



SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON, CT
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021
Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street
Live-Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org
MINUTES

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the Special Virtual 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.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President- Present via Zoom

Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President- Present

Alderman Cris Balamaci- Present

Alderman Joanna Carloni –Present via Zoom

Alderman David Gidwani- Present via Zoom

Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via Zoom

Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present

Alderman Bernie Simons- Present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti - Present

Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present

Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel - Present

Public Portion

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board. There being none, he closed the public portion.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- 1.1 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – JUNE 10, 2021
- 1.2 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – JUNE 24, 2021

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

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken, the motion PASSED 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

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$5,696.25 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated July 1, 2021, with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

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

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

No invoice.

7– LEGISLATIVE – OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. NO ITEMS

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD**8.1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section Chapter 127C, the State of Connecticut Department of Housing is authorized to extend financial assistance to a municipality; and

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Shelton (hereinafter, the “Municipality”) make an application to the State for funding not to exceed \$15,000 in order to prepare and adopt an Affordable Housing Plan under the provisions of Connecticut General Statute 8-30j and to execute an Assistance Agreement for such purpose.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City of Shelton Board of Aldermen

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by the Connecticut General Statutes, particularly CGS 8-30j; and
2. That the filing of applications for Connecticut Affordable Housing Plan by the City of Shelton is hereby approved and that Mayor Mark A. Lauretti is directed to execute and file such applications with the State of Connecticut Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Shelton.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

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

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW**9.1 JULY STATUTORY REFUNDS**

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$88,186.78 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 8-0.

9.2 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AUTHORIZATION - 2019

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Be it hereby 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 further be it 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 City of Shelton and to do and perform all acts and things he deems 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.

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

9.3 FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AT HUNTINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Alderman McPherson MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$318,966.00 for the replacement of windows at the Huntington Branch Library with funding to come from aldermanic 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 by Alderman Balamaci.

Mayor Lauretti: Is everyone aware of which windows are being replaced?

Alderman Simonetti: Those are the windows from when it was a school right?

Mayor Lauretti: Right. They are the original windows. They are the cubed glass windows and most of them have disintegrated and either the inside or the outside of the glass is broken over time. It's time to replace them.

Alderman Anglace: Mayor, it seems strange that it's just the library windows. What about the rest of the windows?

Mayor Lauretti: When the old Huntington School was converted to the community center there were some windows that were put in at that time and then these were the original windows that were there when the school was there. There are other windows that need to be replaced but

for right now the Huntington Branch Library windows are the most pressing. It should have been done a couple years ago and so we are doing it now.

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

9.4 FUNDING FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AT PLUMB MEMORIAL LIBRARY – WAIVER OF BID

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Director of Finance, to waive the bidding process for HVAC replacement at the Plumb Memorial Library in an amount of \$137,600 with funding to come from aldermanic 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 by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: I couldn't hear that too well, what was the dollar amount again?

Mayor Lauretti: It's \$137,600 and I can probably tell you that it's an estimate at this point. The request for waiver of bid is because of the pandemic there is a lack of everything you can think of, it's very tough to get building materials. The stock and supply of materials for just about everything across the board is not available. For a replacement for the library, we are looking at a minimum of 12 weeks. I don't need to tell anyone what time of year this is. So, to put together a spec to get out to bid to award the bid would be a month and a half to two months and we are in the height of summer. The unit is the original unit from when the addition was put on the building many years ago.

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

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A NO ITEMS

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman McPherson MOVED to go into executive session and asked the Corporation Counsel be included.

SECONDED by Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman McPherson MOVED to reconvene and noted that there were no votes were taken in executive session.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

11.1 GEORGE RODRIGUES VS. CITY OF SHELTON

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in Executive Session.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to adjourn the Special Virtual Meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti