CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7 p.m. All those present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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 Jim Capra – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:

Attorney Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Tom Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel

PUBLIC PORTION

Alderman Anglace asked if any member of the public wished to address the Board.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

Mr. Crawford referenced the article in the Shelton Herald reporting that the Board of Education is calling for the City’s release of $1.5 million to be credited to their accounts. He asked if anyone could tell him tonight which section of the Connecticut Statutes pertains to this so that he can research it in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Alderman Anglace explained that he does not have the information on hand tonight, but suggested that Mr. Crawford contact the Board of Education for that information.

Alderman Anglace asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve minutes of the July 11, 2019 Regular Full Board meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

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 (item removed from the agenda)

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS
REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

No report.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of $2,763.75 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated August 3, 2019, with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

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 AUGUST STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $10,804.82 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 unanimously.

9.2 AMENDMENT TO TEAM, INC. LEASE AT RICHARD O. BELDEN CULTURAL CENTER

Alderman McPherson MOVED to amend the lease agreement between Team, Inc. and the City of Shelton relating to certain premises located at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center at 54 Grove Street; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace noted that this involves a reduction in the space that TEAM was leasing from us, an extension of the term of the lease, and that the standard contract that we employed with them before will be used.

Corporation Counsel Teodosio explained, you originally signed this lease in August, 2014. TEAM modified it once in early 2017. Tom Welch effectuated that amendment. This is a similar amendment that we’ll put in place to address the two items – the space and the duration.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.
9.3 AMENDMENT TO CENTER STAGE LEASE AT RICHARD O. BELDEN CULTURAL CENTER

Removed from agenda.

9.4 HUNTINGTON STREET & BUDDINGTON ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

A. ENGINEERING & INSPECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT & FUNDING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the engineering and inspection services agreement between the City of Shelton and Wengell, McDonnell & Costello, Inc. for the Huntington Street and Buddington Road intersection improvements in an amount of $43,864.41 with funding to come from General Fund Surplus with a 90% reimbursement from the State of Connecticut to revert back to the General Fund; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

In response to a question from Alderman Balamaci, Alderman Anglace explained that the State has already committed to this money. The City puts up the entire $43,864.41 and the State reimburses the City $39,477.97.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

B. CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT & FUNDING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the construction services agreement between the City of Shelton and John J. Brennan Construction Company, Inc. for the Huntington Street & Buddington Road intersection improvements in an amount of $236,349 with funding to come from General Fund Surplus with a 90% reimbursement from the State of Connecticut to revert back to the General Fund; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

Alderman Anglace explained that in this case the City puts up $236,349; the State will reimburse the City $212,349. The City’s share is $24,000.

Alderman Gidwani asked about the timeframe and Alderman Balamaci asked about a fee schedule breakdown for materials and labor,

Alderman Anglace explained that there will be detours. The Police Department and Public Works have already made all of the arrangements. Notice has been sent out to the residents that it’s coming. He discussed the physical plans of the project.

He continued, regarding the fee schedule, is all we have is what’s in front of us. All of the details were put out at the public hearing and can be viewed in the City Engineer’s office. The agreement is with the State.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.5 WAIVER OF BID FOR USED PICKUP TRUCK FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bidding process for the purchase of a used pickup truck for the Police Department; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace explained, they went out to bid and received no bids. The Purchasing Agent felt we should waive the bid.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.
9.6 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST – 65 OAK AVENUE

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of $2,100 to William Kulmann, 65 Oak Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484 for the repair of a sidewalk at 65 Oak Avenue per Ordinance #877 (Section 14-9 of the Code of Ordinances) with funding to come from the Sidewalk Reimbursement Account #001-3600-713.80-43; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.7 FUNDING FOR MAGNETIC HOLD-OPEN ARMS FOR PLUMB MEMORIAL LIBRARY ELEVATOR

Alderman McPherson MOVED to appropriate an amount of $2,541 for the purchase and installation of two magnetic hold-open arms on the existing Plumb Memorial Library elevator doors with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace explained that the funding is coming from fiscal year 19-20, so the full amount is available.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.8 FUNDING FOR FOUR NEW LIGHTS ON CANAL STREET

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bidding process for the purchase of four new lights on Canal Street in an amount of $10,000; and further,

MOVED to appropriate $1,265.12 for the purchase of electrical materials to install the four lights for a total cost of $11,265.12 with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

[Mayor Lauretti joined the meeting at this point by telephone.]

Alderman Gidwani asked who will be doing the work; Alderman Capra requested a timeframe in which the work will be completed. He asked Mayor Lauretti if this project is different than the project for lighting, walkway, and sidewalk that was approved a year ago.

Mayor Lauretti explained that this is different - there are two portions of Canal Street where work is being done. There is sidewalk work and streetlight work. One is on Canal Street and one is on the Canal Street bypass where the Guedes property is. Alderman Anglace added that these lights are on the bypass street and we didn’t appropriate for this. We appropriated for the sidewalks last year. This is new. Mayor Lauretti added, the work is being done in-house. As far as a timeframe, Mayor Lauretti believes the work has been all done.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.9 FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROOFTOP AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AT BELDEN CULTURAL CENTER

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and A&B Mechanical in an amount of $44,840 for the replacement of rooftop air conditioning units at the Belden Cultural Center with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; and further,

MOVED to appropriate an amount of $25,346 for the emergency replacement of an air conditioning unit for the Living Hope Church at the Belden Cultural Center with funding
to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace stated, the total amount of $70,186 is to come from bonding for rooftop air conditioning at the Belden Cultural Center.

Mayor Lauretti noted that the air conditioning units have failed.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.10 FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the agreement between Multiforce Systems Corporation and the City of Shelton in an amount of $29,590 for the replacement of the fuel management system for the Police Department and the Public Works Department with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the fuel management system at the PD is inoperable at this time, mainly because the computer portion of the system has failed. This new system will tie the locations together, Public Works and Highways & Bridges.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.11 FUNDING FOR ALARM SYSTEM AND EPOXY FOR ECHO HOSE FIREHOUSE FLOOR

Alderman McPherson MOVED to appropriate an amount of $7,000 for the purchase and installation of epoxy and the alarm system for Echo Hose Firehouse Floor with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti explained, this work is being done by other vendors. When the floor was broken up and replaced, some of the wiring in the floor moved. One of the wires was for the alarm. We had the call the alarm company in; the work has already been done. The epoxy is on the back half of the floor. We’re staying within the current bid that we have. This will complete the whole floor.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.12 RESCISSION OF ACTION MADE AT AUGUST 9, 2018 MEETING ‘FUNDING FOR UPGRADES TO CHROMIUM PROCESS SITE AND GARAGE BUILDING’ AND REAPPROPRIATION

Alderman McPherson MOVED to rescind the item ‘Funding for Upgrades to Chromium Process Site and Garage Building’ made at the August 9, 2018 meeting in the amount of $45,000; and further,

MOVED to add the upgrades to the Garage Building located on the former Chromium Process Plant site in an amount of $25,000 to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding to come from LOCIP. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace stated, we’re only changing the funding source. To do so we must rescind the entire original motion. We’re re-appropriating the $25,000 for the garage in this motion, but the $20,000 for the sidewalk is in motion 9.13. This reallocates the $20,000 back to LOCIP.
A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.13 FUNDING FOR CANAL STREET EAST SIDEWALK (FORMER CHROMIUM PROCESS PLANT SITE)

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve an agreement with Teodosio & Sons Construction in an amount of $27,891 for the installation of sidewalks at Canal Street East (the former Chromium Process Plant site) subject to review and final approval of Corporation Counsel and the Mayor with funding to come from Aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; and further, MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I’m not sure that sidewalk has streetlights in it or if the bid incorporates streetlights. If you have the bid in front of you, you can check it.

Alderman Anglace stated, this sidewalk was originally funded at $20,000 to come from LOCIP. The bid came in $7,891 higher. We had to change the funding source since there was no money left in LOCIP. Mayor Lauretti explained that $20,000 was a guess at the time; we had no bids.

Mayor Lauretti reiterated, if you want to put streetlights on that sidewalk, look at the bid and see if they’re incorporated in the bid specs. If not we’ll need another $3,000 or $4,000 for streetlights.

Alderman Anglace stated, we can approve what’s in front of us now, and if we want to add the streetlights we can appropriate that. Tonight’s money puts back some money into LOCIP. Take a look at it because there are lights on the other side.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1A WATER MAIN REQUEST FOR FAIRLANE DRIVE, MILLBROOK ROAD, SHORT STREET

Public Hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

10.1B AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE SEC. 11-36 BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP/PICNIC AREA, PERMIT FEE, NON-FEE PARKING

Public Hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 11-36 BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP/PICNIC AREA, PERMIT FEE, NON-FEE PARKING

Sec. 11-36 Boat launching ramp/picnic area, permit fee, non-fee parking

Resident boat owners of the City shall be permitted access to and use of the boat launching ramp and the picnic area which are located east of the Ted Cowey Little League field and bordering the Housatonic River. Any boat owners wishing to use the boat launching ramp and picnic area must register and obtain a permit from the City/Town Clerk. The annual fee charged shall be fifty dollars ($50.00) for Shelton residents and one hundred dollars ($100.00) for all others. The permit will be in the form of a decal sticker which is to be prominently affixed on the permittee’s vehicle or boat trailer so as to be easily visible on any vehicle or boat trailer entering the area. Residents wishing to use the picnic area only shall be able to do so at no cost.

(Ord. No. 188, 9-10-73; Ord. No. 515, 3-12-87; Ord. 689, 6-8-95, Ord No. 778, 5-13-04)
10.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHELTON & DERBY-SHELTON ROTARY CLUB – SHELTON DAY TO BE HELD ON 10-6-2019

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign an agreement between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club to acknowledge the partnership between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club during the Shelton Day activities to be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.A REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Alderman McPherson MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 ESH/HV Properties Tax Appeal
11.2 Sabatino Worker’s Compensation
11.3 Lubelia DeBrum Worker’s Compensation

and invited Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel to remain in the auditorium during the Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

11.B RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Alderman McPherson MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session

11.1 ESH/HV PROPERTIES TAX APPEAL

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the ESH/HV Properties v. City of Shelton tax appeal be settled in accordance with the proposed stipulated judgment dated July 18, 2019 for an agreed upon fair market value of $9,300,000; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

11.2 SABATINO WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the stipulated agreement of April, 2019 concerning the October 10, 2016 workers compensation claim; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

11.3 LUBLELIA DEBRUM WORKER’S COMPENSATION

No action.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Bruder
Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen
DATE APPROVED: ____________ BY: ________________________________

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti