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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 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

Opening Ceremonies – Mayor Caggiano read a proclamation for Migraine and Headache Awareness month and presented it to Ronetta Stokes.

Mayor Caggiano presented Brian Avery with the 2025 All-Heart Parks Advocate of the Year award.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on May 13, 2025 and the special City Council meeting held on May 19, 2025.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Caggiano acknowledged Mr. Hamzy from the audience and let him know that the City Council 100% supports him in the endorsement of the potential naming opportunity at the Northeast Middle School Project in honor of his son, Lieutenant Alex Hamzy. Mr. Hamzy got up and spoke about the opportunity.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To adopt items 5 a. – h. as part of the Consent Calendar.

a. New Hire Report for May 2025

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of May, 2025.

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b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$37,980.10

Request presented from Deputy Tax Collector Cole.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$22,809.70
Real Estate	<u>+ 15,170.40</u>
Total	\$37,980.10

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 Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D'Amato+Downes Joint Venture, totaling \$70,531.50, as recommended by the Northeast Middle School Building Committee, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend the contract.

d. Agreement Between City of Bristol and AmeriGas Propane, L.P.

Communication received from Assistant Corporation Counsel Steeg.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to enter into a Non-Residential Customer Agreement between the City of Bristol and AmeriGas Propane, L.P. for the rental of a 500-gallon propane tank to facilitate the heating system at the Transfer Station Quonset Hut. The initial term of the lease is for three (3) years. There is no charge for the rent but the propane gas is \$1.97/gallon. It was further moved that the Mayor or Acting Mayor be authorized to sign any document necessary to effectuate this motion and that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

e. Contract 2P25-069 Bids and Contracts Management Software

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P25-069 Bids and Contracts Management Software to International Data Base Corp. dba BidNet in the amount of \$54,649.45 for one-time implementation costs and Year 1 licensing, \$22,023.17 for Year 2 licensing, and increases of up to 5% for subsequent terms for annual licensing; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

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f. Local Prevention Council Grant

Communication received from Deputy Superintendent Larson of PRYCS.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission by the Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services Department for a \$7,141.55 Local Prevention Council Grant and authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign any necessary documents to effectuate said grant.

g. Amendment to Contract 2C24-096 East St. Bridge Water Main Relocation

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute an amendment to Contract 2C24-096 East Street Bridge Water Main Relocation with Schultz Corporation in the amount of \$29,520.00, increasing the contract from \$2,684,499.52 to \$2,714,019.52. The cost associated with the contract amendment is 100% paid for by the Federal Local Bridge Program.

h. Contract 2P25-078 Concessions Services at Rockwell Theater

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P25-078 Concessions Services at Rockwell Theater to Legacy Hospitality & Entertainment Group, LLC and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

i. Connecticut Network for Children and Youth Stabilization Grant

Communication received from School Readiness Council Liaison Osuch.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was voted to remove this item from the Consent Agenda. Council Members wanted a better understanding of the motions that were being brought forward. School Readiness Liaison Osuch provided additional information regarding this item.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To apply for funding from the Connecticut Network for Children and Youth for up to \$60,000 for a Stabilization Grant to support the Bristol School Readiness Council with summer funding between July 1, 2025 – September 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 the CT Network for Children and Youth grant.

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j. Shine Early Learning Local Governance Partner

Communication received from School Readiness Council Liaison Osuch.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was voted to remove this item from the Consent Agenda. Council Members wanted a better understanding of the motions that were being brought forward. School Readiness Liaison Osuch provided additional information regarding this item.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor, on behalf of the City of Bristol, to enter into a contract with Shine Early Learning to accept funding as the Local Governance Partner between July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026; to refer the contract 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 Shine Early Learning contract for the period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

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 accept the offer from CT Home Investors LLC, or its assigns, in response to RFP (Requests for Proposals) #2025-080 entitled, "Sale of Surplus Property at 36 Eastview Street, Assessors Map 24, Lot 56". The terms of acceptance of this proposal are as follows:

1. The purchase price shall be a cash transaction of \$29,000.00;
2. The purchaser shall construct a single-family house;
3. All costs associated with this transaction, including but not limited to, costs of surveys/maps, closing costs, publication notices, etc. shall be the responsibility of the purchaser. The City of Bristol shall incur no costs in this transaction.

It was further moved that the Mayor or Acting Mayor be authorized to sign any documents necessary to effectuate this motion and that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Council Member Tyler provided a brief explanation on this lot being acquired by the City through foreclosure.

b. 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 accept the offer from Stanislaw Nadolny and Krystyna Nadolny or their assigns, for the purchase of city owned property known as 91 Goodwin Street, Assessors Map 25A, Lot 36, for the sales price of \$50,000. This sale is contingent on the buyers being able to obtain

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Building Department approval to construct a residence containing approximately 1,700 square feet and/or 3 bedrooms.

It was further moved that the Mayor or Acting Mayor be authorized to sign any documents necessary to effectuate this motion and that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Council Member Tyler provided a brief explanation on this lot being acquired by the City through foreclosure and by using a real estate broker.

c. Salary Committee

As recommended by the Salary Committee and on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve, effective July 1, 2025, a two percent (2%) salary increase in the 2024/2025 salary schedule including steps for all non-bargaining classifications and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance.

Council Member Thibeault provided a brief explanation for the salary increase recommendation.

Council Member Tyler asked if this applied to non-bargaining members who have retired. Mayor Caggiano advised it was for active members only.

d. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish amendments and additions to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article I. In General, Sec. 7-18. Fire suppression systems inspection.

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 Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: that Sec. 7-18. Fire suppression systems inspection of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, is hereby amended to read as follows. It was further moved 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. 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

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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.

(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)

7. OLD BUSINESS – None.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Dickau posed questions and concerns he had regarding the demolition of the West End Athletic Club.

9. RESIGNATIONS

Rick Raymond – Zoning Board of Appeals
David Butkus – Retirement Board
Miguel Salguero – Youth Commission, under 21 Rep.

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

a. The following appointments were presented:

Building Code of Appeals

Thomas Lozier – Appointment as Regular Member – term to 8/27.
Replaced Bruce Lydem.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Charles Talmadge – Appointment as Alternate Member – term to 8/25.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Commission For Persons with Disabilities

Ruth Graime – Reappointment – term to 6/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Appointment of Comptroller

Diane Waldron – Reappointment – term to 6/29.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Board of Finance

John Lodovico – Appointment – term to 6/29.
Replaced Glenn Heiser.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

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Inland Wetlands Commission

Joseph Longo – Appointment as Alternate Member – term to 6/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Retirement Board

Alan Rudolewicz – Appointment (Fire Rep.) – term to 7/28
Replaced David Butkus.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Youth Commission

Richard Kilby – Reappointment – term to 6/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Matthew Gotowala - Reappointment – term to 6/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Rory Ghio – Appointment – Appointment as Regular Member – term to 7/26.
Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Zoning Commission

Richard Harlow – Reappointment – term to 6/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
Motion passed in voice vote.

John LaFreniere – Reappointment – term to 6/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
Motion passed in voice vote.

b. Reappointment of Comptroller, Diane Waldron

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To appoint and enter into a written employment agreement with the Comptroller, Diane Waldron, effective June 19, 2025, for a four-year term per the attached Employment Agreement and to authorize the Mayor, Jeffrey Caggiano, or Acting Mayor to sign said Agreement, and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance.

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c. Appointment of Purchasing Agent, Nancy Haynes

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve the hiring of Nancy Haynes effective June 11, 2025, and her appointment as Purchasing Agent for a four-year term beginning July 28, 2025.

11. CONTRACTS

a. Contract 2C25-068 Brace Avenue Storm Drainage Replacements

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C25-068 Brace Avenue Storm Drainage Replacements to Martin Laviero Contractor Inc. in the amount of \$1,789,855.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

b. Purchase and Sale Agreement – 894 Middle Street, Lots 17, 17-3 and 17-4-1

Communication received from Economic and Community Development Executive Director Malley.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren it was unanimously voted: To authorize Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano, or Acting Mayor, to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and to complete the property transaction, subject to the approval of Corporation Counsel, with Carrier Construction Inc. or its assigns for the sale of 894 Middle Street, Lot 17, 17-3, 17-4-1 as recorded on the A-2 Survey Map known as Property/Boundary Topographic Survey 894 Middle Street by Civil 1, for the purchase price of \$625,000 for purposes of constructing an industrial development that includes approximately seven (7) buildings and approximately 25-46 tenant spaces to accommodate tenant companies including but not limited to manufacturers, specialty trade contractors, and similar uses allowed by the Bristol Zoning Regulations.

c. Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association Nutmeg Labor Union – Labor Agreement Extension

Communication received from Human Resources Department.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve a one-year labor agreement extension between the City of Bristol and the Bristol Professionals & Supervisors Association Nutmeg Labor Union, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with a two percent (2.00%) salary increase on wages indicated in Appendix B (effective July 1, 2024) with the remaining terms and conditions unchanged, and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance.

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12. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Communication received from Economic and Community Development Executive Director Malley.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was voted: To schedule a City Council Public Hearing for July 8, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, to consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with CMDA to assist in developing Bristol's downtown district.

Economic and Community Development Executive Director Malley provided a brief explanation of CMDA funds. Council Members posed additional questions for Executive Director Malley.

13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED 5-YEAR PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Communication received from Grants Administrator Leger.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was voted: To approve the CDBG Consolidated 5-Year Plan for 2025-2029 and Annual Action Plan for 2025-26 for the City of Bristol as recommended by the ECD Board, and to refer this recommendation to the Board of Finance for action.

(Council Member Tyler recused herself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.)

14. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

a. Safe Streets and Roads for All – Authorization for Mayor to sign Grant Application

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

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 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant in the amount of \$128,000 and to execute any and all related documents necessary to effectuate said grant. The total project cost will be \$160,000 with a City cost of \$32,000, subject to Board of Finance approval.

b. Mad River Watershed Based Plan - Authorization for Mayor to Execute Memorandum of Understanding with NVCOG

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Naugatuck Council of Governments and the City of Bristol regarding the Mad River Watershed Based Plan. Said agreement includes the City of Bristol's cost share of \$16,000 to complete the estimated \$230,000 study.

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c. DPW Jerome Avenue Bridge – Contract Amendments No. 2624-061 (PJF Construction Corp.)

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

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 contract amendment to the Jerome Avenue Bridge Contract (No. 2624-061) with PJF Construction Corp. in the amount of \$91,931. Said amendment shall increase PJF Construction Corp. contract amount from \$2,857,746.47 to \$2,949,677.47.

Council Member Rosengren asked on the behalf of one of his constituents if there was a way to know/foresee where the ledge was located. Public Works Director Rogozinski explained the borings process.

d. DPW Jerome Avenue Bridge – Contract Amendments No. 2920-046 (WMC Inc.)

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a contract amendment to the Jerome Avenue Bridge Design and Construction Administration Services Contract (No. 2920-046) with Wengell McDonnell & Costello Inc. in the amount of \$96,608. Said amendment shall increase Wengell McDonnell & Costello Inc. contract amount from \$462,902.99 to \$559,510.99.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Dickau mentioned that Kathy Castoneda is present on zoom listening and advised they do have a bonified contract for 9 Divinity Street.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Merina Bigos
Deputy Town & City Clerk