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

MAYOR LAURETTI AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD A BRIEF MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE BRAINARD.

MAYOR LAURETTI PRESENTED PROCLAMATIONS TO HONOR ALDERMAN JOHN J. PAPA, FOR PROUDLY SERVING THE CITY OF SHELTON FOR 22 YEARS, AND RETIRED POLICE CHIEF JOEL HURLIMAN, FOR PROUDLY SERVING THE CITY OF SHELTON FOR 38 YEARS!

PUBLIC PORTION

Kristine Re, 8 Sunset Drive, Shelton

Having been to a PIBC Meeting on Tuesday evening and hearing to vote on their end, which was a very positive outcome; I am hoping there is an even more positive outcome for this evening. I would like to thank you for realizing there is a need for a roof at Sunnyside. The need is even greater as a new leak has occurred in another area of the school. Our kids’
safety is even more at risk when the school year goes on. With the rain this week and the rain that can still possibly come, snow and the other elements it is not going to be a good outcome. Our kids’ safety is at risk and we just need to move forward with this roof and get it complete. I hope it is a positive outcome tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti stated that he was going to give the audience an update on the Sunnyside School roof. He stated that he had spent the last two days with both superintendents, the current and the incoming superintendent as well as the new Director of Facilities. We did evaluate the bids that came in and we had a lengthy conversation on how we should proceed. I am going to share that with the people from Sunnyside School PTA, as well as with the Board of Aldermen this evening when we get to that point in time on the agenda.

**Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue, Shelton**

I have two things to say to this board: First, I would like to give a personal thank you to Aldermen Anglace, for taking his time to come to City Hall and sit before and to listen to what had transpired at the Planning and Zoning Commission. After which, a lot of the residents were asking him questions and he was giving them detailed information. Again, thank you John. Two, I know you are not going to answer my question tonight but I am going to ask about Item 9.14: Funding for Shelton Roof Project. Back on September 10th of this year, the Board of Aldermen allocated money for the Shelton Roof Project. Thank you.

**Agenda Items**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

1. Regular Full Board Meeting- October 8, 2015
2. Public Hearing on Ordinances- October 27, 2015

SECONDED by Alderman Papa and abstention from Alderman Finn, regarding the minutes from the 10/27/15 Public Hearing on Ordinances. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org)

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**5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**5.1.1 NO ITEMS**
5.2  PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

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5.3  STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

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REPORT OF THE MAYOR –

Mayor Lauretti: None presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT –

Alderman Anglace: I would like to commend Alderman Papa for his service, and I would like to commend Chief Hurliman for his years of service, and on behalf of the Board of Aldermen I would like to say thank you very much.

6.0  LEGAL REPORT

6.1  CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $3,133.30 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated November 4, 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.

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7  LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING
Aldermen Anglace MOVED to adopt the amendments to the Code of Ordinance Chapter 9, Article VIII Section 9-150 Special Event License which is included by reference.

Further, move 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 motion PASSED unanimously.

*Public Hearing took place on October 27, 2015.*
Sec. 9-150. Special event license.

(b) At the discretion of the board of aldermen, the application fee may be waived or reduced to a nominal fee and the licensing procedure under this chapter may be waived or curtailed in order to promote a special event, which the board of aldermen finds will benefit the entire community. In exercising its discretion, the Board of Aldermen shall consider such factors as the cultural, educational, artistic, humanistic, charitable, scientific, literary, historic, and other benefits to the community of the special event. The sponsor of the special event shall maintain insurance coverage as required under Section 9-148 even if said sponsor is exempt under the provisions of section 9-143. *Ord. No. 726, §10, 6-11-98; Ord. No. 821, §10, 4-12-07* The sponsor shall be required to request of the board of aldermen a designation as a "Special Event" and shall comply with any terms and conditions set forth by the board of aldermen.
7.1 B AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE III ANTI-BLIGHT SEC. 3-41, 3-45

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the amendments to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 3 Article III Anti-blight Section 3-41,-3-45 which is included by reference.

Further, move 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 Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: Just for the record, this adds to the ordinance the word “graffiti”, so now it includes the word “graffiti” and “steel/storage containers”.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Public Hearing took place on October 27, 2015.

Sec. 3-42 Definitions

2. The Premises are not being adequately maintained. The following factors may be considered in determining whether the Premises are not being adequately maintained: missing or boarded windows or doors; collapsing or missing walls, roof or floor; siding that is seriously damaged or missing; graffiti; fences in a state of disrepair; fire damage; a foundation that is structurally faulty; garbage, trash, rubbish, boxes, paper, plastic or refuse of any kind; old furniture, bedding, appliances or anything of the like, or abandoned cars, boats, or any motorized vehicle or other inoperable machinery situated on the Premises or the public right of way (unless the premises is a junkyard legally licensed by the State of Connecticut); rodent harborage and/or infestation; overgrown brush, shrubs or weeds (specifically excluding land which is farmland); dumpsters/steel storage containers on a non-construction site for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days; unauthorized equipment on site (backhoes, bulldozers, dump trucks, etc.); stockpile of wood or stone for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days; which is not intended for use at the Premises or unfinished exterior residential construction projects which shall include the installation of doors, windows, siding and roofing for a period exceeding sixty (60) days.
7.1 C AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9 ARTICLE II SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS SECTION 9-16

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the amendments to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 9 Article II Solicitors and Canvassers Section 9-16 which is included by reference.

Further, move 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 Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: This one adds Section F, to Section 9-16. It includes, “distribution of advertising materials, books, telephone books, which have not been requested by the residence”.

A voice vote was made and the motion PASSED unanimously.

*Public Hearing took place on October 27, 2015.*
Sec. 9-16. Definitions.

Soliciting shall mean and include any one (1) or more of the following activities while calling at residences without the previous consent of occupant:

(a) Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, foodstuffs, services, of any kind, character or description whatever for any kind of consideration whatever;

(b) Seeking to obtain prospective customers for application or purchase of insurance of any type, kind or publication;

(c) Seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and every other type or kind of publication;

(d) Seeking to obtain gifts or contributions of money, clothing or any other valuable thing for the support or benefit of any charitable or nonprofit association, organization, corporation or project, or

(e) Solicitation as defined therein shall not include telephone communication.

(f) Distribution of advertising materials, books, telephone books which have not been requested by the residence.
7.1 D AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE I SECTION 7-9 LITTERING OR DUMPING PROHIBITED

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the amendments to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 7 Article I Section 7-9 Littering or Dumping Prohibited which is included by reference.

Further, move 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 Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: This expands the definition of litter, so we can get a better handle and manage the litter situation.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Public Hearing took place on October 27, 2015.
Sec. 7-9. Littering or dumping prohibited.

(c) "Litter" means any discarded, used, or unconsumed substance or waste material, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper, or other natural or synthetic material, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, any bottle, jar, or can, or any top, cap, or detachable tab of any bottle, jar, or can any unlighted cigarette, cigar, match, or any flaming or glowing material, or any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, newspaper, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers, or other packaging or construction material which has not been deposited in a litter receptacle. "Litter" shall also include the placing, throwing or distribution of items, books, telephone books or advertising material on property where the owner thereof has neither requested nor granted permission for the placing, throwing or distribution of the items, books, telephone books or advertising material.
FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 NOVEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $7,902.71 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 unanimously.

9.2 FUNDING FOR PARKING LOT LIGHTS FOR VIADUCT SQUARE – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add four replacement parking lot lights for Viaduct Square to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in an amount of $2,288 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: I just want the board to know that this is an excellent purchase. They put these lights up on Constitution Park, and we have not had a problem in over three years; they have been just outstanding. We had nothing but problems before.

Mayor Lauretti: These same lights are also found on the Riverwalk and in Downtown Shelton, and it also represents an energy savings to our electric cost because they are high efficiency. It also falls within the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund appropriation.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

9.3 FUNDING FOR HVAC RENOVATIONS AT PROBATE COURT – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add the HVAC renovations at the Probate Court at 40 White Street to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in an amount of $17,000 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.
9.4 FUNDING FOR NEW CONCRETE FLOOR AT HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add the purchase and installation of a new floor at Highways & Bridges Welding Bay #1 located at 41 Myrtle Street to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in an amount of $4,631 to come from LOCIP.

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

9.5 FUNDING FOR NEW STONE WALL AT ENTRANCE OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add the purchase of materials for a new stone wall at the entrance of Highways & Bridges to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in an amount of $1,300 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: Highways & Bridges completed this task several weeks ago. I do not know if anyone went down there. They also landscaped it, and it is quite an improvement.

Mayor Lauretti: What they did was take the old stone wall down and re-did it.

A voice vote was taken and motion PASSED unanimously.

9.6 WAIVER OF BID FOR VEHICLE FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bids for the purchase of a vehicle for Water Pollution Control Authority.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: For reference, the frame rotted out on the old vehicle. I think we got our money’s worth out of it.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

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9.7 FUNDING FOR POLICE AND CITY VEHICLES – WAIVER OF BID

Alderman Anglase MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bids for the purchase of vehicles for the Police Department and City Hall in the amount of $196,702 with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further authorize the trade in of one 2012 city vehicle which value should be applied to the purchase of the above vehicles.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, the 2012 vehicle that is being traded in, is that your car?

Mayor Lauretti: Yes it is.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

9.8 MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR RETIRED CHIEF OF POLICE PER CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 2-143

Alderman Anglase MOVED to approve the following:

Be it resolved that, per Code of Ordinance Section 2-143, the City of Shelton shall pay for individual medical insurance benefits for Chief Joel Hurliman until he becomes eligible for Medicare or August 1, 2020, whichever is first to occur. The medical insurance plan provided by the city shall be the same base medical plan as that offered to Merit System employees for so long as the rules of the insurance carrier or a comparable insurance carrier allow the city to enroll the employee.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: Just for the record, this is the same benefit that we have afforded every retired chief of police going back 40 years.

A voice vote was taken and motion PASSED unanimously.
9.9 WAIVER OF BID FOR FUEL OILS FOR CITYWIDE USE (HEATING OIL, UNLEADED GASOLINE, DIESEL AND NATURAL GAS)

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bids for citywide use of heating oil, unleaded gasoline, diesel and natural gas.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, I cannot see why we are waiving the bids. There has got to be other companies in the State of Connecticut that provides these items besides Santa Fuel. Santa Fuel is going to get hundreds and thousands of dollars out of the taxpayers’ money to provide us with the heating oil, unleaded gasoline, diesel and natural gas. I just do not understand why they won’t go out to bid?

Mayor Lauretti: Let me try to give you a rationale that I think makes some sense. Actually this item, and item 9.10 fall in the same category. When we bid these products, we are stuck with the number on the day that the bid comes in. These are commodities that are bid on a worldwide market, and they do change daily. You need to be able to lock in the number with the provider at that particular point in time, so we followed the progress of all of these products for at least two months on a weekly basis, and we saw the fluctuation in the market. The price of oil two to three months ago was $89 per barrel; today it is somewhere around in the neighborhood of $45 per barrel, and it goes up and down. It is the same thing with propane gas, and it is the same thing with natural gas. It fluctuated so much that we waited until we had a significant savings off of the current prices, and we locked in. I went to the Board of Education, and I told them this is what you have budgeted in your budget; this is the number that you have put in and these were the prices that you were paying last year, and these are the prices that you are paying this year. So, there is about $150,000 in energy cost savings between last year and this year in their budget. The same thing applies to us, the city, and I have it itemized by building so there are big savings here. It is not an easy thing to pinpoint.

Alderman Finn: No other company in the State of Connecticut can provide us the same savings?

Mayor Lauretti: We have reached out to other companies and whether Santa Fuel is going to make a couple hundred thousand dollars, somebody is going to make it so what is the difference?

Alderman Anglace: I don’t think in a true technical sense that we are waiving the bids. The Board of Aldermen is authorized, per the City Charter, to determine the method of expenditure. What we are really doing here is using an alternate bid system; it is a bid of commodities that any company that provides any of these commodities put their numbers out, and the one that select is not necessarily somebody by name but the lowest provider. You lock in that lowest provider. They give you their numbers on a certain date, and you
have a two-hour window in order to accept and buy in. If you accept and buy in, you have them locked in for a year or whatever time period it is.

Mayor Lauretti: We use that same exact process to lock in the electricity rates.

Alderman Finn: I understand that we use that for the electricity rates, but I did not understand why we used that for heating oil, gasoline, diesel and natural gas. What other companies did we approach to try to lock in with them, besides Santa Fuel?

Alderman Anglace: We do not approach the companies. We have locked in to get the bid what they offer to all companies at the same time. We pick when we want to get in and when we want to grab their offer when you only have two hours to do it, so that is why we have done this and approved this in the past.

Mayor Lauretti: It was not just Santa Fuel that had an opportunity to submit numbers; other companies did. Hocon Gas is in the mix here, too.

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, Hocon Gas is just for Item 9.10, for the propane, and the propane is just for the school buses. Santa Fuel has the other propane.

Mayor Lauretti: You (Alderman Finn), say the propane is just for the school buses, but last year just for the school buses was $347,000. The price that we are paying this year is about a buck cheaper per gallon than last year. The Board of Education put $500,000 in their budget; they have spent $347,000 and this year they are going to spend less so it is not as cut and dry as you may think. There are limited propane gas suppliers in the State of Connecticut: Hocon and Santa Fuel are the largest, and we are using both of them.

Alderman Finn: We have Pioneer Gas right next to the school buses.

Mayor Lauretti: They do not deal with the volume that these companies do; they are commercial suppliers. The propane that goes down to Riverdale Avenue is a couple thousand gallons every week, especially during the school year.

Alderman Finn: Every other day because the school buses only have a 60-gallon tank, instead of a 90-gallon tank. If they had a 90-gallon tank, they would be able to travel further, with at least two days without having to be refueled.

Mayor Lauretti: We need to ensure that we have a service provider that is going to deliver that kind of volume of gas to us when we need it, and have the ability to do that.

Alderman Anglace: We are getting the best price.

Mayor Lauretti: You certainly cannot question the pricing that we got on all of these. The numbers are way down, especially off of last year and last year was down.
Alderman Papa: What was the difference from last year to this year, in the number per gallon?

Mayor Lauretti: With Santa for number 2 heating oil, the volume is approximately 42,000 gallons that the city will use, and the price for that is $2.10 per gallon. This offers a reduction in the heating oil cost of $50,000, versus last year just for the heating oil. Propane for the Board of Ed boilers, for the four schools, the volume is 165,000 gallons and we are paying $1.15 per gallon delivered. This offer represents a reduction in propane costs of $94,000 versus last year. Propane auto gas for the buses, we used 270,000 gallons; the price is $1.12 per gallon. Gasoline for the city and Board of Ed for 84,000 gallons we are paying $1.79 per gallon, and from last year it represents a reduction of $25,000. These are not small numbers. Diesel fuel for the Fire Department and the Public Works Department uses 105,000 gallons and we are going to pay $1.96 per gallon; this offer represents a reduction in diesel costs of $34,000. The schools have natural gas; they have the alternative fuels which we put in a couple of years ago at Shelton High School, the Intermediate School and Perry Hill School, City Hall and the Police Department. For the schools, they are going to be paying $11 per DTH, which I do not know what that represents. We spent two months working on this.

Alderman Finn: I am all for savings Mr. Mayor, but what I am not in favor of is providing all of the heating oil, unleaded gasoline, diesel and natural gas for the waiver of bidding and giving it to one company. I am just not in favor of that.

A voice vote was taken, with one abstention from Alderman Finn and motion PASSED unanimously.

9.10 WAIVER OF BID FOR CITYWIDE USE OF PROPANE

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bids for citywide use of propane.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: I have the same concerns; I am not in favor of doing the waiver of bid and giving everything to one company.

Alderman Anglace: This is not a one company operation; this is not going to one company. I want the board to understand that all companies who provide the service have an opportunity to tell us what their price is, and we choose the lowest to lock in with them. We have a two-hour window to make our decision.

Alderman Papa: So it is like a quote?

Alderman Anglace: It is an alternate bid system.
Mayor Lauretti: These numbers are below the state bid numbers. I have been preaching to this board for years that just because the state has something on bid that we should buy it, we often do much better when we go out to bid, as opposed to the state.

Alderman Anglace: It is an alternate form of bidding. It is an alternative form that the board has approved and we have used it in the past.

A voice vote was taken with one abstention from Alderman Finn, and motion PASSED unanimously.

9.11 FUNDING FOR COMMAND VEHICLES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of $76,676 for the purchase and outfitting of two Fire Department Command Vehicles with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

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

9.12 TRANSFER OF LAND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHELTON AND MATTO EGDARDING BRIDGE STREET AND HOWE AVENUE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the transfer of land to the owner of 434 Howe Avenue which land is identified as “Parcel to be Transferred to Ralph J. Matto Area 2,609 S.F. on a certain map entitled “Land Transfer Map of Property Located at 434 Howe Avenue and Bridge Street Shelton Connecticut prepared for Ralph J. Matto dated July 17, 2015 Prepared by Lewis Associates.” Further move to accept ownership of the parcel of land known as “Parcel to be Transferred to the City of Shelton Area 2,609 S.F.” which land is also identified in the above described map. Further move to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

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

9.13 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SHELTON AND CREDIT INFORMATION BUREAU INC.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Credit Information Bureau, Inc. regarding the collection of delinquent taxes that have been referred by the City. Further, authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.
SECONDED by Alderman Finn.

Discussion:

Alderman Papa: What is the percentage collected that they keep? What is the charge on that?

Atty. Welch: In discussions with the Tax Collector, this agreement is for only those tax payers for motor vehicle, etc that are out of state, or lost so this is not going to be used for the collection of taxes. It is those taxes that we put a dead end on, so lost people, people that are out of state; those type of motor vehicle taxes. I will amend the agreement based upon my discussions with President Anglace, it is 15% of the amount that they collect they retain. There are no fees paid by the city, but it is 15% of the amounts collected by the agency; they keep 15%.

Alderman Finn: Alderman Papa, I understand this does not go directly to this organization. The Tax Collector’s Office still has three different steps they need to take in their office prior to turning it over to the collection agency.

A voice vote was taken, and motion PASSED unanimously.

9.14 FUNDING FOR SUNNYSIDE ROOF PROJECT

Mayor Lauretti updates the audience on the current status of the Sunnyside School Roof Project...

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: As everyone knows this has been a hot topic; an issue of concern for a lot of people. The bids came in on Tuesday, and I spent quite a bit of time with Superintendent Burr and Dr. Clouet, the new Superintendent, the new Building Facilities Manager for the Board of Education, and the architect for the roof. We evaluated the bids, evaluating whether to begin the project or not and I think it is fair to say that we have all agreed that we would not start the project now. I know that is going to disappoint some people, but let me explain why: there was a lot of concern of the contractor being able to perform and meet specifications; working at nighttime and working during the weekends trying to make sure the air quality in the school was at acceptable levels; it is a requirement. They felt that they were not going to be able to meet those standards on any given particular day because the weather does affect the odor and the flow of air in or around the building. If they are working at night, they would have to stop at a certain point in time and do air quality testing in the building to make sure the air inside the school was acceptable.

So, we also discussed an alternative approach to dealing with this problem over the winter months and they have spent some time and money already, the Board of Education, to making repairs to the roof. They are going to meet this week with the architect, the engineer and the facilities manager. We have a company on board that will make more repairs to the
roof to try to keep the school water resistant throughout the winter months. They feel pretty certain that they can get, I do not want to say 100% because none of these buildings are 100%, but they feel that at least through the inclement weather make the building watertight and we will rebid the project in February, and we will look for a roof replacement beginning at the end of school, beginning in June. Having said that, we also had an extensive conversation about the media center at Sunnyside School. We all agree that it needs some tending to; we think that over the Christmas holiday we are going to gut the media center and take all of the furniture out of there and at least for the remainder of the school year move in some temporary furniture so the media center can function. Then, over the summer they will redo the entire media center with new furnishings. I know it was not what everybody was looking for, especially the parents at Sunnyside School, but I think it is the most prudent approach at this point in time in the interest of everyone’s concern. I am happy to take some questions.

Kristine Re: I am just in shock. There is a new leak in the bathroom of a kindergarten class.

Mayor Lauretti: We talked about that and they said that they identified that leak and are working to resolve that.

Kristine Re: You cannot control the weather; you do not know what is going to happen. This is just ridiculous. I am a homeowner, I have done my roof and I know the best time to do it is in the spring or the summer, but this has been enough. I can go on and on about Sunnyside about what has not been done. We do not have propane heat; we still have our crappy boiler and it is a thousand degrees in there and no wonder the air quality stinks. We just get nothing. I do not know why; maybe because your kids did not go to Sunnyside, I do not know, I do not know what else to say.

Mayor Lauretti: I went to Sunnyside.

Kristine Re: Well I did too, and it is a shame that my kids have to suffer. My daughter is in fourth grade and I am glad she is out; we are almost done and I am counting down the months. On to Perry Hill; better air quality, better roof and better everything.

Mayor Lauretti: That roof has some leaks too. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but unfortunately that is the situation.

Kristine Re: As a parent walking into the school, you are being dive bombed by birds, the whole front of the building is falling down; it is a disgrace. It is a total disgrace that the way this school is left, with the roof and everything. There is a smell; there is asbestos on the roof. There is just too many issues to go on and on and on. Everyday I have to worry about my child going on a bus. She comes home and said that we had to do a drill because we have to stay away from the windows, or if a shooter comes in. Now I have to worry if the roof is going to fall on her or if she is going to get hit with something while getting off the bus and walking into the school, and getting attacked by a bird. Have you been down there? Do you see what the front of the building looks like? There are holes and pieces of metal on the ground; it is just a disgrace and I am very upset that you are not doing the roof. There is
just never going to be a good time, there is never going to be enough money, never going to get enough money back.

Mayor Lauretti: Both Superintendents agreed that they would do a public information meeting with the parents and the staff down there, so you can voice your concerns to them. My area is limited in what I can do; I have told you that before and nothing has changed in that regard.

Kristine Re: Do we have a project coordinator? Did we hire someone for that position? Has that been filled? Is it by the City? By the Board of Education?

Mayor Lauretti: We have a project coordinator for the Sunnyside School roof; that is all that we have at this point.

Kristine Re: Is that Mr. Calhoun?

Mayor Lauretti: Yes.

Kristine Re: It is just a shame that you let the school deteriorate like this. You take care of the other schools with their solar panels, propane heat; everything looks “nicey-nice” and our school is just ugliness. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace: I would like to get on record that to request the Board of Education to assign a project coordinator and a project clerk to this project. There is not only a need to get the work done, but to communicate as they go along what has happened, otherwise we will go from month to month without knowing. Even those of us who should know, we do not know.

Alderman Papa: Besides the roof, we should also look at the front of the building also.

Kristine Re: We have our Scholastic Book Fair tomorrow night, so you should come on down. The building is open; we have movie night. We are doing our best to keep our PTO things going and make the kids happy, but come on down and look and go into the library and take a sniff, look at the roof, the ceiling and you can see it all. Come to the kindergartener’s room and I will have Amy take you for a walk. It is such a wonderful thing to see a hole in the ceiling. I also did apply for Project Coordinator; I had a criteria of what the description was from the PIBC meeting so I am still waiting for my interview but now there is a Project Clerk. Is that through the Board of Education?

Mayor Lauretti: He works for the Board of Education; these roofs are not complicated projects. They do not last long, so there is not a need for a long, drawn out, protracted person to be apart of that equation and that is something that can be handled in house.

Kristine Re: This should have been handled three years ago.
Mayor Lauretti: Well it should have been but you are talking to the wrong people. I know you do not want to hear that but I am going to tell you that we do not have any control over that; this is the system. We have no problem putting roofs on the other schools. Why are we having a problem with putting a roof on Sunnyside?

Kristine Re: I have no idea.

Mayor Lauretti: I will tell you why: we have a Superintendent of Schools and a Chairman of the Board of Education who have never done a project before, and did not understand the process and missed a window of opportunity. Do you know that we bid this project in July? I told the Purchasing Agent along with the architect, to go out to bid on it. I had thought that they already applied to the state. Low and behold that they did not and we did not find that out until August. I do not have any control over that; there is nothing else that I can say to you. You should go to the Board of Education to vent your frustrations just like you are doing here.

Kristine Re: I am making my rounds to all of the meetings. I will have to call the Board of Education to see if they have their Project Coordinator or Project Clerk. I do not know what else to say. I am willing to help out, fill paperwork out, file it with the state. If that is what you need, then I am willing.

Judson Crawford: When the City goes out to rebid this project as you have stated, it will probably be in February. At the present time, it means that all of these conditions that had to be taken care of, especially the ED049 Grant Application to the State of Connecticut, if we get that information soon enough couldn’t we get this applied and started going on earlier than what has been done this time?

Mayor Lauretti: No.

Judson Crawford: Thank you.

Greg Mann, 119 Richard Boulevard

My family and I had moved to Shelton three years ago, from Upstate New York. Looking and deciding on the places where to live, Shelton always seemed to be the right place. If I knew then what it took between the Board of Education and the City government to get a roof on my child’s elementary school, we would have certainly moved to other towns so I just want to express frustration for my kindergartener’s classroom. I implore all of you to do all of your rounds there; that part of town seems to be forgotten but just want to make you understand that it is just shameful that it takes this long to get a roof on a building. I understood the comments that were made before; I understand that the responsibility relies a lot with the Board of Education.

Mayor Lauretti: They are required under state statute to file the application. I cannot do it, as the Mayor of Shelton. I never had in 24 years; I cannot tell you how many roofs that we had done.
Greg Mann: I understand, as the Mayor of the City, I am expressing the concern for the lack of interest for education in the Town of Shelton. It is just surprising comparing notes with other colleagues at work in other towns, we only pride ourselves in our low tax base and you truly get what you pay for.

Mayor Lauretti: I would adamantly disagree with you on that. There have been a lot of people that have done well coming through the Shelton Schools system over the years. There is nothing ever that is perfect about this. When you get personnel that change, you get changes whether you like them or not and sometimes you cannot control it. We have appropriated the money back in September, we bid the project back in July and they did not even file the paperwork with the State. If you have a coordinator, then they will take care of all of that stuff.

Greg Mann: For a roof that was three years old, September sounded like it was a little late.

Mayor Lauretti: Again, if you have a coordinator and the paperwork is being filed and the requests are coming in timely, then it is not late. It is done by July, or it is done in July. It is just like when we did Long Hill, when we did Elizabeth Shelton, just like we did at Mohegan. No credit for any of that? I know you are frustrated because it is your school; I get that.

Greg Mann: It is our school.

Mayor Lauretti: Right now you are making it yours and I get that. There is no one that is up here that can solve it. I said that two months ago.

Alderman Papa: Most of the parents come to the Board of Aldermen to give us complaints, however you should go to the Board of Education. They meet twice per month and you should voice your concerns to them because they are the ones who are driving this.

Greg Mann: The Superintendent was recently at a PTO meeting. We had addressed our concerns very strictly to them, but I think it was just too late and on post mortem on why this took so long would be very good for the public. Thank you for your time.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – PARKING LOT ON HOWE AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE DONUT SHOP, PARCEL 117.B-62

Public Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7 p.m
10.1 B AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 4 ARTICLE II FIRE DEPARTMENT SEC. 4-35 OFFICER’S SALARIES

Public Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7 p.m.

OFFICER’S SALARIES

AMENDMENT TO CODE SECTION 4-35

STIPENDS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AMENDMENT TO CODE SECTION 4-35

Sec. 4-35. Officers’ salaries stipends.

The salaries of officers of the fire department shall be as follows per annum:

- Fire Chief stipend salary $20,000.00
- Deputy Fire Chief stipend salary $10,000.00
- Assistant Chief’s stipend salary, each $7,500.00
- Custodians (4) stipend salary, each $4,000.00
- Fire Prevention Coordinator $5,000.00
- Quartermaster stipend salary $5,000.00
- Recruitment officer stipend salary $5,000.00
- Director of training stipend salary $5,000.00
- Training assistants (4) stipend salary $1,000.00

(Ord. No. 226, 8-12-74; Ord. No. 378, 7-25-79; Ord. No. 492, 12-12-85; Ord. No. 530, 7-9-87; Ord. No. 581, 7-12-90; Ord. No. 723, 5-14-98; Ord. No. 826, 5-10-07; Ord. No. 844, 7-9-09.)

10.2 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:
Be it resolved that the City of Shelton Board of Aldermen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

Further resolved, that Mark A. Lauretti, as Mayor of the City of Shelton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of Shelton and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Be it further resolved, that the City of Shelton hereby approves the memorandum agreement regarding use of Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Homeland Security Grant Funding, and custodial ownership of regional assets in DEMHS Region 2, and to further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute all documents necessary to effectuate that agreement.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: I would like to state that this is a required document of Homeland Security. It makes no sense, it says nothing, it has poor grammar, it is double-talk and only the last paragraph makes any sense. However, if we do not vote for this stupid document we will not get anything from Homeland Security, so I am going to vote for it but I do not agree with it. I wanted to state that for the record, so they don’t think the bunch of us are nincompoops.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:58 PM, Alderman Papa MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 WPCA UNION CONTRACT
11.2 C-MED

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 8:05 p.m. Alderman Kudej MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.
It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

11.1 WPCA UNION CONTRACT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the WPCA Union Contract, as discussed in Executive Session.

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

11.2 C-MED

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the C-Med Agreement, as discussed in Executive Session.

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

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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gannon, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ________ BY: ________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton