

DECEMBER 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 6:59 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler. Absent: Council Member Kelley.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the special City Council meeting held on November 10, 2025 and the regular City Council meeting held on November 12, 2025.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucy Cushman, 20 Chimney Crest Ln. – Ms. Cushman spoke about the Chimney Crest Condominium HOA and the costs associated with living there. She requested that residents receive a tax break like those offered in other Connecticut towns. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu briefly discussed a potential solution and the possibility of forming a task force to look into this.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report for November 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 November, 2025.

b. Tax Refunds in the Amount of \$26,906.95

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 –

Motor Vehicle	\$26,529.87
Real Estate	+ 377.08
Total	\$26,906.95

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c. Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Bristol Police Department to apply for and accept, if granted, the FY26 U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant for a total of \$12,675 with a local match of \$6,338 or 50% of the grant total for 13 new or replacement bulletproof vests; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary.

6. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**a. Code Enforcement Committee**

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu stated that the committee made a motion to begin foreclosure proceedings on 267 Main Street.

b. Real Estate Committee

Council Member Hahn stated that the committee tabled the discussion on 135 East Main Street for further evaluation. The committee reviewed the list of encroaching properties and properties for sale.

c. Ordinance Committee

Council Member Dickau explained that the committee is looking at the current language of an ordinance regarding the number of door-to-door vendors within the city at a given time.

Council members provided brief updates on their assigned boards and commissions.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Dickau spoke about the ongoing noise issue at Reworld. He has been in contact with residents who have explained that the noise and vibrations inside their home are worse than what is heard outside.

8. NEW BUSINESS**a. Veteran Exemptions**

Assessor Tom DeNoto explained the first two proposed exemptions: One is for the widow or widower of a permanent and totally disabled veteran who was deceased prior to October 1, 2024, the other is for individual veterans who have a total disability rating of 100% and are unemployable. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu added that the third exemption would apply to Gold Star families and in order to move forward with these exemptions, they would be drafted into an ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To refer the Veterans Exemptions local option language to the Ordinance Committee for review and potential action.

b. Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 18-167 et seq.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu stated that this ordinance refers to the Transportation Commission.

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On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To refer Section 18-167 et seq. of the City of Bristol Code of Ordinances to the Ordinance Committee for recommendations.

9. RESIGNATIONS

Kenneth Rasmussen-Tuller – Planning Commission
Dina Schaffrick – Bristol Early Childhood Collaborative
Jack Lu – Bristol-Burlington Health District
Renee Singleton – Youth Commission
Michael Deroehn – Zoning Commission, Sec. 2-9

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

10. APPOINTMENTS

a. The following appointments were presented:

Assistant Corporation Counsel – Part time
 Atty. Jonathan D. Donovan – Appointment – term to 11/27.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Bristol Central High School Roof Replacement Committee
 Council Member Greg Hahn – Mayoral Appointment.

City Cemetery Commission
 Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu appointed herself.

Edgewood Pre-K Academy
 Council Member Erick Rosengren – Mayoral Appointment.

Western Connecticut Tourism District
 Joshua Medeiros or Park & Recreation Designee – Mayoral Appointment – term to 12/28.

Diversity Council
 Carolyn Palmquist – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Daniel Palmquist – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

DECEMBER 9, 2025*Bristol-Burlington Health District*

Robert Wollenberg – Appointment – term to 7/26.

Replaced Chris Hayden.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Donna Friday – Appointment – term to 7/27.

Replaced Jack Lu.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Economic & Community Development Commission

Jason Sirko – Appointment – term to 12/30.

Replaced Elizabeth Cowdell.

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Louise Provenzano – Reappointment – term to 12/30.

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Energy Commission

Kimberly Caron – Appointment – term to 10/26

Replaced Derek Jones.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Board of Ethics

Eric Carlson – Appointment – term to 3/27.

Replaced Bryant Lishness.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Housing Authority

Bibi Hafford – Reappointment – term to 12/30.

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Housing Code Board of Appeals

Richard Harlow – Reappointment – term to 12/28.

Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Allen Marko – Reappointment – term to 12/28

Confirming motion by Council Member Dickau.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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Francois “Frank” Manna – Appointment as alternate member – term to 12/28.
 Replaced Steve Coan.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Melina Floyd – Appointment – term to 1/27.
 Replaced Thomas Marra.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Library Board

Elizabeth Talmadge – Appointment – term to 1/28.
 Replaced Barbara O’Neill.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Dickau.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Park Board

Robert Parenti – Appointment – term to 12/28.
 Replaced Jon Fitzgerald.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Seymour.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Planning Commission

DeWayne Wynn – Appointment as alternate member – term to 7/28.
 Replaced Kenneth Rasmussen-Tuller.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Dickau.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Police Commission

Dean Kilbourne – Reappointment – term to 12/28.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Sewer and Water Commissions

Sean Dunn – Reappointment – term to 12/28.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

Youth Commission

Antonio Chatfield (8th grade) – Appointment as Under 21 Rep. – term to 12/27.
 Replaced Renee Singleton.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Session to discuss items a. and b. below.

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a. Present to discuss and take any action as necessary regarding the matter of Carmen Arzola v. City of Bristol, WCC# 7233481: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Clift; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Donovan; Assessor DeNoto; and outside Counsel Nicole A. Fluckiger of McGann, Bartlett, & Brown Law.

b. Present to discuss and take any action as necessary regarding litigation matter, Superior Court docket number #HHB-CV-23-6079842-S, EDHOC Anthony DeLorenzo Towers, LP v. City of Bristol: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Dickau, Hahn, Rosengren, Seymour, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Clift; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, Steeg, and Donovan; and Assessor DeNoto.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the regular meeting of the City Council back into public session.

On motion of Council Member Seymour and seconded by Council Member Hahn, it was unanimously voted: To enter into a Full and Final Settlement in the matter of Carmen Arzola v. City of Bristol, WCC file #7233481, for the workers' compensation claim dated May 25, 2022 filed by Carmen Arzola. The total amount of the settlement is Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars.

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

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was unanimously voted: That the litigation matter, Superior Court docket number #HHB-CV-23-6079842-S, EDHOC Anthony DeLorenzo Towers, LP v. City of Bristol, be settled by Stipulation, which shall adjust the Grand List 2022 full market value of the subject property at \$8,000,000.00.

It was further moved that the Assessor be authorized to adjust the Grand List in accordance with this Stipulation, and that the Corporation Counsel be authorized to execute the Stipulation on behalf of the City of Bristol.

12. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 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