



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON, CT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021
Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street
Live-Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Anglace called the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 4:00 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 Joanna Carloni – Present via phone

Alderman David Gidwani- Present via phone

Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via phone (4:04 p.m.)

Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present

Alderman Bernie Simons- Present

Mayor Lauretti entered the meeting and took over as the chair.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone wished to address the board.

Anthony Simonetti, 6 Hayfield Drive

I speak this afternoon as the chair of the Shelton Republican Town Committee. Today the Board of Aldermen will be holding its last meeting until next week's inauguration of the 2021-2023 Board of Aldermen. Those of you who are aware, Alderman Noreen McGorty has retired from the Board of Aldermen and I would like to publicly recognize and commend Republican Alderman Noreen McGorty for her service to the City of Shelton as a member of the Board of

Aldermen for the last twelve years and chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee for six years. Her commitment and dedication to the City of Shelton is very much appreciated by the Shelton Republican Town Committee and her constituents. She will be missed and on a personal note it's been a pleasure to serve, campaign and be associated with a person of her caliber. The Republican Town Committee's choice of Noreen as their fourth ward alderman was a wise one. She is model for any person who seeks public office, dedicated to her constituents but understanding that the choices she makes must be for the betterment of the city as a whole. As a person who was elected to provide fiscal oversight over the taxpayer's money, her skills and background in finance and budgeting were a perfect fit for the position of alderman. Noreen's service to the city should be celebrated as an example of the wonderful people who make this community a better place to live every day. Thank you, Noreen, for your personal sacrifice to serve as a member of the Board of Aldermen and on the Shelton Republican Town Committee. We look forward to you always being a person who will guide us in the future and wish you much success as you look forward to enjoying your friends and family in good health. This evening will also be the last meeting of the 2019-2021 term for Board of Aldermen member Joanna Carloni, representing Ward 2. Joanna joined the board after the passing of long time Alderman Stanley Kudej. She had very big shoes to fill and with the assistance of Eric McPherson she took on the role and emulated the strong and quiet but very much attentive nature and critical thinking of Alderman Kudej. Joanna hit the ground running from day 1. She studied the agendas and the needs of the city and provided input and compelling, confident and sage advice to our chamber. As a seasoned attorney her comments, suggestions and voting were always spot on. Her straight forward and no-nonsense work ethic made her a well respected member of the Board of Aldermen. Early on in her short tenure on the board she was appointed chairman of the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee. As chair she provided oversight and championed the task of ensuring the finances were being properly supervised. We will miss her presence on the board but know she will continue supporting the remaining Republican Board of Aldermen members and will continue supporting the Republican Town Committee in the second ward in the future and utilize her skills to continue to assist in moving Shelton forward. We wish her every success and look forward to her being an integral part of Shelton government going forward. Both Noreen and Joanna will also be remembered as part of the Laretti team that continues to successfully manage to provide

municipal services to the City of Shelton. Also, we would like to welcome coming on the board next week, Lorenzo Durante in the fourth ward and Porter McKinnon in the first ward and we recognize that we will also be losing David Gidwani in the first ward. Thank you.

Alderman McGorty: Thanks, sorry I was a little late calling in. I wanted to say something briefly. Anthony, thank you so much for those kind words. I appreciate them. It's certainly been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of the fourth ward and the City of Shelton as your alderman, although I did not seek re-election I will continue to be involved in our community and I really wish the best of luck and success to the Board of Aldermen. God bless.

Mayor Lauretti asked three times if anyone wished to address the Board. There being no one, he closed the public portion.

AGENDA ITEMS
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL
1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- 1.1 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2021
- 1.2 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2021

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken, the 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
No Report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

No Report.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$918.75 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated November 1, 2021, with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account.

Seconded by 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 \$1,188.00 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statements dated November 1, 2021, with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account.

Seconded by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken, the motion PASSED unanimously (8-0).

7– LEGISLATIVE – OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. NO ITEMS

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS

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 \$21,632.05 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, the motion PASSED unanimously (8-0).

9.2 2021 EMERGENCY PERFORMANCE GRANT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the City of Shelton Board of Aldermen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and further be it resolved, that Mark A. Lauretti, as Mayor of the City of Shelton, CT is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Shelton Board of Aldermen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken, the motion PASSED unanimously (8-0).

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 NO ITEMS

10.2 ADOPTION OF NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2021-2026

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Shelton has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, droughts, dam failure, and wildfires*), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Shelton Board of Aldermen approved the previous version of the Plan in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shelton and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2021-2026 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2020 and 2021 regarding the development and review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2021-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for Shelton; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact Shelton, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make Shelton eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of Shelton;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Board of Aldermen.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Anglace: In previous plans we have developed a mitigation plan that pertains only to Shelton. Now the big difference here in this strategy is the plan will be adopted for multi-municipalities.

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 NO ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn the Special Meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti