

TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

November 30, 2022

PRESENT Rich Kehoe, Chair; Councillors Sebrina Wilson and John Morrison

ALSO Mary Mourey, Registrar of Voters  
PRESENT Stephen Watkins, Registrar of Voters  
Veronica Rosario, Deputy Registrar of Voters

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 31, 2022

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison  
to **approve** the May 31, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 3/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

No resident came forward to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

Salaries of Elected Officials

The chair presented the November 30, 2022 draft of the Salaries of Elected Officials ordinance.

With regard to the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Voters, the draft would accelerate recent changes to the salaries of registrars by increasing the salary by \$2,000 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. The increase continues to recognize the rising responsibilities of the registrars and ensuring that we can attract qualified registrars and deputy registrars to continue the great work of the current personnel. The committee also review salaries of registrars in similar sized towns and town in the Greater Hartford area which indicated that the current salaries are near the median of the towns.

The registrars concurred and explained the outcome of the most recent election. The Secretary of the State audited two districts and found everything was accurate and in order.

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

COLA for 2021 was 4.7% and 8.6% in 2022. The mayor's current salary is similar to a basket of mayor's salaries in similar towns. The committee agreed to adopt a formula used by the council in the past when the inflation rate was significantly higher than normal where the increase would reflect 50% of the COLA increase.

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

to send the November 30, 2022 draft with changes in the mayor's salary to reflect an increase of 50% of COLA for each year to the town council for the purpose of setting a public hearing.

Motion carried 3/0

#### Process for Naming Town Buildings

The committee reviewed the November 30, 2022 draft of the Naming of Town Facilities Ordinance which covers all town and board of education facilities. The process would have the mayor make a recommendation to the Town Council for its review. If the facility is under the control of the Board of Education, the Mayor shall recommend a name to the Board of Education which if it concurs would forward such recommendation to the Town Council.

The process, facilities definition and criteria for naming all were derived from a review a compendium of municipal ordinances compiled by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

The committee decided that if the facility is under the control of the Board of Education, then the Board of Education will make the initial recommendation and send it to the Town Council for review.

With those changes, the committee will forward the draft to the Mayor, Board of Education and Town Council members for their input and then make any necessary changes at its next meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison  
to **adjourn** (6:22 p.m.)

Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Mayor Walsh