



**Board of Aldermen
Shelton, Connecticut
FINANCE COMMITTEE – MARCH 28, 2006**

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call - Finance Committee

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present
Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present
Alderman Christopher Panek - present

Public Session

Alderman Kudej asked if any member of the public wished to address the Finance Committee. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

Add-Ons

Alderman Anglace
MOVED to add the following item to the agenda:

9 – Elderly Tax Relief

SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular Finance Committee meeting of February 28, 2006; SECONDED by Alderman Panek.

Alderman Panek noted the following correction –

Item 12 – Ordinance – Paragraph 2 Sentence 2 – should read the Board of Aldermen “cannot” change the Charter by ordinance.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2. March Statutory Refunds

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$33,177.61 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the Certified List received from the Tax Collector. Funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account #001-0000-311.13.00; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

MARCH 2006 Statutory Refunds

ACCOUNT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
04-02-346	BASFORD	\$ 60.30	DUPLICATE ASSESSMENT
04-02-523	BMW FINANCIAL	\$ 839.36	Wrong Amount Paid
04-03-9403	Casella	\$ 1,586.08	Paid Twice
04-01-6167	Clark	\$ 133.71	Paid Twice
04-03-4312	First American Real Estate Tax Service	\$16,293.99	Paid Twice
04-01-11446	Fogarty	\$ 5.17	Destroyed
03-01-11374	Ford Motor Credit	\$ 229.37	DUPLICATE ASSESSMENT
03-01-12328	Gelco	\$ 1,241.73	Sold
04-01-16137	Jaguar Credit Corp	\$ 329.15	Sold
04-03-7948	Lucas	\$ 1,862.67	Paid Twice
04-03-8511	Matthews	\$ 1,087.50	Paid Twice
04-01-22274	Mellas	\$ 296.80	Destroyed
04-03-10232	Mendoza	\$ 33.39	Wrong Amount Paid
04-01-23438	Morse	\$ 260.24	Sold
04-02-4259	Motorlease	\$ 184.36	Moved
04-01-24528	Nolan	\$ 9.55	Sold
04-01-38251	Odonnell	\$ 7.08	DUPLICATE ASSESSMENT
04-03-10846	Pruszko	\$ 1,173.37	Paid Twice
04-03-10947	Ragozzine	\$ 44.28	Wrong Amount Paid
04-01-29496	SAAB	\$ 242.74	Sold
04-02-5493	Santagata	\$ 7.31	DUPLICATE ASSESSMENT
04-01-32939	Subaru Leasing	\$ 70.30	Sold
04-01-35858	Volvo	\$ 908.19	Sold
04-01-35942	VW Credit	\$ 701.50	Sold
04-03-10027	Wells Fargo	\$ 1,340.03	account Wrong
04-03-11240	Wells Fargo	\$ 4,068.56	Paid Twice
04-01-36726	Wheels Inc	\$ 160.88	Sold
		\$33,177.61	

3. Police Pension Contribution

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen to approve the over-expenditure of the Police Pension Contribution Account #001-0200-411.20-04 through the end of the fiscal year 2006-2006; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

4. Community Center Pool Deck Shower

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board to accept the low bid of T.C.'s Plumbing & Heating, LLC for the installation of a shower on the pool deck at the Community Center with funding of \$4,200 to come from LOCIP; and further,

MOVED to add this item to the Capital Improvements Plan; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

5. Invoice Approval – Implementation of Improvements 50% Complete

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve the Clough Harbour & Associates LLP, Phase II implementation of improvements, invoice #13492-4 dated February 21, 2006 in the amount of \$9,750 with funding to come from LOCIP; and further,

MOVED to add this item to the Capital Improvements Plan; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

6. Anthem Demutualization Legal Bill

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board that \$125.87 (Shelton's share of the Anthem Demutualization Lawsuit) be paid to Sullivan, Schoen, Campana & Connon, LLC with funds to come from the Professional Services Account 001-1900-411.30-01; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

7. Boy With Fish Statute Fountain

No discussion; no action.

8. Maintenance Agreement – Police Firing Range

Alderman Anglace MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the bidding and award the contract to Meggitt Defense Systems Caswell for a total of \$1,500; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign the Police Firing Range Maintenance Agreement; SECONDED by Alderman Panek.

Note: This agreement has been in place since the Police Department firing range was built. This is a proprietary contract.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

9. Amendment to Ordinance #693 – Elderly Tax Relief

The following draft was reviewed by the members of the Finance Committee along with Corporation Counsel Welch:

D R A F T

Senior and Totally Disabled

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 12-129n of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the City of Shelton shall amend its property tax relief program (local program) effective with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 based upon the Grand List of October 1, 2005 as follows:

(1) Those taxpayers who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in section 12-129b of the Connecticut General Statutes and the income limitations set forth in section 12-170aa of the Connecticut General Statutes and further meet the eligibility requirements in section 2 below will be eligible to receive tax relief in the amount of \$300 per year.

(2) Eligibility:

a. Application: To be eligible for property tax relief under this section, the taxpayer must apply on a biennial basis as directed by the City Assessor between February 1 and May 15. The tax credit shall be applied against the individual's residential property tax bill.

b. Applicant: Must be sixty-five (65) years of age or older or under age 65 but totally and permanently disabled as of December 31st immediately preceding the year in which application is made. The Surviving Spouse of an eligible senior must reapply and meet all eligibility requirements to qualify for a tax credit the following year.

c. Residency/Occupancy: The applicant must have owned their residence in Shelton for at least one (1) year and lived in the Shelton property for at least nine (9) months during the previous fiscal year.

d. Assets: Excluding the value of the City of Shelton legal residence, the applicant's remaining assets may not exceed \$200,000 as attested to in the application affidavit.

(3) Married taxpayers: For the purpose of this section, married taxpayers shall be considered one (1) taxpayer.

(4) Delinquency: Taxpayers who are delinquent in the payment of any taxes, assessments or usage fees due the City of Shelton shall be ineligible for tax relief under this program.

(5) The total tax abatement of property tax revenue which may be granted in any such tax year shall not exceed an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total real property tax assessed in the City during the preceding tax year.

(6) No relief provided under the provisions of this section, together with any relief received by any such taxpayer under the provisions of sections 12-129b et seq. and section 12-170aa et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes shall exceed in the aggregate the total amount of the tax which would, absent for relief granted under this section, Connecticut General Statutes sections 12-129b et seq. and sections 12-170aa et seq. be due from said taxpayer.

(7) The tax relief granted to a taxpayer under the provisions of this section may not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the taxes levied against the taxpayer without said program.

Discussion only; no action. Alderman Anglace and Corporation Counsel Welch will incorporate the changes to the Draft discussed for further discussion at a future meeting.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:45 p.m., Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen