

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

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
Doug Dempsey
Karen McGovern

Absent: Kathleen McNichols-Marks

Also present: Aleta Miner, Clerk

MEETING ON TAPE

PUBLIC PORTION

No one spoke at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2017; seconded by Pat Carey; vote 4-0 motion passed.

SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC) UPDATE

Chairman Ruggio reported the site known as 223 Canal Street has been demolished. The building design for that site has been approved by Planning and Zoning. However, the State Historic Preservation Office has asked the design to be modified to incorporate more of an industrial look reflective of the area. The developer is making some modifications.

Another grant has been awarded to the city from the CT Department of Economic and Community Development for the assessment of 267 Canal Street (the Star Pin building).

Commissioner Carey stated he feels there are too many apartments proposed for the Canal Street area with inadequate parking. Commissioner Dempsey and Commissioner McGovern agreed. Businesses need to be brought back downtown but if parking is an issue, it will not happen. The SEDC's Chairman along with Paul Grimmer plan to meet with the Mayor as to the future steps the SEDC will be taking.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Community/Business Newsletter

Chairman Ruggio discussed the next edition of Shelton life. An outline of possible articles was reviewed. Chairman Ruggio explained that there is a municipal election this year so this edition will not be published until after the election in November.

Everyone is welcome to attend the next workshop on this edition of the Shelton Life when a date is scheduled. Chairman Ruggio just requested purchase orders for this issue.

BUDGET

Budget (2016/17)

Last year's budget approximately \$28,000 was turned back to the city mainly because there were less issues of Shelton Life printed along with a reduced cost in the overall production of the Biennial Report.

Current Budget (2017/2018)

Chairman Ruggio said the EDC's sponsorship in August of the U. S. EPA's press announcement held at the Veterans Memorial/Pavilion went well. The Mayor accepted another grant award of \$200,000 on behalf of the city for the assessment of four properties on Canal Street up to the historic Shelton locks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City of Shelton Biennial Report

Commissioner Carey commented the Biennial Report was excellent. The cover, the content and the overall piece was professional and informative. Chairman Ruggio read some comments that

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were received about the report. Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War asked for a story on the newly constructed monument. A page in this Biennial Report was dedicated to this monument which was well received. One city department mentioned it was not included in the report so this will be addressed next time. All departments should be asked to contribute copy for inclusion in the report. The Mayor's office was extremely helpful.

NEW BUSINESS

Shelton Life Fall 2017

As discussed, stories are being collected and a meeting will be scheduled soon.

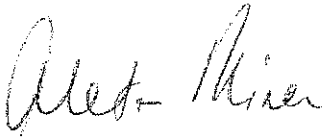
Commissioner Carey asked if it is the role of the Economic Development Commission to bring suggestions to the Shelton Economic Development Corporation for future projects. Discussion continued on the need for the construction of the additional apartment rentals and the parking concerns. Chairman Ruggio commented the commission's role is more the marketing of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EDC will be November 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the SEDC offices.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Karen McGovern moved to adjourn at 6:25 PM; seconded by Pat Carey; vote 4-0; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Aleta Miner, Clerk

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: