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The meeting of the City Council was held on September 10, 2019 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street at 7:04 p.m. Present: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Mills, Preleski, and Rosado.

1. MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR PHILIP VONELLA, WILMAR LAGASSE, BERNARD GRABOWSKI AND HARRY FIORILLO WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu requested a Moment of Silence for Philip Vonella, Wilmar Lagasse, Bernard Grabowski and Harry Fiorillo who recently passed away and served the City in various capacities over the last 50 years.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 2019, SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 22, 2019, AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 13, 2019.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on August 13, 2019, the special meeting on July 22, 2019, and the Public Hearing on August 13, 2019.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Susan Sadecki, President and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation presented a summary of the foundation and their goal to ensure a permanent resource of funding for the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott. The 501(c)(3) foundation was started by private citizens and has a volunteer Board of Directors. Since 1995 there were 240 named endowment funds which provide \$18,500,000 in grants and scholarships to assist the communities, nonprofits and residents of Bristol and the surrounding towns.

Raymond Wilson, 589 East Road expressed concerns about traffic issues caused by Route 72. He suggested a Community Action Committee with City leaders and residents to resolve the issue.

4. RECOGNITION OF DONALD GORANSON, RETIRING FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu presented an All Heart Award plaque to Donald Goranson in recognition of more than 40 years of service on the Bristol Board of Fire Commissioners. On behalf of the City Council she announced his emeritus status and presented him with an All Heart pin.

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Bristol Fire Chief Kolakoski thanked Mr. Goranson for his years of dedication to the department and awarded him with a personalized service helmet.

5. RECOGNITION OF BRISTOL ALL HEART: MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL CREW.

Dr. Medeiros, Parks & Recreation Department Superintendent thanked the members of the Bristol All Heart: Mountain Bike Trail crew for their seven months of volunteer work completing the mountain bike trails in Rockwell Park.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu and Council Member Mills presented All Heart Award plaques to Tyler Johnson, Mike Seery, Bob Desmarais, Bryan Funk, Scott Ruel and Brian Archibald.

6. AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO SELL PARCEL 10 CENTRE SQUARE TO WESLEY CYR AND OLIVER WILSON FOR \$35,000, APPROVED.

On motion of Council Member Preleski and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table the authorization for the Mayor or Acting Mayor to enter into a real estate purchase agreement pertaining to Parcel 10, Centre Square.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was voted: To authorize Mayor Ellen A. Zoppo-Sassu, or Acting Mayor to represent the City and enter into a Real Estate Purchase Agreement to sell property known as Parcel 10 Area = 21,622 S.F. on a map entitled "Resubdivision Map 'Centre Square Resubdivision' North Main Street, Riverside Avenue & Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut Prepared for The City of Bristol Milone & MacBroom, 99 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410 Project No. 2235-62 Date June 5, 2017", which map is recorded as Map Q-304 of the Bristol Land Records. Said Real Estate Purchase Agreement shall name as buyers Wesley Cyr and Oliver Wilson, which buyers have an address of 70 Oakwood Road, Harwinton, CT 06792. Said Agreement shall be for the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00). Said Real Estate Purchase Agreement shall be contingent upon review and approval by the Corporation Counsel, or his designated assistant counsel. It was also voted to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign and execute any other documents, including but not limited to a deed of conveyance, tax forms, title affidavit, and the like, as needed to effectuate the purposes of this transaction.

7. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

8. NEW HIRE REPORT FOR AUGUST, PLACED ON FILE.

Communication presented from the Human Resources Department.

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

9. MOTOR VEHICLE, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$25,700.28, APPROVED.

Request presented from the Tax Collector.

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

Motor Vehicle	\$ 8,541.56
Personal Property	34.54
Real Estate	<u>17,124.18</u>
Total	\$ 25,700.28

10. RECOMMENDATION FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS TO DISCONTINUE NEWELL ROAD, PLACED ON FILE.

Recommendation presented from the Board of Water Commissioners regarding approval to discontinue Newell Road.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the recommendation from the Board of Water Commissioners to approve the discontinuance of Newell Road and the water easement north of Brewster Road in favor of Bristol Hospital.

11. APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSMENT FREEZE APPLICATION FOR EFRAN METHOXHA FOR 51 JUDD STREET.

Recommendation presented from the Code Enforcement Committee regarding a tax assessment freeze application for 51 Judd Street.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve the Tax Assessment Freeze application for Efran Methoxha, the owner of 51 Judd Street, Bristol, CT for the rehabilitation of a blighted property with the restoration of a two-family structure per Section 5-57 of the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

12. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF LOT 35B LAKE AVENUE, PLACED ON FILE.

Recommendation presented from the Planning Commission regarding the acquisition of Lot 35B Lake Avenue.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the acquisition of the parcel known as Map 5 Lot 35B, comprising .55 acres in the R-15 Single-Family Residential zone, because it would be consistent with the goals and policies of the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development, amended to April 1, 2018, and specifically:

1. Section 10.2.1. Overall Goal – Neighborhood Stability – Continue to preserve and enhance the integrity and stability of Bristol’s residential neighborhoods.

13. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION TO DISCONTINUE NEWELL ROAD BUT TO RETAIN A STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT, PLACED ON FILE.

Recommendation presented from the Planning Commission regarding the discontinuance of Newell Road.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the discontinuance of Newell Road, approximately 170 linear feet from the eastern edge of Goodwin Street, 53’ in width and running from the western end of Goodwin Street easterly approximately 170’ into the lot known as Map 25A Lot 214 (41 Brewster Road). Said discontinuance shall also include the discontinuance of the existing easement located east and south of Newell Road that encumbers the previously discontinued sections of Newell Road.

The referenced easement is approximately 53 feet in width and extends in an easterly and southerly direction from the Newell Road terminus approximately 450 feet. A 10 foot wide easement associated with storm drainage conveying flows from Carleton shall be retained. This would be consistent with the goals and policies of the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development, amended to April 1, 2018, and specifically:

1. Section 11.6.3.2. Policies – Consider ways to support the overall mission of institutional uses while balancing impacts on adjacent areas (traffic, parking, building expansion, buffers, etc.).

14. CONTRACT 2020-001 AERIAL IMAGERY FOR ASSESSOR RECORDS WITH PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP FOR \$45,654, APPROVED.

Communication received from the Purchasing Agent regarding aerial imagery to be used in the Assessor’s Office.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2020-001 Aerial Imagery for Assessor Records to Pictometry International Corp in the amount of \$45,654 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

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15. CONTRACT 2C20-019 NATURAL GAS CONVERSION OF BURNERS AT CITY BUILDINGS TO RIVCO CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR \$92,948, APPROVED.

Communication received from the Purchasing Agent regarding the conversion of burners at City Buildings.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2C20-019 NATURAL GAS CONVERSION OF BURNERS AT CITY BUILDINGS to Rivco Construction, LLC in the amount of \$92,948 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

16. CONTRACT 2P19-062A BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN SERVICES-DIVINITY STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT TO WSP USA INC. FOR \$70,840, APPROVED.

Communication received from the Purchasing Agent regarding the replacement of a bridge structure on Divinity Street.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2P19-062A Bridge Replacement Design Services-Divinity Street Culvert Replacement to WSP USA Inc. in the amount of \$70,840, to refer to the Office of Corporation Counsel for contract review, and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

17. MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FROM REGION 4 MENTAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATION, AMPLIFY, INC. FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

Communication from the Superintendent of Parks & Recreation and the Acting Director of Youth & Community Services regarding the Local Prevention Council Grant.

As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign the Local Prevention Council grant application from the Region 4 Mental Health Action Organization, Amplify, Inc. for funding not to exceed \$7,141.55 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

18. CONTRACT 2020-003 SAND BLASTING AND PAINTING CLARIFIERS AT WPC FACILITY TO MACKENZIE SERVICE CORPORATION FOR \$166,980, APPROVED.

Communication received from the Purchasing Agent regarding the sand blasting and painting of clarifiers at the Water Pollution Control Facility.

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As part of the Consent Calendar adoption and on motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To award Contract 2020-003 Sand Blasting and Painting Clarifiers at WPC Facility to MacKenzie Service Corporation in the amount of \$166,980 and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said Contract.

19. AMENDMENT TO BRISTOL CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 17-18, USE OF STREETS, ADOPTED.

As recommended by the Ordinance Committee and on motion of Council Member Preleski, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To amend and adopt the Bristol Code of Ordinances Sec. 17-18, pertaining to the use of streets by vendors. It will be effective upon the expiration of fourteen days of its newspaper publication, and reads as follows –

(Underscored text is proposed to be added. [Bracketed] text is proposed for deletion.)

Sec. 17-18. - Use of streets.

No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, nor shall be permitted a stationary location on Main Street, North Main Street, Hope Street or Riverside Avenue between Main Street and North Main Street, or any public place unless specifically authorized to do so, nor shall be permitted to operate in any congested area where such operations might impede or inconvenience the public. For the purpose of this section, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested or the public impeded or inconvenienced. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in accordance with Section 1-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bristol.

20. CITY ASSESSOR INCLUDED IN APPRAISAL/VALUATION OF PARCELS ALONG PERKINS STREET FOR POTENTIAL PURCHASE AND INCLUSION TO BIRGES POND HOPPERS NATURE PRESERVE, APPROVED.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu suggested involving the City Assessor in the valuation of parcels owned by the Schaffrick family for the purpose of acquiring additional open space.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table an item to involve the City Assessor with the appraisal of parcels along Perkins Street.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To involve the City Assessor in the appraisal/valuation of parcels identified by the Schaffrick family along Perkins Street for the potential inclusion and purchase to be added to the Birges Pond Hoppers Nature Preserve.

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21. APPROVAL TO CREATE NEW 1338 POSITION WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR/MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AND UPGRADE LOCAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR – CLASS III, WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR – CLASS IV, AND TRANSFER CHIEF WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TO BPSA BARGAINING UNIT.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To bring on the table an item from the Salary Committee.

Robert Longo, Superintendent of Water Department summarized the proposed personnel changes for his department. He explained that much of the staff turnover was caused by employees taking high paying positions in other towns. His proposal included the creation of a floater which would lessen the burden and expenses of overtime. He stated that these changes would come from the Water Department and not the City's budget.

Council Member Hahn asked whether an analysis was done regarding the costs of hiring and training a new employee.

As recommended by the Salary Committee and on motion of Council Member Fortier, Chrm., and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To approve requests from the Superintendent of the Water Department for the following items:

1. Creation of a new position of Water Treatment Operator/Maintenance Technician (Local #1338, Code 7, \$22.44/hour - \$25.09/hour);
2. Upgrade of the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator (Local #1338, Code 6, \$21.23/hour – 23.70/hour) to Code 7, \$22.44/hour - \$25.09/hour;
3. Upgrade of the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator – Class III (Local #1338, Code 7, \$22.44/hour - \$25.09/hour) to Code 8, \$23.62/hour - \$26.39/hour;
4. Upgrade of the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator – Class IV (Local #1338 Code 8, \$23.62/hour - \$26.39/hour) to Code 9, \$24.85/hour - \$27.73/hour; and
5. Transfer of the position of Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator from Local #1338, Code 10, \$26.08/hour - \$29.10/hour to the BPSA bargaining unit at Salary Level 7, \$63,836 - \$83,855/annually.

It was also voted that these approvals be effective September 29, 2019 and to refer them to the Board of Finance for informational purposes.

22. PROPOSED POSITIONS CONCERNING REORGANIZATION OF YOUTH SERVICES UNDER PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO SALARY COMMITTEE.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu explained the proposal to combine Youth Services and the Parks & Recreation Department. The proposal suggested having one department head for the Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Family Services which would consist of four divisions; Parks, Grounds & Facilities Division, Recreation Division, Aquatic Division, and Youth & Family Services Division. With the movement of existing employees and the creation of others, the net

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impact to the City budget would be \$54,000 in savings, plus the income from the potential lease of the High Street property where Youth Services was located.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Salary Committee for discussion and review the proposed positions concerning the reorganization of Youth Services under the Parks & Recreation Department.

23. POTENTIAL LEASE WITH BRISTOL HEALTH FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 51 HIGH STREET REFERRED TO REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

On motion of Council Member Preleski and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Real Estate Committee and the Office of Corporation Counsel for review the potential lease with Bristol Health for City owned property at 51 High Street.

24. MODIFYING LAYOUT OF CITY HALL FACILITIES AND 51 HIGH STREET AS RESULT OF REORGANIZATION OF YOUTH SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO BUILDING COMMITTEE.

On motion of Council Member Mills and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Building Committee for review modifying the layout of the facilities at City Hall and 51 High Street as a result of the reorganization of Youth Services and the Parks & Recreation Department.

25. POTENTIAL LEASE WITH BRISTOL HEALTH FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 51 HIGH STREET REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To refer to the Planning Commission for review the potential lease with Bristol Health for City owned property at 51 High Street, subject to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 8-24.

26. RESIGNATION.

The following resignation was presented:

Donald Goranson, Board of Fire Commissioners.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To place on file the resignation and send a letter of thanks.

27. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were presented:

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Robert Passamano, Bristol Development Authority Rep. – Appointment – no term.
 Marie O'Brien, Board of Finance Rep. – Appointment – no term.
 Thomas Hislop, Ten Year Capital Improvement & Strategic Planning Committee Rep. – Appointment – no term.
 William Mascetti, Chamber of Commerce Rep. – Appointment – no term.
 Michael Massarelli, Zoning Commission Rep. – Appointment – no term.
 Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, ex officio – Appointment – no term.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Daniel Massaro, Jr. – Reappointment, alternate member – term to September, 2022.
 Mayor's Appointment – No confirming motion required.

HOUSING CODE APPEALS BOARD

Erin Thibodeau – Appointment – unexpired term to December 31, 2021.
 Replaced Maryann Ericson.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Harold Kilby – Appointment – unexpired term to January, 2021.
 Replaced Donald Goranson.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

FULL-TIME ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL

Richard Lacey – Reappointment – 5 yr. term to September, 2024.
 Confirming motion by Council Member Fortier.
 Motion passed in voice vote.

28. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT, ADOPTED.

Communication presented from the Grants Administrator regarding the grant to cover costs for the Emergency Management Director salary and other expenses.

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

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Connecticut, that the filing of a grant application for \$13,500 to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant funding is hereby approved and that the Mayor, Ellen A. Zoppo-Sassu, or Acting Mayor, is hereby authorized to enter into, deliver, and execute such application and any and all other documents relating to this application/grant, including but not limited to any final grant documents, and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of this application/grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 Fortier		
“ ” Hahn		
“ ” Kelley		
“ ” Mills		
“ ” Preleski		
“ ” Rosado		
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu		

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

29. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CLAIMS MATTER OF SYNTHETIC FIELDS AT BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL AND BRISTOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND MATTER OF CREATIVE COMMUNITIES BUILDERS LTD. – LOT 35B LAKE AVENUE.

At 8:32 p.m., on motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Sessions to discuss possible claims in the matter of the synthetic fields at Bristol Eastern High School and Bristol Central High School and to discuss the matter of Creative Communities Builders Ltd. – Lot 35B Lake Avenue.

Present to discuss possible claims in the matter of the synthetic fields at Bristol Eastern High School and Bristol Central High School: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Mills, Preleski, and Rosado; Corporation Counsel Clift; Assistant Corporation Counsel Lacey; and Board of Education Athletic Director Christopher Cassin.

Present to discuss the matter of Creative Communities Builders Ltd. – Lot 35B Lake Avenue: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu; Council Members Fortier, Hahn, Kelley, Mills, Preleski, and Rosado; Corporation Counsel Clift; and Assistant Corporation Counsel Steeg.

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Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

At 9:32 p.m., on motion of Council Member Mills and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

30. APPROVAL FOR CITY OF BRISTOL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY KNOWN AS MAP 5, LOT 35B LAKE AVENUE FROM CREATIVE COMMUNITIES BUILDERS FOR \$2,451.43.

On motion of Council Member Fortier and seconded, it was unanimously voted: That the City of Bristol purchase the real property known as Map 5, Lot 35B Lake Avenue from Creative Communities Builders for the purchase price of Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One and 43/100 (\$2,451.43) Dollars and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign and execute any documentation to effectuate this transaction.

31. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:32 p.m., on motion of Council Member Mills and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST: _____

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Town & City Clerk**