Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Karen Battistelli, Vice Chairperson of Board of Apportionment and Taxation, called the Budget Hearing meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Board of Apportionment and Taxation
Cris Balamaci, Chairperson- Present
Karen Battistelli, Vice Chairperson- Present
John Belden- Present
Joe Knapik- Present
Adam Heller- Present
Louis Dagostine- Present

Board of Aldermen
John Anglace, President – Present
Eric McPherson, Vice President - Present
Jack Finn- Present
Anthony Simonetti – Present
Stan Kudej - Present
Jim Capra - Present
Noreen McGorty - Present

2000 Public Safety
Department Requested $124,092; Mayor recommends $124,092

Michael Maglione – Director – Public Safety
Adam Heller inquired about Communication Maintenance. Mr. Maglione stated it is maintenance for Emergency Management systems, as well as a command trailer. Adam Heller also asked if we are on the same contract with other departments. Mr. Maglione stated yes. Lou Dagostine asked if Mr. Maglione was the only full-timer. Mr. Maglione said
yes. There are also no part-time employees presently. Lou Dagostine asked if he will be hiring anytime soon. Mr. Maglione stated that it is at the discretion of the Mayor. Lou Dagostine also asked if there were any postings up. Mr. Maglione stated that there were not. The last time an advertisement was 4 years ago for a part-time employee. Lou Dagostine also asked about Medical Exam line item. Mr. Maglione stated that it is if a member is exposed to something during an emergency. John Anglace mentioned that part of Mr. Maglione’s salary is covered by the State.

5300 Assessor

Department Requested $649,976; Mayor recommends $649,976

Bill Gaffney – City Assessor

Mr. Gaffney mentioned that the $125,000 in Professional Services line item is new because of the contract with a company that was hired for new assessing software. Lou Dagostine asked about Personal Property Audit, which is showing an encumbrance, and asked why there is a negative in that line item. Mr. Gaffney stated that it was never in his budget, and Mr. Hiller would have to explain that. Mr. Hiller explained that it was a resolution passed by the Alderman, and it has brought in significant income. Adam Heller asked how we are doing a re-evaluation, as well as a system conversion at the same time. Mr. Gaffney stated that it is because out of necessity and the current system is not being supported anymore.

5400 Tax Collector

Department Requested $331,145; Mayor recommends $331,145

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance

Mr. Hiller stated that the Board of Alderman approved new software for the tax system, which goes live Monday. Adam Heller asked if this was going to affect billing on time. Mr. Hiller stated he did not think so.

5500 Purchasing

Department Requested $352,946; Mayor recommends $352,946

Gene Sullivan – Purchasing Agent

Mr. Sullivan stated that payroll increased from last year. Mr. Sullivan kept part-time employee at $10,000, and a full-time position will be coming soon. Lou Dagostine asked if there was enough to cover part-time payroll for the rest of the year. Mr. Sullivan stated yes, but he would need to come in for a transfer sometime in the near future. Adam Heller
mentioned surveillance equipment under the Equipment line item. Mr. Sullivan stated that he has no control over surveillance equipment, and will need to check why it is part of his budget.

4600 Utilities

Department Requested $2,842,941; Mayor recommends $2,771,042

Gene Sullivan – Purchasing Agent

Chairperson Balamaci spoke about the Municipal Sewer Usage line item, which was requested as $71,900 by Mr. Sullivan, but recommended $1 by the Mayor. Paul Hiller stated that essentially the City is paying themselves, so there is no reason to budget money for this. Lou Dagostine asked what happens when we do not pay. Paul Hiller stated that they run a large surplus, and rather than paying another City account with taxpayer dollars, they do not. He also stated that this is the 3rd year looking at it this way. Adam Heller stated that just because they have a surplus, doesn’t mean we should not pay their bill. Paul Hiller stated that there are many in-kind services that we provide them, as well. They are not billed for these services.

5200 Management Information Services

Department Requested $433,407; Mayor recommends $433,407

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance

Mr. Hiller went over payroll line item, which consists of 2 part-time employees. He also expressed his concern with the amount of things that need to be done throughout the City and to only have a part-time employee covering all of the issues. The Board of A&T discussed thoroughly and recommends that the Manager of IT made a full-time employee.

5700 Accounting & Control

Department Requested $575,712; Mayor recommends $556,362

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance

The Board of A&T discussed various line items for the department.

1200 Elected/Appointed Officials

Department Requested $18,450; Mayor recommends $18,450
Paul Hiller – Director of Finance

The Board of A&T discussed various line items for the department.

5600 Public Risk Management
Department Requested $2,311,698; Mayor recommends $2,111,798

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance
The Board of A&T discussed various line items for the department.

4500 Debt Services
Department Requested $12,819,134; Mayor recommends $12,819,134

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance
Paul Hiller discussed various line items in the debt services account.

0000 Revenue

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance

6100 Miscellaneous
Department Requested $1,203,000; Mayor recommends $1,203,000

Paul Hiller – Director of Finance
The Board of A&T discussed various line items in miscellaneous costs for the City.

6500 Outside Agency Contributions
Department Requested $377,196; Mayor recommends $371,296

412.80-71 Valley Transit District
Department Requested $15,000; Mayor recommends $15,000
Nobody Present

412.80-96 Christian Counseling

Department Requested $10,000; Mayor recommends $10,000

Kathy Bronson – Volunteer Treasurer
Jill Parkosewicz – Clinical Director
Mary Reinde – Administrative Director

414.79-01 TEAM

Department Requested $20,500; Mayor recommends $20,500

Diane Stroman

414.79-02 Wellmore Behavioral Health

Department Requested $5,000; Mayor recommends $5,000

Nobody Present

414.79-03 Housatonic Lake Authority

Department Requested $42,730; Mayor recommends $42,730

Sandy Blanchard

414.79-04 Boys & Girls Club

Department Requested $90,000; Mayor recommends $90,000

Nobody Present

414.79-05 Memorial Day Parade

Department Requested $8,000; Mayor recommends $8,000

Nobody Present
414.79-06 Housatonic Valley Association
Department Requested $1,000; Mayor recommends $1,000
Nobody Present

414.79-08 The Umbrella
Department Requested $15,000; Mayor recommends $15,000
Esperina Stubblefield

414.79-09 Shelton Day
Department Requested $19,700; Mayor recommends $19,700
Drew Scott – President of Rotary Club

414.79-10 Area Congregation Together
Department Requested $20,000; Mayor recommends $20,000
Kate Pipa – Development Officer

414.79-11 Reg. Mental Health Board
Department Requested $2,125; Mayor recommends $2,125
Nobody Present

414.79-12 Derby Historical Society
Department Requested $6,400; Mayor recommends $6,400
Nobody Present

414.79-13 Valley Council of Government
Department Requested $21,591; Mayor recommends $21,591
Nobody Present
414.79-15 Shelton Historical Society
Department Requested $24,000; Mayor recommends $24,000
Nobody Present

414.79-16 Friends of the Animal Shelter
Department Requested $4,000; Mayor recommends $4,000
Nobody Present

414.79-18 Valley Substance Abuse
Department Requested $7,500; Mayor recommends $7,500
Pam Mautte
David Eldridge

414.81-24 Housatonic Scout Council
Department Requested $18,000; Mayor recommends $18,000
Nobody Present

414.81-25 Barnum Festival Parade
Department Requested $2,500; Mayor recommends $2,500
Nobody Present

414.81-28 St. Vincent DePaul Society
Department Requested $10,000; Mayor recommends $8,600
Nobody Present
414.81-29 Southwest Conservation District
Department Requested $1,500; Mayor recommends $1,500
Nobody Present

414.81-30 Shelton Girl Scouts
Department Requested $5,000; Mayor recommends $5,000
Nobody Present

414.81-31 Long Hill Cemetery Association
Department Requested $4,000; Mayor recommends $0
Nobody Present

414.81-32 Junior Achievement
Department Requested $4,000; Mayor recommends $4,000
Nobody Present

414.81-33 American Red Cross
Department Requested $5,000; Mayor recommends $5,000
Nobody Present

414.81-34 Olde Ripton Garden Club
Department Requested $1,650; Mayor recommends $1,650
Nobody Present
414.81-35 Housatonic River Estuary

Department Requested $0; Mayor recommends $0

Nobody Present

414.81-36 Valley Shakespeare Festival

Department Requested $5,000; Mayor recommends $2,000

Cheryl O’Brien – Director of Development

Kathleen O’Brien – Secretary of Board of Directors

414.81-37 Celebrate Shelton

Department Requested $0; Mayor recommends $3,000

Nobody Present

414.81-38 Shelton Farmer’s Market

Department Requested $0; Mayor recommends $500

Nobody Present

414.81-39 Kennedy Center

Department Requested $0; Mayor recommends $5,000

Jeanette Alann

-Further discussion on tape in City Clerk’s office
Respectfully Submitted,

*Nicholas Twigg*

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Clerk

3 tapes on file in City Clerk’s office