

## 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; Georgianna 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.