



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON
REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2023
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON CT
Live-Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Anglace called the regular 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.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – Present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President – Present
Alderman Cris Balamaci – Present
Alderman Lorenzo Durante – Present
Alderman Porter McKinnon – Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – Present
Alderman Bernie Simons – Present
Alderman Kevin Kosty – Present

Administration

Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present
Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel – Present
Kellie Vazzano, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor - Present

PUBLIC PORTION

Alderman Anglace asked if anyone wished to address the board.

Jerry Bloom
24 Fairfield Avenue

Good afternoon. Just a couple of things. I am surprised, I really shouldn't be surprised, that the Town of Shelton tends to spend \$85,000 for extension of the Housatonic River Walk. Like really? Last month, as you may recall, I brought to your attention that the lights on the Plumb Library auxiliary building need fixing. It would cost a couple of hundred dollars at most and has not been done. Also, I would like to suggest that you put some funds down so you may have the roadway in the Riverside Park paved. It is now a dirt and gravel road between the playground and basketball courts.

Of course, my pet peeve are the frauditors we keep talking about and no one seems to want to do anything about them. Most recently LIA, Long Island Audit, had another arrest in New York dismissed. He held a protest and intends to sue the City of New York over this so-called illegal arrest. I had suggested a means of combatting these frauditors before they visit Shelton in that

Mayor Lauretti could execute an executive order similar to the one done in Schenectady, New York. He has not. Some of these frauditors make more money in one year than all of your salaries combined and they do this by committing crimes. However, I was told that it is up to the legislators to pass the laws to combat these people. I have tried to communicate this with our legislators in Hartford and no one responds, they won't talk about it. You all can do something about it. It is real easy. Go to YouTube and sign a petition that will demonetize these people because that is the only reason they do it. They don't do it for money. What may move you to action, if you go to frauditor troll on YouTube, this is 11 minutes long, frauditor arrested for felony exploitation of the elderly in Texas. Spend 10-12 minutes on this and you would want to do something about it. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace: Is there anyone else wishing to speak? Hearing none, we will close the public portion.

Alderman McPherson MOVED to add under Legislative New, Item 9.3, Citation on Marty Coughlin.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No Discussion

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- 1.1 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING – MAY 4, 2023
- 1.2 BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET – MAY 9, 2023
- 1.3 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING – MAY 11, 2023
- 1.4 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 18, 2023
- 1.5 BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 25, 2023

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes, 1.1 Board of Aldermen Special Public Hearing on Affordable Housing on May 4, 2023, 1.2 Board of Aldermen Public Hearing on the Budget on May 9, 2023, 1.3 Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting on May 11, 2023, 1.4 Board of Aldermen Special Meeting on May 18, 2023 and 1.5 Board of Aldermen Special Meeting on May 25, 2023.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

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

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 from the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I have no report at this time.

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 STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$1,532.42 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 (8-0).

8.2 2023 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the proposals for the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program as submitted and authorize the proposals to be submitted to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services:

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| 1. | Shelton Economic Development Corporation | \$ 15,000 |
| 2. | Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck Valley | \$ 50,000 |
| 3. | Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield County, Inc. | \$ 35,000 |
| 4. | Housatonic Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America | \$ 3,000 |
| 5. | Center Stage Theatre, Inc. | \$100,000 |

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**8.3 STATE OF CT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY RESOLUTION**

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mark A Lauretti, as Mayor of the City of Shelton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deem to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: This is standard, something we do every year.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.4 RESCISSION OF ACTION & REAPPROPRIATION-ITEM 8.6 OF MAY 11, 2023 BOA REGULAR MEETING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to rescind the action taken by the Board of Aldermen at the May 11, 2023 meeting - Item 8.6 Funding for Storage Building at Shelton High School.

Further, move to appropriate an amount of \$51,811 for the purchase and installation of a pre-engineered steel storage building at Shelton High School with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Seconded by Alderman Balamaci.

Discussion:

Alderman Kosty: Is this just because it wasn't LoCIP eligible? Are we just changing the funding source?

Alderman Anglace: Yes, that is it.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.5 AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF HOUSATONIC RIVERWALK AT 223 CANAL STREET

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following:

Be it resolved, that Mayor Mark A. Laretti be, and hereby is authorized, to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$85,000 with Priority Landscaping for the Extension of the Housatonic Riverwalk at 223 Canal Street, and

Further be it resolved, that the City of Shelton will pay these expenses through the following funding sources: State of CT STEAP Grant - \$120,000 and the City of Shelton's \$25,000 matching share previously appropriated by the Board of Aldermen at the November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

9 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

9.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 NO ITEMS

9.2 APPOINTMENTS TO FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per Ordinance #920, to appoint the following residents to the Fair Rent Commission effective immediately:

Jennifer Cutrali – R - Resident
23 Wake Robin Lane
Shelton CT 06484
Jennifer.cutrali@sbcglobal.net

Sally Finck – R - Tenant
19 Perry Hill Road
Shelton, CT 06484
Finckdesign@gmail.com

Lakhvindra (Lucky) Singh Mohel – R - Resident
4 Patriot Trail
Shelton CT 06484
lmohel@yahoo.com

Doug Dempsey – U - Resident
9 Waterford Lane
Shelton, CT 06484
Ddempsey01@snet.net

Henry Kaminski – D - Landlord
86 Isinglass Road
Shelton CT 06484
Beltrone123@gmail.com

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Kosty: It wasn't clear to me which one is the renter and which is the landlord. Tenant and Landlord as required by the Ordinance.

Alderman Anglace: The appointment does not have to include that. I'm not sure either.

Alderman Kosty: The Ordinance requires it, one of each. The other three cannot be either.

Kellie Vazzano: I have the information. Jennifer Cutrali is a resident. Lucky Singh is a resident. Henry Kaminski is a landlord. Sally Finck is a tenant. Doug Dempsey is a resident.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0)

9.3 CITATION HONORING MARTIN COUGHLIN

Alderman McPherson MOVED to accept and adopt a citation to honor Martin Coughlin.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Anglace: At this time I will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session and ask that Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel and the Mayor's administrative assistant join us.

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to go into Executive Session.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

MOVED to go into Executive Session at 5:45 pm.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0)

Alderman Anglace: At this time I will entertain a motion to end Executive Session.

Alderman McPherson MOVED to end Executive Session.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Executive Session ended at 5:50 pm.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0)

Alderman Anglace: Let the record reflect that were no votes taken in the Executive Session.

10.1 DAVID MOORE WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman Simonetti MOVED that the Board accept the recommendation of Assistant Counsel.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

10.2 JOHN DOCKTOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman Simonetti MOVED that the Board accept the recommendation of Assistant Counsel.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Simons MOVED to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8-0). Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fonda

Donna Fonda
Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____

BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti