

**AUGUST 8, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street at 7:15 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler.

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

A moment of silence was held for William “Bill” Ghio. He served on numerous boards and commissions for the City.

Special guest Antonio Chatfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2023**

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on July 11, 2023.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Peter Kelley, 44 Southdown Dr. – Provided a history of downtown development plans, and the previous administration’s role in those plans.

Morris “Rippy” Patton, 49 Field St. – Spoke on behalf of a District 2 resident that was having an issue in their condominium complex who reached out to Council Member Tyler for help.

Shelby Pons, 143 Larkspur Ln. – Expressed concern over the Mayor’s choice of appointment to the Board of Education.

Jen Dube, 139 Grove St. – Expressed her opposition to the endorsed candidate to fill the Board of Education vacancy.

Logan Williams, 44 Hull St. – Provided his reasons for leaving the Republican party; and expressed his disapproval for the direction he feels the Bristol Republican Party is taking as well as for the choice of Board of Education candidate.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events. Mayor Caggiano encouraged everyone to listen to Wes Woodson’s presentation on mental health which can be found on YouTube.

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To adopt five matters as part of the Consent Calendar.

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**a. New Hire Report For July 2023**

Communication received from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of July, 2023.

**b. To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents related to the application, funding and grant for the FY2024 School Readiness Priority Administrative Funds Enhancement Grant from the Office of Early Childhood for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, not to exceed \$42,585.00**

Communication received from the School Readiness Council.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents related to the application, funding and grant for the FY2024 School Readiness Priority Administrative Funds Enhancement Grant from the Office of Early Childhood for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, not to exceed \$42,585.00.

**c. To approve the application for the FY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation funded under the U.S. Department of Justice for \$11,397 for equipment; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents**

Communication received from Chief of Police, Brian Gould.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the application for the FY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation funded under the U.S. Department of Justice for \$11,397 for equipment; and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents.

**d. To approve the change order for Sav-Mor Cooling Heating, LLC, totaling \$672,485.58 as recommended by Greene-Hills HVAC Project Committee, for an increased contract amount to \$8,586,050.58**

Request received from Board of Education.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the change order for Sav-Mor Cooling Heating, LLC, totaling \$672,485.58 as recommended by Greene-Hills HVAC Project Committee, for an increased contract amount to \$8,586,050.58.

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- e. **To award Contract 2P24-010 Assessment Revaluation Field Inspection Services to Tyler Technologies, Inc. at a rate of \$22.50 per parcel, and to refer to Corporation Counsel for contract review, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute**

Request received from Purchasing Agent Rousseau.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P24-010 Assessment Revaluation Field Inspection Services to Tyler Technologies, Inc. at a rate of \$22.50 per parcel, and to refer to Corporation Counsel for contract review, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute.

## **6. Reports and Committee Reports**

### **a. Salary Committee**

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To create the position of Athletics and Ballfield Supervisor with the pay rate of BPSA Code 7, effective immediately; and to eliminate the position of Assistant Parks, Grounds, and Facilities Supervisor effective upon filling the position of Athletics and Ballfield Supervisor.

### **b. Real Estate Committee**

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: To refer the property known as 208 Louisiana Avenue to the Planning Commission for a C.G.S. Sect. 8-24 report to address the request of a neighbor to purchase a .56 acre portion of the property. This request was previously approved by the Board of Education.

### **c. Ordinance Committee**

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, Sec. 4-3. – Pick Up and Disposal of Dog Waste and 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.

Council Member Tyler explained that the Disposal of Dog Waste ordinance will now be included in the littering ordinance and the fine has increased.

### **d. Ordinance Committee**

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 10-41 – 10-59 – Litter in Public and Private Places and 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.

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Council Member Thibeault thanked residents for their input which helped craft the ordinance.

Council Member Tyler thanked Attorney Tom Conlin and Public Works Director Rogozinski for their help in creating the ordinance.

**7. Old Business** – None.

**8. New Business**

**a.** On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded by Council Member Panioto, it was unanimously voted: That the 2 acre property known as Lot #10, Map 65 Marsh Road, currently owned by the Estate of Nancy R. Downs, be referred to the Planning Commission for a Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24 report to address a recent request from the estate to sell said lot to the City of Bristol; to refer this matter to the Bristol Water Department, Bristol Park Department, Economic & Community Development, and Public Works Department to determine if any of the aforementioned departments have any interest in the city purchasing this lot; and to refer this matter to the Real Estate Committee for its recommendation and if applicable, negotiation with the estate.

**9. Resignations**

The following resignations were presented:

*Jennifer Van Gorder, American Rescue Plan Act*

*Rand Sean Gingery, Transportation Commission*

*Kristen Peck, School Readiness Council effective 8/11/2023*

*Azra Redzic, School Readiness Council effective 9/6/2023*

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

**10. Appointments**

The following appointments were presented:

**BRISTOL/BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

Donna Friday – Appointment - term to 7/2026

Replaced William Ghio.

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

William Lacart – Reappointment – term to 8/2028

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Anthony Pellerin – Appointment as alternate – term to 1/2024

Replaced James Ritchie.

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Faye Duquette – Appointment as alternate – term to 9/2025

Replaced Logan Williams.

Confirming motion by Council Member Rosengren.

Motion passed in voice vote.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alfred Radke – Reappointment – term to 7/2026

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Christopher D. Callahan – Reappointment as alternate – term to 7/2026

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lorianne Osenkowski – Appointment – term to 11/13/2023

Replaced Todd Sturgeon.

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote 4 - 2. Attachment from Council Member Olsen.

BOARD OF FINANCE LIAISONS TO BOARD OF EDUCATION'S BUILDING COMMITTEES

Ron Burns – Appointment – Greene Hills School

Marie O'Brien – Appointment – Memorial Boulevard School

David Maikowski – Appointment – South Side School HVAC Committee

Craig Kazemekas – Appointment – Northeast Middle School

Mark Peterson – Appointment – Edgewood School

Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.

Motion passed in voice vote.

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Council Member Jacqueline Olsen – Appointment – Edgewood School Building Committee

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.

Motion passed in voice vote.

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Corporation Counsel Scott Matney designated as a Conciliator

Confirming motion by Council Member Tyler.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL

Jillian Romann – Appointment – term to 8/24

Replaced Azra Redzic.

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.

Motion passed in voice vote.

ACTING MAYOR

Cheryl Thibeault – Appointment – term to 11/23

Confirming motion by Council Member Howe

Motion passed in voice vote.

**11. TO PLACE ON FILE TWO POSITIVE REFERRALS: EVERSOURCE EASEMENT FOR 111 NORTH MAIN ST. & 122 MEADOW ST. AND EVERSOURCE EASEMENT FOR PAGE PARK MASTER PLAN – 641 & 649 KING ST.**

Communication received from the Bristol Planning Commission.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To place on file two positive referrals: an Eversource Easement located at 111 North Main St. and 122 Meadow St.; Map 26, Lots A-1 and Lot 67 (Kelley St. and Meadow St. parking structure) & an Eversource Easement – Page Park Master Plan – 641 & 649 King St.; Map 37, Lots 135 & 134 from the Bristol Planning Commission pursuant to C. G. S. 8-24.

**12. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A POLICE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT**

Request received from Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Howe, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute a Police Assistance Agreement with the Town of Wolcott.

**13. AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN RLE LIGHTING & ENERGY AND THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR LED UPGRADES FOR CITY FACILITIES**

Communication received from Corporation Counsel.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Olsen, it was unanimously voted: To table this item.

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**14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION (DESPP) FOR THE FFY 2022 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding a request to execute documents associated with the Memorandum of Agreement for the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

Council Member Howe moved and it was seconded: That the following Resolution be adopted –

Council Member Thibeault read the following resolution into the record:

*BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management, a Memorandum of Agreement regarding Homeland Security Grant Funds for DEMHS Region 3, including any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for FFY 2022; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jeffrey Caggiano, the Mayor of the City of Bristol, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, and to do and perform all acts and things which are deemed to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.*

*The Town Clerk further certifies that Jeffrey Caggiano holds the office of Mayor and that he has held that office since November 8, 2021.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this matter be referred to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.*

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

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**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Thibeault added an announcement.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:17 p.m., on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Erica Cabiya**  
**Town & City Clerk**

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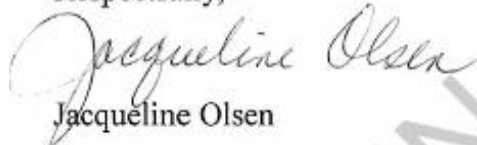
August 8, 2023, City Council Meeting

Re: Appointment of Lorianne Osenkowski vs Jennifer VanGorder

We have a candidate that has been endorsed by the mayor and voted for by the majority of RTC members to complete the term of a member that has resigned from the BOE. I have yet to hear any compelling reason as to why the endorsed candidate would not be appointed now to begin finishing that term. Appointing someone other than this candidate and I repeat, who has been endorsed by the mayor, doesn't serve any purpose. This is not a commonsense decision. It is simply nonsense. *I will vote no to Lorianne's appointment.*

Furthermore, I wish that it be noted for the record that no one is arguing that Lorianne Osenkowski is not a great candidate to run for election to the BOE in November.

Respectfully,



Jacqueline Olsen

Bristol City Council, District 2

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