiduciary Lump Sum Calculation Data.

h. Idemia Identity & Security Agreement

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To consider and approve the Extension to Maintenance and Support Agreement #007081-001 between Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC and the City of Bristol and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Bristol.

i. Contract 2C25-074 Stamped Asphalt on North Main Street

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C25-074 Stamped Asphalt on North Main Street to Rocco Iadarola General Contracting Company in the amount of \$102,000.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

j. Contract 2C25-075 Inlaid Thermoplastic Asphalt on North Main Street

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C25-075 Inlaid Thermoplastic Asphalt on North Main Street to Rocco Iadarola General Contracting Company in the amount of \$74,000.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

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6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Real Estate Committee**

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to enter into a 60-day listing agreement with Bottom Line Realty to act as its real estate agent for the sale of city-owned property known as 91 Goodwin Street (Map 25A, Lot 36). It was further moved to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign any document necessary to effectuate this motion, and that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Council Member Tyler provided a brief explanation for using a real estate agent.

b. Ordinance Committee

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to waive the reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Code of Ordinances being introduced this date.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: In accordance with Section 41(f) of the Charter of the City of Bristol, to introduce the following amendments to the Code of Ordinances; and that the time and place of Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 4:50 p.m., in Meeting Room 1-1, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut be set for the holding of a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee; and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances as required by City Charter.

Council Members Panioto and Thibeault provided examples in support of the proposed changes.

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

Sec. 7-18. Fire suppression systems inspection.

(a) *The City of Bristol Fire Department shall provide a system for receiving, reviewing and maintaining records of inspections, testing and maintenance, including but not necessarily limited to any fire protection and life safety system installed and/or required by the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and Connecticut Fire Prevention Code with respect to properties within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Bristol, in accordance with the applicable requirements of such Codes and the Records Retention Schedules of the State Records Administrator.*

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(b) *The Fire Chief and/or the Fire Marshal shall have the authority to mandate the method in which contractors who perform required inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire and life safety systems submit reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department.*

(c) *Effective as soon as practicable, any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems including, but not limited to, 5-Year Sprinkler, Active Smoke Control System, Automatic Closing Fire Assemblies, Automatic Sprinkler System, Emergency Generator, Emergency Radio Responder Coverage, Fire Alarm System, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Escape, Fire Pump, Gas Detection System, Private Fire Hydrant, Special Suppression System, Spray Booth, and Standpipe systems within the City of Bristol shall be required to electronically submit all compliant and non-compliant reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department via a method approved by the Fire Chief and/or the Fire Marshal unless otherwise permitted by the Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshal for good cause.*

(d) *Effective as soon as practicable, any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems as set forth in subsection (c) above, within the City of Bristol, shall be required to electronically submit all compliant and non-compliant reports to the City of Bristol Fire Department via "the Compliance Engine Solution" system operated by the third-party provider in accordance with the requirements of the City of Bristol Fire Department and the third-party provider, unless otherwise permitted by the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal for good cause.*

(e) *The third-party provider may charge a fee to any and all contractors who perform inspection, testing and/or maintenance services on fire protection and life safety systems within the City of Bristol. Any such fee charged by the third-party provider shall be paid directly to the third-party provider at the time of filing any and all required reports. Any such fee shall be in addition to any other fee charged by the Office of the Fire Marshal. Fees charged by the City of Bristol, Office of the Fire Marshal, shall be paid directly to the Fire Marshal.*

(f) *Failure to comply with the inspection and reporting requirements in Sec. 7-18 in the Bristol Code of Ordinances shall result in fines of \$150.00 per incident. Contractors will have 45 days to comply from date of inspection to affect repairs to any non-compliant system or at the discretion of the Fire Chief and/or Fire Marshal.*

(g) *Any person aggrieved by the imposition of the fines in Section (f) above may appeal to the Fire Marshal for the City of Bristol within 45 days of the imposition of such fine. Such appeal shall be in writing, directed to the Fire Marshal's office. The Fire Marshal shall schedule a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the appeal at which time the appellant may present such evidence as they wish to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal shall issue a determination on such appeal within 15 days of hearing such appeal.*

(Ord. of 4-12-22)

c. Edgewood School Building Committee

Mayor Caggiano reported that the Edgewood School roof will be repaired.

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7. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

9. **RESIGNATIONS**

Shannon Mulz – Bristol Burlington Health District Commission

Matt Baronowski – School Readiness Council, Sec. 2-9

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

10. **APPOINTMENTS**

The following appointments were presented:

Bristol Burlington Health District Commission

Chris Hayden – Appointment – term to 7/26.

Replaced Shannon Mulz.

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Fair Rent Commission

Bryan Brown – Reappointment – term to 5/28.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Adam Brothwell – Reappointment – term to 5/28.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Ryan Carrier – Reappointment as alternate – term to 5/28.

Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Historic District Commission

Daphnee Louboutin Delgado – Appointment as alternate – term to 1/26.

Replaced Mary Beth Mackiewicz.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Inland/Wetlands

David Rooks – Reappointment – term to 5/28.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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Laura Mastrobattisto Valentino – Appointment as regular member – term to 5/28.
Replaced James Ritchie.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

11. CONTRACTS

a. Contract 2P25-016 Climate Resiliency Preparedness

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 2P25-016 Consulting/Engineering Services for Climate Resiliency Flooding/Storm Drainage to Stantec Consulting Services Inc. in the amount of \$225,200.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

b. Agreement between City of Bristol and Bristol Hospital, Incorporated

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Conlin.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler it was unanimously voted: To consider and approve an agreement by and between the City of Bristol and Bristol Hospital, Incorporated for continued Hospital access to the Bristol Police Department Land Mobile Radio Network and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Bristol.

c. Tariff Agreement Between City of Bristol and The Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a tariff agreement with the Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy relative to a non-residential renewable energy solutions (“NRES”) revenue sharing agreement between the City of Bristol and Greenskies Clean Energy LLC, and to refer to the Office of Corporation Counsel for review.

d. Contract 2025-054 NRES Revenue Share Agreement with Greenskies Clean Energy LLC

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute an NRES Municipal Revenue Share Agreement with Greenskies Clean Energy LLC as a solar development partner for a twenty (20) year term, and to refer to the Office of Corporation Counsel for review.

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12. 2025 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was voted: To approve the organizations that applied for the 2025 Neighborhood Assistance Program and forward these applications to the CT Department of Revenue Services for consideration. *(Council Member Panioto abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.)*

The 2024 NAA Applicants for Bristol are:

1. Boys & Girls Club of Bristol (Energy Efficiency - \$120,200)
2. The Family Center, Inc./d.b.a. ImagineNation, A Museum Early Learning Center (Imagining Healthy Futures - \$84,500)
3. Bristol Historical Society (Energy/Masonry Repairs - \$150,000)
4. Greater Bristol Homes Co. (Bristol Homes Phase III - \$150,000)
5. Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. (HRA) – (Emergency Housing Fund for Bristol Residents - \$30,000)
6. New England Carousel Museum Inc. (Energy Conservation - \$150,000)
7. Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra (Concert Series/Educational Children’s Concerts - \$64,460)
8. Prudence Crandall Center Inc. (Bristol Outreach Program - \$150,000)
9. Prudence Crandall Center Inc. (Rose Hill Energy Efficiency - \$143,000)
10. Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center (Handicap Accessibility at Main Farmhouse Building - \$75,000)
11. Special Olympics Connecticut Inc. (Support for 2026 Holiday Sports Classic Bowling Competition – \$22,500)
12. United Way of West Central CT (Neighbors in Need - \$125,000)
13. Veterans Strong Community Center (Logistics Fund 2.0 - \$10,000)

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY ON MATTER OF JAMES BLASCHKE VS. CITY OF BRISTOL, WCC FILE #: 7250623

At 7:43 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Session to discuss James Blaschke v. City of Bristol, WCC File #: 7250623.

Present to discuss the matter of James Blaschke vs. City of Bristol: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki, Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Matney; and outside counsel Erik Bartlett of McGann, Bartlett & Brown, LLC.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Caggiano called the meeting back into Public Session.

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On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a Full and Final Settlement in the matter of James Blaschke v. City of Bristol, WCC File #: 7250623 for any and all workers' compensation claims filed by James Blaschke for the total amount of Three Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000). The dates of these claims are listed below, but are not limited to the following:

May 27, 2004	February 9, 2010	October 14, 2016
August 28, 2004	January 7, 2013	February 6, 2022
March 17, 2007	November 5, 2014	July 19, 2022
September 25, 2008	February 16, 2016	April 24, 2023

It was further moved that the Mayor, Acting Mayor, Corporation Counsel or Assistant Corporation Counsel be authorized to execute the Full and Final Settlement.

14. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:54 p.m., on motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk