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The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street at 7:16 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Howe, Olsen, Panioto, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. MAYOR CAGGIANO CONGRATULATED THE UCONN MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR BRISTOL NATIVE AND FRESHMAN PLAYER, DONOVAN CLINGAN.

2. RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations were presented:

Derek Jones, Energy Commission and Diversity Council
Kelly Pacheco Houston, Diversity Council
Robert Parenti, ESSER/ARP Committee
Erick Rosengren, Board of Assessment Appeals
Atty. Jason Welch, Assistant Corporation Council
Sharon Krawiecki, Republican Registrar of Voters

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

3. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were presented:

CITY COUNCIL

Erick Rosengren – Appointment – term to November 2023 Election.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

BRISTOL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Erick Rosengren – Appointment as Council Liaison – term to November 2023 Election.
 Replaced Council Member Howe as Liaison.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL

Atty. Scott Matney – Appointment – term to November 2023 Election.
 Replaced Atty. Jason Welch.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Faye Duquette – Appointment – term to November 2023 Election.
 Replaced Erick Rosengren.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Olsen.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

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CITY ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Juliet Norton – Reappointment – term to 4/26.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF ETHICS

Joan Cloutier – Reappointment – term to 4/26
 Council member appointment by Councilman Andrew Howe, District 3.

PARKING AUTHORITY

Andrea Adams – Reappointment – term to 4/26
 Mike Massarelli Sr. – Reappointment – term to 4/26
 Confirming motion by Council Member Panioto.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

CITY ENERGY COMMISSION

Mark Dickau – Appointment – term to 9/25
 Replaced Derek Jones.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

ESSER/ARP BOARD

John Lodovico – Appointment – no term.
 Replaced Robert Parenti.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

ARPA TASK FORCE

Katie D’Agostino – Appointment – No term.
 Replaced Cynthia Bombard.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Greg Klimek – Appointment – term to 1/24
 Replaced Franklin Caputo.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

WATER AND SEWER BOARDS

William Cunningham – Appointment – term to 12/24
 Replaced Ramiro Suarez.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Thibeault.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

CITY ENGINEER

Nancy Levesque – Reappointment – term to 4/27
 Confirming motion by Council Member Howe.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 14, 2023

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on March 14, 2023.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pieter Friedrich, 42 Century Dr., expressed concern that City Councils throughout America are being infiltrated by HSS.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members reported on committees, activities, and events.

7. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. New Hire Report for March 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 March, 2023.

b. Motor Vehicle, Personal Property, and Real Estate Tax Refunds In Amount Of \$23,167.43, Approved

Request presented from the Tax Collector.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$21,238.41
Personal Property	408.30
Real Estate	<u>1,520.72</u>
Total	\$23,167.43

c. Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant

Communication received from Deputy Police Chief Moskowitz.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for FY23

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Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents related to this grant.

d. Agreement With the Town of Berlin to Use the Town Range

Communication received from Asst. Corporation Counsel Welch.

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 an agreement with the Town of Berlin for the use of the outdoor rifle and pistol range at Beckley Mills Road by the Bristol Police Department.

e. Eight New School Readiness School Day/School Year Slots

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Osuch.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the acceptance of eight (8) new School Readiness School Day/School Year slots from the Office of Early Childhood, for the period of April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023, not to exceed \$12,000, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any related documents if necessary, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

f. ARPA Infrastructure Improvement Award for School Readiness

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Osuch.

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 and funding of the ARPA Infrastructure Improvement Award from the Office of Early Childhood for School Readiness for the period of July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024, not to exceed \$102,359.91, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

g. ARPA Infrastructure Improvement Award for the Child Day Care Program

Communication received from School Readiness Liaison Osuch.

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 and funding of the ARPA Infrastructure Improvement Award from the Office of Early Childhood for the Child Day Care program for the period of July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024, not to exceed \$27,926.71, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

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h. Grant Application to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation For the Bristol Fire Department

Communication received from Grant Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application from the Bristol Fire Department for \$5,000 to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

i. Grant Application to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation For the Bristol Police Youth League

Communication received from Grant Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for the Bristol Police Youth League for up to \$3,500 to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

j. Grant Application to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation For the Bristol Police Cadet Program

Communication received from Grant Administrator Leger.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the submission of a grant application for the Bristol Police Cadet Program for up to \$10,500 to the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all necessary documents, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance for any necessary action.

k. DPW LOTCIP Grant Application for Divinity Street Culvert

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

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 documents associated with a City application for LOTCIP grant funding to construct the Divinity Street Culvert replacement.

l. DPW LOTCIP Grant Application for Shrub Road Sidewalks and Traffic Calming Measures

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski

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

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documents associated with a City application for LOTCIP grant funding to construct Shrub Road sidewalks and implement traffic calming measures.

m. Grant Application From U.S. Department of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski

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 grant application documents associated with the U.S. Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.

8. REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Salary Committee

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept proposed changes to salary and benefits for non-bargaining employees as proposed, and to refer the matter to the Board of Finance.

b. Real Estate Committee

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To accept the donation from David Palaia, as recommended by the Bristol Planning Commission at its meeting of January 30, 2023, the following parcels of real estate, at no purchase cost to the City of Bristol: Assessor's Map 43, Lot 98-1 Frederick Street; Assessor's Map 40, Lot 3 Broad Street; Assessor's Map 43, Lot 96 Twining Street; and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for informational purposes and to Corporation Counsel to effectuate this transaction.

Appraisals are required. The cost of the appraisals will be paid for as follows:

Assessor's Map 43, Lot 98-1, Frederick Street – The Park Department shall pay for the appraisal of this property as it is interested in ownership and control;

Assessor's Map 40, Lot 3, Broad Street – The Department of Public Works shall pay for the appraisal as it plans on utilizing this property for City projects;

Assessor's Map 43, Lot 96 Twining Street – David Palaia and the City of Bristol shall share equally in the cost of this appraisal.

c. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to hold a public hearing on Sec. 2-23 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the proposed amendments and to set a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. in the Police Complex Center, 131 North Main Street, Second Floor, Bristol, Connecticut and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-23, as required by City Charter.

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d. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to hold a public hearing on Sec. 22-85 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the proposed amendments and to set a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:50 p.m. in the Police Complex Center, 131 North Main Street, Second Floor, Bristol, Connecticut and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances, Sec. 22-85, as required by City Charter.

e. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to hold a public hearing on Sec. 23-1 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To waive the reading of the proposed amendments to this ordinance.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To introduce the proposed amendments and to set a public hearing thereon by the Ordinance Committee for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:50 p.m. in the Police Complex Center, 131 North Main Street, Second Floor, Bristol, Connecticut and that the City Clerk publish notice of said public hearing and the proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances, Sec. 23-1, as required by City Charter.

f. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish changes to Chapter 15, Article IV. Areas Prohibited to Child Sex Offenders, of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, Article IV and that City Clerk publish said amendments 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.

g. Ordinance Committee

Recommendation of Ordinance Committee to publish changes to Sec. 12-180 through 12-189, Fair Rent Commission, of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

On motion of Council Member Tyler and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances Chapter 12, Article XII. Fair Rent Commission, Sec. 12-180 through 12-189, Fair Rent Commission, and that 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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9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senior Homeowner Relief

Communication received from Asst. Corporation Counsel Conlin.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adopt the amendments to the Senior Homeowner Relief Program as approved by the Board of Finance.

10. NEW BUSINESS – None.

11. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 2P21-031B DPW CITY HALL RENOVATION / ADDITION

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

This amendment will increase the contract value from \$28,898,147.79 to \$29,016,062.44.

On motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend contract 2P21-031B with D’Amato+Downes Joint Venture in the amount of \$117,914.65 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute said amendment.

12. EVERSOURCE SWITCHGEAR INSTALLATION AND CABLE RELOCATION – HOPE STREET

Communication received from Public Works Director Rogozinski.

Brief discussion about location and purpose of switchgear.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute an agreement with Eversource Energy to install switchgears within an easement located northeast of Hope Street at a cost of \$104,479.77.

13. AWARD CONTRACT 2C23-062 PERMANENT PATCHING OF UTILITY TRENCHES IN CITY STREETS

Communication received from Purchasing Director Roger Rousseau.

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C23-062 Permanent Patching of Utility Trenches in City Streets to Laydon Industries, LLC in the amount of \$164,600.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said contract.

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14. CREDIT FOR COORDINATED MEDICAL EMERGENCY DIRECTION (CMED) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024

Communication received from Corporation Counsel Steeg.

On motion of Council Member Panioto and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 28-24-7 of the regulations of the State of Connecticut, North Central, as the CMED provider as the recipient of its regional emergency telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) services for the fiscal year 2023/2024, and to refer to the Board of Finance for informational purposes. The value of Bristol’s credit for 2023/2024 is \$18,198.30.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHIEF BRIAN GOULD; AND TAKE ACTION

On motion of Council Member Olsen and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To table this item to a special meeting or the next regular meeting.

16. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., on motion of Council Member Howe and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

**Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk**