

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER AUDITORIUM / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

50 CHAPMAN PLACE

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

September 5, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING- Naming of Town Facilities and Establishment of Tree Board

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

The following is a copy of the legal notice published in the East Hartford Gazette on Thursday, August 10, 2023

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that The Town Council of the Town of East Hartford will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Cultural Center Auditorium, and via the Teams platform, on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. to hear public comment on the new Naming of Town Facilities Ordinance and to amend to add a new section 1-17 to Town Ordinances AND to hear public comment on the establishment of a Tree Board and revisions to Section 2-106 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Jason Marshall  
Town Council Clerk

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Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:31 pm.

The Chair stated that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public comment on two ordinances that have been proposed for passage. The first is to establish a process for the naming of Town buildings and facilities. The ordinance states that if there is a non-Board of Education facility, the Mayor and administration would be able to provide a recommendation to the Town Council. The Council would then hold a public hearing to hear resident feedback. Standards are set in place that require the person recommended be previously deceased and also have made a positive impact connected to the facility to be named or to the community as a whole. The ordinance allows for a waiver of the criteria pending a unanimous vote by the Town Council.

The second topic is for a possible change in ordinance related to the Town Beautification Commission's charge. The ordinance would reflect that the Commission serves as the Town's Tree Board which gives the Commission authority to advise the Tree Warden (a

role currently served by the Director of Public Works) on the maintenance and care of trees in Town. East Hartford has been recognized as a Tree City for nearly 30 years by the Arbor Day Foundation and has provided a set of criteria that this change in ordinance will help to accommodate.

The Chair then opened the floor to public comment.

No one came forward to speak.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By John Morrison  
                  seconded by Don Bell  
                  to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Motion carried 9/0.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
                  Jason Marshall  
                  Town Council Clerk