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.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Shelton’s fallen hero, Sergeant Orville Smith, who was struck by a pickup truck driven by a drunk driver on July 3, 2010 and died from his injuries on July 7, 2010.

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:

Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous
Administrative Assistant Tom Taylor

There was a quorum present.

Agenda Items

PUBLIC SESSION

Alexandria Wong, 7 Walnut Tree Hill Road

I just wanted to give you an update on what’s going on with the Board of Ed and the budget. In the 2010-2011 budget year, the Shelton Public Schools will operate with 51 less positions, including 24 retirements, 4 resignations, and 23 position eliminations. The proposed school budget presented to the City called for 28 less positions so they are going to be down an additional 23 positions. It is likely that several class sizes will be at 30 students and only that might change in the next week or so with the first grade registrations if they change at each school.
The Board of Education along with the Superintendant put the public school’s technology budget at zero so that those funds could go toward, when combined with a reduction of two-thirds of maintenance and operations budget, will add 10 more teachers back to the budget. In order to get our schools back to operating at the level that they were, 28 positions that were cut as part of the proposed budget would need to be included. There are also approximately 70 non-certified full and part-time positions eliminated.

The athletics program has reverted to a pay to participate, not a pay to play program; there will be a payment from families and this will not guarantee any field time. All fees will be subject to a maximum total of family cap of about $1,000; no families will be required to pay more than $1,000 for any combination of sports or activities. The proposed fee schedule is as follows: Shelton High School: $500 dollars for hockey players, $400 dollars for football, soccer, swimming, volleyball, baseball, softball, wrestling, basketball, and lacrosse - these are all sports with officials. $300 dollars per player for cross-country, indoor track, cheerleading, golf, tennis, outdoor track and field - these are sports without officials. $100 dollars per participant for marching band, color guard, and pom-poms. Right now it looks as though the drama and the robotics will be excluded from that fee. At the Intermediate School: $200 a player volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball - those are the sports with officials, and $150 for the cross-country, track and field without the officials. Parents are eligible to apply for a waiver or reduction of fees; right now it seems to be on the fence whether or not there will be a complete waiver for those who have free or reduced lunch. All participants will be required to contribute financially, if that doesn’t go through. Forms will be available for the athletics at school and they will be distributed to each person as they sign up for sports. Though the board is still working on this pay to participate plan, it will likely reduce a few of the costs but there will most likely be a $1,000 cap per family. Considering these facts, I really wish that you had passed the budget as it was requested. Thank you.

Amanda Oram, 18 Forest Avenue

I’m here to speak to you today about the proposed dog park. I am on the Dog Park Committee and have been working with several other people in the community to make this happen over the past, almost, it’s been almost a year. We’ve done a lot of work and we’re very excited about having a park, a place where dogs in the town can go and socialize together and their owners can socialize as well. We have over a thousand licensed dogs here in the City of Shelton so it’s certainly something that would be well utilized by owners and we have actually done fundraising over the past seven months, we’ve been raising money through the sale of t-shirts and also through the sale of bricks for a memorial walk for the dog park. So we’ve demonstrated our will to make, you know to help support this, as well as asking for funds; a very small amount of funds, in my opinion, from the City to make this a reality. We hope to, you know, we hope to continue the Committee and also we have about 25 people signed up as dog park supporters who are willing to help with the site work and also to maintain the park after it is created so it’s not something that’s just going to be created and then left. We have supporters; we have a Girl Scout group who has adopted, offered to adopt the park and help us with
the trash cans, and various other community groups who are willing to help us as well. So it’s something that we really would love to have happen, we’d love to see it happen. It’s certainly another amenity that could recommend Shelton for potential residents. Shelton has lots of great amenities here, but there’s not really anything for dog owners and as the dog mom to four dogs, it’s something that I would love to see happen. So I want to thank everybody for allowing me to take the time to talk tonight. Thank you.

Bill Oram, 18 Forest Avenue

I’m also working with the Committee, and my dog Toby would very much like a place to go and throw the ball that’s safe and secure and fenced off and I think that’s really important.

I heard the previous person speak about the schools and I’m kind of moved, I left the area for 20 years and spent a long time in the military, 20 years away from the area, and I went to the downtown schools and I’m just thinking, participation for people who don’t have the funds to have to pay to participate in sports; I think it’s a very sad thing and I hope you can find the money.

Alderman Anglace asked if any other member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

1. REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 13, 2010
2. REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2010

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

**5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1.1 July Statutory Refunds

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $512.25 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 Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**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 Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $3,233.10 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated July 1, 2010 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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   Legal Fees  001-1900-411.30-03 $3,198
   Foreclosure Fees 001-1900-411.50-01 $    35
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SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**6.2       ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING**

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $665 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated July 1, 2010 with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**7       LEGISLATIVE - OLD**

**7.1       ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING**

**7.1 A. PROPOSED F.O.G ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE OF FATS, OILS AND GREASE**

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the proposed FOG Ordinance as provided by Corporation Counsel which is included by reference; and further,

MOVED that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the Office of the City/Town Clerk. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
7.1 B. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #215 PROVIDING FOR REQUIRED USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #215 as provided by Corporation Counsel, which is included by reference; and further,

MOVED that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the office of the City/Town Clerk. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

7.1 C AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #266 PERTAINING TO SEWAGE USE CHARGE POLICY

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #266 as provided by Corporation Counsel, which is included by reference; and further,

MOVED that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the office of the City/Town Clerk. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace stated, we suggested during the public hearing to the WPCA Commissioners that were present, that before they institute a sewer use charge that they hold a public hearing. They did acknowledge us in the affirmative.

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

7.1 D AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #336 USE AND DISCHARGE OF SUBSTANCES INTO PUBLIC SEWERS

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #336 as provided by Corporation Counsel, which is included by reference; and further,

MOVED that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the office of the City/Town Clerk. SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Alderman Anglace publicly thanked the media for their valuable coverage of these issues.

7.1 E AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #839 – PROCEDURE TO SELL CITY PROPERTY

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #839 as provided by Corporation Counsel, which is included by reference; and further,

MOVED that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the office of the City/Town Clerk. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7 Yes, 1 No (Finn).
8  **FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD**

No items.

9  **FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW**

9.1 **MERIT SYSTEM EMPLOYEE INCREASES 2010-2011**

Alderman Anglace stated, we will take no action on this tonight. This item is referred to the Finance Committee to work on. We will accept their recommendation at the next meeting and make whatever recommendation they make retroactive to July 1st.

Alderman Finn stated that he will not discuss or vote on this item as his daughter is in the Merit System. He has notified all of the appropriate parties.

9.2 **SITE APPROVAL FOR DOG PARK – LOCIP ELIGIBLE**

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve that the dog park be located at the corner of Nells Rock Road and Route 108 as seen on the attached map; and further,

MOVED to add the purchase and installation of a fence for the dog park to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of up to $16,000 to come from LOCIP; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Papa stated, the Committee has been working on this since September of last year with the Mayor’s recommendation to find a location. We found the location at Nells Rock and Route 108. The fencing estimate is $16,000 or less, and is LOCIP eligible. Approximately $2,800 in contributions has been raised to date. We have volunteers that would help maintain the area for cleanliness and upkeep.

Alderman Anglace stated, everybody has the map that clearly delineates the area being designated.

Alderman Finn likes the layout of the parking. The Fire Department has been using the house for drills.

Alderman Papa stated, we will also use the millings for the parking and for the trails.

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

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 **ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING**

10.1 A. **PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE**
PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JULY 27, 2010

10.1 B. PROPOSED ILLEGAL DISCHARGES AND ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE
PUBLIC STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JULY 27, 2010

11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:20 p.m. Alderman Finn MOVED to enter into Executive Session to
discuss the following items:

11.1 Patricia Caldwell – Worker’s Compensation

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

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:28 p.m., Alderman McPherson MOVED to return to Regular Session;
SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. 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 Patricia Caldwell – Worker’s Compensation

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: ____________________________

DATE APPROVED: _______________ BY: _________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton