



Board of Aldermen
Shelton, Connecticut
Public Hearing on Ordinances
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Anglace called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell – present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – not present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – not present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman Jim Capra – present
Alderman Eric McPherson - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti (arrived approx. 7:20 PM)
Attorney Tom Welch, Corporation Counsel

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE – DESIGNATION OF LIMITED PARKING PERMIT AREAS AND PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY

Sec. 1: PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen (BOA) of the City of Shelton deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Shelton to:

- a. Provide for limited parking permit programs within certain sections of the City of Shelton where parking may be limited or may be restricted.
- b. Reduce hazardous traffic conditions

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- c. Promote reasonable parking access to Proprietors and Residents within the Limited Parking Permit Areas
- d. Promote the peace, comfort, convenience and welfare of the residents and proprietors therein.

Sec. 2: DEFINITIONS

LIMITED PARKING PERMIT AREA: The area/streets where curbside parking on public highways is restricted by this "Permit Parking Ordinance." The designated districts or areas will be particularly designated on maps titled, "Proposed Permit Parking Areas in [the map will insert named designated area within the City where the Limited Parking Permit Area is determined to be located]" and will be on file in the office of the City/Town Clerk of the City of Shelton, where curbside parking on public highways is limited to parking by permit only. The Board of Aldermen may from time to time designate Limited Parking Permit Areas under this ordinance and will then cause a map showing such designated area to be filed with the City/Town Clerk.

PARKING: The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a highway other than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise or in obedience of traffic regulations, traffic signs or signals.

PROPRIETOR: A person who owns or leases real property within said Limited Parking Permit Area and who operates a business at an address within the Limited Parking Permit Area. A proprietor shall be entitled to parking permits equal to the number of parking spaces available and contiguous with the property where their/its business is located.

RESIDENT: A person who owns or leases real property within said residential area and who maintains either a voting residence or a bona fide occupancy, or both, at that address.

PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT: A contiguous or nearly contiguous area containing public highways or parts thereof primarily abutted by residential property or business property (including but not limited to such nonresidential activities such as schools, parks, churches, hospitals and nursing homes.) Said Limited Parking Permit Areas shall be so designated from time to time by the Board of Aldermen as set forth above.

Sec. 3 PERMIT APPLICATION

The Chief of Police shall issue appropriate permits and shall cause parking signs to be erected in said designated Limited Parking Permit Area. Said Limited Parking Permit Area shall be clearly designated and indicate that parking is limited by permit only and that **violators will be towed at owner expense**. A permit shall be issued, upon

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application only to those who are residents or proprietors as defined herein. A separate permit shall be required for each motor vehicle.

Sec. 4 PERMIT APPLICATION

The application for a permit shall contain:

- a. The name and address of the resident or proprietor
- b. The make, model, license plate number and registration of each vehicle owned by the resident or proprietor for which a permit is to be issued.
- c. Such other information as the Chief of Police may deem pertinent in issuing and maintaining records of such permits.

The signature of the resident or proprietor for the Limited Parking Permit Area shall be designated as the Permittee. Said Permittee shall be responsible for applying all permits to each vehicle and shall notify the Police Department if there is any change in ownership of the vehicle.

The permits shall be non-transferable.

The Permittee shall make said application under penalty of false statement.

The permit shall be renewable bi-annually.

There shall be no cost associated with this application.

Sec. 5 USE OF PERMITS

- a. All parking permits shall be displayed on or about the front windshield of the vehicle so as to be easily visible from outside the vehicle. Such parking permits shall contain the following:
 - (1) The numerical designation of the parking permit issued; and
 - (2) The expiration date of the parking permit.
- b. The Police Department shall maintain a list of all permits issued and the name and address of each Permittee or resident or proprietor to whom such permit was issued.
- c. A parking permit shall not guarantee or reserve a parking space within the Limited Parking Permit Area. A parking permit shall not authorize the standing or parking of any vehicle in such places and during such times as the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is in violation of traffic regulations, traffic signs or signals, and shall not excuse the observance of any traffic regulations in the parking permit area.

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- d. Whenever the Permittee of a parking permit, no longer fulfills one or more of the applicable provisions of this ordinance or qualify for the issuance of such permit, the Permittee shall so notify the Police Chief who may then direct the Permittee to surrender the parking permit.
- e. Until its expiration, surrender or revocation, a parking permit shall remain valid in the Limited Parking Permit Area for such time as the Permittee continues to qualify for said permit as provided herein.
- f. A parking permit shall be valid only in the Limited Parking Permit Area for which it is issued.
- g. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for the holder of a parking permit to fail to surrender it when directed to do so.
- h. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to represent in any fashion that a vehicle is entitled to a parking permit, authorized by this ordinance when it is not so entitled. The display of a parking permit on a vehicle not entitled to such a parking permit shall constitute such a representation.
- i. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to duplicate, or attempt to duplicate, by any means, a parking permit authorized by this ordinance. It shall also be a violation of this ordinance for any person to display on any vehicle such a duplicate parking permit.

Sec. 6 EXCEPTIONS FOR SERVICE AND DELIVERY VEHICLES.

The parking restrictions imposed by this ordinance shall not apply to any service or delivery vehicle when used to provide services or to make deliveries to residences or proprietors within the Limited Parking Permit Area, provided that the parking of the service or delivery vehicle within said Limited Parking Permit Area does not exceed one hour in duration on any given day.

Sec. 7 PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES.

Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall have their vehicle towed at the owner's expense and/or be subject to a \$100.00 fine. Failure to pay said fine timely shall make the violator liable for further penalties, including imprisonment as provided for in the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

Alderman Anglace asked members of the audience if they would like to speak.

Dan Allen, Pine Rock Park

I live in Pine Rock Park, and I have been living there for as long as I could imagine. I looked at the ordinance and everything looks like everything that we had discussed. I have one question that did not seem to be addressed there: What type of guess pass?

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For example, Jason lives down there from the basketball court. We work together, I come down to his house to go to work for the day during the summer. We are going to take one truck and I am going to leave my truck there. I live at the top of Pine Rock Park; I am not going to get a permit. What happens if the guest at the permit parking area the people that live there, the residents, are having a graduation party, an impromptu sleepover? Is there going to be a provision for the residents to be able to have guests over without having their cars towed and being fined \$100?

Alderman Anglace: Do you know to get this far in the ordinance, it has maybe taken one year or longer. It is not perfect, we admit.

Dan Allen: This is why I wanted to bring this up to you before you all voted yes or no. The signs have been in Pine Rock Park for two years, so it took us two years to get to tonight. I wanted to address this before it became a law, and then I would have to wait another two years before I could have company over my house, or have my truck not towed.

Alderman Anglace: The Chief of Police went into the written confines of the ordinance; the Chief of Police has the discretion whether to grant or not to grant a permit. On extenuating circumstances like that, I would think he would grant a permit if that person had that sort of a circumstance even though they may not be a resident of the park.

Dan Allen: Well, that would require going to the Police Department if I was to have an impromptu get-together, or if I was waking up in the morning to go to work.

Alderman Anglace: You have to get a parking permit from the Chief of Police. Everyone who wants to park down there needs to get a parking permit.

Dan Allen: So if someone has a guest over, they cannot park there?

Alderman Anglace: Lieutenant Kozlowsky, do you know how that would work?

Lieutenant Kozlowsky: It is in designated areas only and if you open Pandora's box, and I understand your point, but then where does it stop? Then we go back to what got us started to get to this point tonight, which was the issue.

Dan Allen: I know, I have been fighting this for 35 years.

Lieutenant Kozlowsky: I understand; we are dealing with it too so there are provisions like Alderman Anglace said. If we allow something for someone to park there, that day then what will stop everyone else from doing the same thing?

Dan Allen: That is where the minds need to come together otherwise I see a tremendous amount of problems because if someone gets their car towed—

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Lieutenant Kozlowsky: It is only in those designated spots where those signs that are up there, so there are other places to park for those impromptu situations.

Dan Allen: There are a lot of people who do not have the driveways. They have to be on-street parking, which means that they cannot allow a guest to park in their driveway. So you are basically saying that the people that live at the bottom of the park do not have anyone over, or to roll the dice?

Lieutenant Kozlowsky: No there is a procedure to go and apply for that permit.

Dan Allen: Personally, how many times have you had guests come over unannounced or have been somewhere and said come over to my house?

Atty. Welch: Sir, this is just a public hearing, but before it comes to the Full Board we can look to find some accommodation in that to take into consideration.

Dan Allen: That is all that I am asking. That is why I am here; I am glad to hear that because that was not what I was getting.

Atty. Welch: Over the course over the next two weeks, we can take a look to see if there is some way that we could accept certain things out of that, and we could work with the Police Department to see if there is an alternative, or guest parking.

Dan Allen: I assume that you understand the concern; I do not live down there so I am not really worried about it but I have many friends that do.

Atty. Welch: It is a very valid point, to see if we could work with everyone to come up with an exception to that in the ordinance before it gets passed.

Alderman Anglace: Section 6 of the ordinance provides for exceptions and we could add to that.

Dan Allen: Right, but when you told me, John, that they could get a hold of the Police Chief and come down to the Police Station. Many times, I think everyone in this room has had either unannounced guests or has been someplace and invited people over. Now you are saying that we should drive down to the Police Station to let them know we are going to be parking there for a day or two, or overnight? Really this would only take place in the summer I would assume, especially in Pine Rock Park because that is where this all started.

Atty. Welch: I think it is a valid point, and I think we could look into getting a resolution.

Dan Allen: That is all I really brought it up for; that is really all I had to say. I have been all for restricting the parking down there, and having it patrolled by both police departments. John, you well know that I walked with you down there with the Police Chief numerous times.

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Alderman Anglace: As a result of your comments; we had intended to act on this during the special meeting tonight but we will not act on it. We will massage it and see if we could add it in. I will let you know what we do.

Dan Allen: I appreciate it, John. Those signs have been there for two years not enforceable so I do not think another week or two is going to make a difference. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace asked if there was anyone who wished to comment. No one from the audience responded. In turn, Alderman Anglace closed the public hearing for Item 1.

2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE VII STREET VENDORS SECTION 9-150 SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE (ORD. #891)

Sec. 9-150 Special event license.

(a) A special event license may be issued to persons as defined herein engaged in the sale of various products at parades, sidewalk sales, and other special events, as recognized and approved by the city. Application for said license shall be submitted to the Chief of Police along with a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee. Said license shall be displayed conspicuously at all times. All sales under this special event license will be limited only to the hours of the special event and shall be conducted where the special event is being held.

(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. 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.

Sec. 9-151. Territorial limits/prohibitions.

(The following shall not apply to Special Events set forth in Sec. 9-150):

(a) No street vendor shall operate:

(1) In a residential zone; or

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- (2) Within one thousand (1,000) feet of another mercantile establishment offering the same or similar goods, wares or merchandise for sale; or
 - (3) Within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public or private school, municipal building, or municipal park; or
 - (4) Within one hundred (100) feet of driveways, bus stops, or crosswalks; or
 - (5) Within five hundred (500) feet of any intersections; or
 - (6) Within one hundred (100) feet of any other street vendor; or
 - (7) In any metered parking area or no-parking zone; or
 - (8) Directly upon a street, sidewalk, or public place; or
 - (9) In any area, where the operation will be deemed by the chief of police, any police officer or state trooper to endanger or inconvenience the general public, including but not limited to sidewalk and roadside areas; or
 - (10) In a manner that obstructs or prevents the free and convenient use of any street or sidewalk by pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (b) No street vendor, peddler, or solicitor shall have an exclusive right to any location in or near the public streets, nor shall they be permitted a stationary location.
- (c) No street vendor shall set up a street selling operation without the written permission of the owner of the property on which the operation is located. Such document must be conspicuously displayed at all times.
- (d) No street vendors shall operate on the following streets or in the following restricted areas
- (e) No person or street vendor shall sell or offer for sale upon a public street, sidewalk, or other public place any spray string, stinkbomb, or other similar article.
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Alderman Anglace: Before we start to take comment on this, I would like to ask Counsel to summarize what we are doing here, what the changes are.

Atty. Welch: Certainly Mr. President. It is important to note that all of these issues get raised over a course of time. We understand that there is a practical side of what is happening, and what our ordinance says. I think that we are trying to provide some flexibility and uniformity not only in the Police Department, but to Parks & Recreation and the vendors and merchants in the area. So as you know, last year we had designated fireworks and Concerts at the Green as special events, with a fee of \$50 per special event. Thereafter it was determined that you could only have charged a vendor \$200 per calendar year, so we adopted it and now it is \$50 but no more than \$200. We then amended the ordinance in November, to provide that at special events, the fees for licenses could be waived in addition to being reduced. As well, a sponsor shall be required to request to the Board of Aldermen a designation as a special event; it shall be required with any terms and conditions so it can be a case by case basis that we can get for dealing with Shelton Day, or something like that. Tonight what has come and come before the Police Department, was that you could not vend within 1,000 feet of City property, City parks, churches. We found that was not what was happening out there. So you have a proposed amendment tonight for the prohibition as to territorial areas that would not apply to special events. In addition, Lieutenant Kozlowsky brought to the attention as to the prohibitions against street vendors in residential zones, and also along or near City property. So the proposal is to amend the ordinance further than what is before you, in subsection of

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Sect. 9-151, and in subsection 3, which says there should be no street vending in residential or no vending within 1,000 feet of City property. We would like to amend that to say: by permission of the Chief of Police. They are trying to take in all of the things that we have found to be issued along the way. That is it.

Alderman Anglace: Thank you for the background. We will now take public comment now, with respect to the changes in the ordinance.

John Papa, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Commission

I just wanted to make sure that I understand this. The special event is \$100 for all of the special events that the aldermen designate as a special event?

Atty. Welch: The answer is no. It would be \$200 total.

John Papa: Vendors and street vendors are \$100, plus \$100 for the special event, right?

Atty. Welch: No. It is \$50 per special event, for a total of \$200.

John Papa: The total is \$200. It cannot be more than \$200?

Atty. Welch: Correct.

John Papa: Are the fireworks considered a special event?

Atty. Welch: Yes.

John Papa: Then, no street vendors shall operate, in Section 9.151. Those are all considered prohibited, correct? Letters A,B,C,D,E & F are considered prohibited in Section 9.151?

Atty. Welch: What is before the board is the following language; the following shall not apply to special events.

John Papa: Okay, so I am pretty clear on that by now. It is \$200 max, and are you going to vote on this tonight?

Alderman Anglace: It is on the schedule of the Special Meeting for tonight.

John Papa: Thank you.

Ron Herrick, Director of Parks & Recreation

Just to clarify with John in the ordinance, would we be required for each event to approach the aldermen to be designated a special event?

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Atty. Welch: No. They all have been designated. The proposed resolution is for any City-sponsored event shall be a special event.

Ron Herrick: So Soupstock, Shakespeare and all of that will be case by case, to be decided if they will be special events?

Atty. Welch: The sponsor would have to come before the Board of Aldermen.

Ron Herrick: Thank you.

Beth Tepper, Owner of Berry Chill (15 Huntington Circle)

I am the owner of the business, Berry Chill, which is located in Huntington Plaza. Good evening ladies and gentlemen, who serve our fine City of Shelton. We stand here before you, my entire family, tonight as parents, educators, business payers, tax payers, owners of a business, and homeowners. We are asking for nothing but fairness and an opportunity to serve our community, to ask for fairness and having all small businesses being protected. A small business is very important piece of our City. We are teaching our children, as well as other employees that a small business can flourish. We are really asking the board to recognize this evening, is to really take into consideration that asking or changing an ordinance that exists isn't actually protecting a small business. So while you are contemplating a change in the ordinance, you have to understand that our business thrives specifically on the likelihood on the event that people would be coming down into the Huntington Plaza. If anyone knows Huntington Plaza, which I am sure that most people do, Huntington Plaza has gone through many changes throughout the year. We are speaking on behalf of ourselves, but we recognize that we are not the only business that flourishes from potential people that are coming into our area. When we first opened our business, we noticed that businesses are being pulled in; people are being pulled into local businesses by having these special events.

This event that you are calling a special event, Concerts on the Green, which I am specifically talking about, these Wednesday night businesses, this Wednesday opportunity, creates an opportunity for our business to survive. So we are asking things not to be changed; we are asking for a possibility to redo what has been done. We are asking for consideration; we are asking this not only for Berry Chill but we are asking this for Common Bond Market, we are asking this for Huntington Gulf gas station, we are asking this for the deli, we are asking this for the business that is no longer there: Huntington Gifts by the Green. They went out of business because they were not getting enough people coming in to the location. We are asking this for Sassafras. We employ not only ourselves, but we employ children, youth. We give yearly to the community and we want to continue to do so. Although this may seem very small and insignificant, this is huge when it comes to a business like this. I thank you for listening to me this evening, and I hope you keep this into consideration and welcome Mayor Lauretti.

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Mayor Lauretti arrived at the Public Hearing at approximately 7:20 P.M.

Jacob Tepper, Owner of Berry Chill (15 Huntington Circle)

I am the owner of Berry Chill, along with my wife, Beth. I have some concerns about the proposed changes to the ordinance. First let me start off by saying that my wife and I are 31 year residents of Shelton. We live in Shelton, we work in Shelton and we now own a business in Shelton, and we try to protect our business. For those three years, I had approached the City with a request to limit or to stop the procedure of giving those licenses to vendors that directly compete with merchants with the same kind of merchandise. However, that has never really worked. This year, I decided to write a letter to Mr. Lauretti and I copied Mr. Anglace. I wrote to the City of my concerns of giving those licenses to temporary businesses; they are violating their own code. What I was expecting was to hear back from one of them, or both of them and I did not. Instead I learned through chance that there was a meeting today, and I had learned that on Friday, where you guys are going to change the ordinance, to fit the practice that you have been doing for years, I guess, giving those licenses to those businesses.

My concern is that we have a business; we do okay but I hope we do better. We are actually waiting every year for this event to come because this really makes a difference for our business in the yearly income. Those trucks that you are bringing in are coming to get a permit for almost no financial cost, they do their business and they give nothing back to the City. We in turn, give a lot back to the City. Last year for example, I paid property taxes of \$3,000 on our business and it is going to happen very soon. Like my wife said, we employ local residents of Shelton, we pay all of our taxes, we live in Shelton, we pay our own taxes. When it is time to protect us, just like we are loyal residents and loyal citizens, follow the laws I would appreciate that you guys would do the same. We have a laws in Shelton; they are called ordinances. I do not know if you had a chance to look over, or I do not know if you read it before we came? Did you? You did? Did you read all of the limits? Basically the ordinance protects local businesses and local residents from those cases. It said that no other business, or no other temporary business will compete with the local business that exists in such a place. It also says that there are other concerns in the ordinance, for example safety and security. It said not to have this type of temporary business within 1,000 feet of a local municipal building, for example, the Huntington Green, the church around the corner. Those are safety issues; that is why it was written. Somebody put a lot of thought into it. I would actually expect if not to change; I think you guys are doing the opposite by wanting the vendors to go for their license requirements that they need to go. Just think that somebody would come, and you are going to waive his request or even a background check, and this is guy is a sex offender and deals with kids. Another thing is that someone could come with a truck; I am not saying that it would happen but it could happen, fill the cup with explosives and put it in a drink. You are waiving the procedure to check on those vendors, so I would think to go the other way and give more restrictions. The other thing I said before was to have competeable business within 1,000 feet of a merchant that is selling the same items, not to have a couple of them near each other; at least 100

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feet from each other. Instead, the City close a certain part of the road which is a state highway for the sole purpose of putting those trucks there. Also, it said they should not be stationary and they are stationary.

My question is that there is good reasoning here on how to protect our residents, our business. Why to waive it? That is my question, and I want you to consider your decision while sitting there. You are going to make a big decision that is going to impact us seriously. I want you to concentrate and focus on your duty. I know everyone of you is a volunteer at doing your job, but think of the consequences. You are here to protect the citizens and to protect our businesses. By waiving that, you are exactly doing the opposite. You are going to compromise the security, the safety and our businesses. That is all I have to say. Thank you very much.

John Papa, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Commission

I just want to mention to everyone here tonight that we had the concerts for over thirty years. We have helped the retail stores that are in Shelton. People do not just buy ice cream; they buy sandwiches, pizza, they buy anything that you can think of at the Huntington businesses. We have brought people in, and they had helped the vendors in that area. The street vendors have been there for thirty years; they pay their fee and they serve a purpose. For the safety, we close off the street, we have great participation. I think it would be not right if you would try to not get the vendors on the Green because they serve a purpose. Again, we bring people in; they have other retail stores that people could go into to shop. It does help all of the vendors in the area, so I am definitely in favor of the ordinance that you have in front of us right now. Thank you.

Jacob Tepper, Owner of Berry Chill (15 Huntington Circle)

I just want to basically say something to comment about the chairman's words. The same businesses again, are all on the Green. We have a bakery, we have a new business that is selling ice cream and other drinks, candies. We have Sassafras that is also selling ice cream, and of course we are selling all kinds of frozen yogurt and desserts. My question again, why not to protect us and let those people use us instead of giving the income to someone else; some truck that is a fly-by-night that takes all of the profit and doesn't give you back anything? I just want to give you one example: we are like a basketball team. I am sure of everyone here is a parent and you have kids. If you do have kids, you have probably involved them in some kind of sport in the City just like we did with our kids. Imagine we have a basketball team, with 12 of them playing. All year long you take your kids to practice; they are going to every practice and every game. They have paid their dues of \$500 per year, and then comes the coach and say you know what; here we are at the end of the season. We are doing okay but I would like to bring in five new players, and I am not going to abide by any rules. I am going to bring in kids where I did not check their age, but I do not care because I could just waive it all; let them play and let them have their time. What do you think the parents would say? How do you think the kids would feel? You know, because I know this is not right and I know one hundred percent that this is not

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right. I would hope that you would follow your conscience, understand and do what is right for the businesses here in town and the local people for the safety and security of all. Thank you.

Beth Tepper, Owner of Berry Chill (15 Huntington Circle)

The chairman made a really good point about things changing. I am proud to say as I drive down Bridgeport Avenue, Bridgeport Avenue is being re-developed. We have changed and in almost three decades that I have lived in this great City, we have changed. It has become a better place; we are new business and we have changed the face of Huntington Plaza. As a result of that, last week a business opened up: Kim Benson's Weight Loss. Kim Benson went from Bridgeport Avenue to taking three spaces in Huntington Plaza. Diversified Kitchen has just switched sides from a small, 1,000 square foot to almost 2,400 square feet. We are bringing businesses in; we are changing the face of Shelton. We are asking nothing more than an opportunity to draw people in. Anyone who has brought their children, grandchildren there, that concert brings in people from all communities. It is not just about Shelton, so when my customers come in from 108, Nichols Avenue that are from Trumbull and come in to see our business, they are not just going to do business in my business. They are going to be taking their kids to Sassafras, buying Huntington wallpaper, getting their nails done at the nail salon. I hope that you consider that this is much more than just my family that is sitting before you asking for something. Just think about this, we are taxpayers. When you change the face, you change the profitability of our City. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace: I have to focus on the ordinance and the changes that are proposed in the ordinance. What I think you just said, is that you want us to do is bring the crowd on Wednesdays to your place. That is not what this is about.

Beth Tepper: No.

Jacob Tepper: No sir, we do not want you to do that.

Alderman Anglace: We had this ordinance in place for over twenty years.

Jacob Tepper: For doing it for over twenty years does not mean it is right.

Alderman Anglace: We have allowed vendors in there, and what you are asking us to do which is not part of this proposal, is to not allow those vendors any longer. That is not what is being proposed and you should understand that.

Beth Tepper: Sir I appreciate that and I actually do understand the ordinance. What is written in the ordinance, you have not been true to what that ordinance said through the years, as well. As you have pointed out, this ordinance has been in effect for many decades. Now it is time to take a look at it and understand that the changes that are needed to be made, also still need to protect the businesses at hand. That is all we are asking for. It is not just my business; this perpetuates business for

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everybody. Also, we have all of these people that come in and use our parking lot and yet at their feet, there are other vendors as well. We really need to think about that; all I am asking for is consideration. Please do not misunderstand what I am asking. Thank you.

Oren Tepper, 15 Huntington Circle

I just want to say that I did not go to school for law; I am actually a teacher. It is very clear to me, and just about anyone who knows how to read that the ordinance states very clear boundaries on what businesses and street vendors should/should not be able to do. The City of Shelton has been violating that essentially, and you guys have not been upholding your end of the bargain. I do not know who wrote this; I am not an expert but I know there are these laws that are in text for a reason, and you are supposed to follow them. Now you are proposing these changes that are not going to only to affect my family, but it is also going to affect the other people in the plaza, and people around us. You just need to think. Mayor Lauretti, I grew up with your son and we went to school together; we were in the same grade. Now put yourself in our shoes. How would you feel if you were our family, and now all of this business is getting sucked away from us? I am sure that you would have a different outlook on this, and I am sure a lot of your guys up there too. You guys have kids; my parents are putting three kids through college. They are struggling to make ends meet on a daily basis. Now you need to know how much that impacts us, who have been residents of Shelton for our entire lives. My parents have been paying taxes without a problem. I just do not understand; it is common sense. You set forth something and we expect you to follow it; I do not think that is too much to ask. That is all I need to say; thank you.

John Papa, 29 Philip Drive

I just want to clarify one issue: we only have eight concerts on the Green, so it is not like we have them all year round. It is only eight concerts on the Green.

Ron Herrick: There are seven this year.

John Papa: There are seven this year, and we are having concerts on the slab, at Veteran's Park. So it is not like we have them every weekend, every day. It is just seven concerts; just so everyone understands that.

Oren Tepper: It is through the summers, which are the hottest months for someone who owns a business like ours.

Sivan Tepper, 15 Huntington Circle

Last summer we had an accident in our store. We are a family business; it was a very detrimental accident. We lost all of our business all summer; we have done nothing.

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My dad was a coach for Shelton soccer; I have done all high school sports like my sister and brother. We have done nothing but give back. I have done nothing but participate in the organizations that these men do. Everything that they do, I have participated in. We are great citizens of Shelton, and all we are asking is for your consideration to think about our family and think about what it does. People come in; we pride ourselves in a family, well- owned adapted business. Really take into consideration on how things need to be run, and we are so strong and so loving of Shelton that we do everything in our store for the people of Shelton. Our entire product base is what people want; people want a different flavor and we give them that. We want people to want to be there for us, just like we are there for them. That is all that we are asking. We are not even asking you to change anything; we are asking you to keep it the same and do what is said. We just want what we think is fair. Even you are going to keep it, just obey the laws and do what is in the ordinance. That is all. Thank you.

Ron Herrick: Correction- we have eight concerts this year.

Mayor Lauretti: The points have been made. I think everybody understands very clearly where we are at. I know you were saying it two or three times, in many different ways. We need to start to bring closure to this.

Jacob Tepper, 15 Huntington Circle

Actually I have two things to say: One thing is that I understand that there are only eight concerts, but honestly those eight concerts for us is like Christmas. Without that, we are on the verge of making it or breaking it. Where we have this opportunity, we are glad to take an opportunity to not have a business standing right in front of us. The second thing, Mr. Anglace, you said that I do not understand what you are changing. So if I do not understand what you are changing, I would appreciate if you would explain to me because I thought that you were going to cross all of these sections out and legally allow those vendors to come in there. If I do not understand correctly, please explain. Thank you.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

Just to point out and requesting information for this board. Reading Section 2, Item B, what is the \$100 fee so stated, that is paid to the Chief of Police? Then it goes down to say, at the discretion of the Board of Aldermen the application fee may be waived or reduced to a nominal fee. My thought to you: shouldn't that be a specific fee? Nominal; what is that going to state? The second point is, if a party comes in and makes a request to the Board of Aldermen; does the Board of Aldermen have to make that a Full Board meeting? Or could that be put to a sub-committee? Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other speakers, Mayor Lauretti closed the public hearing around 7:45 p.m.

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Alderman Anglace **MOVED** to adjourn the Public Hearing; **SECONDED** by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and hearing was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gannon

Brittany Gannon, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: _____ BY: _____

Mark A. Lauretti

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