Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7 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 Noreen McGorty - present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Eric McPherson - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti - present

Administration:

Corporation Counsel Tom Welch

There was a quorum present.

Agenda Items

PUBLIC SESSION

Alderman Anglace asked if any member of the public wished to address the Board.

Cheryl O’Brien, 153 Village Drive

Good evening. I am a 12-year resident of Shelton with two children, one of whom graduated from Shelton High last year and the other is a sophomore this year. For each of the 12 years I have lived here, I have been involved with the Shelton school system and community in one capacity or another. I offer these bits of personal information by way of qualifying myself to speak to the issue of the Board of Education budget. I know that you’ve heard from me before and countless others on both sides. I have been fortunate enough to be able to attend the last several Board of Education meetings and Board of Aldermen workshops. I have studied and researched both the Board of Education and City budget proposals to the best of my ability. I have listened attentively to comments, questions and responses from both sides and taken copious notes to ensure the accuracy of my conclusions. Having been present myself at these meetings, I was pleased to see so many Board of Education members in attendance at the Board of
Aldermen workshops, and likewise disappointed that no Board of Aldermen members save Mr. Finn saw fit to attend any of the Board of Education meetings. I believe it may have helped you to better understand and perhaps sympathize with the Board of Education’s current crisis, as well as provide an opportunity for you to speak with some of our City’s residents and hear their concerns. The public portions of our City’s board meetings are infinitely useful for the airing of grievances and vending of opinions, but can never approximate the value and efficacy of mutual give and take of the verbal exchange of ideas. It is unfortunate that neither Board employs a public question and answer forum. It would provide both the public and their elected officials the chance to actually communicate and perhaps clear the air on some key issues. I know it is frustrating for both sides to be constrained against responding to the comments that have been made. That being said, it did appear that a genuine attempt at communication between the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Education was being made at last week’s budget workshop. However, despite the efforts of some Board of Aldermen members to address serious and pertinent financial concerns of the Board of Education and the thorough and detailed responses of the Board of Education, your closing remarks, Mr. President, left me and others with whom I subsequently spoke, with the impression that it was all for naught; an exercise in futility. I was surprised and disappointed after your initial expression of understanding and sympathy for the Board of Education’s predicament regarding the State’s unfunded special education mandates that you would conclude with such an inappropriate and condescending remarks. I speak specifically to those directed at Alderman Finn when you insinuated the insignificance of his vote on this Board. To Superintendent Burr, when you goaded him into acknowledging that Mayor Lauretti’s $95,000 recommended budget increase was indeed an increase despite the fact that you and everyone present is well aware that the deficit is in excess of $3 million and of the Superintendent’s recent efforts to further reduce this deficit by another $1 million. Lastly, and certainly not least, to our general citizenry when you laughingly suggested, “you should add a 501C3 option so that all those residents in favor of supporting the education budget could feel free to make tax free donations to the cause.” Such sarcastic and belittling remarks are unbecoming to a man of your stature as an elected representative of our City. I’m sure you felt and still feel that the substance of your comments is valid, but the way in which you delivered them portrayed a palpable disdain and disrespect for those to whom they were directed, and to those of us who were present in the audience as well. This kind of unapologetic behavior negates previous promotions of good will and only serves to further enlarge the already existing divisions within our City. I understand your responsibility to represent the needs and requirements of all the residents of Shelton, but it is also your responsibility to look beyond the present moment and secure our future. That future is not predicated solely on finances and you can no longer rely on your past expressions of support for education to carry us into the future. Each year new needs arise and must be met to ensure Shelton’s progress as a growing and thriving community. Just as it is your responsibility to ensure our senior citizens quality of life in their golden years, so it is the same as providing our youth with the tools to secure their futures so that they will want to return to our City and continue the cycle. You must not allow yourselves to lose sight of the forest for the trees. You contend that your responsibility is to the voters of this City, but the students of today are the voters of tomorrow and they and their parents (today’s voters) and tomorrow’s senior citizens will remember your treatment of them
tonight. Yesterday’s taxpayers helped pay for your children’s schools and educations. Likewise, it is your obligation to adequately provide the funding for ours. The Mayor’s recommend $95,000 increase is not adequate. Alderman Finn made a motion last week to increase the Board of Education budget by $2 million, which you summarily dismissed. I urge you tonight to revisit that motion and this time give it your respectful consideration. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace stated, for those of you not aware of Parliamentary procedure, for the speaker that just spoke, I would inform you that at a budget workshop, you cannot make a motion. You cannot make a motion at a budget workshop. You have no agenda other than discussion of the budget. Just for information. There have been so many erroneous things that have come out of this budget hearings, and so forth, that a lot of them have gone with no response, but there are tons of issues that should be responded to because they are wrong – they are just plain erroneous.

Alderman Anglace turned the Chair over to Mayor Lauretti at this point.

Joe Tremblay, 26 Edgewood Avenue

Good evening. I come here tonight, I have a daughter in the school system, special education, it just seems to me that the town over the last couple of years, it seems like when we go to cut we keep cutting towards the special education. These children, they need probably more resources then any of the other children in the school. When you cut the special education back for these kids when you try to make them feel like other students in the school system and blend in like the average little boy or girl in the class, and then you take them out of these classes - which will be taking place if this budget passes, or if things pass as they seem like they’re going to - it will make these children feel like they don’t fit in with the rest of the kids. That’s the last thing you want the City of Shelton to be known as, you know? Also, in the school systems here we’re going to have so many kids in some of these classrooms, when you keep cutting back on all the teachers and so on and so forth, that it’s going to be a lot harder to take care of these children. These kids need their teachers, one on one, and their aides one on one. I just hope that you and everyone else that is involved and the whole system looks this over really close and make sure they’re making this decision from their hearts. It’s a hard decision to make, I understand you guys have a lot on your plate you have to keep everything even keel. All I can say is I really hope you guys vote from your hearts. I know a lot of your guys have stood up and helped out with my daughter and went to a lot events and really helped her out over the past three – four – five years. I really hope that you got to remember these kids are in school with all these other kids and they really need your help. Thank you.

Carla Sullivan, 2 Horse Stable Circle

I’m here tonight speaking as one of the co-organizers of YES for Education in Shelton. Along with Jennifer Recker, Alexandria Wong, Paula Gill-Lopez and a host of citizens from across the City, we have forged a political action committee to raise awareness and promote factual information. My purpose in speaking this evening to say a heartfelt
thank you to the hundreds of concerned residents who have contacted you, their elected officials, over the last six weeks to express their concern about the proposed education budget for 2010-11. As our homepage states, “Our mission is to advocate for excellent public schools in Shelton. We put kids first.” YES is committed to providing facts about education in Shelton and has established this website to provide the tools and resources people need to support our public schools. Our first goal was to inform Shelton residents about the need for high quality public education here in Shelton. Our hope was that informed people would be inspired to action. I’m very pleased to report that we were right. We know each of you have been contacted and while we acknowledge that some of your calls may have been against any increase in taxes, we also know that many of your calls have been in favor of a fully funded education budget in Shelton. We have conducted ourselves in a positive and respectful manner and have supported our position with data. We do not accept the notion that people aren’t interested and don’t care and we have the statistics to prove it. In the six weeks since our first meeting through word of mouth and good support from the media and school system employees, we have accomplished the following: nearly $2,000 raised, 200 yard signs displayed all over Shelton, wristbands and stickers available to show support. Letters to the editor, articles in the newspapers and on the Valley Independent Sentinel. Hundreds of people attending city meetings, hundreds of people contacting their elected officials to express their concern, hundreds of people visiting our website and returning for updates, several hundred people registered to receive e-mail updates from us and hundreds of Facebook fans and followers. Please know that our attention will also be focused on the Board of Education as it continues to carry out its responsibility for educating the nearly 6,000 school-aged children in the City of Shelton. There will be many difficult decisions required in the days ahead to move our school system forward in these challenging economic times. We want to assure you that ours is a long-term strategy. Never again do I want to hear from an elected official that, “No one contacted me, no one attended the meetings, and no one is paying attention.” If the one and only thing we have done in these last six weeks is to raise awareness of how the process works, we will have accomplished much. We acknowledge the task before you is not easy. We thank you for your service to the City of Shelton. At the same time we encourage you to do everything you possibly can to provide the Board of Education and the school system staff with the tools they need to continue to provide high-quality public schools in our City. Again, to everyone in the room if you haven’t already done so, go to our website, www.yes2shelton.com and sign up for our updates, join us on Facebook, attend public meetings, stay informed and spread the word. Keep the dialogue positive. Base your opinions on the facts. Join us in saying YES to education in Shelton. Our kids and our community are absolutely worth it. Thank you.

Tim Walsh, 42 L’Hermitage Drive
Chairman, Shelton Board of Education

Ladies and gentlemen of the Board, I do, too respect you but my remarks probably won’t be as respectful as Carla’s were. Let me say that my family has been in Shelton for more than 150 years. That is a few more than probably everyone up there. We have always been every proud of this town. My family has been involved forever, long-term involvement. I know that I’m a senior citizen, I always hear this business about, “Seniors
don’t support schools and don’t support taxes to support the kids in school.” I think that’s a lot of hooey. It really is; it’s a false alibi to try to quash things and cover things up. Long-term residents as well as new residents have supported the schools and continue to support the schools. Seniors such as myself have given their support for our kids. They’re our grandchildren, they’re our neighbors’ kids, they’re our friends’ children, and they are your children. I, for the first time in my life, can say I’m ashamed of this community; I’m ashamed of Mark Lauretti for what he’s doing. It’s a disgrace, Mark. You are a former educator; maybe that’s what the problem was; maybe you want still want to be an educator instead of Mayor, I don’t know what. It really is a disgrace. I’ve worked closely with any number of you and I’ve gotten to respect, personally respect any number of you and I think you know that. You well know that. But this is putting the school system asunder; it’s just devastating. We’ve gone through every single aspect; we’ve answered every single question. John, I was surprised too, as Mrs. O’Brien was last time, when you said, “Are we getting a raise?” We’re not getting a cut – no we are. You’re absolutely correct. We are asking for more than we’ve asked for previously. But costs have gone up. We did not get an increase in three years. We’re still supposed to be functioning on a budget next year that we were three years ago. And yet we have cut more than 100 positions in the school system to try to accept our responsibilities and do things the right way. Be responsible. Education is expensive. I read a couple quotes last time I should have bought them again Mark, one was from you that talked about concern for the kids and education in Shelton, which I guess you wrote in the middle of the night or something couldn’t read what you were writing. It was not reflective of what you really feel. It comes up time and time again about the teachers, we’ve worked with the teachers and the teachers this year gave us a day and a half salary back. It’s deferred payment but it’s deferred at today’s rate when they retire from the school system which could be as far away as 30 years. Although I don’t know how many people will be here to make that final commitment? The teachers negotiated a contract with observers from the Board of Aldermen. They were asked in the first two years to take less in their contract because one year was an election year and one year was a re-evaluation year. So what might be termed a political agreement, the teachers agreed to that. The third year, which is this coming year, they sought a bigger increase which was given to them. City officials, the Board of Aldermen specifically, by not acting to reject the teachers contract in effect approved it because according to the Arbitration laws – a Board of Aldermen can only reject or let a contract of 30 days lapse and go into effect. There’s no provision to approve it, except by allowing it to sit for 30 days. The Mayor makes the following public statement, “No City employees will be laid off.” Board of Education employees are City employees, and more than 100 will be laid off. For every certified Board of Education employee laid off, this City will have to pay a minimum of $16,000 in unemployment taxes. I say “this City,” because the Board of Education is part of the City. Those monies will be deducted from the appropriation given by the Board of Aldermen. So if you give us $63 million we have to pay what we estimate to be in the neighborhood of a $1 million in unemployment taxes, that will reduce that gross amount by $1 million. So that $63 million will become $62 million, $62 million will be $61 million, whatever your pleasure might be. Although there is also I would imagine that you could be magnanimous and agree to pay the unemployment taxes for us and help us out. We all know without going into a lot of rhetoric, that the children in this community are our greatest asset. More, and more so in this age of the global economy
when our kids are competing against kids from China, Russia, and India and every place else in this world; and if we don’t provide them with a world class education, which we’re working very hard to do, we are selling them short. Even with this drastic cut your talking about, you’re going to affect 5,500 kids in one way or another in this community. I hope that the Board of Aldermen assumes some responsibility for the children in this community as the Board of Education has. Johnny Papa, I know you’ve done more for sports in this community, well, Stanley too, the two of you. We are faced with the possibility of doing away with sports, athletics and the extra-curricular activities as well. I know the Board of Aldermen, someone will say, “Well, we don’t make the determination where the money goes, that’s the Board of Education.” Again that’s another false screen. Because if you don’t have the money, if there’s inadequate funding, the Board of Education has little choice where it can do with its limited resources. I thank you again and I hope that you reconsider a fair and equitable appropriation for the Board of Education.

Michael Kominski, 5 Bona Vista Terrace

Good evening. I don’t know what’s left to say after I don’t know how many speeches. I guess I can address you directly, your honor. Thank you for finally attending a meeting. I’d like to say one thing, after I went through the last time I spoke, I went through this budget line item by line item just bringing up every item that was completely funded over $1,000 and hasn’t spent a penny this year. I also took a few items that were so egregious in the amount that they have been funded and had spent so little. Like the crime victims’ unit, which somehow has made $66 for the City, which is beyond my knowledge to know how they’ve done that. One item I’m going to bring to your attention since you’re here is the Barnum Festival Parade. How could you justify spending $2,500 on the Barnum Festival Parade when the City is in such a crisis other than the fact that you were the Grand Marshal of it a few years ago? Now, time and again I’ve sat here and heard maybe 100 – 200 times that the reason that we are in such a budget crisis is because of special education. Do you know how fearful that makes me feel when I hear that repeated over and over again, when, if anybody picked up The New Haven Register today and read the sound off part when they talked about assisted suicide for elderly people and half the responses were in favor of that. Now our government has control over healthcare. If you have any brains you know where that’s going. Then you know where it’s going to end up going after that. They’re going to say it costs too much to take care of our kids with special education. If you say it can’t happen, it happened in Germany where they elected the Fuhrer. He did not take over that country, he was elected. And look what they’re doing in Washington. It’s happening with the same two parties that you people have been elected by. And we the people are fed up with it. We’re fed up with bipartisan politics where all you do is follow the party leaders; that you don’t look out for the interest of what we the people want. It’s time that we had a grass roots change and I’m telling you right here, I’ve said it before and I’m saying it before you, Mr. Mayor, do you know what’s inside this envelope? I’m going to show you. These are the forms to start a new political party from the Secretary of State. I said it before and I’ll say it again, everyone else in this room can go away after tonight. I’m not going away, I’m coming after you. And you better believe it in 2011, okay? I hope there are some people behind me to come after the other seven of you guys, okay? So you
remember that when it comes time to vote tonight. I know that the Board of Education isn’t perfect. I ran into three teachers just by coincidence and they all told me that the Board of Education hired some consultants to talk to some of the teachers and special education people who were being laid off. All of them couldn’t believe they would waste their money in this time of financial crisis on things like this; but to be called in one by one to be talked to. So I realize that the system isn’t perfect, but to just say “No, we are not spending another penny because we don’t agree with what’s going on, and the way they’re spending their money,” is ridiculous, your going to cut out everything and just put your foot down because you say, “I haven’t raised taxes in 20 years and that’s my claim to fame”? That’s absurd. We’re not going to forget about it, okay? The system is broken and it’s time we start fixing it and its not going to get fixed unless we vote people like you out of office. Thank you.

Ron Pavluvcik, 287 Eagles Landing

Good evening. I might be the only person here tonight in favor of holding the line on taxes. I can assure you there are thousands of others on all these little side streets in Shelton, and I suspect if they didn’t make it tonight it’s because their working part time jobs bagging at ShopRite or Stop and Shop right now. If you think of the people who are in this room, we know who they are, the people next to me and behind me almost all of them have a guaranteed job today. Some may be losing their job based on seniority. But they all make right now, they’re still working, the school year is still going on $50,000 – $60,000 – $70,000 – $80,000 – $90,000 – $150,000 like Mr. Burr with all his benefits, they’ve got guaranteed jobs, they’ve got job security they’ve got union protection, they’ve got contracts, they have guaranteed medical benefits. I have none of that. My background really isn’t important. I’m just one person, but the facts are I lost my corporate job a few years ago when the recession started. I’m working two part time jobs now. I’ve decided to take my Social Security at age 62 because I needed the money. In general I can’t complain, I happen to have cancer, it came back this year after a fight last year. But a lot of people in this room have had losses and health problems, and Mr. Papa I send my condolences to your family for your recent loss. So I’m not the only one that’s like this, I’m not the only one that’s struggling. But I happen to have the determination to try to stand up and say a few words for all the silent majority folks out there in Shelton, the same people that send all of you up there letters and e-mails and make the phone calls; the people that generally don’t get heard at the public hearings and budget meetings because they’re intimidated to speak; the people that don’t write letters to the editor because they don’t want to run the risk of retribution. I’m just one person like that but I have to let people know in this room, and I think those up there in front of me, the nine of you already know this; there’s a paradigm shift going on in this country right now. There’s a movement going on and it’s not just a Tea Party movement, it’s a movement that by millions of Americans against rising taxes, guaranteed benefits for public service employees that don’t exist for people in private industry, guaranteed raises, very good healthcare plans that are paid for the most part by the residents of communities as opposed to contributions by the employees themselves. And there’s a movement going on to change that. You saw what happened in New Jersey recently with all the schools, having their budgets overturned because of rising taxes and public outcry against low test scores and problems every year despite $20,000 per student being
spent in the case of New Jersey. This happened in California; it’s happened across the
country on up to Maine. I think it’s finally hit Shelton this year. We had the same
contention last year, we all remember the budget issues and the large turnouts and the
arguments back and forth. I can guarantee you, it’s going to be worse next year. There’s
less money coming down next year from the federal government to the state
governments. That means there’s less money coming from the State of Connecticut to
individual towns and cities like Shelton. I think we need to bite the bullet this year once
again and hold the line on taxes. We need more accountability from those people who
are already employed. We need a larger buy in and payment for the benefits. There’s
only been a slight discussion of that and that’s got to change. If it means re-opening
contracts then let’s re-open contracts. Other cities and towns are doing the same thing.
There should be an end to teacher tenure. If you have a private business, a private
company, it would be absurd to say, “I’m going to hire somebody and if they make it
through the first three years or if it’s four years, now I have to keep that person on my
payroll forever, for 40 or 50 years or until they decide to retire regardless of their
performance.” We all know in this room that very few teachers have been forced out of
the system in the last few years. I met with Mr. Cameron a couple of years ago and I
asked him what was the actual count and I believe it was three people that were forced
out about two or three years ago. That is a very small number according to the
information I get from the kids that I talk to in the school system of the number of
ineffective teachers in the school system. This is why our test scores are still mediocre
compared to the towns around us that compete for the same executives and other
people that transfer in. And that’s Monroe, Trumbull, Milford, it’s parts of Fairfield. We
don’t compete directly with Stratford or Bridgeport, or the other Valley towns, we’re
ahead of them barely. We’re still way behind where we should be if we claim to be a high
class, affluent, well educated, prosperous, sports oriented community. I do support
sports and I think Mr. Burr isn’t too smart, but he is certainly no fool, because he knows
he is going to run out of town if he tries to cancel sports in this community, so enough
said about that except that he should be reprimanded for inciting the parents and other
residents and getting the kids to be wasting productive time to be protesting against the
possible loss of sports. That’s sinful what he has stirred up in this community. Maybe
he should go back to Hartford. The recession continues, nothing is any better today than
it was last year; in fact it’s worse. We hear comments at some of these budget meetings
that children are our future, that we should invest an infinite amount of money in the
schools. The facts are that something like 25 percent of all the kids that get out of high
school in the average town like ours move on elsewhere because they can’t stay in the
same community to pay taxes. If you look back to the kids that graduated from Shelton
High School three years ago, five years ago, 10 years ago, 25 percent of them aren’t
even in Shelton. They’re not contributing to our current budget situation, to our current
community at all, so I don’t want to hear that children are our future because they’re not
most of them have to go south or west to avoid paying taxes that are prevalent here in
Connecticut and also in Shelton as low as they are. Now, another area of contention
with me is the waste that’s accorded in the Board of Education spending in recent years.
You know about the $300,000 that was spent a few years ago in the Administrator
Retention Plan, the Board of Education paid $30,000 bonuses to ten administrator to
get them to work longer - to not retire - which is ridiculous because that kept other
people below them from moving up and taking over those jobs. They were afraid that
there weren’t enough qualified people in the Board of Education, maybe there was, maybe there wasn’t, but wouldn’t it be nice to get that $300,000 back right now that was given to those 10 administrators a few years ago? Now, we know that every town is going through the same problem that we are. You definitely have a difficult job tonight as you make some final decisions. But nobody is going to be leaving Shelton to move to Monroe or Trumbull because you don’t afford enough money in the Board of Education budget, so do not worry about that empty threat as well. There’s nothing better going on in the other towns. They have the same problems we do. In closing, I ask you to support the Mayor’s budget as it as been presented, I ask you to say no to the YES movement which is very self serving, self perpetuating for their own objectives. If you look at the teachers contract like I have, that protects the teachers against all kinds of harm and criticism from administrators, there’s nothing in that teachers contract that supports good education and I would call the current teachers contract, it should be titled “No teacher left behind.” I’ve actually gone through it myself, and to get the raises that they’re going to be getting with the step increases is ridiculous during this time of recession. Once again I ask you as a group the eight Aldermen, to support the Mayor’s budget. I’m going to demand like the others here to keep sports in this town. I know you don’t have any direct influence over that but we know that’s not going to be changing. Maybe some kids will have to pay for their participation but its time to hold the line on taxes. I want to see us do that for three years in a row and I want to see us in Shelton to be maybe the only town in the whole area the only city the only community that’s been able to hold the line on taxes and still be able to have enough funds provided to the Board of Education for their needs and there is enough available to do that under the Mayor’s budget. Thank you very much for your attention.

Wesley Kocurek, 15 Partridge Lane

Well, I’m a 13-year-old at Shelton Intermediate School. I can present a first-hand account at what’s going on in the schools. One of the first things I’d like to address is the Athletics Department. I just came back from a Track meet and I had an excellent time there. I had so much confidence coming out of it and it makes me want to come to school tomorrow to go to practice, because I want to do a better job at it. It helps me through the day; it gives me something to look forward to at the end of school, because not everyone wants to go to school just because of education. One of the main reasons I’m on Track is so that I can become a better runner, I can figure out more about my abilities and so that I can become a Cross-Country captain next year and possibly improve my leadership skills. These leadership skills also can carry out through into schoolwork. I’ve been taking more charge with my homework because I want to be seen as someone who can do better; not only in sports but also in academics. Once again, I’m just trying to discover what my true potential is. Also, I want to bring out about how the new teachers can be harmed by these budget cuts. These teachers have been going to college for many years, as many as six years, maybe even up to eight, just to get this job. They were just like me before and possibly wanted to get a great job like being a teacher. These new teachers are people that I feel I can be friends with because they were my age not too long ago. While the older teachers, although they’re excellent too, they’re also great, the newer teachers I feel I can relate more with. Emotionally, I know that losing a job can really hurt you. I have some friends who their parents have lost their
jobs, and some of them were teachers, and it’s brought their stoid eyes to tearful eyes. That just hurts me; it makes me want to, it just enrages me. As well as hurting my friends who are the new teachers, it can also hurt me. Also, I don’t believe that these budget cuts will help us. These school children will not only in a few years be able to vote and perhaps remember this, but they will also be the people running our country and our community of Shelton. I just think that if they don’t get the proper education they won’t be able to run our community the way that they should. Thank you.

Tom Savarese, 48 Hilltop Drive

It’s sad that I haven’t heard one person talk about Band this whole time. At the beginning of the school year I had one friend in my entire homeroom. Then when Band started, I got four other and then up to 10. At the beginning of the year, I was terrible at Band. Drums, I got F’s on all the tests. Then I switched to the saxophone and now I have A-pluses all the time. Statistics show that people who take Band or play instruments make about $1 million more in their entire life. This would help pay taxes and help people have better lives and better jobs. It helps train for High School and gives some people something to look forward to in the day. As you know, we’re hearing budget cuts, and a lot of people are scared about this. I hope that we really keep Band because it would help me in High School, because in Math, honestly, I’m failing. But I’m learning to keep my focus to try to keep on going so that I can stay in Band and go on to High School to have better clubs. So I need better grades and my focus.

Carolyn Findlay, 53 Greystone

The budget is pretty much already set, so I’m not here to persuade you one way or the other. I would like to respond to some of the comments made previously by the other gentleman. I am currently employed by the City of Shelton, more specifically, I work at the High School. I didn’t realize that I was working at a country club until one of the other meetings. I work at the place that’s otherwise referred to as a country club. I’m very proud of the fact that I am a teacher in Shelton. I’m just completing my 16th year. I feel that I make a fair salary for the amount of education that I have also completed. All of the additional CEU’s that I’ve gained, the additional training I’ve gone for. I also can understand what it’s like to have to work multiple jobs. Those of you who know me, let’s see, my day started this morning where I had to be at school by 7:20. I am dressed kind of like this, which is not my normal attire, but that’s because as an advisor for the Italian Club immediately after school today I stayed to work with students for a bocce tournament because that was one of the activities we had after school. Then I came to the meeting, because education is important to me and I want to hear what the decision is going to be tonight. Then after this I’m going to go home. I have eight critical papers that have to be graded by tomorrow and 14 AP books that I want to look through before I talk to my class tomorrow. So I understand what it’s like to work many jobs. In terms of having children who do not return here, I’m also the proud parent of two children who graduated from the Shelton School System. One of the two has actually purchased a house in Shelton. She also, as a result of taking journalism with Debbie Stellavato at the High School, was able to immediately out of college not have one but two job offers to work in advertising. She works for an advertising firm in Westport and I’m very proud of
that fact. That is directly because of the fact that she was able to get the experience that she got at Shelton High School. So yes, they do come back to Shelton. They do live here. They are taxpayers. They are going to give back. This is where they want to – she’s engaged to be married – this is where they would like to raise their children. She was also a three-season athlete and she also worked three part-time jobs. I also understand, very personally, what it’s like to know what senior citizens feel like. My mother passed away last year, but she was a taxpayer in Shelton as well. She lives solely on her Social Security. But even though her two grandchildren had graduated from the High School, she also felt that if her taxes needed to be raised in order to support the education of the students of Shelton she still felt that education was a paramount concern of a community. So I know what senior citizens feel like. I also know what it feels like to lose a job. My husband, who worked also in corporate America, has found that the economy has not been that wonderful. He is now currently subbing in our school system, as well as working consulting jobs on the side. So I’ve been there. I understand all of this. To make blanket statements about educators, I feel that the salary that we make, the commitment that we make, is every educator absolutely wonderful? Perhaps not. But the lion’s share of the educators that are in the classrooms every day, I mean, we’re looking at our class sizes this year – I have one class with 29 and another with 27. Maybe in my general classes where I only have 12, but that’s because it’s a class that requires much more attention, but my class sizes are large. I’m assuming they’ll only get larger next year. What will I do? I’ll teach the students that you send to me. It’s what we do. It’s what we do as educators. Those of us who are committed are good educators. We get paid for what we do. Thank you.

Diane Rizzo, 70 Plaskon Drive

I also am an educator in Shelton. Through the past few months it’s been very difficult at times waiting to hear if you’re one of the ones that gets the pink slip, or the letter, or are they coming around again. I am a three-year teacher in Shelton, however I’ve worked for the system on and off for 14 years. I do this because I am a graduate of Shelton schools. I’m living in Shelton so that I can put my children through Shelton schools and the programs that they have available. My daughter is graduating this year, taking AP classes and will attend Ithaca College next year. Because of her teachers and her opportunities they’re taking those AP classes as part of her credits toward college. To just say, “We’re laying off 100 positions,” or, “We can’t fund it,” - I’m a special education teacher. This year I have two classes that have 27 children in them. Sixteen of them are special ed. Some don’t read. Some don’t speak. Some may just need a little extra help. But to say that I don’t take that very personally when I go home at night and worry about some of these kids, because some of them don’t have the best family lives at home. If you’re going to cut back on all their programs, who are they going to be able to trust if they don’t have a good home life. My husband and I are both very involved in the community, in the different programs, through Little League, through Pop Warner, we spend a lot of time with the community and the kids because we believe in it. I understand it’s a very difficult position, but my job is not just a position. I am a teacher of these children who sometimes can’t speak for themselves. Yes, I’ve gotten my Master’s Degree, I had to get my professional certificate in order to keep teaching. That was, yes, at my own expense. And I’m still paying it off right now. But I go to work every
morning thinking, “What can I do for just one of these children that may help them get through the day?” When we have classes next year that are 30 and so many of them are special ed, and possibilities of not having collaborative teachers in there with them, it worries me. Does it worry me I might not have a job? Sure. Looking to pay college is not going to be easy. But what worries me is what’s going to happen to the kids that can’t speak for themselves. Thank you.

Remy Kocurek, 15 Partridge Lane

I’m the proud mother of three boys, one in high school, one in the intermediate school, one in grammar school. Education is very, very important to our family. My boys have embraced the school system; they all do very well. My two oldest have never missed an honor roll. They’re dedicated. The reason they’re here tonight, I think, is because they feel that they’ve done their part. They’ve worked hard. They followed many of the adult role models in front of them. They’ve given their all. They’ve studied, they brought their homework with them tonight, but it was important for them to be here. I didn’t drag them here. They felt like the City needs to hold up its end of the bargain. What good is graduating from a school that is in danger of losing it’s accreditation? Schools know that. Colleges, upper education, they know which schools are in trouble. I think that worries them, and it worries me too. I’m here again to ask that you recognize the very hard work in trimming the expenditures and the cost-savings done by Superintendent Burr and the Board of Education. As well as the importance of keeping Shelton schools vital and competitive by increasing the funding for education. Please do not simply look around and remark that these are tough times and belt-tightening is going on everywhere. That’s really a one-dimensional view. You must also consider the lack of increasing the funding these last prior years in Shelton, as well as the comparison between what Shelton spends and what other towns like us, nears us, or quite frankly, the rest of the entire state spends. Only then can you see that we are on the verge of slipping as an educational force to be proud of. I graduated from Shelton High School, I left for a short time. I was drawn back and I love this town very much. My boys do too, they’ve already picked out houses down the street that they want to live in someday. So please, I beg of you, do all you can to recognize that there is waste, but I think that the Board of Education has done a fantastic job in addressing that and shopping around for new policies and cost-cutting wherever they can. Please, do your part. Thank you.

Arlene Liscinsky, 54 Country Ridge Drive

I don’t need to repeat most of what’s been said tonight. I’ve been here, actually last month it was 20 years ago that I moved to this town, and probably 20 years ago stood here and addressed you. You all know where I stand on the issue of education. I’ve been called by our honorable Mayor “the educational zealot,” and I take that as a compliment. Certainly I don’t disagree on some of the issues or some of the ideas he has; I do disagree with some. From a standpoint of a citizen who has been here, a future senior citizen next month – the big 60 for me – and as a parent who has put two kids through college, two at one time so in terms of sacrifice, my husband and I, and he’s been downsized twice throughout the 20 years and had to look for a job, he works outside of the State of Connecticut because there is virtually little jobs in terms of
manufacturing left here in Connecticut, to the comment that was said in the back of the room, there is a well-known thing called the brain drain, and those of you who have kids in college certainly know that, because I have two daughters and I sat at a graduation on Sunday at Quinnipiac University where my youngest daughter got her Master’s Degree in elementary ed with no hopes of getting a job. She knows that – we have tried to prepare her for that. But she’s going to do her best and she’s going to slug it out and I know, I have the utmost confidence in both my daughters, they’re extremely hard workers and I’m very proud of that, because we taught them that the only way to get anywhere really is through hard work. I am a business owner. I’ve been there, done that, seen it all over the last 20 years. I was a soccer mom, I was a PTA president, and yes, I’m now on the Board of Education. I came here last week, John, with really a very hopeful idea that we would be able to sit and have some really serious dialogue and cut to the chase. I know we have appealed to both you and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in many ways of cooperating in every way we can. Will we always agree? Absolutely not. There is no doubt about that. Philosophically we’re on different islands so to speak, sometimes. But we have tried our earnest, at least from my perspective. I can’t see resorting to finger pointing, name calling, and I’ve always tried to take the upper road, so to speak. I think every one of you will probably have to agree with that. I’ve never gotten to that point. I have to appeal to your moral sense of dignity; your character, your sense of values. I think that’s important here. You’re toying with people’s lives. You’re toying with the future of a generation who are sitting here very quietly and proudly listening to all of this. I think it’s important that for all of you, and certainly John, over the years you’ve said to me, “Arlene, where are the parents?” Mark, you’ve said that to me, “Arlene, where are the parents?” Well, they’re here. And I’m happy to see that because I think there’s nothing better than an informed public. I’ve said that once, I’ve said that – how many doors I’ve knocked on over the years in the particular areas that I’ve run for. Because I’d rather be informed than uninformed. I hope that the general public here in Shelton will certainly rise to the occasion as they say. In terms of the Board of Education I know we have tried to work, and I’m sure will continue to work together. We’ve always been open to suggestions. Yes, there are times you don’t agree with what we do, and there are many times I don’t agree with what you do, as a citizen and as a taxpayer. However, and when the time comes that I really don’t agree with it, then I’ll run for Board of Aldermen. In the meantime, my suggestion is that you run for Board of Education if you really want to change something, systemically within the system. I have to appeal to you, I can’t say this more importantly enough, you are dealing with people’s lives here. You are about to, depending on what happens tonight seriously decimate this system. We are still willing to work as much as we can and listen to ideas and work with you in any way we can. I think you have to, again, vote from your heart. That’s all I tell new Board members that come onto our Board, do the right thing. Thank you.

Jason Shnipes, 18 Surrey Drive

I mean, I’ve come here at every meeting pretty much to address one issue. I’ve hammered at athletics again and again and again but tonight I think the SIS Track kid probably has said it all - pretty much stole my entire speech. So, I’m coming here to talk about something else. Two weeks ago my brother sent in his acceptance to Boston College. Boston College is a great school and over the years, well he’s come home from
school every day talking about how great his teachers were, how great his classes are, how he loves going to school and most of those teachers who he had are now either retiring or they got pink slips. So, you guys are punishing the teachers who have helped my brother get into Boston College, helped other kids in Shelton High get into Ivy League schools - top of the nation - by laying them off? I know this budget isn’t set in stone yet or if it is, I’m at the wrong meeting. But there’s got to be a way to reward these people instead of punishing them. I mean, they don’t have to get raises, I mean, as much as they want them. But, just let them keep their jobs. Go through the budget, find a way to keep the teachers at Shelton High. His AP Calc teacher, a lot of people have gotten fives off of him; I wanted him next year and now he’s got a slip too. I wrote a song about it, which I don’t think I’m allowed to sing so... I’m just disappointed with how this is going. My senior year was supposed to be great. I signed up for six AP’s and a UCONN course, that’s a pretty heavy schedule and most of the teachers who I wanted for the AP courses? Again, pink slips. How am I supposed to get into a good college with this? My senior year, I’m going to be failing all my AP exams. That’s more money than my family has to pay, that’s more money that they’re going to have to pay in taxes to keep the teachers here. I believe someone said it earlier, I’m sorry, I really don’t remember your name, that he wanted Shelton to hold the line against taxes. To be honest, you’re not holding the line against taxes, you’re holding all the students at Shelton High back. Aldermen, just do whatever you can to save the teachers, save the education in Shelton, save the future of the children in Shelton. Thank you.

Adam Kocurek, 15 Partridge Lane

I came here tonight to speak upon the Shelton budget being proposed. You know it’s just yesterday when I went to see Apollo Anton Ohno at SCSU and I couldn’t help but think about how wonderful the campus looked. Beforehand we went to Yale and I was in awe. It was just magnificent, the sense of prestige intimidated me; and I thought how much I would love to go to a school like this in my future. I work hard at it every day to keep that possibility alive. I am an AP and honor student, I have always made honor roll. I work hard with clubs and academics and with other friends of mine who are in the same boat as me, who I know I will probably be competing against in the future. I feel that the budget being proposed, it could just decimate those aspirations. The possibility of losing our school’s accreditation is truly frightening. As well as, most of my teachers have already been given their pink slips and I know that they’ve already started looking for other jobs, they can’t rely on being saved by you; they have to put themselves ahead of time, put themselves beforehand. So, I feel honestly, very pessimistic but I’m trying to put a happy face on it hoping that the decisions haven’t been set in stone just yet and that you can make the right decision to help save our schools because I know that while some people may say that Shelton students haven’t been working hard, spend too much time texting or on Facebook or whatever nonsense, the majority of students care deeply about their future and are willing to work hard and long hours to ensure that their future lives are prosperous. That’s all I really have to say, Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti asked if any other member of the public wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the public session closed.
PRESENTATION – PERRY HILL SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATUS

Mayor Lauretti called upon Sean Sullivan, Chairman of the Perry Hill School Building Committee to begin his presentation.

Sean Sullivan, 2 Horse Stable Circle
Chairman, Perry Hill School Building Committee

Good evening. At the Aldermen’s request I have been asked to present the Perry Hill School project financial position. The project budget was set at $41,474,500 in late 2005 or early 2006. The building project was approved by a City-wide referendum in May of 2006 and the Building Committee began meeting in June 2006 and has met two times per month ever since then. I just want to remind the people here tonight at the meeting that we partner with the State Bureau of School Facilities on these construction projects; and the State contributes 42.5 percent of our reimbursable project costs. The State funding was approved in January of 2007 for $17.6 million dollars for this project.

Mayor Lauretti asked, excuse me Sean, that was the reimbursement cost, right?

Mr. Sullivan replied, that’s correct.

Mayor Lauretti stated, $17 million of the total $42 million dollar price.

Mr. Sullivan agreed, of the total $42 million, it’s reimbursable by the State, correct. We also benefitted from the new renovate like new status which did not exist for previous projects. It provides for a higher reimbursement rate and gets us a new school in the end. The preconstruction phase was completed in 2007, the bids for construction manager and then general contractor were awarded in 2008 and the 17 month building construction project started just about January of 2009. Substantial completion will be achieved in July of 2010 and the punch list for the school will be completed in August. We are already punching out several areas of the building. At the end of this project, we’ll have a city-wide fifth and sixth grade campus and a center for community activities that we will all be proud of. However, at this time, it is my duty to report that this project is not on budget. We have had many budget challenges. After the conceptual design phase in 2007, this project was $10 million over the referendum amount. With contingencies, value engineering, and design changes, the committee felt we could move forward. When we finally went out to bid, the construction bid was $500,000 over budget. We were given direction to focus on infrastructure and we took out two scope improvements early on in the project. At that time, we felt that the project contingencies that early in the project would hold, and that adequate funds would be available. We took on a ice storage system to cool the school, to make ice in off-peak times and cool the building for less cost during the lifetime of the project. That cost was $373,000. We learned late last year that that system has been awarded $176,000 in Stimulus funding and we expected an additional $91,000 in UI Energy Peak Load Shed funding because of that investment in that project.

Mayor Lauretti stated, Sean, excuse me, that $91,000 from UI comes when?
Mr. Sullivan replied, it probably comes after the school goes live and they do their first metering. I’m not sure exactly, but that’s the calculation that we did for this submission of the grant.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I just want the Board to understand that that doesn’t come until the school is open.

Mr. Sullivan stated, yes, I don’t know exactly when. I’d have to talk to Fletcher Thompson on that. The City desired this alternate because it was highly energy efficient and the return of the investment through reduced operating costs over time would be realized. We also invested in an underground detention system, which created an additional City recreational field in front of the building and eliminated the unsightly above ground storm water detention system that is required by Code. We encountered over $100,000 in contaminated soil that we didn’t expect and removed contaminated water from the old underground fuel storage tanks. We encountered in excess of $200,000 in excess rock removal at the rear field and the elevator addition lobby. We were forced to pay over $100,000 for mold remediation in the tunnel system based on our general contractor’s position that the mold levels were above an undefined standard and we as a committee continue to disagree with the general contractor that this abatement was required. We had an additional $125,000 dollars costs of asbestos conditions that were not identified in the demolition phase. The demolition phase alone was $2 million just to get the project, just to get the school cleared and ready for construction. There had been many other unforeseen conditions and we still have change orders pending. The running total is approximately $1.5 million or 3.5 percent over the 2005 budget for this project. What we are doing is trying to bring the product in as close to budget as possible. We’re reviewing all remaining change orders carefully and we’re working with the Board of Education to maximize purchases of new equipment, technology, and furniture, leveraging current furniture and equipment that is in good working order across the district. So, tonight I ask that you authorize the $176,000 from the Stimulus funds to be transferred to the Project budget immediately. When the UI Energy Shed Load Fund is available, allocate that amount as appropriate, and allocate additional funds to cover the infrastructure improvement investments that were made early in this project. The project is 95 percent complete and there are remaining issues that will need to be dealt with. There will be situations where costs will recovered as well as potential additional costs incurred. But the bottom line is that the decisions need to be made right now by the committee that will influence equipping the school and the quality of the finished project for the City. I thank you as always for your time and support.

Mr. Sullivan introduced the other members of the Building Committee – Vice Chairman Don Sheehy, Finance Committee member John Fitzgerald, and Bob Shuby, Clerk of the Works, who is on the jobsite every day making sure that our investments are being spent wisely.
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes:

Special meeting – March 1, 2010
Public Hearing on Ordinances – March 23, 2010
Regular Full Board meeting – April 8, 2010
Budget Workshop – April 15, 2010
Budget Workshop – April 22, 2010

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.   A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

5.1  FINANCE COMMITTEE

No items.

5.2   PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

No items.

5.3   STREET COMMITTEE

No items.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

None presented.

6.0   LEGAL REPORT

6.1  CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $2,336.10 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC for services rendered per statement dated May 5, 2010 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglance MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,260 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated May 1, 2010 with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

No items.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

No items.

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 MAY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglance MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $1,107.33 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the tax collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13-00. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.2 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FOR HUNTINGTON STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

Alderman Anglance MOVED to appropriate the sum of $21,491.66 for additional costs associated with the Huntington Street Sidewalk Project with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.3 HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

Alderman Anglance MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Be it Resolved that Mark A. Lauretti, Mayor of the City of Shelton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.
A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0

**9.4  FUNDING FOR LONG HILL SCHOOL ALL-PURPOSE FIELD RENOVATIONS**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Nancy's Tree Planting, Inc. in the amount of $6,799 and the agreement between the City of Shelton and Quality Fence of Peekskill Inc. in the amount of $38,400 for the Long Hill School All Purpose Field improvements; and further,

MOVED to appropriate a total sum of $35,000 to cover the costs of the final stages of the project with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign all documents necessary to effectuate said agreement. SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**9.5  PERRY HILL SCHOOL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate the sum of $750,000 for additional costs associated with the renovation of Perry Hill School with funding to come from the General Fund Surplus; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign all documents necessary to effectuate said agreement. SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**9.6  ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt 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 February 22, 2010 be adopted, subject to the following amendments/adjustments and that they be accepted as the official budget for the City of Shelton for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

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Net change to Expenditures 1,275,000

Resulting in a total budget of $111,374,399 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. The mill rate shall be established at 18.61 mills, no increase from the current mill rate of 18.61, with a collection date for fiscal year 2010-2011 to be July 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011 for real estate, July 1, 2010 for personal property taxes less than $5,000 and July 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011 for personal property taxes greater than $5,000.01 and July 1, 2010 for the motor vehicle tax with the exception of those that carry their own collection date as determined by Statute under the Motor Vehicle Supplement. Any tax under $5 will be waived. Also be it Resolved that the Board of Aldermen officially accepts in principle the Capital Improvements Program as submitted by the Mayor.

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

9.7 SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION – MAGUIRE GROUP

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the Engineering Services Agreement by and between the City of Shelton and Maguire Group Inc. for contract administration and resident observation related to Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Phase 2 Construction with funding not to exceed $86,000 to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Referendum Bond; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign all documents and effectuate said agreement. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

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

9.8 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES – S.R. 714 – BRIDGEPORT AVENUE AT PLATT ROAD

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate funding in the amount of $1,000 to the Professional Services Account 001-0100-411.30-01 for administrative fees associated with the conveyance of state land – Shelton – S.R. 714 - Bridgeport Avenue at Platt Road
with funding to come from General Contingency Account # 001-9900-900.99-00; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1.A AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #839 – PROCEDURE TO SELL CITY PROPERTY

A public hearing is scheduled for May 25, 2010 at Shelton City Hall.

10.2 2010 SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Whereas, federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Public Law 93-3 83, as amended; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Shelton make application to the State for $500,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,

That the filing of an application by the City of Shelton in the amount not to exceed $500,000 is hereby approved, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Shelton.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
**10.3  NED MILLER BROKER OF RECORD CONTRACT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the extension of the Agreement for Agent of Record Services between the City of Shelton and Ned Miller Associates, Inc. and waive the request for proposals resolution regarding professional services; and further, MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign all documents necessary to effectuate said agreement. SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

One year and two extensions
A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED

**10.4 APPOINTMENTS TO PERMANENT WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Permanent War Memorial Scholarship Committee effective immediately:

- Alphonse Sabetta – R, of 77 Coram Road – November 1, 2010
- Guy Beardsley – R, of 276 Leavenworth Road - November 1, 2013
- Frank Pagliaro, City Treasurer – appointed by ordinance

And further, MOVED to appoint the following people to the Permanent War Memorial Scholarship Committee effective immediately:

- Jack Brand – U, of Woonsocket Avenue – November 1, 2013
- Freeman Burr, Superintendent of Schools – appointed by ordinance

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**11  EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 8:42 p.m. Alderman Anglace MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 Jay Silva – Worker’s Compensation
11.2 Cachillo – Worker’s Compensation
11.3 Branca – Worker’s Compensation

and invited Corporation Counsel Welch to remain in the Auditorium; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**Return to Regular Session**

At approximately 8:51 p.m., Alderman Anglace MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
Mayor Lauretti noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

**MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

11.1  **Jay Silva – Worker’s Compensation**

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve and accept mutual releases in order to resolve all outstanding issues with regard to this matter; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.2  **Cachillo – Worker’s Compensation**

No action.

11.3  **Branca – Worker’s Compensation**

Alderman Anglake MOVED to approve the permanent partial disability rating as set forth in the medical report of March 2, 2010; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____________________________

DATE APPROVED: ________________________BY: ________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton