Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Anglace: I am honored to have the opportunity to join so many other Veterans in recalling the sacrifice and heroism of U.S. Veterans of all wars. As you know, Monday, November 11th, is the 100th year celebration of Armistice Day which signaled the end of World War I. I just returned from Georgia where I had the opportunity to visit the U.S. National Cemetery and the Confederate Cemetery in Marietta, GA. I have previously visited the U.S. Cemetery in Normandy and the U.S. Cemetery in Luxemburg where General George S. Patton is buried. While stationed in Germany I visited many U.S. Military Cemeteries. I have always been humbled to stand among so many heroes. Wherever I have traveled, these Cemetery visits recall the sacrifice made by young men and women from all walks of life. They answered the call to arms. Their lives were forever changed. All gave some and some gave all forfeiting the right we cherish so dearly...to live in peace and freedom. Their sacrifice is testament to the words of President Ronald Reagan who said, “Freedom is not free.” Today we ask all to pray for our Veterans from all wars, that the living may heal their wounds and that the deceased may be granted eternal happiness.

All those present stood and recited 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 – not present

Administration:

Attorney Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel
PUBLIC PORTION

John Niski, Athletic Director, Shelton Public Schools

Good evening, my name is John Niski and I am the Athletic Director at Shelton High School. I also live at 18 Bruce Drive with my wife Marie and our two sons Joseph and David. The reason I am here tonight is to simply say Thank You on behalf of myself, my children, the Shelton Public School District and the many student athletes at Shelton High School for your generous support of the recent renovation at Finn Stadium. It is an amazing facility that is once again an incredible showcase for the Shelton community and we are all extremely grateful. As you know, the scope of the project included replacing the old artificial turf which was 15 years old, replacing the rubberized track surface, adding a new, well-needed drainage system, replacing the barely functional lighting system with new state-of-the-art computerized LED lights and new fencing all around. The project began on May 1st, work continued all summer, and it was recently completed just a couple of weeks ago. It is an unbelievable, top of the line facility that will last for years to come and none of it would have been possible without the leadership of Mayor Mark Lauretti and all of your combined, cooperative efforts of both this Board, the Board of Education and the City’s Building Improvement Committee. Additionally, the overall project was overseen by the Public Improvement Building Committee and the daily details of each aspect of the project were attended to by Gary Defilippo who did an incredible job. It is truly a beautiful facility that our student athletes will enjoy for years to come. I would also like to personally invite each of you to attend our next home football game on Thursday evening, one week from tonight, where we will briefly recognized and thank everyone involved in the project, including yourselves for your work on this project. It promises to be an exciting night at Finn Stadium where we will also be recognizing our senior football players, celebrating our Pink Night efforts, and taking on a challenging West Haven High School football team. I hope that you can all make it. Before I leave do you have any questions? If none, thank you once again.

Alderman Anglace asked if anyone else wished to address the public, there being none, he closed the public portion.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

1. Regular Full Board Meeting – October 11, 2018

Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org
5.1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1.1 *NO ITEMS*

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5.2 **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

5.2.1 *NO ITEMS*

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5.3 **STREET COMMITTEE**

5.3.1 *NO ITEMS*

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**REPORT OF THE MAYOR** – None presented.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

I was reading the minutes of the Conservation Commission, and I want to read to you an excerpt from that meeting. This is Monday, October 22\textsuperscript{nd}, Bill Dyer was speaking and he said: Dan and Dave completed the Rec Path repairs today including eight loads of processed material, one of which they dumped for us to use for future minor repairs. Dean will try and get a small roller and operator for us on Friday. In the meantime, Mark and Jim have used the gator to pack down the small repairs where the path crosses Ralph Desantis driveway, they used the machine to scrape the ruts out much to the delight of Ralph’s wife. We cleared out many of the underdrains however, we need a plan to divert water from the path and into the drains as well as scheduled draining of the drains. We can either try to dig some parallel trenches or borrow a small bobcat to do drainage. More on that at next meeting.

I just want you to know that I read their minutes religiously. This is just representative of the kind of things that our volunteers on the Rec Path are doing and I just wanted to read it tonight to call to your attention the work that the volunteers are doing and to thank them for all they do for us for this city and it doesn’t cost us a dime. That’s what I call volunteerism and I think we all should give them a round of applause.

I would also like to read into the record a text I sent on election day to Peter Pavone, the Republic Registrar of Voters and Robert Lalley, the Democrat Registrar of Voters following my experience at the Long Hill School polling place. I wrote: I am very concerned about this election. Things are going too well. I voted at Long Hill School and I just had to commend both of you, the moderator and the entire staff for a super well-done voting experience. Everyone and everything was well organized, efficient and effective. Despite bad weather, I was in and out of there in fewer than five minutes most of which was
spent filling out the ballot. Please express my appreciation to everyone involved in the process.

We take for granted the job that our Registrars and people at the polls do every election for us. They do an outstanding job and it should be recognized. I wanted to bring it to your attention to recognize them and I know that Pete Pavone and Bob Lally both appreciate it.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of $6,227.50 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated November 1, 2018, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $ 6,227.50

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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 NOVEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $21,773.15 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 7-0.

9.2 FUNDING FOR CANAL STREET RECONSTRUCTION FINAL PHASE V

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the contract between the City of Shelton and Cardinal Engineering Associates., Inc. in an amount not to exceed $65,000 for engineering services for the reconstruction of Canal Street Phase V 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 necessary to effectuate the same.

SECONDED by Alderman Capra.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.3 BROWNFIELD CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 267 CANAL STREET

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the contract between the City of Shelton and Tighe & Bond, Inc. in the amount of $62,700 for brownfield consulting services associated with 267 Canal Street (Star Pin Property) with funding to come from General Fund Surplus to be reimbursed from the CT/DECD Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development Grant Award and to revert back to General Fund upon receipt. Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.4 FUNDING FOR SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL SPRINKLER SYSTEM CHANGE ORDERS

Alderman McPherson MOVED to appropriate an amount of $18,528.56 for change orders regarding the Shelton High School sprinkler system with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.
Alderman Anglace: I have a question for Joe DeSanti, who I believe oversaw this project, and I was just wondering if the Board of Education has adopted the project? Once, they do, they send in the paperwork and we get the reimbursement for that project. Without their acceptance of the project we won’t get our reimbursement.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.5 RESCISSION OF ACTION & REAPPROPRIATION FOR TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS AND FENCING – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman McPherson MOVED to rescind the action taken at the April 12, 2018 Board of Aldermen Regular Full Board Meeting for Locip Project 126-18-010 “Funding for Tennis and Basketball Courts and Fencing.”

Further move to add the following projects to the Capital Improvement Plan:

- Resurfacing of 4 tennis and 1 basketball court at Nike Site ($50,000)
- Resurfacing of 4 tennis and 1 basketball court at East Village and addition of pickle ball lines ($50,000)
- Installation of fencing for tennis courts at East Village Park ($21,747)

with funding in a total amount of $121,747 to come from Locip. Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Alderman Balamaci: I just have a question. I am looking at the removal and installation of the fence, there is no breakdown on the quote for the removal, so is that being done by somebody else?

Alderman Anglace: I am not sure. I will have the clerk to find out about that.

Clerk: I believe the fence was already installed and taking down the fence was part of the total cost.
A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 NO ITEMS SENT TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.2 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL

Alderman McPherson MOVED per the City Charter Section 6.2.3 to appoint Attorney Thomas Cotter of Cotter Law Firm, Stratford, CT, as Assistant Corporation Counsel effective immediately with said term to expire November 19, 2019.

Seconded by Alderman McGorty.

The Board members all welcomed Attorney Cotter.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:24 p.m., Alderman McPherson MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items:

11.1 SHELTON IV HOTEL EQUITY, LLC VS. CITY OF SHELTON

11.2 MDC INVESTMENT PROPERTY – SI, LLC V. CITY OF SHELTON (1 WATERVIEW DRIVE)

SECONDED by Alderman Capra.

Alderman Anglace invited Corporation Counsel Teodosio and Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Cotter to participate in Executive Session.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Alderman McPherson MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.
Alderman Anglace noted that no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

11.1 SHELTON IV HOTEL EQUITY, LLC VS. CITY OF SHELTON

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the settlement of the Shelton IV Hotel Equity, LLC vs. City of Shelton tax appeal, in accordance with the recommendation of the Shelton Tax Assessor in the amount of $10,000,000.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

11.2 MDC INVESTMENT PROPERTY – SI, LLC V. CITY OF SHELTON (1 WATerview DRIVE)

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the settlement of the MDC Investment Property – SI, LLC V. City of Shelton (1 Waterview Drive) vs. City of Shelton tax appeal, in accordance with the recommendation of the Shelton Tax Assessor, for the amount of $8,500,000.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Adcox

Theresa Adcox, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ______________ BY: ______________________________

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti