



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Call to Order

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at approximately 7:40 p.m., immediately following two Public Hearings.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - absent
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Kenneth Olin - present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Eric McPherson - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti - present

There was a quorum present.

1. ALTERNATE ICE STORAGE SYSTEM FOR PERRY HILL SCHOOL

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the alternate ice storage system for the Perry Hill School in the amount of \$373,373.59 with funds to come from the Perry Hill School Bond of which \$91,000 shall be rebated from the United Illuminated Company; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Finn stated, in the documentation we received from the project manager, it points out that the drawings were revised on 1/21/09. Was this part of the original plans for renovating the school?

Sean Sullivan, Chairman of the Perry Hill School Building Committee, responded, INAUDIBLE, said the alternate was to have a more cost-efficient way to generate cooling capacity for the school. The original bid alternate was \$599,000 so when we saw that price tag we asked the architect and the construction general contractor to go back and redesign that system and this alternate is a modified alternate from that original design alternate. The alternate was in the original bid but the bid alternate at bid time was significantly higher. So we redesigned it and came in at a more cost effective price.

Alderman Finn asked, what line item are you taking the monies out of in your building account?

Mr. Sullivan replied, right now it's coming out of project contingency.

Alderman Finn asked, it's coming out of contingency and not out of furniture?

Mr. Sullivan replied, not yet. We're still trying to figure out what the best place is, but as a committee we decided we had to debit a certain account and that was it. We think we have some flexibility in the furniture account as well, but at this point it was easier just to note one place for it. We also have the opportunity to go back for additional sources of funds to pay for this alternate. You saw the \$91,000 coming from UI; we're hoping we can go to some other state grants and try to pay for some of the, to bring that down further as we go through the project.

Alderman Finn stated, I'd hate to see a 5-6 building almost like new with used furniture inside.

Mr. Sullivan stated, and we've had, I mean, I think you saw I attached the two pages of minutes from the meeting. We had a lot of discussion about that. We want to remain flexible but we thought that was the best thing at this point in time.

Alderman Papa stated, when I was on the Building Committee for the Community Center, the Community Center also went with this deal with UI about making ice cubes at night and then during the day for the air conditioning. You might want to go there and look at it, see how it's set up.

Mr. Sullivan stated, this system is a more recent system. The whole idea is to generate ice overnight when you can get a lower cost, and then don't run the chiller during the day, only if you need it above certain degree days.

Alderman Papa stated, the one at the Community Center is about 17-18 years old. The technology has changed.

Mr. Sullivan stated, there is some other technology, it's an evaporative chiller so it runs more efficiently, but the general concept is the same. We have spoken with folks that were familiar with that system and they saw the benefits of that system at the Community Center as well.

Alderman Finn stated the \$91,000 coming back from UI, does that go back into you're account or the city coffers?

Mr. Sullivan replied, that was the reason I asked for the motion to be worded that way. The rebate from UI is going to come back to the City and the hope was that could come back and offset the cost of this project. So the cost of the alternate is \$373,000 less the \$91,000 that's going to come back from UI, so the cost to the city is \$282,000.

Alderman Finn stated, you know that you can't ask for the \$91,000 back.

Mr. Sullivan stated, I understand. If we're over budget by 91,000 it's because the money came back from UI and didn't go back to the project, I guess.

Alderman Simonetti is this chiller unit large enough to take care of the school and maybe 20% more for those extremely hot days?

Mr. Sullivan replied, yes, and we've worked with the engineers and mechanical contractor on that. The way the system is designed, it's a single chiller system. It's a 300 ton chiller and it's going to make 160 tons of ice overnight at peak capacity. So it really gives us not quite 460 tons but it gives us a multiplier effect by using it the way we have. We've taken those things into consideration. There's a lot of other energy efficient things in the building; we're putting a lot of insulation on the building. We're putting new windows in so we're going to get a lot more efficiency there as well.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following item:

2.1 Supervisors' Contract

and invited Administrative Assistant Sandra Nesteriak to remain in the auditorium; SECONDED by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At approximately 7:48 p.m. Alderman Simonetti MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Alderman Anglace stated, before we go on with the meeting, I was reminded just before the break that I was a little bit misguided and failed to note something that should have been said in the beginning. I want to welcome to the Board Eric McPherson, who has been appointed to the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jason Perillo. This was done by the remaining members of the Republican Party to fill that position. A letter was sent to the City/Town Clerk advising her of this, and Eric went in and was appointed today. He'll be on board in time for all of the budget sessions. Welcome back to the Board Eric McPherson who is a former member, and we're glad to have you back. Congratulations.

2.1 SUPERVISORS' CONTRACT

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to approve the contract between the City of Shelton and the Supervisors' bargaining unit, CILU #79, effective July 1, 2008; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m., and was immediately followed by a meeting of the Aldermanic Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____ BY: _____

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton