Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President, John F. Anglace, Jr. called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Eric McPherson – Vice President - present
Alderman Jim Capra – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell – present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti, Mayor City of Shelton (arrived 7:08 p.m.)
Attorney Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Ramon Sous, Asst. Corporation Counsel

PUBLIC PORTION

No one from the public wished to be heard at this time.

Agenda Items

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

2. Regular Full Board Meeting – December 8, 2016

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: I would like it to be known for the record, that on December 8, 2016, I was in the hospital and not able to attend.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – None presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – Mayor Lauretti will be making a presentation at the point of his arrival, to recognize, Eagle Scout, Peter Sandri.
6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of $618.75 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, and Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated January 4, 2017, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of $503.25 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated January 1, 2017, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was made and the motion passed unanimously.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A NO ITEMS

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF SHELTON AND PRIMROSE COMPANIES REALTY, LLC.

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the second amendment to the contract between the City of Shelton and Primrose Companies Realty, LLC regarding the sale of property known as Lot 2 Canal Street (Assessor’s Map 130, Lot 2) to extend the closing date to be on or before February 28, 2017.
Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

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

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 JANUARY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $8,388.60 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 AERATOR FOR PINE ROCK PARK

Alderman McPherson MOVED, in accordance with paragraph 5 and other provisions of the “Pine Rock Environmental Impact Fund”, to approve/disapprove the purchase of an aerator for Pine Rock Park per the recommendation of the two Ward 3 Aldermen, Alderman Anglase & Alderman Farrell, with the expenditure of funding not to exceed $2,000.00 for the purchase/installation with funding to come from the Pine Rock Environmental Impact Fund.

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

9.3 MERIT SYSTEM WAGE REVIEW

Alderman McPherson MOVED to increase the total compensation for non-union Merit System employees by an amount not to exceed $41,195, which is allocated pursuant to Section 5.6 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules retroactively to July 1, 2016.

Further, move to amend the Merit System salary schedule for non-union employees by an increase of 2.5% to the minimum and maximum rates for all classes effective July 1, 2016.

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

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: The amount of $41,195 is in the Increments Account, in the budget.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.4 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Alderman McPherson MOVED: Whereas, the Senior Citizen’s Committee has recommended, in accordance with the Code of Ordinance Section 2-110, and the Mayor has appointed Doreen Laucella to the position of Senior Center Director, the Board of Aldermen do hereby confirm said appointment.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen could not have picked a more qualified person for this position. Since she has been here as a temporary director, she increased the number of those attending the Senior Center daily, as well as increasing the programs, attendance. Sometimes there are at least 70 people in line for lunch, so it is a big turnover. I am very glad to see that she is being appointed.

Alderman Anglace: Your comments are well taken, and I totally agree with them. There was a petition that you all might recall, and there was nothing but glowing reports on Doreen and I think the City is doing a great service by appointing her.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lauretti arrives at the Full Board meeting at approximately at 7:08 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Lauretti makes a presentation to recognize Eagle Scout, Peter Sandri.
9.5 CITY ENGINEER’S UNIT PRICE LIST PER CHAPTER 14-9 (G) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the Code of Ordinance Chapter 14, Section 9 (g), to accept the City Engineer’s proposed Unit Price List for the cost of construction or replacement of concrete sidewalks and curbs constructed within the city right-of-way and which shall go into effect and be effective for the calendar year immediately following.

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

9.6 FUNDING FOR RENOVATIONS FOR 279 SOUNDVIEW AVENUE PROPERTY

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of $15,000 for renovations to the property at 279 Soundview Avenue with funding to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: There is no backup information to this item.

Mayor Lauretti: I will give you a brief synopsis of what is going on. As some of you remember, we bought this property, 14-acre parcel. I think we purchased it around ten years ago when there was a house on it. The house sat vacant for a number of years; the last five or six years we have converted a portion of the property into the community gardens.

Rather than to see the house continue to deteriorate, I think it is our responsibility to at least rehab the property so we can at least get some type of a rental income out of it, by someone living there. Unless, of course, it is at the board’s discretion if they would like to subdivide the property and sell the home. I am sure there would be many takers out there, but in the interest of the building itself it does need some attention. $15,000 was just a number that I have put together, along with Chris Potucek, for a quick evaluation of some of the things that it needs; I know it needs a roof. It also needs a furnace, bathroom needs to be rehabbed, there was a leak in the kitchen portion so most of the kitchen needs to be re-gutted and re-done. It is probably going to be more than $15,000, but I just wanted to give everyone a head’s up on that. Certainly, if the board thinks that they would like to subdivide it, then we should have that discussion. At a minimum, we need to put some money into the property.

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, I would prefer to maintain the property.
Alderman Simonetti: I agree that we should rehab it, and then we should discuss selling it later.

Mayor Lauretti: There will be a lot of takers for renters. I know that we are not in the rental property business.

Alderman Finn: I would prefer to rent that facility, instead of subdividing the property. I recall prior to us purchasing the property, that the neighbors were in an uproar about the subdivision that was proposed for that property. We do not want to see that again with that neighborhood.

Mayor Lauretti: Any other comments or discussion?

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.7 FUNDING AND WAIVER OF BID FOR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize an amendment to the contract between the City of Shelton and Creative Landscape Design with additional funding in the amount of $30,750 in order to provide the services and materials for the railing to be located at the Civil War Memorial Riverwalk Extension with said funds to be paid from Aldermanic Bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter. Further move to appropriate $74,500 to the Civil War Memorial with funding to come from Board of Aldermen bonding.

Further, move to waive any additional bidding requirements relative to the foregoing and to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: I have Jim Tate with us tonight, the architect of record on this project. Jim, please give everyone a run down of where we are at. A couple of months ago, the City approved a contract in the sum less than we had appropriated.

Jim Tate: Last fall, we used LOCIP funding: $50,000, for an overall budget of about $140,000. We have $13,000 that comes from the Civil War Memorial Committee, which was private donations. We now have a balance due of the work that was worked on, and on some future work that we are intending to do. We have a very good low bidder, but in order to keep the funding to our lowest initial point, we pulled out a line item which was a railing along the river front. We want it to match the railing that is on the existing Riverwalk
now. We took the line item out early on because we thought of it to be excessive, but the contractor has done such a good job there. He came back with a proposal to do the railing at a very reasonable price. That is part of why we are paying him to do that; that is part of that funding.

Mayor Lauretti: All of the bids that we had received, everyone was close in price for the work to be done on the railing. The railing was like a $50,000 item; as Jim mentioned that it does mirror the railing that we originally put up on the Riverwalk. It is now around twenty years old and you can see how well it has held up. It is a custom made rail, which is why it is so expensive.

Jim Tate: It is an elaborate railing and it needs to meet code. You can see that it has the decorative rail.

Mayor Lauretti: I must say that it has held up well, and those of you who ever travelled to D.C., you would see how all of their parks are top quality and top product. I believe the Riverwalk matches in that regards, and it would be important to maintain it. The contractor that did the work for the Civil War Memorial and the Riverwalk itself has come back with a price of $30,000, as opposed to $50,000. He is going to do that himself so that is why he was able to reduce the price that much. It is a specialty item, and we have invested a lot in there so I would not think this is a high priced item where we would not be able to accomplish the funding for that. That is a reason for the waiver.

Alderman Finn: Mr. Mayor, what is the $74,000 for?

Jim Tate: $30,000 for the railing, and then we have the makeup of the completion of the project from last fall, which is part of that as well because the original budgeted project was in the neighborhood of around $130,000. So we never funded the entire project because we have not come back from bid. We funded $50,000 out of LOCIP and that was all that we funded.

Alderman Finn: Does the $74,500 include the boulders that were just delivered?

Jim Tate: No, that was a donation. We have actually had quite a few donations on the project.

Alderman Anglace: Jack, in the packet there is complete list of all of the expenses for the project. If you look at the second page, you see the total listed as $137,4-something which is roughly $137,500. We have already appropriated $50,000; we have $13,000 in gifts from the committee. So the total from that is $63,000, and the balance is $74,500 so that is what it comes to.

Mayor Lauretti: Before we take the vote, I think it is important to recognize that Jim Tate has a couple of sons that are Eagle Scouts. Do you not?
Jim Tate: I do have one son that was an Eagle Scout and I was an Eagle Scout.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW**

**10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING**

**10.1 A PROPOSED ORDINANCE – RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF A DIRT BIKE, ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE AND MINI MOTORCYCLE.**

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2017

**ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF A DIRT BIKE, ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE AND MINI MOTORCYCLE**

A. Definitions.

   (i) **All-Terrain Vehicle** means a self-propelled vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain.

   (ii) **Dirt Bike** means a two-wheeled motorized recreational vehicle designed to travel over unimproved terrain and not designed for travel on a highway.

   (iii) **Mini-motorcycle** is a vehicle that (1) has no more than three wheels in contact with the ground; (2) has a manufactured seat height of less than 26 inches, measured at the lowest point on top of the seat cushion without the rider; and (3) is propelled by an engine having a piston displacement of less than 50 cubic centimeters.

   (iv) Motorized Recreational Vehicles (MRV) means snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt-bikes and mini-motorcycles.

   (v) **Snowmobile** means any self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice, except vehicles propelled by sail.

B. The use and operation of any Motorized Recreational Vehicle on City property is prohibited.

C. Any person who violates the above provision shall be subject to a penalty of $1,000.00 for a first violation, a penalty in an amount of $1,500.00 for a second violation and a penalty in an amount of $2,000.00 for a third violation. In addition, the operator or
owner, or both, of an MRV shall be responsible and held accountable to the City of Shelton for damage to trees, shrubs, crops, trails, fences or other property caused by operation of such MRVs on land of the City of Shelton or where consequential damage has resulted from such operation.

D. In addition, the City of Shelton may seize such dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle snowmobile or mini-motorcycle for a violation of such Ordinance and same shall be forfeited to the City of Shelton. Any dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile or mini-motorcycle ordered forfeited pursuant to such Ordinance shall be sold at public auction conducted by the City. The proceeds from such sale shall be paid to the City of Shelton Treasurer who shall deposit such proceeds into the General Fund of the municipality.

10.1 B. PROPOSED ORDINANCE – DEPOSIT OF SNOW ON PUBLIC STREETS AND NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES FORBIDDEN

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2017

No person shall throw, push or put or cause to be thrown or put, whether by snow blower, plow, shovel, or any other snow removal device, any snow or ice from private premises or from any area near or outside of the sidewalk or from any sidewalk into any street in the City onto the travel way portion of the street, or to cause the deposit of snow upon abutting or adjacent properties or properties which are not immediately contiguous to the property owners' without the consent of the other property owner. The Public Works Director or his designated agent shall cause such snow to be removed and the expense thereof shall be chargeable to the owner or occupant and shall be collectable by the town in the same manner that other debts owed to the town are collected. Such expense shall be and continue to be a lien in favor of the town upon such land.

10.1 C. CEDARWOOD LANE WATER MAIN EXTENSION; RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2017

10.2 REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint the following people to the Board of Assessment Appeals effective immediately for a term of three years each.
Patrick Carey  
6 Blueberry Lane  
Shelton, CT 06484  
Tel. 203-231-0157

Paul Jenson  
19 Winthrop Woods  
Shelton, CT 06484  
Tel. 203-925-8788

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10.3 AMENDMENT TO TEAM, INC. LEASE AT RICHARD O. BELDEN CULTURAL CENTER

Alderman Anglace MOVED to amend the lease agreement between TEAM, Inc. and the City of Shelton dated August 27, 2014 relating to certain premises located at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center located at 54 Grove Street to increase the size of the leased premises and to increase the rental as a result of the increased area.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate agreement.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: In the old portion of the building, which is adjacent to the space that they have leased now.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
11.A REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:20 PM, Alderman McPherson MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 FFRF RESOLUTION
11.2 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – HOWE AVENUE LOT 117B-62
11.3 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – 470 HOWE AVENUE

and invited Corporation Counsel Welch and Assistant Corporation Counsel Sous 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 REGULAR SESSION

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Alderman Kudej MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

11.1 FFRF RESOLUTION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the joint settlement agreement between the Freedom from Religion Foundation and the City of Shelton presented in Executive Session, and authorize the Mayor to sign the said agreement.

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

11.2 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – HOWE AVENUE LOT 117B-62

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the sale of city property on Howe Avenue lots 117B-62 as discussed in Executive Session, via the contract.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
**11.3 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – 470 HOWE AVENUE**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the contract for sale of 470 Howe Avenue, and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brittany Gannon*

Brittany Gannon, Clerk
Board of Aldermen