



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 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 David Gidwani- Present
Alderman Stanley Kudej- Present via phone
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Not Present
Alderman Cris Balamaci- Present
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Matt McGee, 312 Huntington Street

Over the past few weeks, I have gathered over 100 signatures in support of my request for appointment on to the Charter Revision Commission. The petition reads in part, 'Shelton deserves representation committed to doing the job well, informing their constituents that not only is progress being made but also the full implications of Charter Revision in order to make a well-informed vote come November 20/21. Shelton also deserves diverse representation. The youth of our city deserve a seat at the table regarding any Charter Revision that will affect those who have grown up in and will continue to call Shelton home for years to come.' I believe I am the only candidate for this commission who has gone out to the community and discussed with our residents why I'd like to serve on this commission. I also know of numerous emails sent to board president, John Anglace, in support of my request. What we want is simple, true, diverse

representation on the commission and clear communication from commission members regarding the progress being made to the members of the general public. I believe I can offer both, I am hopeful that my name has been considered, and that I will receive a vote in favor of appointment tonight from this board. Thank you.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

1. REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 12, 2019
2. SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2019

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I have a few things to report. I am going to schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Ethics in February to review the Code of Ethics. The chairman of the Board of Ethics is going to be away so we can't do it in January as I had hoped to. Also, a request has been made

of the Board of Aldermen to sell a city-owned lot on Saginaw Trail (.16 acres). If the Board wishes to dispose of this piece, we must so direct and then follow the "Procedure to Sell City Property." I just want a consensus. What is your pleasure? Shall we proceed?

Alderman Simonetti: Yes.

Mayor Lauretti: From a historical stand point, over many years we have acquired through different methods for different reasons, small pieces of property that some times people would like to own. These pieces, in my opinion, have no value to the city. The characteristics vary from lot to lot. Some times they are strips of land that were taken through tax foreclosure or they were given to the city through probate due to a death in the family. There are many different reasons why we have these pieces, but we have had them for umpteen years and in places like Pine Rock and the Coram Gardens section of Shelton where the pre-existing non-conforming lot designations have been on the books for, I don't know, I want to say 80 or 90 years. I have always been in favor of disposing of property that borders other people's residential properties. With that I would encourage the board to schedule the necessary meetings to procure a sale.

Alderman Anglace: I thought with a consensus that we could start the process and follow the Procedure to Sell City Property Ordinance. Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti: For the record Stanley Kudej, board member for the second ward, is participating via phone tonight.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$4,620 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated January 3, 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	\$4,620
Foreclosure Fees -	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs -	001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED Alderman Simonetti.

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 \$1,765.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated January 2, 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	\$1,765.50
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 JANUARY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$5,537.39 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 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY – CANAL STREET MAP 130

NO ACTION.

**9.3 FUNDING FOR REFURBISHMENT OF SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL
TENNIS COURTS**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Hinding Tennis, LLC for the refurbishment of the Shelton High School Tennis Courts in the amount of \$445,569.50 with funding of \$306,659 to be provided by Board of Aldermen bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter. Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

SECONDED Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti: By way of background, I am going to pass out a plot of where the tennis courts sit at Shelton High School for your reference. This item has been debated for about three years now and last year we appropriated about \$150,000 out of LOCIP to go towards that effort. Over the course of time, we have had many different contractors come in and evaluate the courts that were put in back in the 70s when Shelton High School was built. We decided that after that lengthy evaluation what we are going to do is, and actually we have started already, we have leveled the site and prepared it for the contractor to come in and take the net posts down and all the fencing that goes around it. This project will include drainage around the perimeter to accommodate the water that comes off the hill. We did that for the football field and the lower field, the soccer field that is shared between SIS and SHS and this will also be part of the drainage system at Shelton High School. In addition to redoing the courts, we are going to reestablish the six courts that were originally there, to the left of it, as you are looking at the plot that I gave you, there are two pickle ball courts that will be painted on the surface as well. Where the project has taken a different twist is that we are putting in a footing and a foundation around the perimeter of the courts. The purpose for doing that is so that in the future, if it's decided, the city can build a building and enclose that area. So, the tennis courts could be enclosed. It could be a multi-purpose facility. Many times, in late fall there is inclement weather and the football program, and even the soccer program, has to use the gymnasium for practice, this facility would be available. In the spring time the same thing applies for the baseball team and the lacrosse team. It could be made available for other school activities for Shelton High School or the Intermediate School for that matter. It could also be used for public uses in one form or another. There is a little extra expense associated with this project to the tune of about \$100,000 to put the footings and foundation in but I think it will be money well spent because I am not sure that any other educational campus in the state would have a complex of this magnitude. This is not just an educational facility. This has been used by the public since its inception. Obviously, the priority will be given to the school system for its use because that's just the way it's been and they have a lot of extracurricular activities that they have to accommodate. I can recall years ago they would conduct gym classes down there because the fields were too wet to be used or the track was in disrepair and it wasn't possible for the physical education department to utilize the fields particularly in the spring and in the fall.

Alderman Gidwani: I have a question Mr. Mayor. Time frame for them to complete the courts?

Mayor Lauretti: The tennis courts will be done relatively quickly. They are going to pour the footings and the foundation in the next couple weeks, weather permitting, hoping we don't have two feet of snow. The surface will be paved first thing in the spring time. I was considering a concrete floor for this project but I think until we decide if and when we are going to do a building they can remove the asphalt that's put inside the footing and put concrete flooring in or just leave it as asphalt because it's a multi-purpose facility and in these days they put asphalt and then they put astro-turf over the top of it if that's the application. I think that the preparation that we are putting in place right now will set the stage in the next couple years if the city decides to enclose that facility and put up a building.

Alderman Anglace: My generation we didn't have pickle ball. I'm just wondering what that is?

Mayor Lauretti: It's like hand ball. It's like paddle ball. It's just different lines and different rules. I can't say that I am well versed in pickle ball but I know it does resemble the other two activities. Believe it or not we have had a big interest in pickle ball. We have it up at East Village on the tennis court up there. This was a request that Parks and Recreation brought forward as part of this multi-purpose sports complex which as you know we spent a lot of money on the upper field last year with the field and the track and drainage work. I expect to make improvements in the restroom facilities at Finn Stadium because it needs to be done. I know the school system has done some things over the years but it's still not in compliance with ADA and that is something that we should do and need to do. With that said it's just another improvement along with the resurfacing of the parking lots which was done this past year and I will probably be back before the end of the year seeking more money to do the other parking lot.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lauretti: You should also know that this project was bid three different times and three different ways until we finally figured it out.

**9.4 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

People's United 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 Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti: We do this once every two years because we are required to do it and these are the major banks that we do business with and this gives us the right to use these other financial institutions if so needed.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. NO ITEMS

10.2 2020 CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION CREATION AND APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the City of Shelton wishes to create a Charter Revision Commission, and

Whereas, the Board of Aldermen (BOA) agree that it is timely to examine the current City Charter, and

Whereas, the BOA wishes to appoint a seven (7) member Commission to conduct this review in accordance with CGS 7-190(a), and

Whereas such state statute requires that a deadline be established for completion of the Commission's draft report within 16 months after the Commission's appointment,

Now therefore, the BOA of the City of Shelton does hereby create a Charter Revision Commission consisting of seven (7) members and orders completion of its draft report no later than May 8, 2021, and

Further, that the following Shelton electors are hereby appointed to such Commission:

DAN DEBICELLA, (R), 1 Lazy Brook Rd., Shelton

GARY DEFILIPPO, (R), 43 Perch Rd., Shelton

RUTH PARKINS, (R), 21 Meadow Lake Drive, Shelton

RUTH ANN DUNFORD, (U), 5 Brae Loch Way, Shelton

DONALD SHEEHY, (D), 16 Bayberry Lane, Shelton

DAVID PRESUTTO, (U), 52 Applewood Dr., Shelton

DARLISSA RITTER, (R), 157 Long Hill Cross Rd., Shelton

SECONDED Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10.3 REAPPOINTMENTS TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reappoint the following members to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term of four years.

Edwin Hellauer – D
40 Wakelee Avenue Extension
Shelton, CT 06484

Steve Chuckta, Jr. – R

33 Cranston Avenue
Shelton, CT 06484

G. Michael DeAngelis, Chairman – R
42 Wigwam Drive
Shelton, CT 06484

Donald Ramia – R
195 Birdseye Road
Shelton, CT 06484

SECONDED Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to go into executive session at 7:22 p.m.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reconvene at 7:26 p.m. 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 unanimously.

**11.1 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES -
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 145**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the Water Pollution Control Authority Union Contract as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED Alderman Balamaci.

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 Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Board of Aldermen Clerk

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____

Mayor Mark A. Laretti
