Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:02 p.m. 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 David Gidwani – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman Cris Balamaci – present
Alderman Jimmy Capra – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
Attorney Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Alderman Anglace: Let the record show that the Mayor has arrived and will assume control of the meeting.

Public Portion

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Judson Crawford, Jordan Avenue

Good evening Mr. Mayor. Good evening to all the Board of Aldermen. I am now going to ask the question of you this evening to have a response made to me but I have a question that I would like to compose. In the Shelton Herald, the Shelton bus drivers postponed their strike. We have seen your budget recommendation, Mr. Mayor. We have seen the Board of A&T’s budget recommendations and now we are waiting for the Board of Aldermen to finalize the budget. The only question that remains unanswered is as of July 1st the City of Shelton is taking over the bus
contract but I did not see in either your budget recommendations or the Board of the A&T’s recommendations, what is going to be the salaries for the bus drivers?

Thank you, good evening.

Mayor Lauretti: You must be slipping if you didn’t see it in the budget.

Judson Crawford: I am talking about the budget for the salaries for the bus drivers.

Mayor Lauretti: I won’t repeat what I said, and I am not going to tell you where it is. That’s for you to find out.

Mayor Lauretti asked I anyone else wished to address the board. There being none, he closed the public portion.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Anglance MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

1. REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 11, 2019

Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

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

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE
5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I just want to make sure that the Board of Aldermen are aware that the budget meeting with the Board of Education is May 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. here in the auditorium.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $7,095.00 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated May 1, 2019, with funds to come from the Legal Fees account 001-1900-411.30-03.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

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

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

6.2 NO INVOICE.

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 MAY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $7,136.34 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 Capra.

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

9.2 FUNDING FOR UPPER ROOF REPLACEMENT AT CITY HALL

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of $50,000 for the replacement of the upper roof at City Hall located at 54 Hill Street with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: Yes Mr. Mayor, everyone should understand that this is only the beginning. This is not the entire amount.

Mayor Lauretti: Right. This was a bid item. We will appropriate the rest after July 1st. There is also some consideration to put an antenna on the roof of City Hall from one of the major carriers.

Alderman Anglace: T-Mobile.

Mayor Lauretti: Yes, T-Mobile. I had broached this discussion with the Board a few months back. The rental fee is somewhere in the range of $24,000 to $28,000 which does help out a little bit for that antenna. We are trying to finalize that. Fran, do you have anything to add with respect to that?

Attorney Teodosio: Yes. They do want to come to the table to discuss final figures.

Mayor Lauretti: Yes. So just note that this is coming.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
9.3 RECLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. POLICE CAPTAIN

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendations of the Mayor and the Administrative Assistant, to approve the salary upgrade of the Police Captain from Class 25-Class 27 pursuant to Section 4.1, 5.2 and 5.61 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules effective July 1, 2019.

Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman McGorty: I just have a couple questions. So, the salary adjustment is pretty clear here, which sounds great, bring it up to market. Just a note, the motion and back-up mentions Section 4.1, which states a little bit about revised positions, can you just clarify is the position the same or has it been revised, or are we referring just to the salary change?

Mayor Lauretti: This is just salary only, but you should also understand that under the rules of the Merit System that the Administrative Assistant has the ability to revise job descriptions and that doesn’t get approved by the Board. That happens administratively.

Alderman Anglace: As I read this, I don’t believe the job description is changing, it’s just that the...

Alderman McGorty: That’s why I just asked because 4.1 specifically says new or revised job description for the position, that’s the only reason I asked. I understand it’s a salary adjustment and I am in.

Mayor Lauretti: There is no revision of the job description. We did that few years ago when Sequeira and Koslowsky were promoted to Captains. We revised the job description about five years ago. I don’t see a need to do that now. The Deputy Chief is a pretty basic description... meaning “in the absence of the Chief.”

Alderman McGorty: Thank you.

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

B. DEPUTY CHIEF

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendations of the Mayor and the Administrative Assistant, to approve the salary upgrade of the Deputy Chief from
Class 27-Class 29 pursuant to Section 4.1, 5.2 and 5.61 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules effective July 1, 2019.

Seconded by Alderman McGorty.

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

9.4 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – TRIANGULAR PARCEL BETWEEN CANAL STREET WEST & CANAL STREET EAST

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize the Mayor to sell the triangular parcel between Canal Street West and Canal Street East pursuant to Ordinance #885 Procedure to Sell City Property.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Simonetti: This is all the paved property?

Mayor Lauretti: No, it’s not.

Alderman Simonetti: This is a smaller piece then?

Mayor Lauretti: This is an unimproved piece.

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

Alderman Anglace: We authorize you now to proceed to sell in accordance with Ordinance #885 and you will get back to us, I am sure, to let us know what is transpiring.

Mayor Lauretti: With respect to these pieces, we need appraisals, which is a requirement, which have been ordered and when they come in I will meet with the prospective buyers, try to agree on a number and it will come back to the Board for final authorization.

9.5 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY– 252-254 HOWE AVENUE (LOT 30)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize the Mayor to sell 252-254 Howe Avenue (Lot 30), pursuant to Ordinance #885 Procedure to Sell City Property.

Seconded by Alderman Capra.
Alderman Anglace: The only discussion I have on this property is that this lot is sitting there doing nothing and we could use the revenue.

Mayor Lauretti: For the benefit of the Board, for some of you who weren’t here back then, this was taken in a foreclosure. There was a building on this property that caught on fire, a multi-unit apartment building caught on fire and the rest is history. It had to be razed and we did that, and we have owned it for all these years.

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

10– LEGISLATIVE – NEW
10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING
10.1 A. NO ITEMS

10.2 ADOPTION OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following procedure with regards to Public Hearings:

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE

- Speaking Order - Determined by sign-up sheet.
- Introduce yourself – state your name and address for the record.
- Each speaker has up to five (5) minutes (longer presentations should be submitted to the clerk in writing with ten (10) copies provided.)
- Decorum – The Public Hearing is a formal occasion requiring courteous attention to other speakers, regardless of their views. Do not applaud or indicate pleasure or displeasure with another’s remarks.
- If another speaker has made your point, you may indicate that you agree with the remarks of one or more previous speakers.
- Each speaker shall have one opportunity to be heard.

Seconded by Alderman Capra.

Alderman Simonetti: Question, the decorum, do you think that is actually going to work?

Alderman McGorty: The Chair needs to enforce it.

Alderman Anglace: The aldermen talked about it and it’s patterned after the State’s rules. So, we are not deviating from the State’s rules and I imagine that the Chair will just have to enforce it.
Mayor Lauretti: I am not sure what’s driving this after all these years. We have so few public hearings. The only large public hearing we have is the one on the budget.

Alderman Anglace: Well we have Public Hearing on Ordinances as well throughout the year.

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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:20 p.m., Mayor Lauretti entertained a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items:

11.1 DAVID MOORE WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Motion was MOVED by Alderman Anglace.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti invited Corporation Counsel Fran Teodosio and Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Cotter to remain in the auditorium to participate in Executive Session.

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

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:35 p.m. Alderman Anglace MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Capra.

Mayor Lauretti noted that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

11.1 DAVID MOORE WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Attorney Thomas Cotter recommended that the Board accept the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion MOVED by Alderman Anglace.
SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; Seconded by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Adcox

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: _________________ BY: __________________________________________

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti