MEETING MINUTES OF DIVERSITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Executive Room-First Floor, City Hall

ATTENDEES: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Mohammad Aziz; Jeffrey Beauchamp; Sandra Bogdanski; Leah Burnett; Jeffrey Israel; Denise Miller; Georgieanna Roy; William Stortz

Public: Cathy Sosnowski; Fatma Antar; Jennifer Benvento; Lea McCabe; Peter Wininger; Council Peter Kelly; Council Joshua Medeiros

Item 1- Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu at 6:34 p.m.

Item 2- Welcome by the Mayor

- Mayor Zoppo-Sassu welcomed all members of the Diversity Council as well to those who are interested in participating. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu introduced the new Diversity Council, stating that the council can take any shape depending on what is important in order to facilitate whatever those goals are for the community.

Item 3- Election of Chairperson

Item 4- Election of Vice Chairperson and Secretary

Item 5- Establish Meeting Schedule

- Council agreed on meeting on a Monday of each month.

Item 6- Open discussion of background materials & priorities for the council

- Reflecting Bristol’s diverse community at Public Schools within school staff.
- Make the Diversity Council more “diverse”
- Recruit a Hispanic representative
- Student/ Young demographic representative
- Schools need more staff support. Staff is being asked to do more with less.
- Need more behavioral interventionist, counselors, paraprofessionals
- Communities & population that need it the most are not voters, not vocal and do not come to the meetings where they can express their needs.
- Lack of intergenerational responsibility
- Arts & Culture Commission can cosponsor the Diversity Council, and help fund any Ethnic events the council decides to work on
- Use media to promote Diversity Council
- Identify some groups and organizations the council might want to outreach

Item 7- Adjournment: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to an end at 7:58 p.m.