



BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF SHELTON  
REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2025  
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT  
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### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Lauretti called the regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Shelton City Hall. 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  
Alderman Lorenzo Durante – Present  
Alderman Porter McKinnon – Present  
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – Present  
Alderman Bernie Simons – Present  
Alderman Benjamin Perry – Present

### **Administration**

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti  
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present  
Kellie Vazzano, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor  
Frances Freer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone wished to address the board.

Jerry Bloom  
24 Fairfield Avenue, Shelton, CT

Hello everyone. I guess we are going to skip the roll call again. I understand we have a North and South Constitution Boulevard. I see here there is a grant from the State for an extension. Is it going to make it longer or wider? Which one? North or South. (Mayor: You are obviously not paying attention. This has been around for 25 years.) Of course, Riverview Park still needs to be paved, the road down there. I hope we will get it done this year. Also, I see Ivy Brook Greenway is still for sale. I was wondering if

you were all going to turn it into a park or open space. School bus, the drop off. You are going to install cameras in the school buses, I understand. The state is paying for that. School buses are a great source of road rage. Anyone who gets stuck behind them knows this. I'll give you an example, years ago I got stuck behind one who dropped off a student, drove one block, dropped off two students, drove one more block, stopped and dropped off another student and then stopped a block away to do the same thing. What really should be done is have drop-off locations near the student's homes that are within walking distance. When I went to school, I never took a school bus; I always walked. Maybe you would want to install a bike rack down there in case they have to drive home on their bicycle. Just suggestions.

We have a new frauditor. He is 16 years old. He got arrested on his first fraudit and of course at a library.

You know how we always get these flyers from politicians who want to be elected and re-elected? We have the special election coming up in a week or two and they never list things they intend to do that Connecticut really needs. For example, in the past two years, Connecticut has released 1,153 illegal aliens from our prisons and jails and sent them back out onto the street. They refuse to honor ICE detainer requests. This is something that Connecticut is in need of. Jacksonville, Florida has just passed what they call the Illegal Immigration Enforcement Act, #2025-0147 that requires the local law enforcement to work closely with ICE. I would like to see Connecticut do the same thing. Better yet, have Shelton do the same thing.

I will leave you all with a chuckle. A policeman was walking his beat one day and he comes upon these two men fighting. A young boy standing nearby was crying, daddy, daddy. The policeman separates the two men and asked the young lad which one is his father who replies, I don't know, that is what they are fighting about. Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti asked if there was anyone else wishing to address the Board. Hearing none, the Public Portion is closed.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

#### 1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- 1.1 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 13, 2025
- 1.2 SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON BusPatrol – MARCH 25, 2025
- 1.3 PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES – MARCH 25, 2025

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

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025, Special Informational Meeting on BusPatrol on March 25, 2025 and the Public Hearing on Ordinances of March 25, 2025 .

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0)

**5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

**5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

**5.3 STREET COMMITTEE**

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Lauretti: I have no report at this time.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Alderman Anglace: I just wanted to call attention to the sesquicentennial celebration is noting the first act on April 18, they will be putting in the State House two candles and a copy of the Declaration of Independence. They asked that we do the same in the City and libraries. I have some candles; I just don't have a good edition of the Declaration of Independence. But we will put them out as they asked us to do this for recognition and to let people know that it is coming up. The State has appointed a committee. That committee hasn't notified us but I got the notification through the American Legion's magazine with an article that explains the whole thing.

Mayor Lauretti: Bring them in and give them to the clerk so she can distribute them to our members. We will leave some flyers out in front at the desk like we do with other information for the public.

**6- LEGISLATIVE – OLD**

6.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE – SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM PROGRAM AND ENFORCEMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the Proposed Ordinance – School Bus Stop Arm Program and Enforcement which is included by reference:

Further, move that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the office of the City Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON MARCH 25, 2025.

#### SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM PROGRAM AND ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE

Intent: The State of Connecticut authorizes municipalities to institute a municipal school bus violation enforcement systems to enforce the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-279 of the general statutes. Pursuant to the general statutes, the City of Shelton intends to enact a municipal school bus violation system traffic camera enforcement program.

Whereas, the prevalence of reckless and distracted driving threatens the health, welfare, and safety of pedestrians, including school children, within this community; and

Whereas, increasing safety for school children entering and exiting school buses is of paramount importance to public safety; and

Whereas, leveraging new technologies in a reasonable and equitable manner can support efforts to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety; and

Whereas, any municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, may, by vote of its legislative body, adopt an ordinance to authorize the use of a municipal school bus violation enforcement system to enforce the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-279 of the general statutes and impose monetary liability on vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus.

Now Therefore, Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton that, pursuant to the general laws and effective upon publication, the Municipal Code of Ordinances [\_\_\_\_\_ # - Municipal School Bus Violation Enforcement System] is hereby enacted as follows:

#### ARTICLE I – ESTABLISHED.

Pursuant to General Statutes §14–279(a), as amended by 2024 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 24-107, the City of Shelton hereby authorizes the use of a municipal school bus violation enforcement system, which shall include one or more camera sensors and computers that produce: (1) digital and recorded video images of motor vehicles being operated in violation of this ordinance, (2) a visual image that is viewable remotely and a recorded image of the number plate of a motor vehicle violating this ordinance, and (3) a recorded image that indicates the date, time and location of the violation.

#### ARTICLE II – VIOLATION.

The owner of a motor vehicle commits a violation of this ordinance if the person operating such motor vehicle violates the provisions of General Statutes §14–279(a), as amended by 2024 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 24-107, unless an affidavit is filed pursuant to Sec. 4, subsection (j) of said Public Act.

#### ARTICLE III – PROCEDURE.

The procedures set forth in 2024 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 24-107, Sec. 4, and General Statutes §7-152c are hereby adopted.

ARTICLE IV – FINE.

A violation of this ordinance shall result in a fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

ARTICLE V – COLLECTION.

The City of Shelton or its designated agent shall have the authority to collect such fines, with proceeds credited to the City of Shelton.

ARTICLE VI – USE OF FUNDS.

Funds received by the City of Shelton from such fines shall be used for the purpose of improving public safety in the City of Shelton, compensating any private vendor that installs, operates or maintains a municipal school bus violation enforcement system, or both.

ARTICLE VII – HEARING OFFICER(S)

The Mayor shall appoint and have trained three hearing officers to hear any appeals.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**7 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD**

7.1 NO ITEMS

**8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW**

8.1 APRIL STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$8,177.07 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 Balamaci.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

*(Supporting documentation from the Tax Collector is on file with the BOA Clerk or Town Clerk's Office*

## 8.2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (2024)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shelton Board of Aldermen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mark A. Lauretti, as Mayor of City of the City of Shelton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of Shelton and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deem to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: This is boilerplate. We do it every year.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

## 8.3 FUNDING FOR WHITE HILLS FIREHOUSE KITCHEN RENOVATIONS – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace Move to add the lower kitchen renovations at the White Hills Firehouse to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in an amount of \$9,716.99 to come from LoCIP.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

## 8.4 FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF WALL AT HUNTINGTON FIREHOUSE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$5,010.66 for the replacement of a block wall at Huntington Firehouse with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99.00.

Seconded by Alderman Balamaci.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: He put in an amount of \$5,000 and that is just for the purchase of the block. I think he may have left himself short. I would recommend that we add a couple of thousand dollars more for miscellaneous things that may or may not be needed. It is the wall by the driveway coming off of Huntington Street that takes you up to the Firehouse. We did that a few years back. I guess with all the salt and everything that the masonry blocks have disintegrated or have started to disintegrate. I'm thinking there may be some landscaping that also goes along with that. When you pull something apart you just never know. I would recommend that we modify the motion and add probably another \$3,000 as a contingency.

A voice vote was taken and motion on the original motion (\$5010.66) passed unanimously (8-0).

Alderman Anglace MOVED to modify the amount of the motion from \$5,010.66 to \$8,010.66.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the amended motion (increasing amount to \$8,010.66) passed unanimously (8-0).

Mayor Lauretti: Let the record reflect that anything that is unspent will revert back to where it came from.

## 8.5 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD EXTENSION STATE OF CONNECTICUT GRANT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Connecticut Bond Commission held on June 7, 2024, pursuant to Public Act 79-607, the City of Shelton has been awarded an additional \$1,600,000 towards road infrastructure and improvements for the Constitution Boulevard Extension and Commerce Park Project;

WHEREAS, this award is in addition to the original award of \$5,000,000 to undertake the Constitution Boulevard Extension and Commerce Park Project at a meeting of the Connecticut Bond Commission held on March 31, 2022;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Shelton Board of Aldermen

That it accepts the additional \$1,600,000 award administered on behalf the Office of Policy and Management by the Department of Economic and Community Development and authorizes Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute documents as may be required by the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Shelton.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Discussion:

Alderman Perry: Where do we stand on that with breaking through from Bridgeport Avenue to Constitution? Is there a timeframe on that?

Mayor Lauretti: We are in year three. I am kind of befuddled that it is taking this long. Of course, when you only work one day a week up in Hartford it is very difficult to get people.

Alderman Perry: Is it permitting?

Mayor Lauretti: You need the permit to break the access line and to tie into utilities on Bridgeport Avenue. I want to say we are in the final throes but I don't know. I do have a meeting with the commissioner coming up next week. I hope to try to get this thing over the goal line. This will not be the first meeting. I have never experienced anything like this in my life, but this is the sign of the times, unfortunately. We are looking for more and part of what I am going to do Wednesday is put in that request officially and you should also know that we were given \$2 million to do the railroad crossing on Canal Street and reopen that road up. That is going on 11 years. When everybody has enough time, I'll tell you the whole story behind that. I'm glad to still be here to say, See, I told you so.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

#### 8.6 FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF TWO GARBAGE TRUCKS

Alderman Anglace MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Director, to waive the bidding process and purchase a used 2022 garbage truck for \$390,000 and a used 2023 garbage truck for \$382,000.

Further appropriate an amount of \$772,000 for the purchase of the two garbage trucks with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: I think the motion is a little bit misleading because they are not really garbage trucks; they are the recycling vehicles. As you know we do garbage and recyclables in two separate collections. These are the automated trucks that we have bought in the past. We went out to bid a year to year and a half ago. I think that the tab came in for a new truck at about \$450,000. As some of you know, I have been a proponent of rehabbing the old stuff that we have. When I instructed Public Works to research the different auctions that are out there, we came up with these two trucks. Both of them have warranties on the transmissions and engines for an additional two and three years. We have all the maintenance records associated with them. I left with the clerk a packet that has pictures of them if anyone is interested in seeing them. The long and short of it is I think this is a pretty good deal. We are saving about \$80,000 per vehicle and why not as opposed to buying something brand new. As you

know we are buying two new fire trucks and that is taking three years to produce and get here. They are still not here. Maybe sometime this fall those trucks will be coming in. Rather than go down that road, I think this is a pretty good substitute for keeping the fleet up. I will be back to you in a month or two once these trucks go into service and asking for more money to rehab a couple of our existing trucks in our fleet which will really put us in pretty good shape. We are applying the same concept with the recycle trucks as we do with the school buses. Sometime in the new fiscal year we will be talking about the purchase of a few more school buses, not 30, a few more. The number of buses that we own has grown. We have 60 and we just picked up 8 more, now we have 68. We are not going to buy 60 and have 120 school buses when we don't need them, as an example. I know I got off topic a little, but it is all in the scheme of the big picture of how we are handling our vehicles. We have done this with the Public Works vehicles, with dump trucks and excavators and things like that.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### **9 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW**

#### 9.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 NO ITEMS

### **10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### 10.A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 NO ITEMS

Mayor Lauretti: At this time, I am going to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session and ask that Corporation Counsel join us.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to go into Executive Session.

Seconded by Alderman McKinnon.

MOVED to go into Executive Session at 5:55 pm.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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Mayor Lauretti: At this time, I will entertain a motion to end Executive Session.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to end Executive Session.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

Executive Session ended at 6:01 pm.

Mayor Lauretti: Let the record reflect that no votes were taken in the Executive Session.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

10.2 GREY DOMINGUEZ v. CITY OF SHELTON

Alderman Anglace MOVED to settle the case of Grey Dominguez v. the City of Shelton as discussed in the executive session.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

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A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

*Donna Fonda*

Donna Fonda  
Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti