Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:40 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President - present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej - present
Alderman Joseph Lanzi - present
Alderman Kenneth Olin - present
Alderman Christopher Panek - present
Alderman John P. Papa - present
Alderman Randy York - present

Administration:

Administrative Assistant Sandra Nesteriak

There was a quorum of 8 present, 0 absent.

Agenda Items

Appointment – Valley Transit Authority

Alderman Papa moved to appoint Patrick Lapera, (R), of 67 Rock Ridge Road, to the Valley Transit Authority, Walter Petz replacement, for a period of two years, term to expire June 2008; seconded by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Panek asked, is this appointment made at the discretion of the Mayor; is this the Mayor’s appointment, the Mayor’s recommendation?

Alderman Anglance stated, it’s not the Mayor’s appointment, it’s the Board of Aldermen’s appointment, but he probably made the recommendation.
Alderman Panek stated, so there’s nobody else submitting resume for this appointment.

Alderman Anglace replied, no. If you want to recommend somebody, you’re welcome, if you want to put somebody’s name in nomination, you’re welcome.

Alderman York stated, being new also, I was going to ask about that. In reading the resume, he seems very well qualified, but this is for the Valley Transit Authority. I know Mr. Lapera is active in other things in the City, and I’m just wondering if we get to talk about it a little more as to why he was chosen, what specific qualifications he would have for the Valley Transit Authority that, I’m wondering if it’s because of his fiscal background, because, personally, I would just rather, I would like to see some other people that have more of a background in community service and more in touch with some of the groups that are involved with promoting public transit.

Because even according to our Plan Update that we’re going to be having a meeting on tonight, I know they’re really encouraging Shelton to get a lot more active in promoting public transit. I don’t have a real thorough background in it but I get the idea that it’s in a little bit of fiscal trouble at this point, and I’m wondering, is that why Mr. Lapera is being appointed? I can understand that but if that’s not the reason, is this all we have to choose from?

Alderman Anglace replied, when it’s a Republican replacing a Republican, that’s what you have to choose from.

Alderman Papa stated, but if it was a Democrat then, because you have to have X number of Republicans and X number of Democrats.

Alderman Anglace stated, actually, Pat Lapera is an attorney, well-qualified, lived in town a long time.

Alderman York stated, he looks a little over qualified. Will he be able to make all of the meetings? He’s very active in other things. I think it’s a real important issue. Is he going to be able to make the meetings, does he have any kind of a past record of involvement in public transit issues, because that’s something that I know I want to try to get involved in a little bit and begin to promote. It’s one of my little, issues.

Alderman Anglace stated, he’s been involved in the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, he’s been involved in Planning and Zoning, he’s been involved in issues that affect transportation throughout the region. He is eminently qualified.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6 Yes, 2 No (Finn, York).
Executive Session

At approximately 6:45 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the union contract ratification between the City of Shelton and Local 222 CILU #79, and invited Administrative Assistant Sandra Nesteriak to remain in the meeting room during the discussion to explain the proposed contract settlement; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 6:58 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

It was noted that no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Union Contract Ratification – Local 222 CILU #79

Alderman Papa MOVED to accept the contract between the City of Shelton and Local 222 CILU #79 as presented in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Panek. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk                     Date Submitted: ______________________
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ______________________BY: ______________________
Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton