

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Chairman Fred Ruggio called to order the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 6:15 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:

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| Frederick Ruggio, Chairman (VIA TELEPHONE) | Karen McGovern |
| Doug Dempsey | Kate Marks |
| Pat Carey (excused prior to the business portion of the meeting) | |

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

Chairman Ruggio asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission dated November 19, 2019.

Karen McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission dated November 19, 2019; seconded by Doug Dempsey; vote 4-0 motion passed.

CITY OF SHELTON
 TOWN CLERK
 2020 FEB 19 PM
 [Signature]

SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDC) UPDATE

Update of Ongoing Activities

The Shelton Economic Development Corporation will be meeting with the canal company next week to discuss restoring the historic Shelton locks along with the cleanup of the canal. Chairman Ruggio stated this is an important topic regarding the canal, the need for parking and the historic preservation of the area. Also, the city is in the process of selling land along the river (the Chromium land, Axton Cross, Samarius).

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Community/Business Newsletter – Spring 2020

Chairman Ruggio said the next edition of the newsletter is being prepared with a goal to have it published by the first week of April. The Mayor's office asked to have some copy dedicated to Aquarion Water Co. with respect to the upgrades being planned for the Trap Falls Reservoir. The Housatonic Valley Association has also stated they would like to reprint the story "No Child Left Inside" which emphasizes the importance of getting children to enjoy the outdoors and not rely on electronic devices. Also, articles on local businesses, Breeze and Tacomida, along with Jeff's Appliance and their move to a new location in downtown will be highlighted. Chairman Ruggio also is recommending some pages in this edition be dedicated to the history of the Shelton Locks. A drone flyover of Canal Street at the cost of \$420 is being considered. The next workshop for the Shelton Life is scheduled for Friday, February 28th at Noon. All Commissioners are welcome to attend. Chairman Ruggio added Guy Beardsley, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Board, attended the last workshop and brought some interesting tidbits to the table for possible Shelton Life articles.

BUDGET

Current Budget (2019/2020)

Chairman Ruggio previously stated this year's budget is currently running under what was originally forecasted since there was one less Shelton Life newsletter printed.

Upcoming Budget (2020/2021)

The next budget reflects for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 a total request of \$71,000. Included in these numbers are publications of three (3) Shelton Life newsletters along with the city's biennial report.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Ruggio asked for a motion to approve the submission of the 2020/2021 fiscal budget for the Economic Development Commission.

Karen McGovern moved to approve the budget of the Economic Development Commission in the amount of \$71,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; seconded by Kate Marks; vote 4-0 motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place about development downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EDC will be held on March 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the SEDC offices.

There being no further discussion to come before this meeting, Doug Dempsey moved to adjourn at 6:34 PM; seconded by Karen McGovern; vote 4-0; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Aleta Miner, Clerk

DATE APPROVED BY MEMBERS: