



BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

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**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Mark Lauretti called the Special Virtual Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order in the Auditorium at Shelton City Hall at 11:49 a.m. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call**

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President- Present  
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President- Present  
Alderman Cris Balamaci- Present via phone  
Alderman David Gidwani- Not Present  
Alderman Stanley Kudej- Present  
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via phone  
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present  
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present

**Administration**

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti – Present  
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present  
Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel - Present

**1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes:

1.1 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – June 29, 2020

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

*Minutes can be viewed on the city website: [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org).*

**2. FUNDING FOR A TRUCK FOR PARKS & RECREATION**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate \$72,952 for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F550 cab and chassis for the Parks & Recreation Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti: This is a step up by way of a truck for Parks & Recreation. It is a cab and chassis and there are other adaptations that come with this truck. As an example, it will have a container that will go on the back to transport things like wood chips and brush that we cut in locations.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

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**3. FUNDING FOR INFIELD GROOMER FOR PARKS & RECREATION**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate \$19,686 for the purchase of an Infield Groomer for the Parks & Recreation Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti: The groomer is a machine that grooms the infield dirt on the baseball and softball fields. We use it at our school facilities and our parks. The

last one was bought by the Softball Player's Association around 2007, can't recall the exact year.

Alderman Anglace: These are the kind of tools that they need to get the job done because they have gotten a lot of increased activity over the years.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

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#### **4. FUNDING FOR ZERO TURN ROTARY MOWER FOR PARKS & RECREATION**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate \$27,743 for the purchase of a Zero Turn Rotary Mower for the Parks & Recreation Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti: Did everyone happen to notice the bidding? There were two bids. The second bid came in about \$10,000 less. I question why we wouldn't go with that? If anyone wants to tell me that Toro is a better machine, I am not so sure we can qualify that. I open that up for discussion. I am told that we have always had Toros in the past and the majority of municipalities have Toros but does that mean that everybody else's machine is no good? Is \$10,000 enough of a difference to say we are going to try the other model?

Alderman Anglace: Is there a difference in the specs?

Mayor Lauretti: No, I believe it's comparable in specs., but I am not sure I know the answer to that. I would like to get the machine because it's our grass cutting season but I also would like the opportunity to quiz our people a little bit more and still have the availability to buy the machine.

Alderman Anglace: Suppose we approve the expenditure of the proposed \$27,000 subject to the Mayor's review and allowing him to select the lower priced machine if that is workable?

Mayor Lauretti: So, yes, we say in an amount not to exceed the \$27,000 and in fact if we go with the lesser machine then the record will reflect that dollar amount and not the \$27,000. I would entertain a motion to that effect.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$27,743 for the purchase of a Zero Turn Rotary Mower for the Parks & Recreation Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter subject to the Mayor’s review and approval.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

**5. FUNDING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GEAR**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate \$158,174.50 for the purchase of structural gear for the Fire Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

**6. CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING**

to authorize a total payment of \$3,012.50 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated July 1, 2020, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services -	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees -	001-1900-411.30-03	\$3,012.50
Foreclosure Fees -	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs -	001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

## **7. AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan for the Small Cities Block Grant Program:

Section B. Specific

Paragraph 7. Whenever possible, public hearings may include a virtual public hearing. If a virtual meeting is held, the meeting will also have a call-in number for those individuals who do not have computer access.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

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## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **8.A REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to go into executive session for the following items and asked that Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel be included.

~~8.1 45 AND O GROVE STREET~~ Removed from Agenda

8.2 NORRIS WORKER'S COMPENSATION

8.3 PELACCIA WORKER'S COMPENSATION

8.4 SADICK WORKER'S COMPENSATION

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reconvene and noted that there were no votes were taken in executive session.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

~~8.1 45 AND O GROVE STREET~~

Removed from Agenda.

8.2 NORRIS WORKER'S COMPENSATION

No Action.

8.3 PELACCIA WORKER'S COMPENSATION

No Action.

8.4 SADICK WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the recommendation of Assistance Corporation Counsel in regards to Sadick Worker's Compensation case.

Seconded by Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn the Special Virtual Board of Aldermen meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

*Theresa Adcox*

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Board of Aldermen, Clerk

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Date Approved Mayor Mark A. Lauretti

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