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.

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:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti, City of Shelton
Attorney Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

A moment of silence was taken in remembrance for the lives that were taken during terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

PRESENTATION DERBY CIVIL WAR MONUMENT – ATTORNEY JAMES COHEN

James Cohen: Good evening, Mr. Mayor. Tonight I would like to distribute these documents to each of the members. Thank you for allowing me to address the board this evening. My name is Jamie Cohen, and I am here to talk about the Civil War Monument on the Derby Green.

I have lived and worked in the City of Derby for the 66 out of 68 years, and during many of those years, I have attended the Derby/Shelton Memorial Day Services, which was most recently at the high school. During those years I have also attended many of the Derby/Shelton Thanksgiving Day games as a proud Derby High School student and alum. I have also many times have marched in the Memorial Day Parade with Pack 3 and Troop 3. So I never had really thought about why these events were Derby/Shelton combined events; it just seemed to me that we were remembering things together and we were honoring things together, and we were celebrating as two cities together. It seems to be a natural thing as we are connected by sharing the banks of the Housatonic River, we are connected by the Commodore Hull Bridge literally and figuratively.

However, I have learned something much more significant on how the communities were connecting. Around one year ago, last June on the Derby Green, we were walking with the Boy Scouts to see what they have done and saw the monument on the Green. As we turned and looked at it, someone must have taken a crowbar and tried to pull one of the bronze monuments off of the granite and because it was so well connected with different rivets that they were not able to do it. As you can see from the pictures, it was bent but it did not come off. When we were walking around, we did see other items that had significant vandalism. There was graffiti; there were broken parts and a number of other problems. At the same time when I had read the inscription on the front of the plaque, I realized something significant about the deeper and far more connection between Derby and Shelton. The bronze plaque on the front of the monument reads as follows: "In
memory of the men of Derby and Huntington, who fought in the service of their country in the war of the rebellion 1861-1865, as defenders of liberty and nationality”. On the opposite said, the plaque continues, “erected by the people of Derby and Huntington 1883, in honor of all who fought in the service of their country, in the government of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish”. It is a Derby/Shelton monument in honor of Derby and Shelton men. I often thought about the monument since that day, and I wondered at that time if it had been cared for that if had been cleaned or renovated. I was unable to find any records to see if that was done for all of those years, and certainly were not any in one of our lifetimes that were available in the Derby City Hall. Before I had retired from the Valley Community Foundation, there were a number of thefts of the veterans’ bronze plaques in Ansonia, Derby and Shelton. Derby and Shelton had each lost one. At that time, I had asked the Board of Directors to create a fund where we would match any gifts that were made in order to replace those monuments. At that same time, this board voted that you would take it upon yourselves to replace the plaque that was stolen from Commodore Hull. It was a wonderful thing that the City of Shelton did. Due to the generosity of the citizens who have responded to this request, VCF was more successful than we had expected. In fact when all of the work that was done, there was about $1,500 left over. There have been a number of requests for grants from that fund since that time, but no grants have been made because all of that money was given to restore things that were damaged by vandals. So I was able to find a wonderful man by the name of Francis Miller. His whole profession is to restore historic monuments. He has estimated the total cleaning and restoration would be approximately $45,000, with 36% of that is due to the vandalism that has taken place over the years. I have asked them to prepare a PowerPoint presentation, and I will be back to this Board and to other interested citizens, which will be scheduled. Monday, I am going in front of the Valley Community Foundation to let them know about this, and I will be seeking their consideration for this project.

I started tonight speaking as an interested person, and I am here without any ties to any other organizations at this moment. I have spent many boyhood days on the cannon, in front of that monument and during wonderful afternoons with my younger sons. I want to do what I can to repair, protect and preserve it for the next 150 years. So far I have only reached out to 5 people, in three different organizations to ask them to join me in endorsing and supporting this effort. Those people are Jack Walsh, Randy Ritter, Mark Garofalo, Tim Dillon, Marty Coughlin, Shelton Historical Society, Derby Historical Society and the Derby Board of Aldermen, and all of them have agreed to support this project. I ask for nothing from the City of Shelton; I am not here to ask for anything from you other than your support in the endorsement of the concept to restore this monument. It is my hope to bring this information to the people of the valley, and the picture becomes clearer that Derby and Shelton and the people of our two communities act as one to do the right thing for the men who gave their lives for this country more than 150 years ago. I would be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have.

PUBLIC PORTION

Kristine Re, 8 Sunset Drive, Shelton

I am currently the Sunnyside PTO President, and we just have questions about the roof. We have been hearing a different buzz from different people; not necessarily of high importance. Just in general that the roof is not getting done, that papers are still sitting on desks and nothing is going to be done. We have lost two summers. Our current principal, Amy Yost, she has been with us for a year and a half. She has been very transparent in what she knows in reporting so at our PTO meetings. I have a child there; currently she is in fourth grade. I also have a seventh grader, so I have been at the school for a while. I can even say that I was a student at Sunnyside School because I was. It is just upsetting to see the disrepair that is going on; the roof especially. In running events in the library, with the kids going into the library, you see garbage cans catching drips of water. Today I was curious to see if anything was dripping. It probably did not rain enough to see if it was dripping today, but we want to know what is going on because we have been waiting and waiting, and we have been hearing that the roof is
going to be done on the weekends. This is probably just a rumor but yet it is information that is buzzing around the school, and parents are upset, it smells dank and stale, people are worried about their kids with allergies and asthma. Is it a safe environment? So people are questioning the reports of the air quality, and just what is going on with the roof because we want to know.

Mayor Lauretti: As you may know the item is on the agenda tonight to approve the funding. When we get to that point of the agenda, I will try to answer some of your questions from what I know.

Kristine Re: Thank you.

**Agenda Items**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Alderman Finn MOVED to table the approval the following meeting minutes for further review:

1. Regular Full Board Meeting - August 13, 2015

SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

5.1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1.1 **NO ITEMS**

5.2 **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

5.2.1 **NO ITEMS**

5.3 **STREET COMMITTEE**

5.3.1 **NO ITEMS**

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR –**

Mayor Lauretti: There is no report from myself; however, I will talk about the Sunnyside roof portion of the agenda.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT –**

Alderman Anglace: I do not have a formal report, but I can just tell you that I had spent considerable time this week, along with many other people from the city, trying to figure out this whole problem with the school and what is going on. I think I got a handle on it.

6.0 **LEGAL REPORT**
6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,045.00 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated September 3, 2015, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A NO ITEMS

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 FUNDING FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVERS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and The Walker Group in an amount of $64,045.89 for police department servers with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Aldermen Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: I understand that the servers are in really bad shape at the Police Department; they probably should have been replaced last year. Once we authorize you to execute all of the documents, when will we start to see the company come in to replace the existing servers? What will be the time frame on that?

Mayor Lauretti: I do not know what the start date is. The item has already been bid, so the contracts are ready to be awarded.

Alderman Finn: What is the time frame for completion of the job?

Mayor Lauretti: I do not know, but I do not think it is very long, though.

Alderman Finn: I am not sure if the servers have any effect on the Fire Department. Our radio system is getting squishy again; we can barely understand some of them. Thank you.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.
9.2 FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD EXTENSION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement between the City of Shelton and HAKS Engineers, P.C., for professional services for Constitution Boulevard Extension in the amount of $730,000.

Further appropriate an amount of $250,000 for the design phase of services with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: We are looking to approve just under $1 million, and with my understanding this is going to be done in two phases. Once the contract is signed, what is the time frame for the engineer to come back to the city with Phase 1 and Phase 2?

Mayor Lauretti: There are no defined time frames within the contract. The mission for the engineer is to complete the engineering and the design for Constitution Boulevard, from Bridgeport Avenue to our property, the property that we own. This is going to be broken up in phases, and we may never get to $730,000.

Alderman Finn: The total cost is $1 million this time, and I understand that.

Mayor Lauretti: No, the total cost is known. For the engineering services it is right in the motion, $730,000. We do not have estimated costs yet.

Alderman Finn: We are also going to be redesigning the intersection of Nells Rock Road and the corner of Constitution Extension, which should actually be Constitution Boulevard North. We will also be looking at Blacks Hill Road and Cotch Street. In the past, another proposal was in front of us years ago. It was made mention of an overpass on Cotch Street. Are they still looking at that? Or are we going to have a different design for the road?

Mayor Lauretti: All options are going to be evaluated, and the decision will be made once we have the opportunity to look at all of it. There are wetland considerations, there are road-crossing considerations, there are grade changes so this is not definitive at this time.

Alderman Finn: Have we begun negotiations with the three property owners? It would hinder the start of the road on Bridgeport Avenue.

Mayor Lauretti: No we have not.

Atty. Welch: For the record, I may make some additional legal revisions to the contract; nothing in terms of the cost or the scope of the work but just some of our standard language changes.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

9.3 OVERAGE ON NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve an amount of $11,025.89 for an overage on the new animal shelter with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Discussion:

Alderman Papa: On these shared items with the additional costs, were they part of the bid or was that something that was done after the bid was in?
Mayor Lauretti: I do not have the list in front of me. I know there were some additions to this.

Alderman Papa: So that was part of the original?

Mayor Lauretti: Generally how these projects go, there is a spec, then a bid. Sometimes then, there are quantities that are associated with the bid and the quantities do change. Sometimes they are less so then you get a credit, and sometimes they are more. I know the plantings were an extra, and the pro-green for the floors and kennels were extra. There were some cat kennels/cages that were also extra. The project came in under the bid amount, and then they spent a little bit extra above and beyond what the bid amount was but they did not do everything that was in the bid. All of these extras added up to almost $70,000 to $80,000, and as you can see there is still an overage of $11,000.

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, who authorized the overage of $11,000 without the Board of Alderman’s approval?

Mayor Lauretti: The building committee put these extras in place.

Alderman Anglace: Technically, the building committee made an error. No one is authorized to exceed $1,400,000 that was appropriated by the Board of Aldermen. Anyone that wants to spend more than that has to come back to the Board of Aldermen for an approval. I think that should be part of the record and so noted. For anybody else with a future project, they should stick to it. It was not planned to have cat cages; it was a good idea but it was not planned. The $11,000 is okay; I think we should approve it but that should be noted.

Mayor Lauretti: In all fairness to the building committee, this has not happened in the past. It happened here, but this a building committee that did a task and six years worth of work, went through a referendum with many changes to the design. It was a design-built type of project, and there is nothing easy about that. I cannot find fault with the overage.

Alderman Anglace: I think we could tip our hats to them; I think we all recognize that.

Alderman Finn: In the future if we bond for an amount of money, they should stay in the range that they are authorized to spend.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

9.4 FUNDING FOR SUNNYSIDE ROOF PROJECT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint the Public Improvement Building Committee to oversee the engineering and construction of the Sunnyside Roof Project.

Further authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications.

Further authorize the Board of Education to pursue the filing of the grant application.

Further approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Allied Restoration Corporation for the completion of the Sunnyside roof project in an amount of $1,036,000.00 with funding to come from undesignated General Fund Surplus.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:
Alderman Anglace: I want to start the discussion because I spent, along with Paul Hiller and the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, practically a week to develop this motion as follows. I am not going to let it go without having a few words, that restate the principle that we have never had a project in the history of the 24 years that I have sat up here, nothing but total cooperation with the Board of Education and things have moved along. For the three-school project, we do not have a project coordinator. Bill Banfe was the last one, and Sonny Savignano was before him. I spoke to Bill Banfe today at length about this, and I went over the motions with Bill because for many years, Bill has been the point person for the Board of Education, who interfaced with the School Facilities Unit in Hartford. Bill knows this like the back of his hand. We need someone at the Board of Education, appointed by the Board of Education to do this. We are having discussions with the Board of Education to get that person in place. When I foresee that if we do not have it, we are going to have difficulty getting our reimbursement of 40% for this project, from the State of Connecticut. With that in mind, I am more than happy to support this motion because it is everything that needs to be done. It then goes onto the Public Improvement Building Committee to proceed with the engineering and construction phases.

Alderman Finn: Alderman Anglace, thank you very much. When we approve Sunnyside School for solar panels last year, why didn’t we start moving on the roof then, trying to get everything in place with the Board of Education?

Alderman Anglace: Do you know what to do, Jack? Why didn’t you tell us what to do, Jack? You do not know, I do not know. That is not our function. We have had a history of cooperation with the Board of Education and their point person, their project coordinator, comes and says you need to pass a motion that authorizes me to go up to the State Facilities Unit and file the project. You need to do this, you need to do that, and we did it on a timely basis and the projects went smoothly. That is not happening now.

Alderman Finn: No, but the solar panels are not going to the school because of roof leak. That is the point.

Alderman Anglace: The Board of Education knows that as well, and they have maintenance people. Do not shift this off to us to fix the roof. This is their responsibility, and if I were in their position, I would have acted on this long before. They still have not put the proper people in place.

Alderman Finn: Okay, thank you.

Mayor Lauretti: Let’s approve this motion first and then I will answer your (Kristine Re) questions as best as I know.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Mayor Lauretti: When you (Kristine Re) came forward during the Public Portion, you had some concerns about the status of the roof and where we are. Good question, where are we? It is hard at this point to know where we are because there is no one that is overseeing this project start to finish. It is limping along, to be quite honest with you. This project was bid in June, and the bids were in July. The City was prepared to award the bids, not only today but weeks ago we were prepared to award the bid. However, to come to find out through discussions with the Superintendent, the project has not even been submitted to the State Facilities Unit for approval. So, this is not new. We are going through this with the Shelton High School building code project with the sprinklers; same issue. We do not have approval yet. The City has put the funding in place, we have authorized the project to go forward and we still have no approval. I want to tell you that this the second roof on Sunnyside School since I have been Mayor. When I was first elected, Sunnyside was closed, the City moved to reopen the building, we did a renovation on it, we did an addition on it and we put a roof on it. Any project that we have done on school properties; there has always been someone from the Board of Education who has been on the lead on it. They have to be the lead on it; the City cannot go the State Facilities Unit and say that we want to put an addition on Sunnyside School. They are going to say, okay, where is the Board of Education’s
authorized approval on it? We do not have that, and they will say they need to have that. They operate the building; they are the keeper of all of the records and they need to maintain the records going forward for a variety of different reasons. We cannot do that. As I said for over the past twenty years, we always had someone, Director of Operations, Maintenance Supervisor who would go to meetings, who made sure proper requests were made at the City, that paperwork was filed at the state. They used to take the application and hand deliver it to the State Facilities Unit, sit down with the coordinator and go through the checklist to make sure they had everything and made sure the State had signed off on everything. When you do not do that, stuff sits in a pile up there and we are in a limbo right now.

With respect to the contractor, the way the project was bid was that they would start work in the summer time and if it was not finished by the time the kids went back to school, that they would work nights and weekends when the kids were not in the building; that they would light the roof and work. This has become a standard practice around the State, so it is not an issue. Again, the project has not been approved by the State Facilities Unit so I do not know when the start date is. The bid is completed, the bid is awarded, the contracts are sitting in my office, they sign them, which I am ready to sign them, but we cannot start the project until we get the signoff from the State.

Alderman Anglace: The reason why you cannot start the project is that if you start the project without the State’s approval, you do not get the 40% reimbursement.

Mayor Lauretti: So not only do we have this issue with the roof, we have it with the entry doors and we have it with the sprinkler system at Shelton High School. Did I leave anything out?

Kristine Re: Is there a job opening for this position? I do not mean to sound crass, but this leaves me speechless. Have you been to Sunnyside? Have you been there on a sunny day, rainy day, hot day, cool day?

Mayor Lauretti: Two years ago we put two roofs on two elementary schools without issue.

Kristine Re: Long Hill got their solar panels; it seems like everything else is moving along for the other schools. Sunnyside just sits and festers; it is just rotting and molding, mildewing and it is just nasty. I am so grateful that my daughter only has one more year and we are out of there. So is this an issue we need to take up with the Board of Education?

Mayor Lauretti: They need to have a point person that follows this project step by step. In past whenever there was a building committee meeting or some type of meeting, the Superintendent of Schools was there every step of the way; and that has not happened in this situation.

Kristine Re: Who is Ben Trabka and Ken Lacroix? What are their positions? I hear their names pop up with Amy Yost.

Mayor Lauretti: Ben Trabka is the Director of Security. Ken Lacroix is the Maintenance Supervisor, who had just retired so we have a new maintenance supervisor that has to take some time to catch up to speed. You cannot expect him to hit the ground running because there is too much to understand.

Kristine Re: We have a school year on the way. We still have to make it all of the way to June. We have more rain that is going to be coming between now and June, and there is going to be snow and ice. I can’t even tell you when it snows and it thaws, it drips, there is ice in the front.

Mayor Lauretti: You do not have to tell me; I have seen it. I do not disagree with you.

Kristine Re: It is just horrendous down there.
Member of the audience asked if there was anyway they could volunteer until this person is appointed just to work with the State. He also asked, is there someone willing to do this just to get the trashcans that are collecting water, out of the library?

Mayor Lauretti: Again, the Board of Education is responsible under State law, to supervise and oversee the building. We just could not send someone down there and say take care of this and take care of that.

Member of the audience stated when you (Mayor Lauretti) said earlier, someone was actually, physically going to the State to oversee these documents and physically sign off on them and to walk them through, that things were happening quicker. I think that is what you (Mayor Lauretti) had said.

Mayor Lauretti: Yes, it was much quicker.

Member of the audience asked, is there someone that can do that in the absence of this point person because we do not have this person? Can we volunteer, or is there someone on the City Council that is willing to volunteer until we at least get this roof project done? It is really bad. The kids say that the library smells like vomit; like someone was throwing up in there and that is just not acceptable. I am willing to help, and I think a lot of people in this room are willing to help if you can just help us fix this.

Mayor Lauretti: My suggestion is to see the Superintendent of Schools. I cannot walk into a school and tell the principal to have the custodian clean up this room. I can’t do it, and I have not done it in 24 years and I am not going to start doing it now. I never had to.

Member of the audience said someone has to do it.

Mayor Lauretti: Yes, someone has to do it; their personnel has to do it.

Member of the audience asked, so their person has to go to the State? Is that you said before? Then ask them to execute this plan so we can get the 40% funding? Is that the hold up?

Mayor Lauretti: I do not know if all of the proper documentation is even at the State. There could be a number of things, or it could be 95% complete. I could not give you an honest answer at this point because I do not know; it is not what I do. I have never done it. When we built the new intermediate school, we got a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Education requesting the City to authorize a referendum for the funding on the building. That triggered the process, and from that day forward once the referendum was approved, we had someone in the lead on that project every week, every month, whatever cycle that was required. They used to go to building committee meetings; they used to report to the Board of Education, of the status of the project, what has gone wrong, what is new and exciting about it. There is a void because there is no one that is doing it right now.

Kristine Re: Are we contacting Central Office, or are we contacting the Board of Education?

Mayor Lauretti: Your guess is as good as mine. I think the Superintendent is turning the blind eye on this approach, and for the life of me I do not understand why. We have never done a school project without one of their personnel in the lead. There is a lot of coordination that has to go on between contractors and the activity in the school building that only they can approve. The role of the building committee, despite what you may have been told, they are volunteers. They do not go on site, but although in years gone by some of these volunteers were so dedicated. I could not tell you how many hours they have spent on projects just to make sure they were going properly. However, they are decision makers. They evaluate bids; they deal with problems, overages, extras. That is the role of the building committee. If there is something that goes radically wrong someone from the building committee will show up in my office to find a way to mitigate it. None of that is happening right now. I had this discussion two weeks ago with the Long Hill School PTA, in an order to expedite the doors. The City
went up there with their approval, and we did some of the foundation work in front of the building. Now the installation can move a lot quicker, and school will not be interrupted because we have to dig up the front entrance. There is nothing easy about these projects; there are a lot of things that come up during the course of them that require coordination, there is recordkeeping that needs to be under their possession. Sometimes they need to go back and look in the archives to see what was done and what was not done before they can evaluate what needs to be done going forward when there is some of a problem in the building. We recognize that this roof needs to be done and there is no argument; we are for it. I do not think I can do anymore than what we have done to try to move this thing forward.

Member of the audience asked, would you say that if it was five years in and still did not have a new roof? Would you still say the same thing?

Mayor Lauretti: I would go the Board of Education meeting and ask them that question. The Superintendent works for them; that is the way this thing works.

Alderman Papa: What the Mayor brought up, if you can get a group of parents to go the Board of Education meeting and voice your concern, they would listen to you, believe me. A lot of pressure put on the Board of Education to move on this because this is their responsibility.

Mayor Lauretti: I found out in early August that they did not even file the application for Sunnyside School, or for the entry doors at the elementary schools with the State. We are ready to award the bid. This whole concept was talked about in May, that we would do the roof over the summer like we did Long Hill, like we did for Elizabeth Shelton. I do not know what else I can tell you.

Kristine Re: At that time, did the Board of Education have an appointee?

Mayor Lauretti: There was someone there that was following it every step of the way.

Kristine Re: Are they here now?

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, I believe it was the Director of Operations.

Mayor Lauretti: He has since retired, but I think even Ken Lacroix picked up some of those duties.

Kristine Re: Do you have the name of the person that is taking Ken Lacroix’s place?

Mayor Lauretti: They just hired someone last week; I do not know the person’s name.

Kristine Re: Call Central Office?

Mayor Lauretti: Yes. If I were the Maintenance Supervisor or of an organization and someone was going to put a roof on one of my buildings, wouldn’t you think I should be involved in some way, shape or form? Shouldn’t I know who is coming into the building, who is working on the building, who is doing what? Last year, or two years ago we have replaced three furnaces in the elementary schools. Last year we did duel fuel in three schools without issue. All of a sudden we have an issue. We have an issue because no one is monitoring the weekly activity of the project, and when you do not have that nothing moves. This is what we have.

Member of the audience asked, who was the point person for the BOE, for those projects last year?

Mayor Lauretti: I think it was Ken Lacroix.

Member of the audience asked, he can’t do it now?

Mayor Lauretti: He just retired.
Member of the audience asked, then the new Lacroix would be the point person?

Mayor Lauretti: They used to have a Director of Operations. It was a director position, but they paid it as a stipend position. It was not a full-blown salary. You do not need a full time effort on this. You just need someone that is going to make sure that things are moving. When there is a meeting coming up, that the item is on the agenda at the meeting so it can get approved so they do not need to wait another month. There are a lot of incidental steps that someone needs to pay attention to. I think I made myself clear, and we are ready to start the project.

9.5 AMENDMENT TO THE 3-SCHOOL ENTRY FORTIFICATION AND EXTERIOR DOOR CHANGE OUT PROJECTS (LONG HILL SCHOOL, ELIZABETH SHELTON SCHOOL AND MOHEGAN SCHOOL)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following:

Be it resolved that the Public Improvement Building Committee was appointed to oversee the engineering and construction of the School Security Project on November 14, 2013.

Further authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications.

Further authorize the Board of Education to pursue the filing of the grant application.

Further move to amend the motion adopted at the February 19, 2014 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting regarding Item 9.4 Contract with Silver Petrucelli & Associates, Inc. and further amend the motion adopted at the April 9, 2015 meeting regarding Item 9.3 Amendments to Agreement Between the City of Shelton & Silver Petrucelli & Associates – School Security Upgrades.

Further reappropriate the total funding of $216,800.00 from aldermanic bonding as follows:

$91,460 to Long Hill School
$62,670 to Elizabeth Shelton School
$62,670 to Mohegan School

Further approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Tomlinson Hawley Patterson in an amount of $726,500 for construction of the 3-school entry fortification and exterior door change out projects (Long Hill School, Elizabeth Shelton School and Mohegan School) with funding to come from undesignated General Fund Surplus as follows:

$290,600 to Long Hill School
$217,950 to Elizabeth Shelton School
$217,950 to Mohegan School

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Finn.

Discussion:
Mayor Lauretti: For the benefit of anyone in the audience, I just want to give you some history. The changing of the doors at these schools is about five years old. That is when this first started. We are finally at this point. Five years ago started with Elizabeth Shelton School, long before Sandy Hook happened. I recognize that those three schools had the original doors on them. Don’t you think we got our money’s worth? Don’t you think it is time to upgrade? We did a renovation on those buildings and never touched the doors.

Atty. Welch: For the record, for both agreements there will be some standard legal revisions that I will be making.

A voice vote was taken and motion PASSED unanimously.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. NO ITEMS

10.2 REINSTATEMENT AND SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SHELTON AND COMCAST

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the reinstatement and second amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Shelton and Comcast.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: Why is this a good deal for Shelton?

Mayor Lauretti: It is an existing agreement that is already in place, and it gets enhanced a little bit.

Atty. Welch: They are now paying for the outside area that they were not paying for. It is to relocate the propane generator, for use as an emergency basis only. It is currently going to be fenced in; we are going to do the fencing outside.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:50 PM, Alderman Anglace MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 C-MED
11.2 SUPERVISOR’S CONTRACT

and invited Corporation Counsel Welch to remain in the auditorium during the Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:07 p.m. Alderman Papa MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.
It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

11.1 C-MED

No action taken.

11.2 SUPERVISOR'S CONTRACT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the Shelton Supervisor Contract, as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gannon, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: _______________ BY: ____________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton