ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Chairman Fred Ruggio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:05 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
Doug Dempsey
Pat Carey

Absent: Karen McGovern, Kathleen McNichols-Marks
Also present: Aleta Miner, Clerk

MEETING ON TAPE

PUBLIC PORTION

Mike Mako from the Connecticut Post was in attendance but did not address the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Carey moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2017; seconded by Doug Dempsey; vote 3-0 motion passed.

SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC) UPDATE

Chairman Ruggio talked about the Chromium Process site and the plans to eventually pave the site for a parking lot. An engineered control liner will be installed to cover contamination located under the former building basement floor/slab. The building at 223 Canal Street has been demolished, and there is some minor contamination being addressed. Commissioner Carey said there was discussion as to who would pay for the parking lot at the former Chromium Process site. Commissioner Dempsey asked who would benefit from this lot? It was the understanding it would be used for public parking especially with all restaurant traffic in the downtown. The Star Pin building has undergone an assessment of the site. A report of findings to date should be presented soon.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Community/Business Newsletter – Spring 2018

Chairman Ruggio said the next edition is underway. A meeting will be scheduled most likely the end of this week. An outline was provided of the next edition. Commissioner Carey said he would consider talking with a new florist in Huntington Center, Stenn. It was agreed to reach out to this business for a possible story. The Ice Cream Shoppe was also discussed as a possible article on their business and the fact the next generation is taking over the Shoppe.

BUDGET

Current Budget (2017/2018)

Chairman Ruggio said the current budget allows for the publication of two more issues of the Shelton Life newsletter. However, it doesn’t appear that will be the case. The next edition most likely will not go to print until April.

Budget (2018/2019)

Chairman Ruggio provided a copy of the 2018/19 budget which has been submitted to the Finance Department per city charter. After the Mayor reviews the budget request, it will go before the Board of Apportionment and Taxation and then to the Board of Aldermen. Chairman Ruggio will have the opportunity to go before the Board of Apportionment and Taxation for further explanation, if required. The budget is similar to what was submitted two years ago.

Doug Dempsey made a motion to accept the budget for 2018/19 as presented; seconded by Pat Carey; vote 3-0 motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.
NEW BUSINESS
Commissioner Carey said he will be unable to attend the next meeting of the EDC scheduled for next month.

ADJOURNMENT
The next meeting of the EDC will be March 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the SEDC offices.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Doug Dempsey moved to adjourn at 6:16 PM; seconded by Fred Ruggio; vote 3-0; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Aleta Miner, Clerk

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: