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APRIL 20, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING/MAYOR'S SALARY-REGISTRARS & DEPUTY REGISTRARS SALARIES-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ORDINANCES

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors

Angela Parkinson, Connor Martin, Awet Tsegai and John Morrison

PRESENT

Vice Chair Donald Bell Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson and Patricia

Via Teams Harmon

Chair Kehoe called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Please publish the following legal notice in the EH Gazette on **Thursday April 8, 2021**. Mail bill to the East Hartford Town Council Office, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00.m. via Microsoft "Teams", to hear public comment on revisions to the Town of East Hartford's Code of Ordinances as follows:

- 1. Section 1-16 and Section 14-1. Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
- 2. Section 2-3. Mayor's Salary
- 3. Section 2-3b Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Voters Salary

Any person(s) wishing to express an opinion on this matter may do so at this meeting. Copies of the proposed revisions to the ordinances are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and in the Town Council's Office.

Angela Attenello Town Council Clerk

Chair Kehoe gave a brief history of the revisions to the three ordinances.

Section 1-16 and Section 14-1 are the revised ordinances needed to change the title of "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples' Day" and to charge the Commission on Culture and Fine Arts with providing ceremonies and activities to further promote the contributions of indigenous people and the other various groups of immigrants who have contributed to the growth of our nation.

Both Section 2-3. "Mayor's Salary" and Section 2-3b. "Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Voters" are reviewed every two years to adjust for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index. If approved, the revision to Section 2-3 will increase the Mayor's salary to \$102,000 in November 2021 and to \$103,000 in November 2022. The revision to Section 2-3b. if approved, will increase the Registrars salaries to \$28,000 and increase the Deputy Registrars salaries to \$10,000, both increases effective January 1, 2022. Additionally, there is minor change to the ordinance which states that the Registrars' office does not

need to be opened 24 hours per week, but the Registrars will need to work no less than 24 hours per week.

The following people came forward to ardently support Indigenous Peoples Day:

<u>Tony Le</u>, 53 Elida Court, noted that there are Native American words that have a personal meaning to East Hartford residents such as Podunk, which was the name of the tribe living on land that is now East Hartford and other surrounding towns. He also stated that one of the tribes native to East Hartford was the Hockanum tribe. He is glad that the town has made this important change.

Bonnie Arcari, 73 Birchwood Road, a resident who teaches in West Hartford, supports the town's decision to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day since the East Hartford Board of Education has already adopted the change.

Rochelle Ripley, 306 Cavan Lane in Glastonbury, is a descendant of the Lakota tribe and believes that changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day is another step forward in uniting all people as a whole American people.

<u>Sandy and Jenny Peterson</u>, 440 Deming Street, South Windsor, a descendent of Native Americans, is appreciative of the recognition that is given to the Native Americans by adopting the change to Indigenous Peoples Day.

MOTION

By Esther Clarke seconded by Don Bell to adjourn (7:20 p.m.). Motion carried 9/0.

ttest Angela M. Attenello

Town Council Clerk