Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John F. 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

Corporation Counsel Tom Welch

Public Session

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

Beth Gabriel, 77 Cedarcrest Court

I am a parent and a member of the Public Improvement Building Committee. I’m here to talk about the security improvements for our schools. I know we’ve gained great momentum with the project, and I know the surveillance projects are well under way. It's my understanding that there is a holdup with the signing of the contract with the firm we selected for the ballistic film as well as the remediation company for the three schools project. I am here to remind everyone that we need to keep this project moving. Hopefully we'll see more movement on it; I think it’s important. It’s fantastic where we’ve gone with the cameras; it will be even better if we can keep the ball rolling with the other two projects. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace stated, your points are well taken. Alderman Finn and I agree similarly and we are moving on it. That’s all I can say for now. Thank you.
Mark Holden, 275 Soundview Ave

On behalf of the Board of Education I’m just here to remind you that our standing offer to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have stands. We’d be happy to do it. I understand at your workshop Monday there were questions about teacher retirements. The information had been provided to Paul Hiller, but in case anyone didn’t have it, I do have some additional detail. There are currently 17 retirements for teachers; 8 are special ed teachers, 1 is a guidance counselor. The estimated savings is $360,000 and we are hoping that number will grow so that we can cover increases in our energy costs. Currently we are projecting building costs to go up by $400,000 beyond what we were aware of when we went through our budget process. As of the March 31st L2 report which is on the City’s website, we had overspent electricity by $128,000 and we have 4 months of bills to go. Also, in our current usage we are including July and August which are our two lowest months because our schools are not open. One of the reasons for energy going up is usage a little bit. We have hundreds of Chrome books for the kids to take mandated tests. Chrome books don’t draw a lot of power but when you have hundreds of them it adds up. Also we understand we can expect our electric rate to be increased next year. We need to look at those things. We are hoping the retirements and energy will balance each other out. If you have any questions – let us know; we will be here.

Alderman Anglace stated, we do have questions and we will contact Freeman to talk about it. I just observe the fact that, early teacher retirements, your expectations and our expectations are way off, they’re way different. When you bring up this far along in the budget process, things like additional costs etc., the time to weigh those in was before you made a decision and voted unanimously to do all day Kindergarten. So we do have questions. We will be addressing them with Freeman. Thank you.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

I’m here to address all members of the Board of Aldermen. I make a recommendation to you all that you go into the City Town Clerk’s Office, get the tape that was for the Board of A&T on April 28. If you sit down and you listen to that tape, as you just stated before, you have questions, well you’re going to have a lot more questions. In reference, there is one figure that comes up in there for $750,000, if we can’t find it, I quote, “If we can’t find it, let the Board of Aldermen find it.” Thank you.

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

**Agenda Items**

**Add-Ons**

Alderman Papa MOVED to add the following to the agenda,
9.7 Agreement with Pierz Associates – Code Compliance Services for Shelton High School
11.3 Pitney Bowes Tax Appeal

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

1. Regular Full Board Meeting – April 10, 2014

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

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 May 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 $1,417.58 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.

5.1.2 Adoption of Tax Collector’s Suspense List

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Tax Collector’s suspense list in the amount of $124,358.64 be adopted and transferred from the Grand Lists into Suspense per State Statute Sec. 12-165:

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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 $3,375 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated May 1, 2014, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $3,125
- Foreclosure Fees 001-1900-411.50-01 250

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. 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 $487.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated May 1, 2014 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

7.1.A Amendment to Code of Ordinances Article II. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Section 12-16 through 12-19
Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the amendment to Code of Ordinances Article II. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Section 12-16 through 12-19, 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. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

*Public Hearing was held on April 22, 2014*

**Article II. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments**

12-16 City authorized to join.

The City of Shelton shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in accordance with Section 4-124i through 124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

12-17 Mayor to represent City.

The representative of the City to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall be the Mayor.

12-18 Powers and duties.

The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall have such power, purposes, responsibilities and duties as defined by the general statutes of the State.

12-19 Financial commitment.

Membership in the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall in no way bind the City to any financial commitments or obligations except as may from time to time be provided by the annual budget. meeting of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation.

8 **FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD**

No items.

9 **FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW**

9.1 **Voting Machine Maintenance Agreement**

Alderman Papa MOVED, per the recommendation of the Registrar’s Office, to approve Tier One Plan Option of the agreement between the City of Shelton and LHS Associates for the maintenance of the voting machines; and further,
MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

### 9.2 Purchase of New Dump Trucks, Plows and Storm-related Items

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize the purchase of new dump trucks, plows and storm related items for the Highways and Bridges Department in the amount of $600,000 with funds to be encumbered from General Fund Surplus; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Finn asked why this motion regards the purchase of a V Plow for which the bids won’t be opened until May 15th. We are seven days ahead of approving that item when the bids haven’t been opened yet.

Corporation Counsel Welch explained that the motion is simply to encumber the funds; the order cannot be placed without having funds allocated, regardless of who the bid is awarded to. The board will still take another action to award the bid.

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

### 9.3 Funding for Commercial Rotary Mower for Parks & Recreation

Alderman Papa MOVED to appropriate $20,360 for a commercial rotary mower for the Parks & Recreation Department 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.

### 9.4 Waiver of Bid – Electrical Generation for City and Board of Education

Alderman Papa MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bidding process for electrical generation services for the City of Shelton and the Board of Education; and further,

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

Alderman Anglace explained that this is a redundant process – they give you a number, you get the generation number, you have from noon to 4 p.m. to choose a provider.

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

### 9.5 Echo Hose Hook and Ladder Ambulance Corps Lease Extension

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the extension of the lease agreement between the City of Shelton and Echo Hose Hook and Ladder Ambulance Corps., Inc. for an additional
four-year term for a portion of property on Meadow Street in accordance with the attached lease; and further,

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

9.6 VirTra Tactical Simulator Licensee Agreement

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the License Agreement between the City of Shelton and the City of Milford for the Shelton Police Department to have access to Milford Training Academy’s new VirTra Tactical Simulator; and further,

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

Corporation Counsel Welch explained that he arranged for one revision in the Agreement – if the City wishes to terminate, they can do so in 30 days for any reason and only pay the costs up to the date. It is not a long-term obligation if you don’t desire it to be so.

Alderman Simonetti asked if all of the officers will be trained on the simulator.

Chief Hurliman explained that there will be certain officers as trainers trained on it first, and then they will train all of our officers.

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

9.7 Agreement with Pierz Associates – Code Compliance Services for Shelton High School

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Pierz Associates to perform code compliance services for Shelton High School as set forth in the contract; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman McGorty asked that someone explain why we need to hire a consultant to perform another analysis of the High School where we’ve had several professionals both from the City of Shelton and from the State of Connecticut tell us what needs to be done. I think it’s time to get it done versus have someone else come in and tell us what needs to be done. Please spend a few moments and explain this.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, two months ago you approved the agreement with a different vendor and we could not come to contractual terms. So about two months ago
we agreed to a $27,000 contract for the code compliance as approved by the Shelton High School Code Compliance Committee. We could not reach an agreement, so we went to the second person, this gentleman, at $26,000 – a $1,000 savings, and he has agreed to the terms.

Alderman Anglace stated, these things have lapses of time between the time the last Committee meeting was held and now. I don’t recall, but I’m sure if I go back and do some research I could tell you why this consultant is needed. I can’t tell you off the top of my head.

Alderman Finn stated, I’ve researched this company that we’re paying $26,000 and basically they’re an architect firm – they deal with landscaping and structures. We have five certified fire marshals in the City of Shelton who go in and inspect our buildings. Two of the Fire Marshals inspected the building after the 2008 fire and found several problems. From them, the State Fire Marshal went in and also came back with the report about compliance that needs to be addressed. Now we’re hiring someone for $26,000 to sit down and review the documents sent to us by the State Fire Marshal’s Office so we can try to be in compliance and correct all the problems in the Shelton High School. We have to remember an Architect can design at the least cost to the person we’re representing. It’s up to the Fire Marshal’s Office to determine that those buildings are safe by going over the fire codes. Here we are hiring an architect firm to review the fire codes. It’s just the opposite of the way it’s supposed to be. I don’t understand why we’re going with this process. Also, Mr. Sheehy recommended that it would be another firm and we’ve learned tonight that firm has been withdrawn. What I received from upstairs only shows one firm submitted bids in the first place. I don’t understand where the second firm came from.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, we tried to reach contractual agreement with that entity you approved about two months ago and could not.

Alderman Finn asked if there was a second RFQ that brought this company into reviewing these documents?

Alderman Anglace replied, I don’t know the answer to that question; I will have to go back and review before I can give you an answer. You can certainly make the case on the surface that it sounds like we are reviewing somebody else that is reviewing somebody else. My understanding of Pierz Associates is that they are acceptable on the State level and they do code compliance work for the State Fire Marshal’s office on that level as well. They will review this and tell us things that I don’t think our local people can tell us such as, there are alternate ways to accomplish the same thing and work in conjunction with the architect to design an approach that will satisfy weekly code compliance and probably result in a quicker time to get it done and at what cost etc.

Alderman Finn stated, I don’t understand why our Fire Marshal’s Office with five employees can’t get the job done. Why do we have to go outside and bring in an architect? It should be up to the Fire Marshal’s Office to have the last say on what has to be done.
Alderman Anglace stated, your points are well taken. The best I can do is to get you a written response to satisfy the issues that you want to know.

Alderman Finn asked, once this firm is approved what is the timeframe? How long will the review take? When are we going to get the bodies into the school to correct the problems?

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, the reason it is on your agenda this evening is because we need to get the firm in place to conduct the review so that we can get the work done over the summer months.

Alderman Finn stated, this is six years after the fire and we’re still reviewing everything.

Alderman Anglace stated, this is a very complicated building and a very complicated set of circumstances where things can’t be done while students are in the school. It drags out. There is a Code Compliance Subcommittee and Don Sheehy is heading that up and taking the lead on it. I’m sure he’s not going to let us drag our feet on this. I can try to get you some responses to your questions.

Alderman Papa stated, I think this is not an indication that our Fire Marshals and our City are not competent.

Alderman Anglace stated, we are beyond the identification stage; we are in the correction stage with the code compliance activities. This subcommittee has been meeting; that is what this guy is here for, to tell them what the State will accept, what they won’t accept.

Alderman McGorty stated, okay, let’s get into the get it done stage. Let’s get it done.

Alderman Anglace stated, Beth Smith told them there are some things they can’t do until school is out. Hopefully we’ll get this guy in place and he’ll give good direction. I don’t think he’s in control of the timeframe; he is in control of what he’s going to do for the Code Compliance Committee and members of the Building Committee. They will set the tone of what is getting done and when.

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

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10. 1 Items to Public Hearing

No items.

10.2 Endorsement of Waverly Road Bridge Replacement Project
Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolved,

Whereas, the City of Shelton has submitted an application to replace the Waverly Road Bridge pursuant to the new Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP);

Whereas, said project has been endorsed by the Valley Council of Governments;

Whereas, LOTCIP pays for one hundred (100%) percent of construction costs of the project and the City shall be responsible for all project design costs and expenses;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton that the Board hereby approves and endorses the Waverly Road Bridge replacement project in accordance with and pursuant to LOTCIP.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Finn stated, this LOTCIP program – the City has to up front the money for the project. We then go out to bid. The State of Connecticut reviews the bids and awards them. Every thing after, they are involved. We won’t get reimbursed until they review everything. Once they review everything, we get reimbursed piecemeal.

Alderman Anglase explained, we approve the resolution; then we go to bid for the design work. We pay for the design work and approve the design, contract for design and up front the costs. Then after the work is done, we probably won’t get reimbursed for a long time. But it’s a good deal.

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

10.3 Connecticut Department of Transportation Master Municipal Agreement

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen that Mark A. Lauretti, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled “Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects.”

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

10.4 Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application
Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that Mark A. Lauretti, duly elected Mayor of the City of Shelton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.”

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

**11 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to enter Executive Session with Corporation Counsel Tom Welch present to discuss the following:

11.1 Rodrigues v. City of Shelton
11.2 Dobbins v. City of Shelton
11.3 Pitney Bowes Tax Appeal

We will take the items up in the following order and invite the following people:

11.2 – invite Benefits Coordinator Robin Skowronski and Attorney Kevin Blake
11.1 – invite Attorney Kevin Blake

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

return to regular session

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Alderman Finn MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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

**ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

11.1 Rodrigues v. City of Shelton

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve payment to the City of Shelton in the amount of $35,000 toward its Workers Compensation lien in the case of Lieutenant George Rodrigues; SECONDED by Alderman McGorty. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
11.2  Dobbins v. City of Shelton

No action.

11.3  Pitney Bowes Tax Appeal

Alderman Finn MOVED to approve the stipulation for judgment in the tax appeal entitled “Pitney Bowes v. City of Shelton” as presented. SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: __________________BY: ________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton