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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 11, 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 recognized the following special guests with a Bristol All Heart plaque: Mr. Robert Fitz, WWII veteran who celebrated his 100th birthday; Luke Viens (BEHS), Yussuf Bah (BEHS), and Alex Lamarre (BCHS) who won the State Championship in Wrestling in their individual weight classes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on February 11, 2025.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

Mayor Caggiano provided an update on Reworld and announced that Express Kitchens will be moving into the building formerly occupied by Associated Spring.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To adopt eleven items as part of the Consent Calendar.

a. New Hire Report for February 2025

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

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

b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$193,851.41

Request presented from Tax Collector Bednaz.

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

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Motor Vehicle	\$76,714.86
Personal Property	1,135.30
Income & Expense	34,894.20
Real Estate	<u>+ 81,107.05</u>
Total	\$193,851.41

c. Contract 2P25-058 Leasing of Computer Equipment

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P25-058 Leasing of Computer Equipment to TEQ Lease, Inc. and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

d. Contract 2025-028 Comprehensive Lighting Improvements at Public Works Facilities

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2025-028 Lighting Improvements at Public Works Facilities to Resource Lighting and Energy, Inc. in the amount of \$38,552.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

e. Acceptance of Grant from the Connecticut Network for Children and Youth

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Osuch.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept funding from the Connecticut Network for Children and Youth for up to \$25,000 for a Transition Grant to help the Bristol Early Childhood Alliance and the School Readiness Council transition into one entity by July 1, 2025, and start strategic planning; 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 funding and implementation of the School Readiness grant.

f. Acceptance of \$410 Grant from Bill and Janet Brownstein Charitable Donor Advised Fund

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Osuch.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept \$410 from the Bill and Janet Brownstein Charitable Donor Advised Fund at Main Street Community Foundation to subsidize the purchase of books for The Little Read in April 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 funding and implementation of the School Readiness grant.

g. 2024 Annual Storm Water Report

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to sign the City of Bristol's 2024 MS4 Annual Storm Water Report prepared in accordance with DEP Permit GSM000042.

h. Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to execute the Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

i. Land Use Permits for Senior Center Parking Improvements

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to execute any and all local, state, and federal land use permits (Inland Wetlands, Planning & Zoning) required to construct the proposed parking improvements at the Senior Center facility (approximately 52 additional parking spaces and 18 handicap spaces).

j. Land Use Permits for Retaining Wall Along Pequabuck River

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to execute any and all local, state, and federal land use permits (Inland Wetlands, CT DEEP, and ACOE) required to construct the proposed retaining wall along the Pequabuck River on Broad Street east of the Todd Street intersection.

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k. Amendment to Contract 2P25-003 Concessions Services at Rockwell Theater

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend Contract 2P25-003 Concessions Services at Rockwell Theater with Legacy Hospitality and Entertainment Group, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract amendment.

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 Olsen, it was unanimously voted: That the city-owned property known as 36 Eastview Street, Lot 56/15A on Tax Assessor's Map 24, be referred to the Planning Commission for a Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 report. Specifically, to address whether this city lot, acquired through foreclosure, should be sold. It was further moved that this matter be referred to Park, Public Works and Bristol Water & Sewer to determine if any of the aforementioned departments have an interest in utilizing this property.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. 894 Middle Street

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: That the city-owned property known as 894 Middle Street, Lot 17, 17-3, 17-4-1 on Tax Assessor's Map 4, be referred to the Planning Commission for a Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 report. Specifically, to address whether this city property should be sold. It was further moved that the Town Clerk be directed to publish legal notice of a public hearing to be held by the Real Estate Committee in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 7-163e. Said hearing to be held on April 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the City of Bristol Council Chambers. It was also moved that the Department of Public Works post a sign on 894 Middle Street advising of the public hearing.

b. Procedural Change to Request C.G.S. 8-24 Report

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: That the Bristol City Council authorize its subcommittee, the Real Estate Committee, and Public Works, to adopt a policy wherein the Real Estate Committee and Public Works can directly request a Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 report from the Planning Commission. Currently, the practice has been the Real Estate Committee and Public

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Works motions the City Council for the Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 report. This extra procedural step causes a needless one-month delay causing frustration for potential purchasers of city-owned properties and that of the Real Estate Committee and Public Works in regards to easements. It was further moved that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel's Office and the Purchasing Department for implementation.

9. RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations were presented:

Kristina Tanguay, School Readiness Council
Sebastian Panioto, Northeast Middle School Building Committee
Nicolle Duquette, Board of Finance

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:

Commission on Aging

Dolores Ricker – Reappointment – term to 3/28
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Sheila Herens – Reappointment – term to 3/28
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Cemetery Commission

Mike Saman – Reappointment – term to 3/28.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Maya Bringe – Reappointment – term to 3/28.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Establishment of Edgewood Pre-K Project Building Committee

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To create the Edgewood Pre-K Project Building Committee.

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Courtney Sugarman, Education professional member – Appointment.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Cheryl Assis - Citizen taxpayer from the area – Appointment.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Dave Hartley - Citizen taxpayer from the area – Appointment.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

John Lodovico - Citizen taxpayer from the community – Appointment.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

John Freimuth, Professional community member – Appointment.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Roman Czuchta, Professional community member – Appointment.
Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Northeast Middle School Building Committee
Mayor Caggiano appointed himself as liaison.

School Readiness
Elizabeth McGuire – Appointment – term to 8/26
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

Youth Commission
Miguel Salguero – Reappointment – term to 3/28.
Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
Motion passed in voice vote.

11. EASEMENTS**a. Resolution: Connecticut Light and Power – Westerly Side of Church Avenue**

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Bristol to execute and deliver in the name of the city an easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy, and to do any and all other acts to effectuate the same.

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The Resolution reads as follows –

RESOLVED, that the City of Bristol, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Connecticut, grant and convey to the Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy, a corporation chartered by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut and having its principal office in the Town of Berlin, in the State of Connecticut, its successors and assigns, permanent rights for the installation, maintenance and repair of electric (and gas) lines over, under and across lands of the City of Bristol situated on the westerly side of Church Avenue in the City of Bristol, as set forth in the proposed easement presented to this meeting, which is hereby ordered filed with the records of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jeffrey Caggiano, the Mayor of the City of Bristol be and he is authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the City of Bristol an easement presented to this meeting and to do any and all other acts to effectuate the foregoing.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 7; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

b. Culvert Agreement – Lake Avenue

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 to sign an easement with Festival Fun Parks, LLC to construct a culvert on Lake Avenue at Gussgutter Brook. The culvert is located on the southern end of Lake Avenue north of Lake Compounce Amusement Park.

12. CONTRACTS

a. Change Order for Northeast Middle School

Communication received from BOE Operations and Facilities Manager Landon.

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On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change orders for D'Amato+Downes Joint Venture, totaling \$194,475.29 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.

b. Contract 2C25-061 Sidewalk Repair Program

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C25-061 Sidewalk Repair Program to Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$195,945.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

c. Contract 2P22-010 Design of Renovations and Improvements at Page Park – Amendment 04

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To amend Contract 2P22-010 Design of Renovations and Improvements at Page Park with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$499,900.00 for a revised contract amount of \$1,859,490.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract amendment.

d. Contract 2C25-052 Roadway Reconstruction/Drainage and Miscellaneous Work

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C25-052 Roadway Reconstruction/Drainage and Miscellaneous Work to Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$1,285,500.00, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract.

13. MOTOR VEHICLE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

Communication received from Tax Assessor DeNoto.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To consider and adopt the revised motor vehicle depreciation schedule set forth in CT House Bill 7067 effective for the October 1, 2024 Grand List.

Assessor DeNoto explained the impact on taxes.

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14. LITTLE GREEN LIGHT DONOR MANAGEMENT

Communication received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a contract with “Little Green Light” donor management and LGL Forms subscription service which would allow donors, via credit cards, to donate to the Bristol Public Library; to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor, pending Finance Board approval, to sign any and all documents including but not limited to the aforementioned subscription service contract; and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for approval, the Corporation Counsel’s Office to review the Contract, and the Information Technology Department to effectuate this service.

Council Member Panioto explained the use of this system. Council Member Rosengren inquired about the cost to the City. Council Member Panioto stated there would be no cost to the City.

15. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk