



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

Call to Order

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:30 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

Corporation Counsel Thomas Welch
Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous

There was a quorum present.

1. **BID WAIVER – PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR SHELTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Alderman Anglace noted that Jim Orazetti and Art Gaughran, members of the School Building Committee were present.

Alderman Papa MOVED to waive the bids for the purchase of 240 Hewlett Packard computers for the Shelton Public Schools as recommended by the Purchasing Agent; SECONDED by Alderman Finn.

Alderman Anglace stated, at the Shelton High School Fire Committee meeting, the insurance company asked if we'd be interested in purchasing at salvage value some brand-new computers. Our education people said, get us some and we'll look at them and we'll do some tests on them. We got four of them, they did exhaustive testing, found them to be flawless. The Town of Enfield had an automatic fire sprinkler system and it went off accidentally and wet the boxes that these brand-new computers were in. The boxes got wet but apparently that's all that got wet. Enfield insisted that the insurance company buy them new ones. The insurance company then had 240 on their hands. They just happened to ask us if we'd be interested, I understand the Finance Committee of the Board of Education is recommending to the full Board to purchase them. But these same laptops retail for around \$799 so they're saving big bucks. Let's approve it.

Alderman Finn stated, Enfield rejected the computers because the outside containers were damaged by water. Does the Board of Education also know that there is no warranty on the computers?

Alderman Anglace stated, what they've discovered is that there are no problems in the ones that they tested so they're going to deploy 216 of them, hold back 10 percent and then use that 10 percent if they have any difficulties or need replacements, they have them there ready and waiting to go. This deployment will trickle down, because usually they deploy them to the higher grades and then they'll come down. It's a good deal all the way around.

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

2. CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR LONG HILL AND ELIZABETH SHELTON SCHOOL ROOFS

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the contract between the City of Shelton and Silver Petrucelli & Associates, Inc., Architects and Engineers, for roof replacement at Elizabeth Shelton Elementary and Long Hill Schools in the amount of \$33,240 with funds to come from Capital Projects Fund Account #401-0000-950-80-75; and further,

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

Alderman Simonetti questioned the dollar amount.

Alderman Anglace explained, this is a revised motion, and the amount is \$33,240.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, the reason for that change is, as part of the attachments to the contract, Phase I Part B the feasibility study for \$2,000 is not included in the contract per the Building Committee, and in addition there are two contracts – each for the separate schools. We have two contracts we’re signing. It says \$33,240 which is the correct amount, but you’re approving two contracts, each is for 50 percent of that amount, so each contract is \$16,620. That was verified today.

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

3. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DeCARLO AND DOLL FOR PROPOSED TASK ORDER NO. 2 – FINAL DESIGN/PHASE III

Alderman Papa MOVED to approve the amendment to Task Order No. 2-08 for Professional Services by and between the City of Shelton and The Implementing Agency The Shelton Economic Development Corporation and DeCarlo & Doll, Inc. in connection with the Phases III and IV Shelton Enterprise & Commerce Park Project Improvements/Canal Street and Wooster Street North for Final Design and Preparation of Construction Contract Documents in the amount of \$508,500 (\$254,250 to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter for Phase 3 and \$254,250 to come from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development grant for Phase III); and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark. A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Finn asked, upon the completion of the study by DeCarlo & Doll this will be a shovel-ready project?

Alderman Anglace replied, that is my understanding, yes.

Alderman Finn stated, it’s my understanding that the City of Shelton presented to the State of Connecticut for a stimulus project – monies for this project - \$3 million. This will be the final step on our behalf as we don’t have a shovel-ready and wouldn’t qualify for the stimulus package.

Alderman Simonetti stated, one of the things brought up at a Legislative meeting I attended yesterday was how these shovel ready projects will get their money from the State. The money will go into the State, then be sent to the different departments, who will decide where the money will go to, whether it’s Health Department or Public Works, and that’s how it will be done. The Governor’s Office won’t be making the decision; it’s going to be made down the line.

Alderman Anglace stated, the urgency of this of course is to make it shovel-ready.

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

4. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR ROADS

Alderman Papa MOVED to appropriate \$34,617 from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter for the resurfacing of the Garden Terrace in the amount of \$14,686; Mohawk Trail in the amount of \$12,035; and Center Street from Howe Avenue to West Canal in the amount of \$7,896; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Finn stated, on this project I think everybody is aware that I'm supportive of road improvements no matter where they are in the city, but I'm not in agreement with the source of funding. It's such a small amount that we have to bond for. Is there any reason why we're not using the General Fund Surplus or have not included it as part of a Capital project?

Alderman Anglace stated, when the Board of Aldermen starts deliberations on the budget, I've already requested the Mayor, the Public Works and the Superintendent of Highways & Bridges attend one of our workshops to discuss this in detail. I understand there are some projects, we heard in our discussions with Apportionment and Taxation, we heard the Superintendent of Highways and Bridges saying that he had some issues. There are some things we back him up and some things I believe they used road repair money for road resurfacing. This will allow them to have more money to do road repair work.

Alderman Finn stated, it should have come out of the \$2 million bonding that the voters approved.

Alderman Anglace stated, this money is going to come from Board of Aldermen bonding.

Alderman Finn stated, there is still money left from that \$2 million.

Alderman Anglace stated, we'll get this all straightened out, but we will have to devote an evening to it.

Alderman Finn stated, I just want to make it clear that I do support the road projects but I do not support the source of funding.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6 Yes, 1 No (Finn).

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 5:40 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to Enter Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. Sosnoff Litigation
2. Wiacek Farms, LLC Litigation

and invited Corporation Counsel Tom Welch and Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 6:04 p.m., Alderman Papa MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Alderman Anglace noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

5.1 SOSNOFF LITIGATION

No action.

5.2 WIACEK FARMS, LLC LITIGATION

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize payment of \$1,091,130.86 to Wiacek Farms, LLC in payment of a judgment in the eminent domain case CV054001956S in Milford Superior Court with funds to come from the General Fund Surplus; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____ BY: _____

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton