



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark Lauretti called the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.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
Alderman David Gidwani- Not Present
Alderman Stanley Kudej- Present
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Not Present
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Mr. Guy Beardsley, 276 Leavenworth Road

I am speaking tonight as a Chair of the Citizens Advisory Board appointed by the Mayor to keep an eye on what's going on down there on Canal Street. We have a couple points that I just wanted the Board of Aldermen to be informed about. First thing is that parking continues to be a problem but we determined that there are places in the city that are available for parking but there are no signs on them. That's something that I thought people should know about. The second item is that there is a quasi walkway between the Birmingham and Romeo's, which is a deli in Viaduct Square, but it crosses the railroad tracks by necessity and it would be nice if we were able to put some gravel on each side of the railroad track and in between the tracks and if a train was ever to go through, it wouldn't have any problem getting through with that gravel. It would be at grade level with the tracks on each side, and ladies and gentlemen that is the extent of what the Citizen's Advisory Board wanted to make you aware of. Thank you.

The Mayor asked if anyone else wished to address the Board, there being no one, he closed the Public Portion.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

1. REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2020

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

**5.1.1 TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE'S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES-CRRA LAND ACCOUNT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to transfer an amount of \$1,500 from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00 to Administrative Office’s Environmental Services-CRRA Land Account #001-0100-411.30-43

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Anglace: CRRA should be crossed out and it should be changed to MIRA now because CRRA transferred over to MIRA. The Mayor knows more about that than I do.

Mayor Lauretti: That’s correct. It’s called MIRA.

~~5.1.2. AUTHORIZE OVEREXPENDITURE FOR EMPLOYEE RESOURCES’
SUBSTANCE TESTING ACCOUNT (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)~~

~~Move, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to authorize the over-expenditure of the Employee Resources’ Substance Testing Account #001-0200-411.80-72 through the end of fiscal year 2019-2020.~~

5.1.3 AUTHORIZE OVEREXPENDITURE FOR ELECTIONS CERTIFICATION FEES ACCOUNT

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to authorize the over-expenditure of the Elections’ Certification Fees Account #001-0500-413.50-13 through the end of fiscal year 2019-2020.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5.1.4 AUTHORIZE OVEREXPENDITURE OF MISCELLANEOUS CLIENT ANALYSIS/BANK CHARGES

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to authorize the over-expenditure of the Miscellaneous’ Client Analysis/Bank Charges #001-6100-419.80-44 through the end of fiscal year 2019-2020.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5.1.5 TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO MISCELLANEOUS FIREWORKS DISPLAY ACCOUNT

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to transfer an amount of \$500 from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00 to Miscellaneous Fireworks Display Account #001-6100-622.80-47.

SECONDED by Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5.1.6 TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO OUTSIDE AGENCY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNT

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to transfer an amount of \$1,300 from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00 to Outside Agency Council of Government's Account #001-6500-414.79-13.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

RE: Special Notice for the January 2020 Real Estate Tax, Motor Vehicle Supplemental Tax and Business Personal Property Tax

One of my constituents reminded me that Shelton has chosen to implement a policy whereby the Real Estate, Motor Vehicle Supplemental and Business Personal Property tax bills are sent out in June with no reminder bill sent out in the following January.

The Real Estate bill mailed out in June 2019 was a three-part bill with "Part A" being used for the 1st installment due July 1, 2019; "Part B" to be used to pay the second installment due January 1, 2020 with a deadline of February 3, 2020 to avoid interest. "Part C: is the taxpayer's copy.

He observed that without a reminder in January, taxpayers are going to forget, fail to make timely payment of the second half taxes due and incur an interest payment. He asked that this policy be rescinded or, at a minimum, some alternate reminder go out to taxpayers.

He also asked that the Board of Aldermen (BOA) forgive late payment interest for 2020.

I spoke with the Mayor about this and he agreed to provide several reminders:

A news release reminder to be issued to the media during the month of January calling attention to the impending second half deadline.

Inclusion on the City Website as an announcement reminder during the month of January.

Another reminder using the City mass phone service (Code Red) during January.

I also spoke with Corporation Counsel who informed me that the late payment of taxes resulting in an interest charge of 1.5% per month is a statutory requirement that cannot be overridden by the BOA.

I bring this to your attention should you receive any constituent inquiries.

Thank you.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$3,630 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated January 30, 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	\$3,630
Foreclosure Fees -	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs -	001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED Alderman McGorty.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$297 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated February 5, 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	\$297
Foreclosure Fees	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Miscellaneous Services	001-1900-411.80-03	\$
Court Costs	001-1900-411.80-84	\$

SECONDED Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7- LEGISLATIVE – OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. NO ITEMS

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD

8.1 NO ITEM

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW

9.1 FEBRUARY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$5,074.10 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 Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 267 CANAL STREET CT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT – ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECT OVERSIGHT (STAR PIN PROPERTY)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, on June 13, 2019 the Board of Aldermen approved the execution of an Assistance Agreement by and between the City of Shelton and the CT/Department of Economic and Community Development to undertake the environmental remediation efforts at the former Star Pin Factory located at 267 Canal Street;

Now therefore, the City of Shelton appropriates an amount of \$43,750 for the administration and oversight of the project by the Shelton Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED Alderman Simons.

Mayor Lauretti: This is for the cleanup of that building. To refresh everyone’s memory we received a \$950,000 grant last year from the State, and our share is \$140,000 or \$120,000, I don’t recall the exact number right now. The next motion reflects the same description.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lauretti: The other point I want to make about the Star Pin building is that over the last couple of months we solicited different vendors/developers to undertake the rehabilitation and development and sale of that property. We have selected a vendor/developer and that will be on next month’s agenda. I will give you more detail when we get to that point. This is moving right along with all the progress we have made on Canal Street along the river.

9.3 267 CANAL STREET CT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT – BROWNFIELDS CONSULTING SERVICES (STAR PIN PROPERTY)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2019 the Board of Aldermen approved the execution of an Assistance Agreement by and between the City of Shelton and the CT/Department of Economic and Community Development to undertake the environmental remediation efforts at the former Star Pin Factory located at 267 Canal Street; and

Now therefore, the City of Shelton appropriates an amount of \$46,200 for brownfield engineering services associated with 267 Canal Street (Star Pin Property) with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

~~9.4 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – CANAL STREET MAP 130~~ - **(MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ITEM 11.5)**

Alderman Anglace: Just a note of reference, Item 9.4 was moved to Executive Session as Item 11.5.

9.5 RESCISSION OF ACTION – NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MEETING - ITEM 9.7 FUNDING FOR PLUMB MEMORIAL LIBRARY ELEVATOR

Alderman Anglace MOVED to rescind the action taken by the Board of Aldermen at their November 14, 2019 Meeting – Item 9.7 Funding for Plumb Memorial Library Elevator.

SECONDED Alderman Balamaci.

Alderman Anglace: The amount of funding was \$2,541. It was appropriated twice and we are just correcting it.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.6 FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$175,000 for the purchase of a dump truck with plow for the Public Works Department with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED Alderman Simons.

Mayor Lauretti: We are contemplating doing a second vehicle off of this bid. I don't believe we are prepared to do that right now. Just so you know it may be a possibility that it comes back a month or two from now.

Alderman Balamaci: Is this a new vehicle?

Mayor Lauretti: Yes.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

~~9.7 WAIVER OF BID FOR PICKUP TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)~~

9.8 FUNDING TO RENOVATE PLUMB MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S BATHROOMS TO BECOME ADA COMPLIANT – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add the renovation of Plumb Memorial Library's bathrooms to become ADA Compliant to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of \$9,500 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED Alderman McGorty.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. NO ITEMS

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to go into executive session at 7:17 p.m. and asked the Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel be included.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reconvene at 7:31 p.m. and noted that there were no votes were taken in executive session.

SECONDED by Alderman McGorty.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.1 SABATINO WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.2 SADICK WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.3 NORRIS WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.4 ARSENAULT WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.5 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – CANAL STREET MAP 130

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the Board of Aldermen, based on the recommendation of the Mayor, approve the contract to sell property known as 1, 2, 3, and 0 Canal Street also known as Assessor’s Map 130 Parcels 3, 4, 5, and 6 as well as the 40-foot strip of land further identified in the contract to the Purchasers under the terms and conditions of the contract explained to the Board of Aldermen.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglace: I’d like to be sure that the aldermen get a copy of that contract. I also want everyone to know that we discussed this in Executive Session and we understand the property in question and we understand the benefits that the City is going to derive from it and what it’s going to add to our economic development efforts and we support the recommendation to sell this property wholeheartedly.

Mayor Lauretti: I also want to include that it’s going to extend the Riverwalk from its current termination out to Canal Street.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Board of Aldermen Clerk

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Laretti
