



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
FINANCE COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call - Finance Committee

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present
Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of January 22, 2008; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

2. March Statutory Refunds

Alderman Simonetti 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 \$31,374.75 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 Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

**3. Shelton Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements –
Amendment #8 CWF 165-C**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to approve Amendment #8, Shelton Waste Water Treatment Facility Expansion and Upgrade; CWF 165-C in the amount of \$174,000 with funding to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Referendum Bond; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign all documents and effectuate said agreement; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

After discussion with Alan Asikainen and J. Kevin Farmer of the Maguire Group, and Regis Dognin of the Water Pollution Control Authority, Alderman Anglace amended the motion as follows.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND the MOTION to authorize the Water Pollution Control Authority to approve and pay, on a monthly basis, the amount of the "out of scope" engineering work incurred for each month of the Waste Water Treatment Facility contract extension, and that the Board of Aldermen approve up to a total of \$174,000 from the Waste Water Treatment Facility bond issue, subject to monthly review and approval by the Water Pollution Control Authority of the submitted engineering invoices.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 3-0.

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

4. Annual Salary Increases – Non-Union Merit System Employees

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to recommend to the full Board pursuant to Section 5.6 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules to increase the total compensation for non-union Merit System employees by 3.6 percent effective July 1, 2008; and further,

MOVED to amend the salary schedule for non-union employees with a recommended increase for Classes 5 through 14 of five percent, effective July 1, 2008; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

5. CCJEF Membership Dues

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve invoices from the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF) for membership dues for fiscal years 06-07 and 07-08 in the amount of \$10,000 to be transferred from the Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00 to an account to be determined by the Finance Director; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Public Official Comment

Chairman Kudej noted that Mr. Crawford of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation has some items to be brought to the Finance Committee's attention, and will allow him to address the Finance Committee at this time.

Jud Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue
Member, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

Per the minutes of the last meeting, when I brought certain accounts to your attention. In the last runoff that I just received, those have been 99 percent addressed. I thank you.

There are still a few accounts that are still questionable. One. The Board of Aldermen. Did you come up with, what was the figure for Aldermanic awards? The figure for \$132? Do you know what that was for? That account was charged \$132.

Alderman Anglace explained, if somebody is sick or there is a death and the Board wants to send flowers, we do that.

Mr. Crawford continued, two. Under Youth Service Program, account 2700. There is a figure of \$4,951 added to the account balance, not deducted.

Three. Under the Tree Warden, account 3700, Trees and Shrubs, there is a figure of \$2,624 added to the balance and not deducted.

Four. Account 4600, Telephone Service, \$350 was added under encumbrances and not deducted.

One question that I have for you gentlemen, LOCIP. Correct me if I'm wrong. The figure that is in the budget under Revenue and the figure that is in the budget under Expenditures is the same amount. Is that supposed to be a wash account?

Alderman Anglace replied, correct.

Mr. Crawford stated, that account is overdrawn by \$217,512.

Alderman Anglace explained, that was one of the accounts that was addressed. The Board of Aldermen took an action to balance it. How that works, roughly, the City gets notice from the State, that you will receive somewhere in the vicinity of \$260,000 in LOCIP-eligible funding. It is actually reimbursements. The City has to go out and spend the money on LOCIP-eligible projects. Then the City has to submit that project with the necessary sheets and everything to the State of Connecticut for reimbursement and we get it. So what happens is, you anticipate and put in the budget 'x' in revenue and 'x' on the expenditure side. That is a guesstimate. That money could be more, it depends on how much we receive. So if we spend more, and there is more money in there to spend, we have to increase in the year that we spend it, the budget on both sides, and then that will balance.

You see, LOCIP money doesn't have to be spent all in one fiscal year. It can be carried over, and some of it is carried over.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen