Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:46 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Kenneth Olin - present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Jason Perillo - absent
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti

There was a quorum present.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appropriate Additional Funds for Charter Revision Distribution

Mayor Lauretti stated, this item should read appropriation of funds for Charter Revision Distribution.

Alderman Anglace moved to rescind the motion made at the October 28th Special Meeting under Item 5 “Additional Funding for Charter Revision and Authorization to Provide a Summary of Charter Revision Changes as a Newspaper Ad.”

Move to appropriate the sum of $1,650 to cover the costs of Charter Revision printing and distribution with funding to come from City/Town Clerk Printing and Advertising Account # 001-1400-415.30-07. Further, move to authorize the Charter Revision Summary of Changes to the existing Charter titled “2008 PROPOSED REVISIONS – HIGHLIGHTS OF MAJOR CHANGES” to be printed and distributed in the form of a newspaper advertisement and to then be available for public
distribution in the City/Town Clerk’s Office and on the City Web Site subject to approval of Corporation Counsel.

Alderman Farrell seconded the motion.

Alderman Anglace pointed out that Alderman Papa had to second the motion because he was the alderman who seconded the original motion that was being rescinded.

Alderman Papa seconded the motion.

Mayor Lauretti asked, “Who told you that?”

Alderman Anglace replied, “Alderman Finn.”

Mayor Lauretti stated, “Then it must be true.”

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone would like to discuss the motion.

Alderman Finn replied, “Yes, thank you Mr. Mayor. Tuesday night we voted on $350. One can’t make this up. We are now voting on $1,650. So, this must be the actual cost of taking out the ad in the newspaper, and not the $350.

Mayor Lauretti replied, that’s correct.

Alderman Finn stated, well I’d like to make that clear because the other night it was $350.

Mayor Lauretti replied, the reason for that was because there was a balance left in the Charter Revision Commission Account for this specific use. The problem with it is that the Charter Revision Commission, once they present the Charter to the Board of Aldermen, they are no longer a legal functioning body. So therefore the money will go roll into surplus.

Alderman Finn stated, that’s correct. That was an inappropriate account to take the money out of Tuesday night, you are absolutely correct.

Mayor Lauretti replied, no, no, it isn’t an inappropriate account. It’s just that there was not an action taken to formalize it and that’s where the problem comes into play. So, you only had an appropriation of $350.

Alderman Finn asked, the Town Clerk is in agreement to take the money from her printing and advertising account?

Mayor Lauretti replied, she is.
Alderman Anglace, a close look at the budget reveals that the balance left in the account was $1,370 and the account was a Board of Aldermen legislative account called Charter Revision Account and so, technically, in my opinion, the Board of Aldermen probably could have gone along the way we were going but because the money is under our control and not theirs, but this clarifies it, it clarifies the amount, the cost of the ad, and it clarifies where it's coming from and the funds are coming out printing and advertising from the City Clerk's office which has about $4,000 in that account.

Alderman Finn stated, Mr. Mayor, we allocated monies to the certain boards and commissions and once they are disbanded I don't see where we can go in and take that money out of that account if that commission on longer exists, even though we appropriated the funds in the first place. What I see now is the correct way of taking the funds and seeing the City Clerk is in agreement to using her printing and advertising account for that purpose.

Mayor Lauretti replied, well, we didn’t do that. The Board of Aldermen didn’t do that. The Board of Aldermen is authorizing the mailing, and it’s authorizing the expenditure.

Mayor Lauretti asked any further discussion?

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7 Yes, 1 No, (Finn).

2. Waiving of Bids for WPCA

Mayor Lauretti stated, as you recall, this item was on our agenda two weeks ago at the Full Board meeting and Board voted it down. I went back and met with the contractor who was the low bidder in doing the work and he has agreed to reduce his price an additional $34,000. So the full amount of this project is $800,000 and not $834,000.

Alderman Finn asked, Mr. Mayor is this project the one out in Huntington?

Mayor Lauretti replied, let's put the motion on the floor and then we will get into discussion.

Alderman Anglace moved to waive the bids regarding Bid #29-12 and enter into a contract with Gherlone, Inc. for the sum of $800,000 with funds to come from the Sewer Bonds. Further authorize Mayor Mark A Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone would like to discuss.

Alderman Finn replied, yes, is this pertaining to the Huntington line?
Mayor Lauretti replied, no, I believe it is the Center Street line, here in downtown.

Alderman Finn replied, you're right it is the Center Street line.

Mayor Lauretti replied, they are going to slip line it.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**Adjournment**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Adcox, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ________________BY: _______________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton