

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005**

**AT 6:00 PM IN ROOM 104**

**SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT**

**AGENDA**

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- ◆ **CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- ◆ **PUBLIC PORTION**
- ◆ **WHITE HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**
- ◆ **AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2005**

**2. MAY STATUTORY REFUNDS**

**3. LEGAL BILLS – SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL II BUILDING  
COMMITTEE**

**4. 2005 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

**5. FUNDING REQUEST – HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ACCOUNT**

**6. ANTHEM DEMUTUALIZATION – LAWSUIT LEGAL FEES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2005.**



Board of Aldermen  
Shelton, Connecticut  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE – April 26, 2005**

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Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

**Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.**

**Alderman Kudej called for a moment of silence for Tom Cole, Custodian at City Hall, who passed away on Monday.**

Roll Call - Finance Committee

**Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present**  
**Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present**  
**Alderman Nancy Minotti – present**  
**Alderman Jack Finn – present**

**Administration:**

**Chief Voccola – Police Department**

Public Session

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

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular Finance Committee meeting of March 22, 2005; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**2. February Statutory Refunds**

Alderman Minotti 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 \$6,418.03 be approved if found to be correct, 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 Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**3. Request for Funding Transfer – P&Z**

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve the request for funding from planning & zoning to transfer \$6,000.00 from Contingency General acct 001-9900-900.90-000 to the printing and advertising account 001-0900-414.30-07;

Alderman Anglace moved to amend the motion to authorize the over expenditure of the account up to \$6,000 with each expenditure to be reviewed by the Mayor's Office. Seconded by Alderman Minotti.

Move to approve the original motion; seconded by Alderman Minotti.

Move to approve the motion as amended; seconded by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**4. Security Fencing – Police Dept.**

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board accept the low bid of M&M Fencing, Bid #23-01, for a security fence at the Police department with funding not to exceed \$5,900.00 to come from LOCIP. Further, move that this be added to the Capital Improvements acct.

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

Chief Voccola was asked to discuss this request. The Chief stated, the police department is mandated by state law, to impound the vehicles

involved in serious accidents until the court case is closed. The Police Department currently has a contract with AJ's garage for the storage of these vehicles. The Police Department has paid \$7,400.00 for this service over the last three years. Chief Voccola feels that if the investment is made to purchase this fence it would pay for itself within a couple of years and save money in the future.

#### 5. Shelton Farmers Market

*Discussion: Alderman Anglace discussed this with Counsel today. Attorney Welch indicated that a license agreement should be in place between the City and the Shelton Farmers Market in order to proceed. My understanding is that, what we will be proceeding with will be covered under the City's Insurance Policy, the liability etc. Which they are now anyway. But this would make it more formal with a license agreement. So I don't have a problem with it. Guy Beardsley was supposed to be here. I don't know his title at the Farmers market. Alderman Finn replied he is the chairman.*

*Alderman Anglace suggested that a license agreement will be needed with the Farmers Market and the City to go forward.*

*Alderman Finn suggested that we contact Counsel and Guy Beardsley with regard to making sure that there is a license put in place for the full board.*

Alderman Anglace stated that Counsel should prepare the license and send it directly to the full board for approval.

#### 6. Request for Funding Transfer - Unemployment

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve the transfer of \$7,500.00 from Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.99-00 to the Unemployment Acct 001-0200-900.99-00 to cover the cost of unemployment owed to the State of Connecticut; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

#### 7. Request for Funding - Fire Department

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace invited Bruce Kosowsky, Merle Chase and Dave Sekelsky to come forward.

Commissioner Kosowsky thanked the Alderman for giving them the opportunity to come here this evening. He asked if the Alderman had received the bid information packet that they had sent over. A thermal Imager and Hurst tools. The thermal Imager at Co. 1 will be too costly to repair, the other companies each have one. Basically we only receive one from the State of Connecticut. That's the only one that no company has purchased, so all the rest of them are all owned by the companies. So basically we've never bought a thermal imager thru the City budget anyway.

Alderman Anglace asks are we taking about one or two?

Bruce replied they went out for bid, we haven't done anything with the bids yet. And I believe the low bid that you have in there is \$13996.00.

Alderman Kudej says we'll call it \$14,000.00.

Commissioner Kosowsky continues; that is the new version that is the Argus rate basically we have Argus cameras in the town. So naturally it makes it easier for people to use it, cause they are familiar with it, how it operates.

The other issue is on the first item is was that when we went through our study through the town many years ago. Also, when we decided to go with the rescue truck version of the pumper. Got four trucks the same, we also looked at the tools and the Hurst Tools Jaws of Life. Basically, we purchased one a couple of years ago, we purchased one tool. Same thing, companies have bought their own over the years. We presently have one company that doesn't have a Hurst Tool they have a Lucas tool. If you want to standardize, keeping with the method of operation with the rescue pumpers, all the rescue pumpers with the same equipment on it. And also updating some of the older equipment that we have. We went out to bid for the Hurst Tool. You have the break down of all the different parts of it and again we were wondering if you could be any help to us with any kind of capitol funding to purchase a ....

Alderman Anglace interjects : a \$143,000.00 tool...

Commissioner Kosowsky replies; that is the total package that we went out for bid for and then we even got an additional quotation for it to back up the original. That would basically supply some new tools and change one of the power units that have various tips and hoses, update some of the other companies with additional equipment. And also it is for the custom tool brackets that would be needed to put on the vehicles to hold the tools. But again we're here to ask what you think you can do for us. How we can approach this.

Alderman Anglace asks; so you are looking for one thermal imager and one jaws of life tool?

Commissioner Kosowsky replies that this is actually several sets, 3 basic plus extra tools. This quote is for more than one tool. Tips, rams this is broke This is one complete set for the company that doesn't have a Hurst tool at all and the rest of it is just making up complete packages for the other companies. Piecing together parts, power unit's spreaders...piece mealing parts.

Alderman Anglace states that it is important to get this into the record so that everybody understands what is required.

Commissioner Kosowsky states; that is why we gave you the exact quotation, we gave you the exact bidding information. See Hurst Tool only has one vendor in the area that can sell to us.

Alderman Anglace asks if we would require a waiver of bids? We would probably have to waive the bids in order to do this. It is not an emergency. Per our charter we would waive the bidding and then use the state bid.

Commissioner Kosowsky replies that this is on a state bid. We went out to bid too. The prices are the same. Last year...Feb, March

September....Alderman Kudej responds the bid says February 2004.

Alderman Finn states; John, (inaudible) 12 items here are needed by the Emergency Service. They are used to save lives.....it is money well

spent. I sure if you want to go to one of the fire stations they have one of the cars they can demonstrate the Jaws of Life for you.

Alderman Finn asks a question that is inaudible.

Commissioner Kosowsky replies different aspects of the cars. When to companies show up at a rescue all these parts are used depending on the severity of the accident depends on what we have to use to do the operations to removing the patient from the car.

Alderman Anglace states he has been down there to see it. Looks like ...my view is to get the numbers straightened out. The thermal imager... how many of those...one?

Commissioner Kosowsky replies yes , one \$13996.00. That is the quote we have supplied you.

Alderman Anglace; and the Jaws of Life.....

The commissioners state they are looking for whatever help the City can give them.

Alderman Kudej replies ; you understand that this is the end of the year we have to find money.

Alderman Anglace states that this package for Jaws of Life gives us one Jaws of Life and then it gives parts to upgrade the others 3 other companies.

For example at the recent accident on Huntington Street...there were 2 different companies on scene working with 2 different tools and we weren't able to interchange things.

Commissioner Chase states this is a problem during the daytime when other companies respond.

Alderman Kudej states; you don't have to sell me on that.

Alderman Anglace states, you are using the same philosophy as with the trucks...standardize things.



I'll give you my opinion on this. We have to talk to the Mayor and possibly capitalize this. And plan how we could finance it. The need is not an issue. We need to find the money.

Commissioner Kosowsky states; We understand, we're here for informational purposes to explain our situation and we understand that you have to go through your procedures.

Alderman Kudej says we'll see what we can do to help you get this.

Alderman Kudej calls Chief Voccola to address the Committee.

Chief Voccola states he's not sure if he is at the right forum but I need to bring to your attention one item line in my budget...the gasoline account I'm asking to over expend that line. Very soon I will be out of money due to the rising price of fuel. When we put the budget together for the existing year we were paying \$1.17 per gallon. We know where it is today. I am asking your permission to over expend the line and I can't guess what it is going to be.

Alderman Anglace stated that the first thing we need to do is to add this item to the agenda so moved. Seconded by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

Alderman Anglace moved to recommend to the full board to allow the over expenditure of acct 001-2500-511.40-01 gasoline acct. Seconded by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

### **Adjournment**

At approximately 7:00 p.m., Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte Plucienik  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen



**3. LEGAL BILLS – SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL II BUILDING  
COMMITTEE**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT  
OF \$374.97 TO CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR LEGAL FEES FOR THE  
SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING II COMMITTEE WITH FUNDING  
TO COME FROM THE SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING II CAPITAL  
PROJECT FUND.**

**4. 2005 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO APPROVE THE FOUR PROPOSALS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT AS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: SEDC, \$25,000; JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF WESTERN CT, \$150,000; BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE LOWER NAUGATUCK VALLEY, \$50,000 AND HOUSATONIC COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, \$84,000.**

**5. FUNDING REQUEST – HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ACCOUNT**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- **INCREASE ACCOUNT 0000-341.15-00 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REVENUES BY \$30,000**
- **FURTHER, INCREASE ACCOUNT 001-1400-415.40-06 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE EXPENDITURES BY \$30,000**

**6. ANTHEM DEMUTUALIZATION**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD THAT \$358.33 (SHELTON SHARE OF THE ANTHEM DEMUTUALIZATION LAWSUIT) BE PAID TO SULLIVAN, SCHOEN, CAMPANE & CONNER, LLC WITH FUNDS TO COME FROM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT 001-1900-411.30-01.**