

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

CITY OF SHELTON
TOWN CLERK

MARCH 17, 2015

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Chairman Fred Ruggio called to order the ~~Regular Meeting~~ of the Economic Development Commission at 6:00 PM at the offices of the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, 475 Howe Avenue, Suite 202, Shelton, Connecticut.

The following commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Frederick Ruggio, Chairman

Pat Carey

Karen McGovern

Doug Dempsey (6:03 PM)

Kathleen McNichols-Marks (6:09 PM)

Also present: James Ryan, President, SEDC; Aleta Miner, Clerk, Ed Kisluk

MEETING ON TAPE, ON FILE, CITY/TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (1 TAPE)

PUBLIC PORTION

Ed Kisluk, 58 Birchbank Road, Shelton addressed the Commission. Mr. Kisluk stated that the Shelton Life Newsletter is well done and offered two suggestions. The editors might consider featuring home businesses and also might consider a regular feature regarding a person of interest within the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 24, 2015; seconded by Pat Carey; 3-0 motion passed. (Dempsey/Marks arrived after vote.)

REPORT OF JAMES RYAN, PRESIDENT, SEDC

Mr. Ryan provided an update and gave a presentation of ongoing projects of the Shelton Economic Development Corporation. Work continues in the downtown especially along Canal Street. Plans were discussed for further development along Canal Street and the work from the end of Avalon up to Wooster Street. Pictures of the second phase of the Riverwalk were shown. Designs for the next phase of the Riverwalk up to the Shelton Locks are being discussed; \$1.5 million of federal funds and about \$200,000 of local funds could be applied to cover the cost. Brownfields cleanup of sites in downtown are approximately 90% complete. The Rolfite and Spongex sites were shown. Mr. Ryan explained a developer is interested in developing the two sites into a mixed-use. Three major obstacles in downtown have been addressed. The former Asphalt Plant is the home to AvalonBay Properties, the B. F. Goodrich site and the third is the Chromium Process property. The city just received \$1.1 million grant for the Chromium Process property to demolish this site and make it into public parking. It is anticipated at least \$12 million in private investments will be made. The Derby-Shelton bridge rehab was discussed. An initial grant of \$4,000 awarded by the Derby-Shelton Rotary club approximately eight years ago allowed for the initial design by James Tate, Architect.

Mr. Ryan commended the work of the Economic Development Commission and stressed the value of the Shelton Life publication. Mr. Ryan added the publication is often sent to those funders who have helped support Shelton's economic development initiatives.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Community/Business Newsletter

Chairman Ruggio suggested setting up a workshop on the next Shelton Life. The deadline to publish this issue in time for Flag Day is around May 25. Ideas for articles are encouraged. There are approximately ten pages allocated already for the art contest and the history center.

Planning Session/Discussion of Annual Report (Biennial Report)

Chairman Ruggio said he would like the Commissioners to consider a theme such as it is a small world and showcase Shelton. The drone pictures should be used as much as possible. Additional drone photos will be taken as soon as the snow melts. An aerial photo may be considered for the cover of the Annual Report. Q Company Communication will be doing the pre-production, and Graphic Image will be doing the printing. Chairman Ruggio suggested publishing an update on the savings the city is realizing since the transition over to single-stream recycling and Automated Trash collection. Jane of the Mayor's office will help coordinate pictures for Don to take of the Boards and Commissions.

Flag Day

Flag Day will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015. Chairman Ruggio said all purchase orders are in place except for food. The Mayor asked to hold on to this purchase order at this time.

BUDGET

Current Budget

The 2015/16 budget was submitted to City Hall. The budget numbers from last month have not changed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

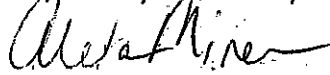
NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor presented the City of Shelton's budget for 2015/16 last evening. Chairman Ruggio will represent the Commission's budget request at 6:00 PM on March 31, 2015 before the Board of Apportionment and Taxation and the Board of Aldermen. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Doug Dempsey moved to adjourn at 6:42 PM; seconded by Kate Marks; vote 5-0; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Aleta Miner

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: