Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7 p.m. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Adopt-a-Garden Awards

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – excused
Alderman Stanley Kudej – excused
Alderman Noreen McGorty – excused
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 Anglance asked if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

ADD ON

Alderman Papa MOVED to add as Item 9.3 – Shelton High School Baseball/Practice Field Renovations; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Papa MOVED to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes with one amendment to the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2010 regarding Item 7.1 B Ethics Ordinance to reflect the date of the regular meeting as December 9, 2010 and not December 20, 2010;

Public Hearing on Ordinances – October 26, 2010
Regular Meeting – November 10, 2010

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

No items.

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

No items.

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

No items.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lauretti arrived at this point and assumed the Chair.

Alderman Anglace asked that the Mayor comment on the upcoming recognition of the Shelton High School Girls Soccer Team.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I will be making comments that night at the dinner we’re going to have for them. It’s a well deserved recognition. This is a program that has struggled through the years. I know first hand; I have a daughter that played on the team a few years back and she had a different coach for each of the four years she was there. When you have a changeover like that year in and year out, it doesn’t do anything to stabilize a program. These girls have really in a very short time made a tremendous accomplishment. It’s important to recognize that accomplishment. I hope to see all of you there that night – it’s Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the 5/6 School.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

None presented.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT
6.1 Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $758.05 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated December 1, 2010 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $489.90
- Foreclosure Fees 001-1900-411.50-01 $268.15

SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

6.2 Assistant Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $635 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated December 1, 2010 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees Account 001-1900-411.30-03 $630
- Miscellaneous Services 001-1900-411.80-03 $5

SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. Ethics Ordinance – Proposed by the Board of Ethics

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reject the Board of Ethics Proposed Ethics Ordinance without prejudice; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglace stated, I just want to note that the Board met with its two consultants and this is the action we proposed to take. From this point we have set forth in motion a plan for the future. We probably won’t take any action again until January.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 December Statutory Refunds

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $4,776.19 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 Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

9.2 Funding for Registrar of Voters Office

Mayor Lauretti asked that the Board take no action tonight as neither Registrar was able to attend tonight.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to TABLE; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

9.3 Shelton High School Baseball/Practice Field Renovations

Alderman Anglace MOVED,

Whereas, Tate and Associates, LLC and the Long Hill School Field Committee is in the process of completing the field project at Long Hill School; and

Whereas, the City wishes to extend and amend the agreement with Tate & Associates, LLC to include the Shelton High School Baseball/Practice Field Renovation and to extend and amend the duties of the Long Hill School Field Committee to oversee the Shelton High School Baseball/Practice Field Renovation;

NOW THEREFORE, MOVE to waive the RFP process and appropriate funding in the amount of $100,000 for project expenses to be provided by bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter, and further,

Approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Tate and Associates, LLC for professional services regarding the Shelton High School Baseball/Practice Field Renovation in the amount of $24,500; and further,

Authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same; and further,

Designate the Long Hill School Field Committee as the Building Committee to oversee the project pursuant to Charter Section 5.3.2;

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Papa stated, Mr. Mayor, I want to thank you for starting this project, I think it’s long overdue. The baseball field does need work and we’re going to try to solve the infield, level off the outfield, put up a better fence, and maintain it so it’ll be in better shape for the kids to play high school baseball.

Mayor Lauretti stated, that is correct. The goal is to try to correct some of the drainage deficiencies that exist there now and what’s occurred over the years in terms of some
settling and some field drainage. There will be a leveling of the field, a redo of the infield, and currently some of the City personnel is working there now to clean up the areas along the sides of the fence with some brush and we are going to enhance the overall look of that complex. It’s gotten a lot of use over the years. As several of the members on this Board know, this was a field that lay fallow for about 20 years, until we were elected back in the early ‘90s and we appropriated $150,000. They never played a single game on the field since it opened back in ’74 or ’75. They’ve gotten a lot of use out of that field and it’s time to take it to the next level. As you know, the Shelton High School / Intermediate School complex is pretty pristine with the addition of the turf field. In the spring I’ll be back to the Board asking for funding, and I’m not sure of the dollar amount, for renovation of the Track facility as well. These facilities are 30-some-odd years old. Anthony Simonetti knows better than anybody as Chairman of the Shelton High School Renovation Committee – you’ve got a real in-depth look at that school and just understand how many people use that day in and day out.

Alderman Papa stated, years ago when I was coaching Babe Ruth the field was so bad that if it rained one or two days you couldn’t play for the rest of the week because the drainage was horrendous. We have a lot of activity up there with the American Legion and the High School. This is well deserved and I appreciate your effort in pursuing it. Thank you.

Alderman Simonetti asked, is this going to include some bleachers? There’s no place to sit to watch the games – no bleachers.

Alderman Papa stated, I think there are bleachers there.

Alderman Simonetti stated, shall I say then, more quality bleachers.

Mayor Lauretti stated, that’s a different story. Sometimes depending on the make of the bleacher, it’s just some replacement of the seating that is required, like on the football field – all of that planking had been replaced about 8-9 years ago.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is set for January 25, 2011 for the following:

10.1.A Amendment to Ordinance #827 – Identification of Landlord
10.1.B Amendment to Ordinance #370 – Fire Lanes

10.2 REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES APPEALS BOARD

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Public Employees Appeals Board effective immediately.
Michael Davis – D
7 Bonita Drive

Joe Konner - R
51 Keron Drive

SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

10.3 APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the appointment of Chuck Cogswell – R, of 56 Laurelwood Drive to the Public Improvement Building Committee, effective immediately; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglace stated, Mr. Cogswell has lived in Shelton for many years and he is a real find because he was the Region 1 Director of the Veterans Hospitals for the federal government for a number of years, and he is now retired. He has tremendous credentials and we’re pleased to have him.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

11 EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:25 p.m. Alderman McPherson MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 Open Space Purchase
11.2 Reilly Worker’s Compensation
11.3 Dirienzo Worker’s Compensation

and invited Corporation Counsel Tom Welch Corporation and Attorney Kevin Blake to remain in the Auditorium; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:43 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Mayor Lauretti noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Open Space Purchase

No action.
11.2 Reilly Worker's Compensation

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the rating of Dr. David Brown in the amount of 15 percent in the worker's compensation case of Paul Reilly; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

11.3 Dirienzo Worker's Compensation

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____________________________

DATE APPROVED: ________________________ BY: _________________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton