Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:03 p.m. All those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President – present
Alderman Cris Balamaci – present
Alderman Jim Capra – present
Alderman David Gidwani – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Attorney Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
Jack Bashar, Administrative Assistant
Fran Jones, Fire Chief

PUBLIC PORTION

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue
A citizen called me and asked me to come up to her house and she had something to show me. It was up on 48 Laurelwood Drive. The road had just been paved between six and eight weeks ago. Yet, after taking pictures of the road, it shows that there is an opening of 36 inches wide and 21 inches deep and if a truck or a car comes up that street it could go directly into that ditch and the City of Shelton would be responsible. I told her that I would get this information and pass it on to #1, the Chairman of the Street Committee, but their meeting had already taken place; #2 it was then passed on to the President of the Board of Aldermen and #3 it was then passed on to the Mayor’s Office, copies of these photos, which I had taken, were then left for the Chairman of the Street Committee and to the President of the Board of Aldermen because she asked me, where should I go first, whom should I talk to? So, this has gone on, I just want to make this as part of the record, for this evening’s agenda. This will be coming up before the next Street Committee Meeting and it will be discussed at that point. Thank you.
Mayor Lauretti asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak, there being none, he closed the public portion.

**ADD-ONS**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add to the agenda the following items:

- Item 9.9 - FUNDING FOR FLAG POLES AT HUNTINGTON FIRE HOUSE
- Item 9.10 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT
- Item 9.11 FUNDING FOR ECHO HOSE SLAB AND REPAIR REPLACEMENT

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

1. Regular Full Board Meeting – September 13, 2018

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglace: Yes Mr. Mayor. I have two corrections here. On Page 4 of the public portion, Kevin Kosty versus Gosty. Just a minor typo. Also, in conjunction with what he said, he commented on the condition of the road up at Coram and Plaskon and we have since found out that Eversource is installing gas lines up there which is a normal procedure that takes place and the report is that they were scheduled to mill and pave today. Also, next correction on Page 6, Lauren Moore’s comments, the word is “field” not “fiend”. Another minor typo. Those are the only corrections.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org)

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### 5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

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### 5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 11, 2018  BOARD OF ALDERMEN  FULL BOARD MEETING

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE
5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

I am going to turn this over to Alderman Anglace. I don’t know if Board members had received a copy of the settlement with the Board of Education on the school bus contract. Did the Board get copies of this or no?

Alderman Anglace: I do not believe so.

Mayor Lauretti: Copies will be made available to you. I just wanted to make sure that you knew that, because I had some inquiries from people in the public and I had passed the settlement out. We had put together a brief commentary that reflects some of the things that transpired during this court action and I am going to pass out the comments that we put together and this is going to be a series of communications that we will have for you and members of the public as it relates to the Board of Education budget and the claim of lack of funding.

*Note: Settlement Report attached at end of minutes.*

Alderman Anglace: I will be glad to read this into the record on behalf of the Mayor.

I have been fairly reserved in my comments concerning the Board of Education Budget – Specifically Pay to Play, Expressed shortage of funds for education, lack of concern for the Shelton Education System, etc.

I would like to have **ENTERED INTO THE RECORD** the agreed upon and signed full and final settlement of the City of Shelton and the Board of Education court mediated agreement, concerning the provision of the Shelton Student Transportation Services:

- The agreement outlines the offer of the City of Shelton to charge **NO MORE for transportation services than $3,150,000** in each year of the three-year period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022;

- The City will adhere to all terms and aspects of the original Bid #38-39 of December 21, 2017;

- The City will hold the BOE harmless for any costs incurred by the City in excess of this amount;
This will in effect save the BOARD OF EDUCATION approximately $1 million dollars the first year and approximately $1.1 million, $1.2 million and $1.3 million additional savings in each of the next three years had the original Transportation contract with the for profit company continued in effect for the three-year period.

In addition, the City had offered to take over the transportation services for the current year. If the BOE had accepted the City’s offer, a savings in the current BOE budget of approximately $1 million dollars would have been realized;

This savings would have negated Pay for Play, alleged reduction in teachers and staff, kept class size at a reduced level and of course provided for teaching supplies.

I would like just to mention a few items which impact the BOE Budget which may get overlooked in all the chatter.

The City has over the years supplemented the BOE budget. This year was no exception...

- Additional funds were provided for System-wide computers for our teachers;
- A ‘State of the Art’ Athletic field for use of our Football, Soccer, Track, Lacrosse and other events (approximately $1.3 million);
- New and expanded LED field lighting ($382,181).

Let me be clear, this administration is not anti-education. We have tried to balance the City’s budget for the benefit of all the citizens...mandating accountability with appropriation of funds.

I hope that all of the facts are considered before one sided opinion are taken as truth.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – None presented.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglce MOVED to authorize a total payment of $2,494.06 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio and Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated October 1, 2018, 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 8-0.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING
7.1 A – NO ITEMS.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS

9. FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 OCTOBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $30,376.92 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 Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.2 FUNDING FOR 69 PEARMAIN ROAD

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of $375,000 for the purchase of 69 Pearmain Road, Assessor’s Map 134 Lot #1 with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further appropriate carrying costs in an amount not to exceed $4,000 with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00.

SECONDED by Alderman Capra.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
9.3  MERIT SYSTEM WAGE REVIEW

Alderman Anglace MOVED to increase the total compensation for non-union Merit System employees by an amount not to exceed $40,500 which is allocated pursuant to Section 5.6 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules retroactively to July 1, 2018.

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, 2018.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.4 OVEREXPENDITURES FOR REGISTRAR OF VOTER’S OFFICE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the over expenditure of accounts incurred by the Registrar of Voter’s office for the August 14, 2018 primary.

Further transfer an amount of $35,672 from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00 to the following accounts in the designated amounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Gidwani.

Alderman Anglace: I just got off the phone before I came here with a poll worker from the State of Georgia who told me the way they handle their
commissary account down there is that each of the poll workers brings pot luck.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**9.5 FUNDING TO REPLACE FENCING AT THE ECHO HOSE FIRE HOUSE – LOCIP ELIGIBLE**

Mayor Lauretti: Actually, this isn’t at the Echo Hose Fire House, this is at the corner of White Street and Coram Avenue.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add the replacement of fencing at the corner of White Street and Coram Avenue located at 379 Coram Avenue to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $4,200 to come from LOCIP. Further, authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Mayor Lauretti: This is the replacement of a chain link fence that wraps the corner of city-owned property. The type of fencing that we use is going to be the same that we did at the parking lot where the Farmer’s Market is. It’s a decorative fencing.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**9.6 FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ON CANAL STREET**

We are not ready for this one. Hopefully it will make the agenda for next month.

No action.

**9.7 2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that the City of Shelton Board of Aldermen may enter into and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and
Further be it resolved, that Mark A. Lauretti, as Mayor of the City of Shelton, CT/Shelton Board of Aldermen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of Shelton/Board of Aldermen, and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: For the record I just want to add that this is the state’s motion that they want us to approve and we will receive a percentage of the funding for the Director of Emergency Management position. It isn’t our motion, it’s their motion.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.8 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR REMOVAL OF OIL TANK AT THE FORMER CHROMIUM PROCESS PLANT SITE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve an overrun in an amount of $1,260 for Locip Project 126-18-060 “Removal of Oil Tank at Chromium Process Plant” which was added to the Capital Improvement Plan at the August 9, 2018 Board of Aldermen Regular Full Board Meeting for a total of $14,460 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Gidwani.

Alderman Capra: Mayor Lauretti, quick question for you. Are the plans still in place to put in the sidewalk and the lights?

Mayor Lauretti: Why would that change?

Alderman Capra: Just checking because I know this Locip money went up a little.

Mayor Lauretti: This was for the removal of the tank. It’s a separate issue.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
9.9 FUNDING FOR FLAG POLES AT THE HUNTINGTON FIRE HOUSE

Alderman Anglance MOVED to appropriate an amount of $4,553 for the purchase of flag poles for the Huntington Fire House with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.10 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT

Alderman Anglance MOVED to appropriate an amount of $119,833 for the purchase of a new 2019 John Deere 4X4-410L backhoe for the Public Works Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman McGorty.

Alderman Simonetti: Is this replacing a machine we've gotten rid of or is this just supplementing?

Mayor Lauretti: It’s both actually. Before something goes down and is out of service for an extended time, at least we have this as a backup. Eventually a piece of equipment will go away just because of age.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.11 FUNDING FOR ECHO HOSE FIRE HOUSE SLAB AND REPAIR REPLACEMENT

Alderman Anglance MOVED to appropriate an amount of $195,000 for the Echo Hose Fire House slab and repair replacement with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further, authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglance: I think we were awaiting the contract and I think the contract is here. Do we need to approve that as well?

Mayor Lauretti: We did that already in the motion.
Alderman Simonetti: If I may, I understand that our city workers will also be working on this.

Mayor Lauretti: Our city workers are in charge of 99% of the projects that we do in one form or another.

Alderman Simonetti: They did a nice job up at the field by the way.

Alderman Gidwani: I have one question Mr. Mayor. We are spending $195,000 to fix the issue. How long is this going to last?

Mayor Lauretti: I knew someone was going to ask me this question. I will answer, prefacing it by saying, don’t hold me to it. I know how these projects go. For example, the parking lot at Shelton High School. I’m told four to six weeks. You want to know about the parking lot at Shelton High School?

Alderman Simonetti: What is going on with the parking lot at Shelton High School?

Mayor Lauretti: We solicited other quotes from the original contractor who was doing the work on the field and no one can get to this project until December. We don’t think it’s a good time to be paving a lot that size. Smaller projects yes, but it’s anybody’s guess what the weather will be. Everyone, as you can imagine, is backed up including the City of Shelton because of the weather that we have had. We have all been detoured to deal with drainage issues and erosion issues and everything associated with flooding and six and a half inches of rain in about twelve hours. With that said, there is a depression that continues to get worse, in this parking lot. We’ve known about it for years and so over the winter months the city will dig it out. It is our belief, as we have found in other portions of the parking lot and have repaired over the last twenty years that when they built the school back in the 70s that when they cleared the land a lot of the stumps went into the ground where the parking area is. We found this on the football field 15 years ago when we put the original turf field in. We had to repair depressions and dig out the old stumps and even after 40 years they still hadn’t fully decayed. We will do that over the winter months and we will look to solicit pricing for paving it some time in April. It’s my guess that we will also be talking about the tennis courts at the high school as well. It got pushed off this year so we could do the field and the track. I am glad that I did that. I know there are
some people who are not happy with that but I just think trying to take all of that on over the summer months just wasn’t going to work. I think there is an opportunity to mix and match things here and to get the lot and tennis courts fully redone. Again, they are 40 years old as well. That’s the status of Shelton High School.

Alderman Gidwani: One more question. Who is responsible for maintaining the football field? Is it the BOE, or is it the City of Shelton?

Mayor Lauretti: Well, that is subject to some discussion and there is a part of me, that tells me, we should maintain control of that area and do the maintenance on it. Historically, the Board of Education has not done the proper maintenance in many areas, we learn this when we get the request to replace things. Proper maintenance extends the longevity of certain things, others no. I think we are going to be having that discussion with them soon. I can’t imagine, why they would oppose that but it’s anyone’s guess at this point. Fifteen years later there are different techniques that have evolved that you are supposed to do on these artificial fields, I have no idea what they are, but, it affects the manufacturer’s warranty. We will have people trained, and there is a piece of equipment that we have to buy to help regenerate the turf area every so often.

Alderman Gidwani: So, is the city going to take over the maintenance of the field or are we going to leave it to the BOE?

Mayor Lauretti: Technically, when you turn a facility over to them, it is under their authority and their control but as you know, we plow their snow and we cut their grass and we send any number of different pieces of equipment to perform different tasks over the course of time which in my mind makes sense. It’s the most economical way, and so that’s what we do.

Alderman Gidwani: I don’t want to see taxpayer’s dollars getting wasted if the BOE is not maintaining the field and if we could do a better job.

Mayor Lauretti: My feeling on a lot of this is that they are educators, they are not building maintenance people, they are not school security people, they are not school transportation people, they are trained in education. That should be their focus and I really think that the state law has gone way far off in this respect and there is just too much on their
plates to be dealing with. If you have had the opportunity to witness this stuff over the course of time, and not just here in Shelton, but all across the state, this is one of the things that drives the cost of education up in the state of Connecticut. If I were in a position of leadership in this state I would recommend that this change. Having said that, we have over the years done a lot of things. We have an in-kind service report that we generate to the state every year. That number is anywhere from $700,000 to $800,000 every year in things that we do for them which includes the snow removal and different repairs here and there. As a result of the sprinkler system at Shelton High School, we found a water main break. It’s probably been leaking for years. We repaired it on the 22nd of September. It cost us an additional $3,500 but I think that’s our responsibility and I think we should be doing those things and not them. So, I hope I have answered your question. There are a lot of things that are very complicated about government, about how you deliver services for the public, including education and this is certainly one of them.

Alderman Gidwani: I just feel taxpayers have spent a lot of money on the field and the field looks fantastic and we want to keep it that way.

Mayor Lauretti: That is why we did the extra work from the city over the summer, such as the drainage. We probably spent about $10,000 to $18,000 more but we did a lot of work on the drainage and the city did that.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 NO ITEMS SENT TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.2 ADOPTION OF 2019 BOA MEETING SCHEDULE

10.2.1 FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Alderman Anglance MOVED that the second Thursday of each month be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Full Board of Aldermen. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall and will convene at 7 p.m.

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Seconded by Alderman Kudej:

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.2.2 PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the fourth Tuesday of each month be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Public Hearing on Ordinances. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall and will convene at 7 p.m.

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Seconded by Alderman Kudej:

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.2.3 ALDERMANIC FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the fourth Tuesday of each month be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Finance Committee. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall and will convene at 6:30 p.m.

Seconded by Alderman Kudej:

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.2.4 PUBLIC, HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the first Wednesday of each month be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Public, Health & Safety Committee. Meetings are to be held in Room 104 at City Hall and will convene at 7:00 p.m.

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Seconded by Alderman Kudej:

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.2.5 STREET COMMITTEE

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the first Tuesday of each month be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Street Committee with the exception of Tuesday, January 1st when City Hall will be closed due to the New Year’s Day holiday. Meetings are to be held in Room 104 at City Hall and will convene at 6:00 p.m.

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Seconded by Alderman Kudej:

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.A NO ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Adcox

Theresa Adcox, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: _______________ BY: ________________________________

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti