



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON CT

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Alderman McPherson called the June 6, 2023 Street Committee Meeting of the Board of Aldermen 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.

PRESENT

Alderman McPherson, Chairman – Present
Alderman Durante - Present
Alderman Simonetti – Present
Alderman Anglace, President – Present
Brian Roach, Superintendent of Highways & Bridges – Present
Rimas Balsys, City Engineer – Present

Alderman Balamaci
Sgt Mark Siglinger, Traffic Division, Shelton Police Department

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 REGULAR STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – April 4, 2023

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Regular Street Committee Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023.

Seconded by Alderman Durante.

(Please visit www.cityofshelton.org to view minutes)

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 NO ITEMS

3. OLD BUSINESS – FOLLOW-UP

3.1 WAKELEY STREET CURBING (PARALLEL TO ROUTE 8)

Alderman McPherson: I call it Wakeley Street, it is Wakeley Terrace.

Brian Roach: I looked at it again today. We will get it done next week probably.

Alderman McPherson: I have driven down it. I have to say excellent job, it looks wonderful, really nice. Much appreciate it.

3.2 UPGRADE OF CROSSWALK ON NORTH CONSTITUTION (SIGNAGE & LIGHTING)

Alderman McPherson: The upgrade to the crosswalk on North Constitution by the Intermediate School, the signs and lights. We took a look at this. I did speak with the Mayor. He has authorized the inlay that looks like brick. He said it makes sense to do that and it is consistent with the one on Meadow Street. We had asked for extra signage like we did on Meadow.

Brian Roach: It is out there, both ways.

Alderman McPherson: Okay, good. I think at the last meeting we were told we got the grant for the lighting?

Sgt Siglinger: No, not yet. It is still in the works.

Alderman McPherson: Any timetable on the inlay, Brian?

Brian Roach: No. I didn't know we were actually going forward with it. I will reach out to the gentlemen. First we have to mill it and pave it. We will have to schedule it with him when available.

Rimas Balsys: It has to be right before they do it too, like two weeks.

Brian Roach: We will have to work off of his schedule.

Alderman McPherson: I am looking forward to seeing how that is done.

3.3 UPGRADE TO BLOCK THE BOX SIGNS/SIGNS AROUND HUNTINGTON GREEN

Alderman McPherson: This is the Block the Box for Huntington Street and Church. When coming down Nichols and you get to the traffic light in front of the church. We have a lot of people sitting in there, blocking the intersection. At the bottom of Church Street in front of the bakery there, you have people sitting in that intersection. We want to go ahead and add the grid there at the bottom at the light and at the top.

Sgt Siglinger: That is a State road, it is 108. I think both of them are.

Brian Roach: It is technically Rte 108.

Rimas Balsys: Nichols comes down and goes past the church and takes a left.

Alderman Simonetti: They have to paint it or we can't paint it?

Sgt Siglinger: They will let you paint it, if you pay, they will let you paint it. We need a price, will have to get epoxy, so it will be expensive.

Alderman McPherson: When we did the ordinance on it, it was not just confined to downtown. We are seeing people sitting right in the intersection and then you can't get by on the other side. Now we are seeing it as you are coming into Huntington Center at the lower end of Church.

Sgt Siglinger: At certain times of the day.

Alderman McPherson: We will look for some numbers on that going forward.

3.4 BLOCK THE BOX SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF CORAM & CENTER ST. (LOCATION)

Alderman McPherson: I put this on again because I think we are having an issue with – now they are doing it at the bottom of Coram and Center.

Sgt Siglinger: They are going to do the gas, the gas is going to start so forget about that right now.

Alderman McPherson: I mean relocating the sign. We have four signs that say don't block the intersection. The one on the Simonetti's building side, I don't think people can see it.

Rimas Balsys: There are parking spots there, so you can't see it.

Alderman McPherson: You know where the cut out is and they put all the trash cans there, somewhere there is the sign.

Alderman Simonetti: You can't see it. There is no place to put it, you can't put it in the road. Tough call.

Alderman McPherson: I wonder if there is a better way to locate it.

Sgt Siglinger: I will look at it. I'm open to suggestions.

Alderman Simonetti: You can hang it but then you have all the trucks going through and that is a problem.

Alderman McPherson: It is something to look at and will see where we go with it.

3.5 POST OFFICE PARKING LOT MARKINGS AND TRAFFIC FLOW

Alderman McPherson: These are the traffic markings. When you are coming off of Coram and you go in and have to take the right, you have people coming up the one way and maybe we need more arrows or two arrows on each side going down.

Sgt Siglinger: Are there Do Not Enter signs there? I know I put stuff up when we reconfigured it. I will have to look at it again. Some people just don't pay attention.

Alderman McPherson: I think we probably need more arrows on that side.

Sgt Siglinger: In front of the Post Office?

Alderman McPherson: If you are coming off of Coram and you go in and take that first right. We probably need more arrows that way. Then the middle lane arrows coming the other way.

Alderman Simonetti: You want arrows from the Post Office down in, then they go around, there is an island here and you go around it. This lane goes this way though. So people can come the other way too.

Alderman McPherson: You're not supposed to make a left turn off of Howe Avenue. You can make a right, but not a left.

Sgt Siglinger: It is posted, no left turn.

Alderman McPherson: We will probably have to take another look at that and see where we can go. I do know that the No Parking sign on the telephone pole right there is faded out in front of the Post Office. I had the pole number, I forgot what it was now.

Sgt Siglinger: One of these days I will call you and we will look at these things.

Alderman McPherson: Sure.

3.6 POST OFFICE PARKING LOT REPAIRS

Alderman McPherson: Parking lot patching for the Post Office.

Alderman Simonetti: Is that private or ours?

Brian Roach: The lot is ours. I will take a look at it. Are there potholes?

Alderman McPherson: It needs some patching up. We aren't going to do a lot with it because we don't know what we are going to do with it really. But get us some temporary fixing.

3.7 1 BAYBERRY LANE

Alderman McPherson: I put this back on. I emailed Ron Baia this morning and the guy still has yet to put together his plan. The email says he is working on a plan. I am giving him until June 15th. If no plan I will get him out a letter.

Alderman Simonetti: What will the letter say that will get him going?

Alderman McPherson: Here is my reply. I sent him an email per our meeting two months ago. We were looking for a date to complete the restoration of the water course and also the disconnection of the pipe.

Alderman Simonetti: He did it very quickly. Within a week I think he got the thing done.

Alderman McPherson: Personally, I think he is stonewalling. I will tell you my reply to him was he needs to get moving and get it done. Two months have gone by. I am getting the impression he is stalling. It should not take him this long, you need to push him. Otherwise we will commence an action against him. I spoke to Corporation Counsel about it and if we need to take action against him, we will provide counsel with all of the information. It should not take him two months and it has been good weather. As a matter of fact I am meeting with Ron tomorrow and will maybe get an additional update.

3.8 WOOSTER STREET FROM MEADOW TO SHELTON AVENUE

Alderman McPherson: Most of it is done, it looks really, really good. I think at that upper part we are still waiting on the utilities or whoever? The road is done from Shelton Avenue up to the backside of Beardsley. From that point up to when you connect to Meadow ...

Brian Roach: Regan Circle?

Alderman McPherson: Yea, that is not done.

Brian Roach: They didn't put a main in there. They only paved where they put the main in.

Alderman McPherson: Oh, okay. At some point we are going to have to go in and do that?

Rimas Balsys: If we want to.

Alderman McPherson: That top part really isn't that good.

Rimas Balsys: We will take a look at it. We can't make them repair something they didn't disturb.

3.9 CROSSWALK AT SOUTH CONSTITUTION & LONG HILL AVENUE – CURB CUTS

Alderman McPherson: Both this committee and Cris' committee are working on this. Cris and I met with Sgt Mark yesterday on this. I'll let Sgt Mark go ahead with this.

Sgt Siglinger: I met with a representative from KTM Electric, KTM does all our electrical work for our traffic lights. Whenever I call them, they have been our go-to company for years. We only own three lights. When something happens in the middle of the night or whenever I need it, they are there. I don't

know any other companies since I have been working in this position – I am sure there are other companies that do things like this.

Alderman Simonetti: Rizzo. They are a big company.

Sgt Siglinger: They are a big company. I needed a price, just a ballpark to come back to the committee to see what it would cost to connect – of course there is other work that has to be done too and they mentioned Public Works on the curb cuts from Long Hill Avenue across to the park.

Rimas Balsys: Are we using the existing crosswalk location?

Sgt Siglinger: Yes.

Rimas Balsys: So it would basically be the ramps that have to be put in.

Sgt Siglinger: The ramps, it has to be handicapped accessible and up to code.

Rimas Balsys: There are already curb cuts there, but they are just paved in.

Sgt Siglinger: Exactly. This work includes all the electrical work, the new buttons, the new stanchions and things like that, but not the ramps.

Rimas Balsys: Very strict guidelines.

Brian Roach: Laydon did all the ones downtown.

Rimas Balsys: We can Laydon to do it, they were our low bidder for the patch repair that Burns has been getting lately, but they are familiar with the ADA standards.

Alderman McPherson: They did a really good job.

Rimas Balsys: Except for the one over on Howe by the Subway. DOT can't figure out what to do there.

Sgt Siglinger: As far as this work, the loops in that intersection don't work and the loops will run the light. If there are no cars, it will stay steady green on South Constitution where you need it. If a car comes up either way it will trip it. If there are no cars it will go back to steady green. He gave me a price today of \$4200 to fix the loops. I would like to fix that because of the new road coming, they will be blasting through that soon over on South Constitution. I am sure the traffic is going to increase. I'm just looking towards the future to make that a better flow in that intersection. I don't know if there is any grant money or any kind of money around that we can include both projects in, that would be great.

Alderman McPherson: This is LoCIP eligible.

Rimas Balsys: We are also putting in a grant application for the Community Connectivity Grant. We are hoping to use that for handicap ramps. That could be anywhere up to \$800,000 and it is 100%, the only thing we pay for is engineering.

Alderman Anglace: Does this come under LoCIP because there is money in LoCIP.

Alderman Simonetti: I would add in the \$4200 and get that straightened out too.

Alderman McPherson: What we don't know is, we may have to go out to bid on it. I think in this case, a waiver of bid may be able to be done because there aren't many who do this and it may be a timing issue also.

Alderman Simonetti: It is someone who we have already done work with.

Brian Roach: I can get you another price from NYCON.

Sgt Siglinger: That would be great, that way we see what we are looking at. Do you know this company that did the curb cuts, Laydon?

Brian Roach: Yea, they are really good.

Rimas Balsys: They have been doing all the patching in town lately.

Sgt Siglinger: What do curb cuts like that cost? The ramps?

Rimas Balsys: I have the pricing upstairs. You might be looking at like \$10,000.

Alderman Simonetti: \$30,000 for everything. There's LoCIP, let's see. Who does the request for proposal?

Rimas Balsys: That's if we need it.

Alderman McPherson: I don't think these prices are too bad considering. We had a signal there; we know because there are two buttons.

Sgt Siglinger: There is conduit there. There is a button on the other side for some reason.

Alderman Simonetti: Should we have someone talk to purchasing about that?

Alderman McPherson: I will be meeting with Theresa tomorrow and then we will take the next step and go from there. I am hoping to have everything for the next meeting and move it along. That is what we are going to work towards. It is certainly needed because that park is heavily used. Plus we had one there to begin with.

Rimas Balsys: Let me get you the price on the ramps.

Alderman McPherson: That isn't the only place we need ramps. We need them in a few places.

Rimas Balsys: Under the grant we can do as many as we can. I would like to get some more at the Senior Center. There are parking spaces in the back Doreen is looking for when we went out there.

Alderman Simonetti: All the schools have them.

Alderman McPherson: This is a good start. I will talk with Theresa and see what the next steps are. Hopefully we can get this on for the next meeting to get this thing going.

Alderman Simonetti: I'd like to ask Sgt a question. Cornell Street. Especially in the afternoons and the mornings, the buses use that to cut in and out across. The parking is on both sides normally. Is there any way to make it a one side parking street?

Sgt Siglinger: Those houses lost that lot. Now they are on the street. Where do you put them?

Alderman Simonetti: They can park at the bank, but the bank does not like it. There is not a big solution.

Sgt Siglinger: Do you want to make them park in the Cornell Street lot and walk up or do you want to park by your house? Parking is a problem. A lot of cars, a lot of people and everybody wants to park by their home.

Alderman McPherson: I notice on some of the intersections from the corner back a few feet it is hash marked out with no parking.

Alderman Simonetti: The corners are where the problem is when they are trying to make their turns.

Sgt Siglinger: You have the bagel shop with customers in and out, 10 minutes, 5 minutes. They pull up helter skelter there.

Alderman Simonetti: One woman pulled across Cornell and then slowly backed down to get into a space in front of the bagel shop. She held up two buses.

Alderman Anglace: They park right on the corner and block pedestrian crosswalks. They don't care.

Sgt Siglinger: If you have a business there with no parking, what are you supposed to do. You want business.

Alderman Anglace: They have no business putting a business in a place where there should be no business.

4. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

4.1 NO ITEMS

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NO ITEMS

REPORTS OF:

- A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
- B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES
- C. CITY ENGINEER
- D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Durante: A question on deer crossing, the signs to warn people that there is a lot crossing on 108. The reason I am thinking about that – I left the high school, it was late at night. There was a crew of kids after the game. I am always cautious because I have had a couple of close calls, but I’m thinking these kids won’t think that way. Can something be sent to the schools. Where I have seen them mostly is on 108 where I have seen them mostly is when you pass the middle school going towards the power lines. Around the house where the built the huge wall, somewhere around there there is always traffic. The kids don’t think that way, so I thought I would bring it up as an opinion.

Sgt Siglinger: Around Pine Street.

Alderman McPherson: Anything any further?

Brian Roach: Guard rail is coming next week.

Alderman McPherson: The section of Soundview from Meadow to Willoughby.

Brian Roach: That’s on the list.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to adjourn the Street Committee Meeting at 6 p.m., seconded by Alderman Durante.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fonda

Donna Fonda
Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen