

October 11, 2022

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Finance was held on October 11, 2022 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street at 6:47 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler; Commissioners Mace, O'Brien. Present by videoconference: Council Member Lusitani, Commissioners Burns, Heiser, Maikowski, Smith, and Whitford. Absent: Commissioner Kazemekas.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR JOINT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular Joint meeting on September 13, 2022.

2. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the following eight items as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. \$800 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY DONATIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$800 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by donations for the Fire Department.

4. \$14,464 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$14,464 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by grant revenue.

5. \$1,248,239 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE FOR CHILD DAY CARE GRANT, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$1,248,239 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by grant revenue for the Child Day Care Grant.

6. \$25,742 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN LIBRARY OPERATING BUDGET FUNDED BY MANROSS TRUST REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$25,742 within the Library operating budget funded by Manross Trust revenue.

7. \$31,529 TRANSFERS WITHIN GENERAL FUND TO CLOSEOUT FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make transfers totaling \$31,529 within the General Fund to closeout fiscal year 2022-2023.

8. \$60,316 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND AS OF JUNE 30, 2022 FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$60,316 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund as of June 30, 2022 funded by grant revenue.

9. \$1,086 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SPECIAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS FUND FUNDED BY GRANT REVENUE, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$1,086 within the Special Grants and Donations Fund funded by grant revenue.

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10. \$55,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND FUNDED BY FUND BALANCE FOR SOLID WASTE BARRELS, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$55,000 within the Solid Waste Disposal Fund funded by fund balance for solid waste barrels.

11. \$1,450,000 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FUNDED BY BONDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROJECT, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation of \$1,450,000 within the Capital Projects Fund funded by bonding for the Public Safety Communications Systems Upgrade project.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Howe		
“ ”	Lusitani (videoconference)	
“ ”	Olsen	
“ ”	Panioto	
“ ”	Thibeault	
“ ”	Tyler	
Commissioner	Burns (videoconference)	
“ ”	Heiser (videoconference)	
“ ”	Mace	
“ ”	Maikowski (videoconference)	
“ ”	O'Brien	
“ ”	Smith (videoconference)	
“ ”	Whitford (videoconference)	
	Mayor Caggiano	

MOTION ADOPTED: YES – 14; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

12. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,450,000 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

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On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the Resolution appropriating \$1,450,000 for the Public Safety Communications System Upgrade and to waive the reading of the Resolution, but include it as part of the minutes.

The Resolution reads as follows –

RESOLVED,

(a) That, pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter, the Board of Finance and the City Council of the City of Bristol hereby determine that it is necessary to upgrade the Public Safety Communications System.

(b) That the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,450,000) is appropriated therefor.

(c) The appropriation may be spent for design and planning costs, equipment, materials, installation costs, engineering or other consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project and its financing.

(d) The appropriation shall be funded from borrowing less any grants received to defray the appropriation.

A roll call vote was taken.

YES

NO

ABSTAIN

Council Member Howe

“ ” Lusitani (videoconference)

“ ” Olsen

“ ” Panioto

“ ” Thibeault

“ ” Tyler

Commissioner Burns (videoconference)

“ ” Heiser (videoconference)

“ ” Mace

“ ” Maikowski (videoconference)

“ ” O’Brien

“ ” Smith (videoconference)

“ ” Whitford (videoconference)

Mayor Caggiano

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 14; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN AMOUNT OF \$1,450,000 TO FINANCE APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE, ADOPTED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

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On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Commissioner Smith, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations in the amount of \$1,450,000 to finance the appropriation for the Public Safety Communications System Upgrade and to waive the reading of the Resolution, but include it as part of the minutes.

The Resolution reads as follows –

RESOLVED,

(a) That under the authority of and in compliance with the City Charter and any other acts of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut thereto enabling, the Board of Finance and the City Council of the City of Bristol hereby determine that it is necessary to issue bonds, notes or obligations in the principal sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,450,000) to finance the appropriation for the upgrade of the Public Safety Communications System. The bonds, notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Bristol and Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds, notes or obligations shall be general obligations of the City secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City.

(b) That the City issue and renew temporary notes or obligations from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, notes or obligations for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,400,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Bristol and Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the City. The City shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

(c) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor of the City shall sign any bonds, notes or obligations by their manual or facsimile signatures. The bonds, notes or obligations shall be countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance. The Comptroller's approval of the bonds, notes or obligations shall be evidenced by his manual or facsimile signature. The law firm of Pullman & Comely, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds, notes or obligations. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds, notes or obligations; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds, notes or obligations; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the City in connection with the sale of the bonds, notes or obligations; to sell the bonds, notes or obligations at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds, notes or obligations; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds, notes or obligations.

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(d) That the City hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 and, if applicable, pursuant to Section 54A(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the City reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings, including qualified tax credit bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the City pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or obligations authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(e) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance and the Comptroller, or any two of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes or obligations to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or obligations.

(f) That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Agent or Vice Agent of the Board of Finance and the Comptroller, are authorized to apply for and accept federal and state loans and grants to finance the project, and to enter into grant and loan agreements prescribed by a federal or state agency, and that such officers are authorized to take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, or any other present or future legislation, or to implement such agreements. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project costs or principal and interest on bonds, notes or obligations issued for the project.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	
			Council Member Howe
“	”		Lusitani (videoconference)
“	”		Olsen
“	”		Panioto
“	”		Thibeault
“	”		Tyler
Commissioner			Burns (videoconference)
“	”		Heiser (videoconference)
“	”		Mace
“	”		Maikowski (videoconference)
“	”		O’Brien
“	”		Smith (videoconference)
“	”		Whitford (videoconference)
			Mayor Caggiano

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES – 14; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 0.

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14. \$18,050 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION WITHIN TRANSFER STATION FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES, APPROVED.

Board of Finance approval presented.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To make an additional appropriation totaling \$18,050 within the Transfer Station Fund for Professional Fees.

15. MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT PRESENTATION BY COMPTROLLER.

Comptroller Waldron highlighted a monthly revenue and expense report for the Joint Meeting members.

16. ADJOURNMENT.

At 6:56 p.m., on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST:_____

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Town & City Clerk