# COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM/MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

## 50 CHAPMAN PLACE

## EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

#### January 3, 2023

### PUBLIC HEARING- Salaries of Elected Officials as recommended by the Ordinance Committee

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson (via Teams), Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angie Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Thomas Rup, Travis Simpson and Harry O. Amadasun, Jr.

The following is a copy of the legal notice published in the East Hartford Gazette on Thursday, December 22, 2022

### LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a public hearing on January 3, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the Community Cultural Center Auditorium, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Connecticut and via Microsoft Teams to hear public comment on Sections 2-3 and 2-3b of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances regarding the Salaries of Elected Officials.

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this meeting.

Jason Marshall Town Council Clerk

Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:15 pm.

The Chair stated that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public comment regarding the recently approved draft of the Salaries of Elected Officials ordinance from the Ordinance Committee. The proposed changes would accelerate recent changes to the salaries of the registrars of voters by increasing the salary by \$2,000 annually for the next two years so the salary rises from \$28,000 to \$32,000. The proposal would increase the deputy registrar salary by \$1,000 per year for the next two years. The proposed increases recognize the rising responsibilities of the registrars and ensuring that the town can attract qualified candidates to continue the great work of the office in conducting voter registration and elections.

With regard to the mayor's salary, the Chair explained that historically the Town Council has increased the salary by the cost of living for the two years since the last increase. The proposed increase of the Mayor's salary would be from the current \$103,000 to

\$104,000 in November 2023 and then to \$107,000 the following year. Given the cost of living adjustments (COLA) for 2021 and 2022 were significantly higher than normal, the committee had agreed to adopt a formula used by the council in the past where the salary increase would reflect approximately 50% of the COLA increase.

No one came forward to speak.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION By John Morrison seconded by Don Bell

to adjourn at 7:22 pm

Motion carried 9/0.

Attest\_

Jason Marshall Town Council Clerk