

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Chairman Fred Ruggio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:02 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	Karen McGovern
Doug Dempsey	Pat Carey

Absent: Kathleen McNichols-Marks

Also present: Aleta Miner, Clerk

MEETING ON TAPE

PUBLIC PORTION

There was no one from the public to address the Commission at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Carey moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018, seconded by Karen McGovern; vote 4-0 motion passed.

SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC) UPDATE

Update of Ongoing Activities

Chairman Ruggio stated work continues at 223 Canal Street and the soil that had lead contamination has been addressed with a process which mixed the soil and eliminated the lead resulting in tremendous savings to the city. Some soil contaminated with petroleum will be removed. The property at 267 Canal Street also known as the former Star Pin factory was a beautiful building in its day. The State Historical Preservation Office would like to see the building restored; however, it is in bad shape. Also, Commissioner Carey stated it is his understanding the building is delinquent in taxes by over \$600,000. So, the future of the Star Pin remains a question. Also, the Birmingham Condominium Association is in the process of repairing the parking garage across from the building at a cost of approximately \$800,000.

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Community/Business Newsletter – Fall 2018

A draft of the fall edition of Shelton Life was provided. Chairman Ruggio reviewed with the Commissioners various articles that are being considered. Articles in particular will be on the former St. Joseph's school on Coram Avenue which will now be home to Center Stage Theatre's Education Center as well as home to Echo Hose's Ambulance Training Center. Also, the editors asked for an article on the Red Lion Window recently restored by the Shelton Library Board of Directors. And, as is the case, various businesses and the board of education will also be highlighted along with Shelton Day.

BUDGET

Budget (2017/2018)

Chairman Ruggio said money was turned back to the city from this year's budget due mostly to the fact the Commission printed less issues of the Shelton Life newsletter.

Current Budget (2018/2019)

Chairman Ruggio stated this year's budget has reinstated money for the Annual Report (biennial) which will be printed during this coming fiscal year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule of Meeting Dates and Time for 2019

The Commissioners discussed a schedule of meeting dates for 2019. It was agreed the following dates would be scheduled as regular meetings of the Economic Development Commission:

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- February 19, 2019
- March 19, 2019
- June 18, 2019
- September 17, 2019
- November 19, 2019

The meetings will be held at 6:00 PM and will be held at the SEDC offices, 475 Howe Avenue, Shelton.

Karen McGovern moved to approve the meeting dates for 2019 as stated; seconded by Pat Carey; vote 4-0; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EDC will be held on November 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the SEDC offices. *There being no further discussion to come before this meeting, Karen McGovern moved to adjourn at 6:28 PM; seconded by Pat Carey; vote 4-0; motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Aleta Miner, Clerk

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: