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 stood 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

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Agenda Items

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Papa MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2012, and the Special Meeting of March 22,2012; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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

Alderman Anglace reminded the Aldermen that there are two budget workshops scheduled next week, Tuesday and Thursday.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $4,050.92 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated April 1, 2012, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

6.2 Assistant Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,575 to Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated April 1, 2012, 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 7-0.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1A Amendment to Ordinance #370 – Establishing Fire Lanes at Places of Public Assembly and Other Places of Human Occupancy

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the Amendment to Ordinance #370 – Establishing Fire Lanes at Places of Public Assembly and Other Places of Human Occupancy 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 Kudej.
Alderman Papa explained that #3 says “any person violating the provision of this Section shall upon conviction be punished in accordance with Section 1-11.” Before this, there was no reference to a fine. By using Section 1-11 we are allowed to fine up to $100.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

A public hearing was held on March 27, 2012. This ordinance becomes effective July 1, 2012.

7.1B Amendment to Ordinance #858 - Pawnbrokers

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the Amendment to Ordinance #858 – Pawnbrokers, 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.

Corporation Counsel Welch explained, you’re adding the precious metals and stone dealers to the ordinance. [inaudible] …compliments to the Police Chief and his department for bringing it and making it more thorough. It sets forth an application process not only for the pawnbrokers but for the two additional items, and gives the ability to the Chief of Police to make certain determinations as to the licensing. It makes it a much more thorough process and gives the enforcement provision to the Chief of Police to make sure there is compliance in not only our ordinance but with State law.

A public hearing was held on March 27, 2012.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 April Statutory Refunds

Alderman Papa MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $1,017.60 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 7-0.
9.2 Adoption of Tax Collector’s Suspense List

Alderman Papa MOVED that the Tax Collector’s Suspense List in the amount of $16,806.38 be adopted and transferred from the Grand Lists into Suspense per State Statute Section 12–165:

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SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.3 Appropriation for Renovations for Dispatch Area at Shelton Police Department – LOCIP Eligible

Alderman Papa MOVED to add renovations for the dispatch area at the Shelton Police Department to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $8,200 to come from LOCIP; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.4 Appropriation for Republican Primary

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the over expenditure of Accounts #001-0500-413.30-07 and #001-0500-413.10-04 by the Registrar of Voters Office; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Finn explained that this is for the upcoming Republican Presidential Primary on April 24th.

Alderman Anglace noted that the account titles are Printing & Advertising and Poll Workers.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, it is an over-expenditure, you are permitting an over-expenditure as you are allowed to do by Charter.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

[Alderman McGorty arrives at this point, 7:15 p.m.]
9.5  Appropriation for Completion of Shelton Lakes Recreation Path

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the amendment to the contract by and between the City of Shelton and S. P. Pruzinsky and Sons Inc. In the amount of $29,000 and add the completion of the Shelton Lakes Recreation Path to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $14,300 to come from LOCIP and the balance of $14,700 to come from the Iroquois Pipeline organization grant; and further,

Authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.6  Downtown Riverwalk Lighting – UI Rebate

Alderman Anglace noted that this item is not ready. No action.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.2 Small Cities Block Grant Resolution

Alderman Papa 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 93-383, 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 $300,000.00 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:

1. 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,
2. That the filing of an application by the City of Shelton in an amount not to exceed $300,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the Mayor Mark A. Lauretti 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 Kudej.

Alderman Anglace stated, federal monies are available... okay guys, line up, let’s go get it. That is the mindset. I’m not sure where we stand on the last Small Cities Block Grant that we approved and have received. I’m not sure if we still have money from that one available. I’m not sure that money is going out very fast. I can understand that you have to apply, and get in line, and I think we should do that. I don’t think we should be misled into thinking that we’re going to get all this money. We may not. If you recall we have an agreement with Lisa Low to prepare these applications. When this grant is received, she would then be paid. We don’t pay for her service, that’s where she gets it. I haven’t talked to Charlene, I’m not sure this is something that we are really in need of. I’m not sure if the grant that we have has been given out.

Alderman Finn stated, there was a notice in the Connecticut Post to landlords and Shelton residents, no matter where you live in Shelton, where they could apply for a loan for improvements to their buildings.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, you have a number of applicants, bids are going out and the work is in progress with some of them. The items you had approved for the bid process back in January and February are moving forward. It is timely to apply for the next grant because you’re always looking to have funds available and you need to make the applications. You are proceeding with your current grant.

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

10.3 Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application

Alderman Papa 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 Simonetti.
Alderman Anglake stated, this resolution is needed to accompany the application for the grant.

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

**10.4 Waiver of Bids – UPS Surge Protector for Fire and Police Systems**

Alderman Papa MOVED per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bidding process for a central UPS surge protector at the Police Department for Fire and Police citywide systems in the amount of $21,517.25 with funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Chief Hurliman explained that there are several small UPSs in different locations in the building. In the event of a generator failure, which we have had, it is difficult to power up everything that requires power. The loss of power, and why it says Police and Fire, in Dispatch – some people think it’s not a big deal if we lose our radio for a while, but for the Fire Department it is a very big deal because we can’t tone them out from the Police station. This is one rather large UPS with a nine-minute run time which will power up the Dispatch Center, the Server Room, the 911 System, the Telephone System, and the computers and radios. This way if the generator fails, we only need to plug one generator into it to keep everything powered up. The way it’s currently configured, we need four.

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

**10.5 Amendment to DeCarlo and Doll Agreement**

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the amendment to Task Order number 2–12 for Professional Services by and between the City of Shelton and the implementing agency, the Shelton Economic Development Corporation and DeCarlo and Doll, Inc. As same may be amended by Corporation Counsel upon agreement with the Mayor in connection with the Phase III of the Canal St. Revitalization Program in the amount of $105,300 to come from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development grant; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Finn asked, will this address the re-opening of the Wooster Street Railroad Crossing?

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, if you look at the second paragraph, it would encompass that.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.6 FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the following resolution and further authorize Mayor Mark. A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents.

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The City of Shelton is committed to upholding these laws, and realize that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Shelton hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunities for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

Be it further resolved, that the chief executive officer of the City of Shelton or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the City of Shelton and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

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

11 EXECUTIVE SESSION
At approximately 7:30 p.m., Alderman Kudej MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 – Fusco v. City of Shelton
11.2 – Belade v. City of Shelton
11.3 – City of Shelton v. Folsom
11.4 – Spinelli et al v. Robert Kulacz, City of Shelton - Sous

and invited Corporation Counsel Welch to remain in the Auditorium for the first three items, and Attorney Sous for item 11.4; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Alderman Farrell MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman McGorty. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Alderman Anglace noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

11.1  Fusco v. City of Shelton

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the stipulated finding and award dated March 28, 2012 as presented; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.2  Belade v. City of Shelton

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the compromised rating in the Workers Compensation matter of Edward Belade as presented; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.3  City of Shelton v. Folsom

No action.

11.4  Spinelli et al v. Robert Kulacz, City of Shelton

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: ________________________

DATE APPROVED: ____________ BY: ________________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton