



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON
SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2025
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
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Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lauretti called the Special Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Shelton City Hall. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – Present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President – Present
Alderman Cris Balamaci – Present
Alderman Lorenzo Durante – Present
Alderman Porter McKinnon – Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – Present
Alderman Bernie Simons – Present
Alderman Benjamin Perry – Present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present
Kellie Vazzano, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
Frances Freer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

1. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton, in accordance with Section 7.6 of the Charter, that the budget documents submitted by the Mayor on March 20, 2025 be amended and such budget as amended be adopted as the official budget and mill rate for the City of Shelton for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Revisions are as follows:

		Mill Rate 18.57				Mill Rate 18.82
		Mayor's Proposal				with changes
Changes to proposed budget						
REVENUES			increase	decrease		
Current Levy	001-0000-311-10-00	113,263,860	1,846,063			115,109,923
EXPENDITURES						
Professional Services	001-0200-411-30-01	100,000		(25,000)		75,000
SEDC	001-0800-414-30-01	125,000	5,000			130,000
Road Maintenance	001-3300-712-65-04	100,000	500,000			600,000
Bus Parts	001-4200-812-81-09	200,000	100,000			300,000
Debt Interest	001-4500-911-70-05	173,351	75,000			248,351
Long Term Debt	001-4500-911-70-10	3,034,000		(267,000)		2,767,000
Fire Truck	001-4500-911-70-27	305,129	211,588			516,717
Soccer/Roof	001-4500-911-70-24	0	45,000			45,000
Telephone Expenditure	001-4600-716-35-07	194,250	55,750			250,000
BOE REGIONAL SCHOOL	001-6100-951-82-05	0	300,000			300,000
Assessor revaluation	001-6100-951-82-08	0	339,125			339,125
Instruction Supply	001-6100-951-80-36	1,500	13,500			15,000
Barnum Festival	001-6100-951-81-25	0	2,500			2,500
Veterans Memorial Committee	001-6500-414-81-44	41,575		(9,400)		32,175
Contingency	001-9900-900-99-00	175000	500000			675,000
		4,449,805	2,147,463	(301,400)		6,295,868
						1,846,063

Resulting in a total budget of \$141,625,610 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. The mill rate shall be established at 18.82 mills, with a collection date for fiscal year 2025-2026 to be July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 for real estate; July 1, 2025 for personal property taxes less than \$5,000 and July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 for personal property taxes equal to or greater than \$5,000 and July 1, 2025 for the motor vehicle tax with the exception of those that carry their own collection date as determined by statute under motor vehicle supplement. Any tax under \$5 will be waived. Also, be it resolved that the Board of Aldermen accepts in principle the Capital Improvements Program as submitted.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: We worked too hard and have come too far for us not to take to the last minute and then some if necessary to adjust this. Essentially, what I am proposing here is we keep the mill rate at 19.18. That would generate the current levy of \$4,860,086.63. The point being here is it is pretty obvious to me, and maybe to some of you, that we have to make an extra effort, I think, to address the issue of contractals. We sat down and negotiated contracts and we have to pony up. We just can't walk away from it. I am referring to the Board of Education. What they have been asking for in contractals looks to me like they can make due with \$2.3 million. Keeping the mill rate the same or lowering it a little bit, it looks to me like we can meet that \$2.3 million obligation contractually and still have room to either leave the mill rate at 19.18 or reduce it a little bit. I did this hurriedly, last minute.

I think it is important that we are going to do something in this area and we have to do it tonight, we can't wait until tomorrow. My suggestion would be to resolve this by being able to pony up the \$2.3 million for contractals and to use some of the other money, if you don't want to go to 19, you establish a new mill rate. I didn't have time to put all this together and get the format and specifics. I think what we generated here on this sheet it shows the revenue and you get to the \$2.240 to the Board of Ed for contractals. What is your pleasure? Do you want to pursue this or don't you?

Mayor Lauretti: There is a motion on the floor that reflects numbers that are very different. When you quote the \$4 million number, the difference between the mill rate and the proposal, it does not add up. It is not quite \$4 million. There are a lot of things that would be displaced that are already in the motion for approval under your scenario.

Alderman Anglace: We can make whatever adjustments are necessary. My concern is not decimating the school system. I am not trying to play to the audience, I am simply saying we have worked long and hard as a group to build a relationship and ensure that our kids get the best education. We have a superintendent that we are working very well with. There is a lot of progress taking place. I would hate to see it all go down the tubes because of \$2.3 million that we can provide. I think the superintendent I hope would agree. Do you want to amend the motion to make an adjustment?

Mayor Lauretti: I couldn't speak for everyone here, but I don't think there is an appetite to do that at this point.

Alderman Perry: I don't know what it would take for an amendment to the motion, to be honest with you. What would it take?

Mayor Lauretti: You couldn't do it under his math because of all the other things that have been put in its place.

Alderman Anglace: Are you interested in amending the motion? If so, we can work out the details.

Alderman Perry: I have an interest in amending the motion.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to amend the motion. Seconded by Alderman Perry.

Alderman Anglace: We have the right to discuss.

Alderman Durante: Can we go into executive session?

Mayor Lauretti: No.

Alderman Anglace: I would suggest that you give the Board of Education \$2,240,000 for contractals. You can adjust the mill rate accordingly from there. Do you still want to go forward with a slight tax decrease?

Alderman McKinnon: By my math we would have to raise the mill rate to do what you are saying, John. The numbers do not add up.

Alderman Anglace: I am saying the 19.18 mill rate would generate \$2,240,000. All we have to do is keep the mill rate the same. What is more important to you, think about it? Is it more important to get a tax decrease or that you don't see your school system decimated?

Mayor Lauretti: I think that is a gross characterization of what this budget would do, to decimate a school system. Our role is not to cherry pick certain items that we want to fund and don't want to fund. Our role is to pick a number. As you know, and as I have said many times, once they get the number, they can spend it any way they want and they do. That's not new. Unless you can provide some specifics in terms of how you want to amend the budget, I think we are just wasting our time at this point.

Alderman Anglace: It is time well wasted. It is picking brains. Of the eight people here, not one has any ideas on how to do this? I'm talking out loud.

Alderman Durante: Mr. Chairman, I don't think that is a respectful comment to me. I believe that we were asking a lot of questions on how we can cover, not just the contractual agreements, but also a lot of other departments. This is a City as a whole. We had obligations for the City for our constituents. You had a discussion and this is the first that I am hearing. As the Chairman I feel offended. We understood that we had obligations that we had to cover, we discussed a plan that we were presenting today and at the last minute I felt discouraged. I think my constituents would feel discouraged as we are not on the same page. You have led this City and that is not the way you have led it. That is not how we have gotten things done.

Mayor Lauretti: Again, unless you have specifics on your amendment, I think this isn't going anywhere. There is nothing really to vote on.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to keep the mill rate at 19.18 mills to generate an additional \$4 million, putting \$2,240,000 into the Board of Education. Seconded by Alderman Perry.

A voice vote was taken and failed as follows (2 for, 6 against):

Alderman Anglace: Aye	Alderman McPherson: Nay	Alderman Balamaci: Nay
Alderman Durante: Nay	Alderman McKinnon: Nay	Alderman Simonetti: Nay
Alderman Simons: Nay	Alderman Perry: Aye	

Mayor Lauretti: We have a motion on the floor to approve the budget as so stated in specifics.

A voice vote was taken and passed as follows (6 for, 1 against, 1 abstention):

Alderman Anglace: Abstain	Alderman McPherson: Aye	Alderman Balamaci: Aye
Alderman Durante: Aye	Alderman McKinnon: Aye	Alderman Simonetti: Aye
Alderman Simons: Aye	Alderman Perry: Nay	

2. BUSPATROL AMERICA, LLC. AGREEMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and BusPatrol America, LLC. for School Bus Stop Arm Program and Enforcement services.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

3. AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION TO WEBSTER BANK RESOLUTION

Mayor Lauretti: We will not read the long resolution. Attorney Teodosio, please suggest how to proceed to make the necessary changes to the amendment that was adopted a week ago.

Attorney Teodosio: What you have in front of you is a new Term Sheet. That Term Sheet references the date the capital expenditures start, which was incorrect last time. Capital expenditures for this start on 2026. You also have a Term Sheet that reflects the accurate interest rate of 3.68%. The Term Sheet last time erroneously said 3.65%. The best way to do this is to adopt this amended motion as presented with those changes and allude to it as a Term Sheet because it is not a commitment letter, it is a term sheet. This is the amended motion, it alluding to a financing commitment letter and it should be Term Sheet. If we incorporate this into the motion as a Schedule A, we are all set.

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adopt the amended motion as presented by Attorney Teodosio above with changes stated that had been previously passed at the May 8, 2025 Board of Aldermen Regular Full Board Meeting:

1. That the Borrower be and it hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of one million nine hundred forty-four thousand and 00/100 - \$1,944,000) – Dollars (the “Loan”) from Webster Bank (the “Bank”) pursuant to a 4 (four) page Term Sheet hereto attached and herein incorporated as Schedule A from the Bank to the Borrower as may be amended, and to grant such collateral securing the Loan as may be required by Bank; and it is
2. Further resolved, that the borrower be and it hereby is authorized to execute and deliver all such instruments, documents or agreements as Bank shall reasonably require in order to enable Bank to make said Loan to the Borrower: and it is
3. That the Bank be and hereby is designated a depository of the funds of this Borrower if required, and the Mayor is authorized to negotiate the terms of and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Borrower, each of the instruments, documents and agreements as may be necessary to consummate the Loan and/or as may be necessary or convenient to carry out any of the foregoing resolutions, is hereby authorized to sign, for and on behalf of this Borrower, any and all checks, drafts and other orders with respect to any funds at any time(s) to the credit of this Borrower with the Bank, and/or against any

account(s) of this Borrower maintained at any time(s) with the Bank, inclusive of any such checks, drafts and other orders in favor of any of the above designated officer(s) and/or other persons(s), and that the Bank be and hereby is authorized: (a) to pay the same to the debit of any account(s) of this Borrower then maintained with it; (b) to receive for deposit to the credit of this Borrower, and/or for collection for the account of this Borrower, any and all checks, drafts, notes and other instruments for the payment of money, whether or not endorsed by this Borrower, which may be submitted to it for such deposits and/or collection, it being understood that each such item shall be deemed to have been unqualifiedly endorsed by this Borrower, and (c) to receive, as the act of this Borrower, any and all stop-payment instructions (inclusive of any relative agreement) with respect to any such checks, drafts, and other orders as aforesaid and reconciliation(s) of account when given by any one or more of the officer(s) and/or other person(s) as hereinbefore designated.

4. That Mark A. Lauretti, Mayor, is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of this Borrower, to transact any and all other business with or through the Bank which at any time(s) may be deemed by the said officer(s) and/or other person(s) transacting the same to be advisable, including, without limited the generality of the foregoing authority to: (a) discount and/or negotiate notes, drafts and other commercial paper; (b) apply for letters or other forms of credit; (c) borrow money, with or without security; (d) assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise hypothecate any property of the Borrower; (e) purchase, exchange, sell, or otherwise deal in or with any stocks, bonds and other securities; (f) execute and deliver automated customer services and other agreements relative to performance of various computer services, and (g) in reference to any of the business or transactions referred to in this subdivision make, enter into, execute and deliver to the Bank such negotiable or non-negotiable instruments, indemnity, guaranty and other agreements, obligations as may be deemed by the officer(s) and/or other person(s) so acting to be necessary or desirable.

5. That any and all withdrawals of money and/or other transactions heretofore had in behalf of this Borrower with the Bank are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved, and that the Bank (and any interested third party) may rely upon the authority conferred by this entire resolution unless, and except to the extent that, this resolution shall be revoked or modified by a subsequent resolution of this Board, and until a certified copy of such subsequent resolution has been received by the Bank.

6. That the Bank be promptly notified in writing of any change of any holder or holders of such offices, and that, until so notified and receipt acknowledged by it in writing, the Bank shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred by it in continuing to act in pursuance of these resolutions after such change without such notice.



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TERM SHEET

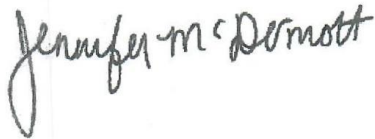
BORROWER/ISSUER:	City of Shelton, Connecticut (the "City")
SUBMISSION DATE:	May 6, 2025
LENDER:	Webster Bank, N.A. or designee or assignee (the "Lender")
TYPE OF FINANCING:	General Obligation Note, Series of 2025 (the "Note")
ANTICIPATED CLOSING DATE:	On or around May 22, 2025
FINAL MATURITY DATE:	May 22, 2029
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:	\$1,944,000, fully funded on the Closing Date.
AMORTIZATION:	Level principal payments of \$388,800, with payments commencing on May 22, 2026.
TAX STATUS:	Tax-Exempt, Bank Qualified
INTEREST RATE:	3.68%
SECURITY:	The Note will be a general obligation of the City.
PREPAYMENT:	<p>The City shall not have the right to prepay the Note in whole but not in part on any payment date pursuant to the below, provided that the City gives the Lender at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of its intent to do so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing through May 21, 2026- not prepayable ▪ May 22, 2026 through May 21, 2027 – prepayable at 102% ▪ May 22, 2027 through May 21, 2028 – prepayable at 101% ▪ On or after May 22, 2028- prepayable at 100%
FEES OF LENDER:	\$5,000 fee for Lender's counsel. Any other costs of issuance incurred by the City, such as financial advisory fees, placement fees and/or Note Counsel fees, are payable by the City.
DOCUMENTATION:	The City's Note Counsel shall provide documentation and a validity opinion and legal opinion for the Note, subject to review & approval by the Lender.

IRS CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE:	The Lender and its affiliates do not provide tax advice. Accordingly, any discussion of U.S. tax matters contained herein (including any attachments) is not written or intended to be used, and cannot be used, in connection with the promotion, marketing or recommendation by anyone unaffiliated with the Lender of any of the matters addressed herein or for the purpose of avoiding U.S. tax-related penalties.
DIRECT BANK LOAN:	<p>The Lender intends to classify the obligation as a privately placed loan. As such, the loan will feature (but will not be limited to) the following restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Note will not be assigned a CUSIP• The Note will not be registered with the DTC;• The Note will feature transfer restrictions such that transfer is restricted to Lender affiliates, or to qualified institutional buyers, each of which is a commercial bank with minimum capital, etc.;• The Note cannot be marketed pursuant to an offering document;• The Note will be issued as a single obligation in an authorized denomination equal to the amount of the borrowing.
ADVISORY DISCLOSURE:	The Lender is not a registered municipal advisor as defined under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and its related rules and regulations. In providing this Term Sheet, the Lender is not providing any advice, advisory services, or recommendations with respect to the structure, timing, terms, or similar matters concerning an issuance of municipal securities. This Term Sheet is a commercial, arms-length proposal that does not create a fiduciary duty by the Lender to the City. The City may engage, separately and at its own cost, an advisor to review this Term Sheet and the proposed transaction on the City's behalf.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	The City will be required to send the Lender audited financial statements and additional budgetary information as requested on an annual basis.
CREDIT APPROVAL:	This Term Sheet is subject to formal credit approval by Webster and the negotiation of mutually acceptable documentation. For due diligence, the Lender will require City's three (3) most recent audited financial statements, its most recently adopted budget, top ten taxpayer list of the Borrower, and any other information that Lender may reasonably require.
PROPOSAL EXPIRATION:	Unless accepted by the City or extended in writing by the Lender at its sole discretion, this Term Sheet shall expire on May 13,

2025. Once accepted, this Term Sheet shall expire if closing on the Note has not occurred by June 6, 2025.

Upon receipt of the signed Term Sheet, the Lender will use good faith efforts to close on the financing of the Note based on the terms herein and of those outlined in the City's Request for Financing distributed on April 29, 2025. It is a pleasure to offer this financing proposal to the City, and we look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer McDermott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer McDermott
Managing Director
Phone: 401-749-0727
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**Agreed to and Accepted by:
City of Shelton, Connecticut**

_____ (Name)

_____ (Title)

_____ (Date)

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fonda

Donna Fonda
Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti