



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON
REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2024
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
Live Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lauretti called the regular Board of Aldermen 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
Alderman Lorenzo Durante – Absent
Alderman Porter McKinnon – Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – Present
Alderman Bernie Simons – Present
Alderman Benjamin Perry – Present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
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.

Jerry Bloom
24 Fairfield Avenue, Shelton, CT

Once again, we are going to skip the roll call. Congratulations, you finally fixed the fence in the parking lot across from the library, that's very good. I am also concerned that we have an unsecured voting box out in front of City Hall. I don't know if you have eyes on it 24/7, but given that we have a high risk of illegal aliens voting this coming November I would think that you would want eyes on it 24/7. That's a State issue. You can also address it to the State. Also, I see you have an automatic defibrillator box out here at the entrance and I am wondering if the staff is given any in-services on how to operate it? I know it is automatic, I haven't used one in years, but you should all be familiar with it in case an emergency arises. I am assured that the road down at the Riverview Park will be addressed sometime soon. Thank you, Alderman McPherson for that. Also, I keep bringing up these frauditors that are roaming the country creating havoc. I have also pointed out that some municipalities, in particular Schenectady, New York, has addressed it and I submitted a copy of the mayoral executive order here six months ago at least, but you are not being proactive about it. These frauditors are like a cancer, they are popping up everywhere and they are getting violent.

Sad news, Chille DeCastro, aka Delete Lawz, was arrested, tried and convicted for interfering with a police officer's investigation and resisting arrest. What he does is he roams the country, confronts policemen in their active duty, curses them out and posts it on YouTube for money. He was convicted and sentenced to six months in jail. He won his appeal yesterday and is back out on the street. I encourage you to go to YouTube and just watch what these anarchists are doing. They are getting violent. This is the public forum portion of this meeting. After the public portion we go into a limited public forum where you all discuss business. Then you go to the executive session which is a non-public forum. Surprised Attorney Teodosio isn't here to confirm this. Check with him and I think he will agree. Finally, on a personal note, I am a member of this Shelton Art League and we now have an exhibit down at the Baldwin Art Gallery right next to the library in Stratford. I encourage you to go down there and look it over. You get off the elevator and you will see my art. Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti: Mr. Bloom, I know you want me to issue an executive order. It is not going to do any good because Biden is going to let him out of jail anyway.

Jerry Bloom: You can have them arrested for trespassing.

Mayor Lauretti: What good is it? Biden is going to let them out.

Jerry Bloom: Please, look over the Mayor of Schenectady, New York's executive order. All you have to do is change the heading, put your name in front of it, and sign it at the bottom. It is almost like a carbon copy you need. Just please look it over.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 13, 2024

1.2 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 27, 2024

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

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2024 and the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2024.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (7-0)

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 have no report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I just want to remind the Board that on July 22nd, I don't know the time yet, we are having a joint meeting with the Charter Revision Commission. Check the Charter and get sharpened up for it as we are going to be talking about the final stages of the charter revision.

6- LEGISLATIVE – OLD

6.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 A.NO ITEMS

7 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD

7.1 NO ITEMS

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW

8.1 JULY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$290.40 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.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

(Supporting documentation from the Tax Collector is on file with the BOA Clerk or Town Clerk's Office

8.2 HOUSATONIC RIVERWALK PROJECT AGREEMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the City of Shelton has been awarded a \$113,000 grant from the CT DEEP Connecticut Recreation Trails Program with funds to be used towards the engineering and design of the Housatonic Riverwalk from 223 Canal Street to 267 Canal Street and that the City of Shelton solicited bids for these services with LANDTECH determined to be the lowest qualified bidder with a bid price of \$45,797, and

Further be it resolved, that Mayor Mark A. Lauretti is authorized to sign a contract by and between the City of Shelton and LANDTECH to conduct this work with funding to come from the CT DEEP Connecticut Recreation Trails Grant.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No discussion:

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

8.3 SMALL CITIES GRANT: SINSABAUGH HEIGHTS PROJECT AGREEMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the City of Shelton has been awarded a \$1,500,000 grant from the CT Small Cities Grant Program with funds to be used to support upgrades at Sinsabaugh Heights and that the City of Shelton solicited a bid for the upgrades with KAFA Group LLC determined to be the lowest qualified bidder with a bid price of \$1,171,986, and

Further be it resolved, that Mayor Mark A. Lauretti is authorized to sign a contract by and between the City of Shelton and KAFA Group LLC to conduct this work with funding to come from the Small Cities Grant.

Seconded by Alderman Balamaci.

Discussion:

Alderman Balamaci: I know it is upgrades, so there are no additional buildings being constructed?

Mayor Lauretti: No.

Alderman Balamaci: Thank you.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

8.4 MULTI-PURPOSE TURF FIELD AT SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT AGREEMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the agreement by and between the City of Shelton and CEH Consulting and Engineering for design services for the new multi-purpose turf field project to be installed at Shelton High School's lower field.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all documents to effectuate the release.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: You should know that we did get another \$150,000 grant for the turf field from the final session of the State Legislature.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

9 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

9.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 NO ITEMS

9.2 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint the following residents to the Board of Ethics effective immediately:

Janet Wheeler – R
203 Fox Run, Aspetuck Village
Shelton, CT 06484
Email: janetwheeler203@gmail.com
Tel. 475-225-5727
Expiration: July 11, 2027

Maryanne Far – D
17 Sylvan Avenue
Shelton, CT 06484
Tel. 203-924-2862
Expiration: July 11, 2026

Gary DeFilippo – R
43 Perch Drive
Shelton, CT 06484
Tel. 203-305-3026
Expiration: July 11, 2027

James Woods – U
23 Copper Penny Lane
Shelton, CT 06484
Tel. 203-929-4576
Expiration: July 11, 2026

Further, move to reappoint the following residents to the Board of Ethics effective immediately:

William McCart - U
18 Woodsend Avenue
Shelton, CT 06484
billmccart@att.net
Tel. 203-924-2084
Expiration: September 1, 2025

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (7-0).

10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 NO ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Meeting. Seconded by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fonda

Donna Fonda
Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____

BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Laretti