

JUNE 11, 2019

The meeting of the City Council was held on June 11, 2019 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:11 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Mills, Preleski and Rosado.

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR ALL SOLDIERS FROM BRISTOL.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu requested a Moment of Silence for soldiers representing Bristol and for those who did not return.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 14, 2019.

On motion of Council Member Preleski and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on May 14, 2019.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Karrine Vanesse, Community Outreach Chairperson of the Quota International of Bristol stated the organization was chartered in Bristol in 1941. The club currently has thirty members from Bristol and neighboring towns while internationally there are 219 clubs with over 4,000 members in fourteen countries. She noted that their mission was to help disadvantaged women and children and the deaf and hard of hearing. She outlined various local organizations and programs that the Quota Club assisted. Their funds come primarily from an annual fashion show which will be held in October at the Aqua Turf.

Logan Williams, 4 Edgewood Street expressed concern about the impact tolls would have on Bristol taxpayers. He suggested the City Council support a no-tolls resolution.

4. AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO EXECUTE LETTER OF INTENT WITH TABACCO & SON BUILDERS, INC. FOR EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO PARCEL 1 AND PORTION PARCEL 3 CENTRE SQUARE.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To move up the agenda item regarding the Letter of Intent with Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. for the exclusive rights to Parcel 1 and a portion of Parcel 3 Centre Square.

Justin Malley, BDA Executive Director provided an overview of the proposed layout of a commercial building which included a restaurant and retail space on the first floor and office space on the second. He explained that lot lines for parking could be revised to accommodate development on Centre Square and noted that the Letter of Intent was the first step with Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. to begin its due diligence.

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On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a Letter of Intent with Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. to purchase Parcel 1 and a portion of Parcel 3 Centre Square, subject to the review of the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

(Council Member Preleski "Abstained" from voting on this matter since he has represented this company.)

5. RETIREMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR EILEEN MCNULTY.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu announced the retirement at the end of June of Eileen McNulty, a thirty year City employee.

At 7:41 p.m., on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To take a short recess.

At 7:51 p.m., on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene the meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

Council Member Fortier removed the item regarding the restoration project at the Pine Lake recreation facility from the Consent Calendar.

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

7. NEW HIRE REPORT FOR MAY, PLACED ON FILE.

Communication presented from the Human Resources Department.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the New Hire Report for the month of May, 2019.

8. MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$29,027.37, APPROVED.

Request presented from the Tax Collector.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$ 3,753.29
Personal Property	104.25
Real Estate	<u>25,169.83</u>
Total	\$ 29,027.37

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9. MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PROCESS STATE'S LOCAL TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR WOLCOTT STREET APPLICATION.

Communication from the Public Works Director regarding the reconstruction grant for the Wolcott Street project.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required to process the State's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) application for the Wolcott Street (Wolcott Road to Witches Rock Road) application.

10. MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AN APPLICATION RELATING TO FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM THROUGH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR \$51,000.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding an application relating to the Farmers Market Promotion Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign an application and any and all other documents relating to the Farmers Market Promotion Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to be submitted by the Bristol Development Authority for \$51,000 for three years, and to refer this matter to the Board of Finance for action.

11. APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSMENT FREEZE APPLICATION FOR DGG DEVELOPMENT LLC FOR 49 EARL STREET.

Recommendation presented from the Code Enforcement Committee regarding a tax assessment freeze application for 49 Earl Street.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Tax Assessment Freeze application for DGG Development LLC, the owner of 49 Earl Street, Bristol, CT for the rehabilitation of a blighted property with the restoration of a single family structure per Section 5-57 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

12. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH DOWN TO EARTH CONSULTING, LLC FOR \$80,000, APPROVED.

Communication presented from the Purchasing Agent regarding the amendment to the contract for the remediation of a Brownfield site at 894 Middle Street.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend the Contract with Down to Earth Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$80,000 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract amendment.

13. CONTRACT 2C19-081R IMPROVEMENTS TO WASTE ACTIVATED SLUDGE TANK AT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY TO KOVACS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR \$274,635, APPROVED.

Communication received from the Purchasing Agent regarding the waste activated sludge tank at the Water Pollution Control facility.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C19-081R Improvements to Waste Activated Sludge Tank at Water Pollution Control Facility to Kovacs Construction Corporation in the amount of \$274,635 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

14. MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES TO PERMIT CORRECTIVE ACTION AT CITY'S PINE LAKE RECREATION FACILITY, APPROVED.

Council Member Fortier provided a background on this project and explained that Superior Electric Company's parent company was doing what was needed to address pollution to the soils near Pine Lake.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required by the local, State and federal regulatory agencies to permit the corrective action/sediment removal and restoration project proposed by the former Superior Electric Company at the City's Pine Lake recreation facility.

15. EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL LISTING CONTRACT WITH KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY FOR LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 WITCHES ROCK ROAD, APPROVED.

Recommendation presented from the Real Estate Committee regarding the Exclusive Right to Sell Listing Contract with Keller Williams Realty for Lots 6, 7 and 8 Witches Rock Road.

As recommended by the Real Estate Committee and on motion of Council Member Preleski, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: That the City of Bristol enter into an Exclusive Right to Sell Listing Contract with Keller Williams Realty for the property known as Lots 6, 7 and 8 Witches Rock Road, Bristol, Connecticut. It was further voted that this matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel to prepare and/or review any necessary documents and to authorize the Mayor, or Acting Mayor to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the same.

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16. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were presented:

COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Ruth Ann Graime – Reappointment – term to June, 2022.

Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Daniel Micari – Reappointment – term to June, 2022.

Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.

Motion passed in voice vote.

HOUSING CODE APPEALS BOARD

Allen Marko, alternate member – Appointment – term to June, 2022.

Replaced Charles Dowling.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL

Valerie Pelletier – Reappointment – unexpired term to August, 2020.

Confirming motion by Council Member Mills.

Motion passed in voice vote.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Noah Taylor, Under 21 yrs. of Age Member – Appointment – unexpired term to March, 2021.

Replaced Joy Harris.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Matthew Gotowala, Police Dept. Rep. – Reappointment – term to June, 2022.

Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Lance Washington, Citizen Member – Reappointment – term to June, 2022.

Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.

Motion passed in voice vote.

Tanya Ledesma, Citizen Member – Reappointment – term to June, 2022.

Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.

Motion passed in voice vote.

ZONING COMMISSION

Michael Massarelli – Reappointment – term to June, 2022.

Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.

Motion passed in voice vote.

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Jake Carrier – Reappointment – term to June, 2023.

Confirming motion by Council Member Hahn.

Motion passed in voice vote.

John E. Smith – Reappointment – term to June, 2023.

Confirming motion by Council Member Preleski.

Motion passed in voice vote.

17. DISCONTINUANCE OF PORTION OF WILLIS STREET, WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu stated that the item regarding the discontinuance of a portion of Willis Street was being worked on and was withdrawn from the agenda.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To withdraw the agenda item regarding the approval of the discontinuance of a portion of Willis Street from Memorial Boulevard to South Street.

18. RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, ADOPTED.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut that the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, as approved by the Bristol Development Authority on May 20, 2019 is hereby approved and that the Mayor or Acting Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relating to this grant including final agreements; and to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Annual Action Plan be referred to the Board of Finance for action regarding the appropriation of funds.

A roll call vote was taken.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Fortier			
“ ” Hahn			
“ ” Kelley			
“ ” Mills			
“ ” Preleski			
“ ” Rosado			
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu			

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

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19. RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LIST OF PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, ADOPTED.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding the 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act applications.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, that the list of program applications, as approved by the Bristol Development Authority on May 20, 2019 to obtain benefits under the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program, is hereby approved and that the Mayor or Acting Mayor is authorized to submit such applications and any and all other documents relating to the Neighborhood Assistance Act to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Fortier		Mayor Zoppo-Sassu
“ ” Hahn		
“ ” Kelley		
“ ” Mills		
“ ” Preleski		
“ ” Rosado		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: *YES – 6; NO – 0; ABSTAIN – 1.*

20. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON CHARTER REVISION DRAFT REPORT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18, 2019.

On motion of Council Member Preleski and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To schedule a City Council public hearing to receive input on the Charter Revision Draft Report for June 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

21. RESOLUTION REGARDING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A/ EVERSOURCE ENERGY, ADOPTED.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table an item regarding The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.

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Communication presented from Assistant Corp. Counsel Conlin regarding an electric distribution easement with The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.

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

RESOLVED: That the City of Bristol grant and convey to The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy a corporation chartered by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut and having its principal office in the Town of Berlin, in the State of Connecticut, its successors and assigns permanent rights for the installation, maintenance and repair of electric (and gas) lines over, under and across land of the City of Bristol situated in the City of Bristol and State of Connecticut, as set forth in the proposed easement presented to this meeting, which is hereby ordered filed with the records of this meeting; and

RESOLVED: That Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, the Mayor of the City of Bristol be and she hereby is authorized to execute and deliver in the name of the City of Bristol an easement presented to this meeting and to do any and all other acts to effectuate the foregoing.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Council Member Fortier		
“ ” Hahn		
“ ” Kelley		
“ ” Mills		
“ ” Preleski		
“ ” Rosado		
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

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

22. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH MANAFORT BROTHERS INCORPORATED FOR \$110,990.97 FOR 894 MIDDLE STREET, APPROVED.

Communication presented from the Purchasing Agent regarding an amendment to the Contract for the remediation of a Brownfield site at 894 Middle Street.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend the Contract with Manafort Brothers Incorporated in the amount of \$110,990.97 for a revised total of \$1,497,748.17 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract amendment.

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23. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:30 p.m., on motion of Council Member Mills and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

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Town & City Clerk

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