



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON
REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2022
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 Full Board 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 via phone
Alderman Michele Bialek – Present
Alderman Lorenzo Durante – Present
Alderman Porter McKinnon – Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – Present
Alderman Bernie Simons – Present via phone

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
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.

Joe Ciccone

16 Oak Hill Lane, Shelton, CT

I would like to recommend to the Board of Aldermen forming a committee for a City Flag for Shelton. I believe this would be a great opportunity for us to conduct a City flag campaign as other neighboring towns, such as Ansonia and Derby have their own flag. I propose a public contest for designing the flag and a committee perhaps reviews and selects one to fly over the town. Thank you for your consideration.



Mayor Lauretti: I met with this gentleman a week ago and this is not the first time somebody has asked us to do a flag on behalf of the City of Shelton. Years ago, we came up with this as the City Seal.

I think the Board of Aldermen should set up a committee to solicit some thoughts and ideas and some recommendations for adoption and we have the

opportunity to do that in this situation as well. That is what this young man is asking us to do. We will be in touch with you.

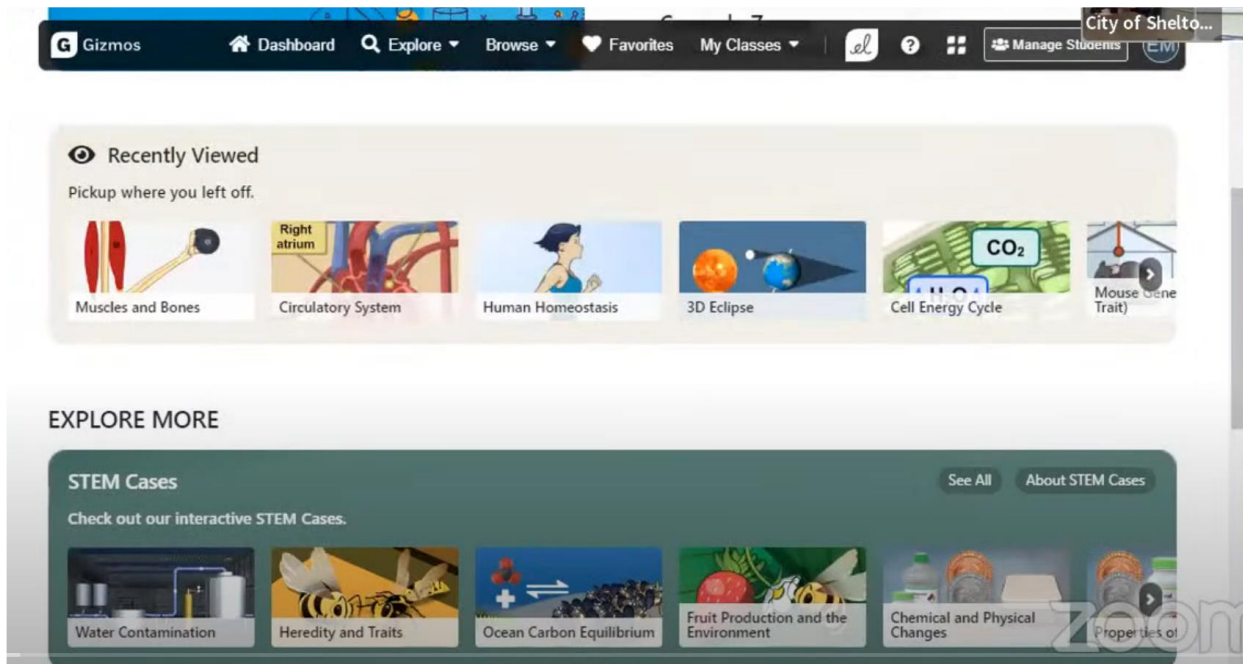
Erica McNeil, Science Teacher, Shelton Intermediate School

Tina Xavier, Supervisor of Teaching & Learning, 7-12, Shelton Public Schools

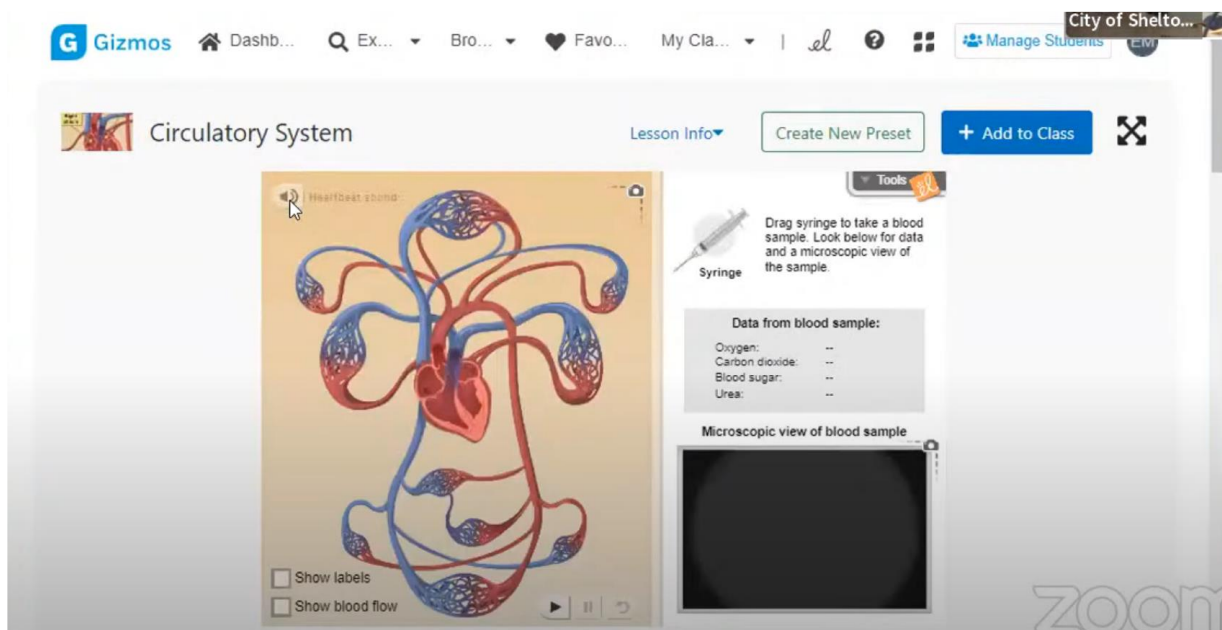
Kristen Santilli, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Data Management, PreK-12, Shelton Public Schools

Mayor Lauretti: Erica is looking for City support to buy a program for the Science curriculum at SIS and Shelton High School?

Erica McNeil: At Shelton Intermediate School. The high school currently has it for their students. Thank you for hearing about Gizmos. Gizmos is an interactive Science virtual lab and simulation that aligns to our Science standards and helps our educators bring a powerful STEM experience to the classroom. These virtual labs make Science accessible to all students through hands-on learning and real-world experiences. It goes above and beyond the walls of the classroom. The program is easily integrated into our current technology so we do not need anything else except for just the program. I will show you a little bit about it. It is an interactive lab so every student in Shelton Intermediate School will be able to access it. It is standard based, so any standard that the teacher is teaching, it will enhance the curriculum.

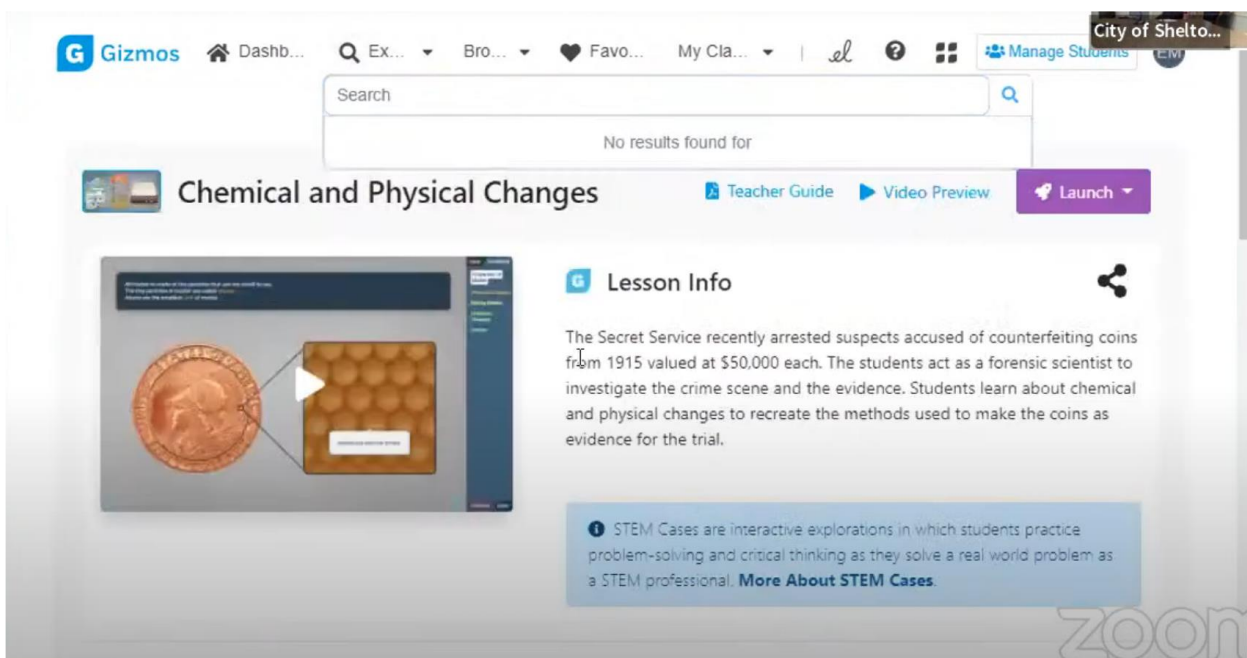


After we teach the lesson then they can have a virtual lab. Obviously, we cannot go into an operating room and operate inside of muscles, so this is a virtual lab to show us about it.



I have the circulatory system right here. This would be an example of one of the lessons. You can hear the heartbeat and you can see all the labels. The student can take the syringe and go into the left arm and take a little blood sample there. We can start by showing how the actual blood goes through the body. Then what happens is, after the students have questions that they can be asked and you can check the answers.

There is also something really cool where they have a STEM case so they actually can pretend to be in the Secret Service in this one. This would be a Chemistry lesson, kind of like a cumulative lesson after you teach the Chemistry lesson. They pretend they are in the Secret Service, the arrested suspects accused of counterfeit coins. Now they get to go in and see the composition of the counterfeit coin. Obviously we would not be able to have that happen, so it



has to be virtual. This is an amazing opportunity for our students and staff to engage in a STEM exploration.

Tina Xavier: Erica has been a big proponent for the Explorer Gizmo learning. They had the wonderful experience of having it last year. The high school uses it, but as she said it is really a great tool that makes Science come alive for students. They get to have experiences that they would not normally.

Alderman Simonetti: Erica, can they access this at their home, if they are out of school, if they are sick or not feeling well or something like that?

Erica McNeil: Yes they can. Something that is very exciting about it is that it connects to the Chromebooks that the students all have. It is very Chromebook friendly.

Alderman Simonetti: Do all the teachers have knowledge of this and know how to use this?

Erica McNeil: Yes, we used it last year in our classrooms as an enhancement for our curriculum.

Alderman Simonetti: So if you used it last year, how did you lose it?

Erica McNeil: It is an enhancement to our curriculum, so if there is funding for it that year, we have it. If there isn't funding for it, it is an enhancement.

Alderman Simonetti: What does it cost?

Erica McNeil: This program cost \$2000 for 777 students.

Alderman Simonetti: How many students do we have?

Erica McNeil: 777.

Tina Xavier: If we think of these labs that the students are able to engage in and the costs for classroom materials to be able to replicate that, you are not going to be able to do that at \$2000 for 777 students.

Erica McNeil: If we get a new student, they give us another access.

Tina Xavier: It is just an opportunity; these labs are just phenomenal. Students normally would not be able to interact that way with that experience.

Alderman Bialek: Is this a yearly renewal? Do you have options for a longer term at a lower cost?

Erica McNeil: Yes

Alderman Simonetti: What would those terms be? 3 years? 5 years?

Erica McNeil: It is really tailored to whatever you would like to work with them. I inquired on a yearly subscription for the Intermediate School. They gave us a discount because the high school already uses it.

Alderman Simonetti: Let's say we buy a five-year subscription. Does the program update each year? In other words it is not the same program.

Erica McNeil: Actually, what I was showing you this new STEM case where they pretend to be the FBI or Secret Service, that is new this year. They have brought the real-life experience careers into the Science.

Alderman Bialek: This is cloud based? It is not dated, but continually updated.

Erica McNeil: They continually update it and all of their worksheets that go along with it, the quizzes, everything is updated as well into different modalities, whether it is Google, a Word document, a .pdf document. There are a lot of different ones. They have an electronic handbook that goes with it too, almost like a workbook.

Alderman Bialek: Is it limited to STEM?

Erica McNeil: There is a Math Gizmo as well.

Alderman Simonetti: If you had the funds today, how long would it take to get it?

Erica McNeil: Tomorrow.

Kristen Santilli: During Covid a lot of these programs were free. Teachers had access to them and it was wonderful. Now they have started to say no more and they are charging. It is really a struggle because some of these teachers that got their hands wet with some of these programs now we can't provide everything for everyone.

Erica McNeil: It would also be virtually impossible for 7th and 8th grade students – in this particular one, Chemical and Physical Changes – it would be very dangerous for them to do the experiment they have here. Also safety sometimes in 7th and 8th grade Science trumps the lab.

Alderman Durante: What were they doing before Covid?

Erica McNeil: They are still going to learn; this is an enhancement. They are learning everything. This just would be able to show them how Secret Service and FBI agents, if you were one of them, you would go into their lab. They have high-tech equipment that we would never be able to purchase. You can see how the coins are actually inspected and they can see how it is and they manipulate it.

Tina Xavier: Science is not about learning facts and reading information in a textbook. Science is doing and this provides a real-life application of what students can do with their Science. The fact that they are able to take some knowledge but then pretend to be a doctor.

Erica McNeil: Everyone always thinks, oh Science you can just be a doctor, but this one you can be a Secret Service Agent using Chemistry every day. It is a real-life experience.

Alderman Bialek: I think what Lorenzo was asking, in the past how have these been taught? Was it an actual experiment with chemicals and those kinds of things?

Erica McNeil: Not in middle school because that is dangerous. There could be a demonstration, I could do it. The students wouldn't really have their own hands-on learning.

Alderman Bialek: I don't want to get too far into that with the integration of actually doing and seeing and touching things.

Erica McNeil: For instance, we bring in hearts, cow hearts, but they don't touch them.

Alderman Bialek: That is a connection to the reality.

Tina Xavier: Also the fact that they are able to manipulate, engage and interact with it versus, for instance, a teacher could easily put up a YouTube video and the student could watch the demonstration, but it does not really give them the opportunity to really think critically if they have to manipulate the experiment and figure out how to make it work. We talk about Science practices and what we really want students to be able to do and this provides that opportunity.

Alderman Bialek: Would this replace any books that you would have to purchase? You were saying there is a cost offset for replacement of materials?

Erica McNeil: This wouldn't be a cost offset for materials. This is an enhancement to our curriculum. We teach the students about Chemistry, but obviously they can't do these experiments on their own, so now we can show them and they can actually, like Tina said, do them.

Alderman Bialek: So it wouldn't be a replacement of a curriculum piece.

Erica McNeil: No, it is an enhancement. We are still teaching our curriculum.

Alderman Bialek: Of course, I'm just saying as far as materials. Not here, take this computer and go home.

Erica McNeil: We do labs all the time, but when you have chromatography, it is very expensive to do something like that. As a 7th grader you are not going to necessarily see that or be able to manipulate it. If you have something like this you understand it and then when you get to high school or college, if your college has chromatography or if the high school has that, you are able to see and do. It exposes them earlier on in their Science career.

Alderman Bialek: And in a comfortable setting, this is how our kids learn.

Erica McNeil: Also, I think with the integration of the STEM careers, it really engages them so that maybe they do want to learn a little bit more about Science. Me just standing there telling

them you could use this in the FBI and then they actually can pretend to be in it, it kind of gives them a little bit more personal adjustment to it.

Mayor Lauretti: Thank you very much for the FYI for the Board.

Erica McNeil: You guys can come any time you want to see a Gizmo in my classroom.

Alderman McKinnon: \$2000 is not that much money, but is there a discount if we committed to 5 years versus 1 year so you don't have to come back next year?

Erica McNeil: I can certainly ask them for a printout and pricing.

Tina Xavier: It is also purchased with the high school and obviously there is a discount as well. We will have to get more information. Thank you for the opportunity on behalf of the BOE and our superintendent Ken Saranich to be able to explain about this wonderful program for our students.

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Thomas Harbison

15 Soundcrest Drive, Shelton, CT

That was very inspiring. Reminds me of my 7th grade Science class with a scalpel opening up a worm and looking at the circulatory system, so I can imagine 777 worms and all that activity can be done a lot better virtually. Thank you.

I come to the Board with a couple of items. I have been to Planning & Zoning a couple of times over the past several months regarding a restaurant downtown and I am hoping that perhaps the Board of Aldermen would be able to accomplish some success that hasn't been accomplished yet. In front of this restaurant on the Pierpont Block they have tables and boxes and it is an obstruction to pedestrians, but it is a total obstruction to somebody who is in a wheelchair. I am hoping that maybe the Aldermen could nicely speak to the restaurant owners about the blockage to public access there. Additionally they have an antique car, a Fiat, that has been parked in front of those tables, to kind of give a sense of security for their patrons when they are dining. Despite what some may think, parking is at a premium downtown and for a car to be perpetually parked in a downtown location when there are other restaurants down there, it is just not good practice. The Police Department apparently said there is nothing they can do. In that regard, I am not looking for the City to put in timed meters like there used to be, but in your Charter there is a Municipal Parking Authority still on the books and parking is an issue downtown that has numerous complications, some of which are being solved by private investors, but perhaps utilizing that rule could create some successful opportunities downtown.

The second item is regarding ATVs and quads. Now, speaking as Chairman of the Conservation Commission, we have had some issues with quads tearing up trails, particularly down in the Birchbank area. It is a problem that comes and goes during the years, but some of our trail cams have captured the imagery. Our Natural Resource Manager has delivered that information to the Police Department. Unfortunately, we have not had the courtesy of a simply reply. I

understand that in an investigation you may not want to reveal what you are doing, but when we don't even get a reply or acknowledgment that they received the information, it gives the sense that it is being dismissed. I can say that in my vocation I have spent the past two days cleaning a field because of quad damage. It is an issue in downtown. A couple of years back before Covid, I followed quads in front of St. Joe's in downtown doing wheelies. So it is a public safety issue at times. If the Chief of Police can be given a prodding to give that some attention. Thank you very much.

Mayor Lauretti: Anyone else wishing to address the Board? Hearing none, we will close the public portion and move on to the regularly scheduled agenda.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 2022

1.2 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2022

1.3 BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES – OCTOBER 25, 2022

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org.

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

Board of Aldermen Special Meeting of October 6, 2022, Board of Aldermen Regular meeting of October 13, 2022 and Board of Aldermen Public Hearing on Ordinances of October 25, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

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 just wanted to inform everyone that those of you who knew George Ryan, a longtime Shelton businessman and member of the greatest generation in America, passed away in his mid-90s in Florida about a month ago. George, as you know, owned Curtiss Ryan Honda on Bridgeport Avenue and they have been there since the 60s. He was very involved in the ongoing activities of Shelton. He was a member of the Senior Commission for a time and I even think he was on the Economic Development Commission years back. George was one of those guys that had a nice way about him, voiced his concern unlike today's society where they have to demonize you every step of the way. George talked to you like a gentleman. He talked

intelligently and was well-informed and had the best interest of this City at heart. He lived up in Huntington, on Tower Lane, for a number of years. His wife passed away during Covid and she was also in her 90s. They spear-headed the Senior Dancing that started at the Senior Center and in the summertime they moved it down to the pavilion in downtown. It used to draw quite a crowd, I might add. George was also a veteran. He served in any capacity that he felt was important to make America great, unlike most of the people that lived during his tenure.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I have no report at this time.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$2,012.50 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated November 7, 2022, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services -	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees -	001-1900-411.30-03	\$2,012.50
Foreclosure Fees -	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs -	001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED Alderman Simonetti.

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

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$1,699.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated November 2, 2022 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees	001-1900-411.30-03	\$1,699.50
Foreclosure Fees	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Miscellaneous Services	001-1900-411.80-03	\$
Court Costs	001-1900-411.80-84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

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

7– LEGISLATIVE – OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #892 ANTI-BLIGHT AMENDMENT (CHAPTER 3 BUILDING & BUILDING REGULATIONS ARTICLE III ANTI-BLIGHT SEC. 3-41 TO SEC. 3-45)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to amend Ordinance #892, ANTI-BLIGHT AMENDMENT (CHAPTER 3 BUILDING & BUILDING REGULATIONS ARTICLE III ANTI-BLIGHT SEC. 3-41 TO SEC. 3-45) 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.

4) Repeat violators

Cases of repeat offenses shall be considered as a continuance, and shall be subject to the maximum fine of One Hundred (\$100.00) per day for each day the property remains in a state of non-compliance.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON October 25, 2022.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglace: The only change is Section 4 (above).

Alderman McPherson: It went through Street Committee and it passed. Just for the Board to know, we discussed it with Corporation Counsel. He said this is fine, it does not change the structure of the ordinance. It still gives 45 days, but after that period-of-time then to answer Alderman McKinnon's question, they do become a repeat violator and then they get the maximum fine so they don't get the courtesy any more of minimal. Counsel did say it was fine and we can pass it.

Alderman Bialek: This is per incident, not per violator?

Alderman McPherson: They call it per violator, they are one in the same. If you have blighted property and it goes through the process initially, then you become in compliance, you are back to being non-blighted, then let's say a couple of months later you are right back to it, you don't get the benefit of the courtesy letter. It still follows the process, but they get the maximum fine now because they would be a repeat violator. It follows the property.

Alderman Anglace: It is not an automatic that they get the maximum fine. It is still the prerogative of the enforcement officer to determine what the amount of the fine would be. You can imagine that a repeat offender is probably going to be higher, but that is his call.

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

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD

8.1 AMENDMENT TO ACTION TAKEN AT THE JULY 14 & OCTOBER 13, 2022 BOA MEETING – STEAP GRANT FOR HOUSATONIC RIVERWALK EXTENSION ALONG HOUSATONIC RIVER AT 223 CANAL STREET

Alderman Anglace MOVED to amend the following resolution passed at the July 14, 2022 BOA meeting regarding the STEAP Grant for Housatonic Riverwalk Extension along the Housatonic River at 223 Canal Street:

Be it RESOLVED, that Mayor Mark A. Lauretti be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the City of Shelton, a 2022 Connecticut STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) Grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Extension of the Housatonic Riverwalk; and appropriate the required share of \$25,000 with funding to come from the Board of Aldermen bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor Mark A. Lauretti is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti: This has been before us three times now. We finally got it right.

Alderman Bialek: Is that what this is? Did they just say that this is just something you can use...

Mayor Lauretti: Not eligible for our cost share so we had to go to a different source. The next one is in the same category.

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

8.2 AMENDMENT TO ACTION TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 13, 2022 BOA MEETING – STEAP GRANT FOR CANAL LOCK PARK RESTORATION & PRESERVATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to amend the following resolution taken at the October 13, 2022 Board of Aldermen Meeting regarding STEAP Grant for Canal Lock Park Restoration & Preservation.

Be it RESOLVED, that Mayor Mark A. Lauretti be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the City of Shelton, a 2022 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Canal Lock Park Restoration & Preservation; and appropriate the required share of \$30,000 with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor Mark A. Lauretti is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti: This is the same as above, could not use American Rescue Money as our cost share.

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

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW**9.1 NOVEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS**

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$15,960.25 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 Simonetti.

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

9.2 FUNDING FOR COPIERS IN VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$50,000 for seven (7) copiers purchased for various city departments with funding to come from the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti: The rationale for this is simply that a lot of the copiers are up in age and their warranties have expired, so what we spend on a monthly basis for repairs is telling us that it is time to buy something new. There is enough money in there to purchase another copier in the near future. I think we will probably need one for someone else.

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

9.3 RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING BANK INSTITUTIONS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF SHELTON/FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton that the following banking institutions are hereby designated as depositories for the City of Shelton and are hereby requested, authorized, and directed to honor checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money drawn in the name of said city, including those payable to the individual order of any person or persons whose name appears thereon:

JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA
TD Bank, NA
Webster Bank
M&T Bank
Liberty Bank
Bank of America, NA
Newtown Savings Bank

Bankwell

When bearing or purporting to bear facsimile signatures of Mark A. Lauretti, Mayor and when said checks are countersigned by the Treasurer or Finance Director, the banks shall be entitled to honor and to charge the City of Shelton for such checks, drafts, and other order regardless of whom or by what means the actual or purported facsimile signature or signatures resemble the facsimile specimens duly certified or filed with the banks by the Finance Director of the City of Shelton.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion: This is boiler-plate stuff, we do this every year. It just authorizes us to deal with the different lending institutions in the City.

Alderman Anglace: Who is M&T?

Alderman Bialek: It is People's.

Alderman Simonetti: I understand there are problems with M&T.

Mayor Lauretti: We don't have a choice. They have our general fund and other funds, so we don't have a choice.

Alderman Simonetti: Are they resolving the problems?

Mayor Lauretti: It is not my issue; you can call them and ask them.

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

9.4 OVER-EXPENDITURES FOR THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the over-expenditure of the following Registrar of Voter's office accounts due to expenses incurred from the August 9, 2022 primary through the end of fiscal year 2022-2023.

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	
0500-413.30-07	Printing & Advertising - Ballots, Memory cards, posters, post cards for primary	
0500-413.10-02	Part Time Employees - primary and election prep and adding an additional voters to system	
0500-413.60-27	Election Equipment	

0500-413.80-41	Poll workers	
0500-413.40-05	Postage	

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

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

9.5 FUNDING FOR SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL'S EXPLORE LEARNING GIZMOS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$2,012.08 for the District Gizmos Science Department License for the students of Shelton Intermediate School with funding to come from the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti: You have the presentation, so everybody should be okay with everything there.

Alderman Bialek: I propose that we wait until we get a different breakdown of the schedule of packages so that we can maybe determine whether it would be a better savings if we went for a five year, whatever their levels up are.

Mayor Lauretti: We can always revisit that and we can do it administratively. We really want to get them started, the school year is in motion and it is November already. The marking period is almost over. We can keep the issue alive. I think maybe what I will do is have Theresa notify everybody and take a poll as to what your thinking is and then we can just fund it out of the Youth Programs.

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

9.6 REIMBURSEMENT OF INVOICE TO SHELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reimburse Shelton Economic Development Corporation for the receipt dated October 20, 2022 for the Taking Care of Business Luncheon held at Il Palio Restaurant in an amount of \$3,972.50 with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: I wasn't invited!

Mayor Lauretti: There wasn't enough room. I had one woman call me and said she was insulted she didn't get invited; she is a small business owner. I said there are 1500 businesses in Shelton and the room only holds 100 people. She can get on the list for the next one.

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

9.7 BOARD OF ALDERMEN RESOLUTION RE: MAS PROPERTY AND CONTIGUOUS CITY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Shelton during the last two (2) years has endeavored to continue the extension of Constitution Boulevard west of and perpendicular to Bridgeport Avenue into and through the so-called "Mas property" and contiguous City owned property ("Property") and

WHEREAS, the City of Shelton is now in the process of subdividing and selling Property; and

WHEREAS, the process is better served by the City selecting those parties and uses which are more advantageous to the overall harmonious development of the subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen finding the process to be in the best interest of the City of Shelton, authorizes the sale of a subdivided parcel of property to the below purchaser as follows:

<i>Purchaser</i>	<i>Intended Use</i>	<i>Approx. Acres</i>	<i>Price Per Acre (\$)</i>	<i>Building Sq. Ft.</i>	<i>Due Diligence Period (Days)</i>	<i>Zone</i>
ARP Welding LLC	Welding Manufacturing	3.94	85,000	20,000	120	IA-1

MOVE FURTHER that Mayor Mark A. Lauretti be authorized to finalize and sign contracts complete said sales.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti: This is right along the lines of what we did last month for four different properties, four different businesses. This, I think, probably completes it. There may be one other piece, but I am not sure at this point.

Alderman Anglace: Good to see so much interest in that.

Mayor Lauretti: A lot of interest. A lot of people who got left out.

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

9.8 FUNDING FOR BODY ARMOR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$20,000 for body armor for the police department with funding to come from the American Rescue Plan.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglace: I thought we did this already.

Mayor Lauretti: We did body cameras. We just hired 4 or 5 new officers. This is where this is going to go.

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

9.9 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – 0 LEAVENWORTH ROAD

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the City of Shelton purchase approximately 8.14 acres (Assessor Card Map/Lot 153 9) at 0 Leavenworth Road for purposes of open space for the sum of \$300,000, with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter, and that the Mayor and Corporation Counsel be authorized to sign any and all paperwork necessary to complete the purchase including but not limited to obtaining a favorable 8-24 referral from Planning and Zoning.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: This is roughly \$36,855 an acre. It is subject to a favorable resolution from P&Z.

Mayor Lauretti: I think Kellie was at the Zoning meeting last night.

Kellie Vazzano: Yes, we did receive a favorable referral from the Planning & Zoning Commission last evening.

Mayor Lauretti: This piece gives us how many contiguous acres up there?

Kellie Vazzano: It is 75 contiguous acres.

Mayor Lauretti: Right along the mountainside by Indian Wells on Route 110.

Kellie Vazzano: Yes, the Overlook.

Alderman Bialek: Is this part of a kind of a larger vision?

Kellie Vazzano: It is completing a vision that has been in the works for a long time.

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

9.10 FUNDING FOR ARTICULATING BOOM LIFT – WAIVER OF BID

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Director of Finance, to waive the bidding process for the purchase of an articulating boom lift in an amount of \$17,500 with funding to come from the American Rescue Plan Funds.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: I find it difficult; how would you go out to bid for a used lift.

Mayor Lauretti: It is painful and there is no guarantee. If you don't have the money to pay for it after you win the bid then it goes to the next bidder if there is a next bidder. It gets very tricky and complicated. I would like to offer an addition to this motion to come in the form of an amendment. We have a lift already, but the one that we found is a bigger lift that has the ability to do more things. My suggestion is that you authorize us to sell the old lift and we will do it through purchasing, unless the Board of Education may have a use of their own for it.

Alderman Anglace: There is a procedure, so just follow the procedure.

Mayor Lauretti: I will check with the Board of Education and if they don't have a use of it for parking lot lights or gymnasium, they have some tall buildings where they likely do that we need to get to. I want to have the Board's authorization just to sell it.

Alderman Anglace: I will amend the motion to authorize the Mayor to sell the old lift, once we get the new one is going to be obsolete.

Mayor Lauretti: It is not obsolete, it has value, but this one has more value, this one makes life a lot easier.

Alderman Bialek: Maybe make the condition that if there are no other departments that could use it.

Mayor Lauretti: It has value.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to amend the motion to authorize the Mayor to dispose of the existing lift vehicle, articulating boom, that we have once we get the new one.

Alderman Simonetti: With that he can either turn it over to the Board of Education or he can sell it.

Alderman Anglace: Yes. There is a procedure in place to do that and you don't need the Aldermen to vote on it authorizing it to be sold.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

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

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

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 NO ITEMS

10.2 ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING SCHEDULE.

10.2 A. FULL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

10.2 B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES COMMITTEE MEETING

10.2 C. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

10.2 D. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

10.2 E. STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the adopt the 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting schedule as outlined in 10.2A, 10.2B, 10.2C, 10.2D, 10.2E.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

10.2 A. FULL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The second Thursday of each month shall be established as regularly scheduled meeting date of the Full Board of Aldermen. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall

City of Shelton Regular Full Board 2023 Meeting Schedule	
January	12
February	9
March	9
April	13
May	11
June	8
July	13
August	10
September	14
October	12
November	9
December	14

10.2 B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES COMMITTEE MEETING

The fourth Tuesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Public Hearing on Ordinances. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall

City of Shelton Public Hearing Ordinances 2023 Meeting Schedule	
January	24
February	28
March	28
April	25
May	23
June	27
July	25
August	22
September	26
October	24
November	28
December	26

10.2 C. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The fourth Tuesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Finance Committee. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall.

City of Shelton Finance Committee 2023 Meeting Schedule	
January	24
February	28
March	28
April	25
May	23
June	27
July	25
August	22
September	26
October	24
November	28
December	26

10.2 D. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Wednesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Public Health & Safety Committee. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall.

City of Shelton Public Health & Safety 2023 Meeting Schedule	
January	4
February	1
March	1
April	5
May	3
June	7
July	5
August	2
September	6
October	5
November	1
December	6

10.2 E. STREET COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Tuesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting of the Street Committee with the exception of July 4th when the City Hall will be closed due to the holiday. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall.

City of Shelton Street Committee 2023 Meeting Schedule	
January	3
February	7
March	7
April	4
May	2
June	6
July	11
August	1
September	5
October	3
November	7
December	5

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

10.3 APPOINTMENT TO CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint Janelle Beardsley to the Citizen's Advisory Board effective immediately.

Janelle Beardsley (R)
62 Ten Coat Lane
Shelton, CT 06484

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

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

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 NO ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fonda

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Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____

BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti