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SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING: VETERANS COMMISSION and COMMISSION ON CULTURE and FINE ARTS

PRESENT

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph Carlson, Patricia Harmon and Michael G. Kurker

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. The Chair announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

The following is a copy of a legal notice published in the Hartford Courant on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Legal

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a public hearing **Tuesday**, **September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m**. in the Town Council Chambers, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut, regarding the proposed revisions to the town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances as follows:

- 1. Section 2-113b "Veterans Commission"; and
- 2. Section 14-1 "Commission on Culture and Fine Arts"

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this meeting. A draft of the revisions is on file in the Town Council and Town Clerk offices.

Angela Attenello Town Council Clerk

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> provided a brief summary of the proposed revisions to the Code of Ordinances.

The new Section 2-113b "Veterans Commission" is a blending of the Veterans Affairs Commission and the Patriotic Commission.

The new Section 14-1 "Commission on Culture and Fine Arts" is a combination of the Library Commission and the Fine Arts Commission.

The following people came forward:

<u>Prescille Yamamoto</u>, 235 East River Drive, Fine Arts Commission, (1) suggested the town's website be updated to include new information on each Commission; (2) believes that bylaws for each Commission should be mandated by Ordinance; and (3) is concerned about being compliant with the new ordinance.

<u>Timothy Siggia</u>, 145 Arbutus Street, Veterans Affairs Commission & Patriotic Commission, (1) is concerned about the lack of membership for the Veterans Commission — stressed that one does not have to be a Veteran to be in the Veterans Commission; and (2) believes that some of the members are not sure of their duties.

<u>Florence Schroeter</u>, 55 Olmsted Street, Library Commission & Fine Arts Commission, believes that more people need to get involved in the community.

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> thanked those who spoke and reminded them that he is available to answer questions and help them in this transition period.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

By Esther Clarke seconded by Bill Horan to **adjourn** (7:35 p.m.). Motion carried 9/0.

Angela M. Attenello

Town Council Clerk