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(BRISTOL, CT – April 21, 2017) Today, the City of Bristol and Bristol Hospital executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement in City Council Chambers. The agreement details the City’s sale of a portion of the Centre Square development site to Bristol Hospital for purposes of constructing a 60,000 square foot building that will be the home for a dynamic ambulatory care center that will employ dozens of medical professionals while servicing thousands of patients in downtown Bristol.

“This signing is the culmination of many months of planning and hard work on this project,” Mayor Cockayne said. “There is still significant work to be done, but I am confident that Bristol Hospital and its developer – Rendina Healthcare Real Estate – will develop a high quality project that will help transform downtown Bristol and Centre Square. Bristol Hospital is an anchor institution in the City of Bristol – employing hundreds while caring for our families, friends, and neighbors for generations. Our community hospital is an ideal partner to team up with as we revitalize downtown.”

“This project further reinforces Bristol Hospital’s commitment to the community and we greatly appreciate the support of Mayor Cockayne, the City Council and all our state and local leaders for this opportunity,” said Kurt A. Barwis, FACHE, president and CEO of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group, Inc. “I am also grateful to the leadership of our Board of Directors for their vision early on with this project and that they see this as a win-win situation for Bristol Hospital, downtown Bristol and all the residents within our service area.”

Bristol Hospital, a non-profit community hospital has been serving the needs of Bristol residents since 1921. Known as one of the cornerstones of the community, the hospital provides high quality care 24 hours a day, seven days a week which enhances the quality of life and is just as important as public schools, safe streets, transportation, public utilities and police and fire protection.

The formal signing follows a recent City Council vote authorizing the Mayor to execute the Purchase and Sale agreement with Bristol Hospital on behalf of the City of Bristol. The City has working to develop the 15-acre vacant parcel between City Hall and Main Street commonly known as “Centre Square.”

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