

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

◆ **CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice - Chairman Perillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 in Room 104 of the Shelton City Hall. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: ALDERMAN JOHN "JACK" FINN
ALDERMAN JASON PERILLO, VICE-CHAIR

ALDERMAN PAPA, ABSENT, EXCUSED

◆ **PUBLIC PORTION**

Retired Alderman Joseph Lanzi 49 Union St. spoke to the Commission. He spoke about a light on Howe Ave. between Kneen St. & Myrtle Street. Could the committee check and see if it could be upgraded to a brighter area. A lot a people come out between cars in that area. There are three poles – one on the corner of Brewster, Kneen St. and below exit ramp onto route 8 south. See if UI will upgrade.

Also on the corner of Montgomery and River Road. The tree on Private Property's limb comes out and blocks the light. It has been trimmed before. Maybe it needs additional trimming.

Alderman Perillo asked the Chief if his department would look into this matter.

Art Cochran, 40 Woodland Park, states he takes a therapeutic walk daily from Home to Crown Point Center and back crossing Bridgeport Ave. between 9-11 a.m. He notes numerous traffic violations – mostly using hand held cell phones and passing red lights. A week ago he saw a car passing south in the right turn lane to go into the center and he used that as a passing lane. Then he ending up in the oncoming traffic lane and made a left there. They make right turns on red with out stopping.

◆ AGENDA ITEMS

◆ CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this meeting that is not included in the agenda items.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 1, 2007

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2007. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

2. NEW BUSINESS

1. STOP SIGNS REQUESTED – CORNERS OF SACHEM DRIVE & SAGAMORE ROAD

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO REFER THE REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS AT THE CORNERS OF SACHEM DRIVE AND SAGAMORE ROAD TO CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

2. STOP SIGNS REQUESTED - LONG HILL AVENUE & SOUNDCREST

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO REFER THE REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN AT LONG HILL AVENUE AT SOUNDCREST DRIVE TO CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS - DISCUSSION

Alderman Finn brings this to the table for discussion. This involves the fact that Gov. Rell makes grants available to local law enforcement agencies to address traffic safety. He would like the PD to go after aggressive drivers. In the past several weeks residents have voiced their concern with speeding on Beardsley Rd., East Village Road, Village Drive, Wabuda Dr. Route 110 and Route 108 and Huntington Street. He has received phone calls from resident as well on other roads.

He contacted Adam in the governor's office who stated there were grants available. He sent emails to Stephen P. Livingston and the correspondence from him is attached. Mr. Livingston stated in his letters that Edward Hedge will be in contact with the Chief.

Numerous grants have been granted and applied to by the Shelton Police since 2004. Chief Hurliman is very familiar with the process.

Alderman Perillo states they have been very successful with the grant program from the DOT. The town up fronts the funding and they are

refunded 75%. Alderman Perillo talked to Mr. Livingston today and he stated that the Shelton Police Department has had many grants and the Chief has been very successful with these grants.

The residents are very concerned with the speeding, they have small children and the roads are not flat. They are curvy and dangerous. The Chief is aware of this and is doing all he can.

Chief Hurliman states it also lists the seat belt enforcement grant. You can see from the Infraction Report how successful that was. The Chief would be glad to apply for more grants.

Alderman Finn refers to the letters from Mr. Urbano, 337 Leavenworth Road. She mentions the noise and truck traffic. She has been talking to Lt. Vance, The Chief, And The Mayor about the enforcement of speeding on Rte. 110. Shelton Police are responsible for the enforcement of Rte. 110 for speeding.

The Chief states they are responsible for Rtes. 110, 714, 712, 108 and Indian Wells Road. Not on Route 8 that is the State.

Alderman Finn states Ms. Urbano's complaint is about speed on Leavenworth Road between Nichols and White Hills Plaza. He experienced this when he was campaigning in November.

Alderman Perillo states the Chief will pursue aggressive driver's grants to crack down on aggressive drivers. He realizes the police can not be everywhere.

Suzzane Brocchi, 271 Walnut Tree Hill Road. – addresses the commission on her concerns about the issues of speeding recklessly. She calls many times about people passing buses; the bus drivers beep their horns. She would like signage for Bus Stops. They have had 7-8 cars that were totaled in that area. There is 50-70% on their cell phones speeding. She asked if there is only one Traffic Officer. Chief Hurliman responds that that is untrue. It is the quality of life for her and her children.

Alderman Perillo states you can go to your alderman also with problems and also to him and he will give her the numbers for both to call when these problems occur.

Alderman Finn asks how long this process for grants is. Chief Hurliman states about 60 Days. If it works the same it will be about 2 months.

Alderman Perillo states that Mr. Livingston at DOT has a good working relationship with the Shelton PD and sees no problems.

Mr. Lanzi states that people on cell phones are what you see constantly.

Chief Hurliman mentions the hands free device and the first offense will be waived if they purchased a hands free device. Alderman Perillo states they are thinking of doing away with that at the State level.

4. STREET LIGHT REQUEST ON POLE 7121 ON FAR HORIZONS DRIVE

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO REFER THE REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT ON FAR HORIZONS DRIVE ON POLES 7121 TO CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RESCIND THE ABOVE MOTION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO.

Chief Hurliman states that the request for the street light was listed back in 2006 as a Priority 3 because the light would illuminate only a cul-de-sac. Streetlights on cul-de-sacs do not serve a useful purpose such as illuminating roadway hazards. Conditions have not changed, and it is still classified as a Priority 3.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR STREET LIGHT ON FAR HORIZON DRIVE ON POLE #7121 AS A PRIORITYTHREE (3). SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

5. STREETLIGHT REQUEST ON POLE #1766 AT IVY LANE

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO REFER THE REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT ON IVY LANE ON POLE #1766 TO CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

6. STREETLIGHT REQUEST ON POLE # 8273 AT 1 CORN HILL ROAD

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO REFER THE REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT ON CORN HILL ROAD ON POLE #8273 TO CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1. HUNTINGTON STREET AND BUDDINGTON ROAD INTERSECTION

Alderman Perillo states they have discussed this in the past. The P & Z staff is in favor of this, Highway & Bridges and the City Engineer, Alderman Anglace and Alderman Papa.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN SUPPORT OF OVERRIDING 8-24 REFERRAL OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF THE ISLAND ON BUDDINGTON ROAD/HUNTINGTON STREET. ALSO TO SEND LETTER TO THE CITY ENGINEER FOR A COST ESTIMATE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

3.2 INTERSECTION OF 110 AND MAPLE AVENUE – SIGNAGE REQUESTED

This is a state road. Chief Hurliman has stated that the Connecticut DOT is currently working on the light and has received input from the Shelton Police Dept. Alderman Perillo asked the Chief about his input. He asked for a couple of changes and he is not sure they will adopt them.

Alderman Perillo will look into this at the State Level.

3.3 REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHT AT PRINCETON DRIVE ON POLES 6917 AND 6919

Memo from Chief – There has been no accident activity for the last three years. There are, however, no other streetlights in the immediate area of the intersection. Priority 2 installation.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHT ON POLES 6817 AND 6919 ON PRINCETON DRIVE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

3.4 HIDDEN DRIVEWAY SIGN REQUEST FOR 127 CORAM ROAD

Memo from Chief – A work order for the installation of this sign has been sent to the Public Works Department.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR HIDDEN DRIVEWAY SIGN TO BE INSTALLED AT 127 CORAM ROAD. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0

4. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Alderman Perillo states that EMS Training continues to be a great success. Shelton High School and in the Community training has been an outstanding success. It has added to help educate and also to help add to the ranks.

B. POLICE SERVICES

Chief Hurliman states the infraction reports are attached.

The New Radar Trailer is more capable. The old one we will try to have it fixed. It is still a value.

The new trailer is an alternate with radar. Radar issue summons and the trailer gives you a fine.

Alderman Finn questions the fines and where it goes. A pittance goes to the city, most to the State.

The new Radar Trailer is set at 15MPH above the limit – strobe lights go off and records what happens. They can see how often speed is recorded. It records the speed. Stealth counters records the speed but quietly.

C. FIRE SERVICES

ADJOURNMENT

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PERILLO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Weber, clerk
Public Health & Safety Committee