



CITY OF HARTFORD BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Issue Area and Name	Purpose/Functions	Supporting Department and Chairperson	Membership Criteria	# of Members	Term Length & Exp. Date
<p><u>Addiction</u></p> <p>Commission on Addiction & Public Health</p>	<p>Coordinate planning, awareness, prevention and education efforts focused on issues associated with substance abuse in Hartford.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study issues associated with substance abuse and the needs of those affected. • Assist in building relationships among service providers, law enforcement, schools and other community stakeholders • Support growth and expansion of existing services • Review and assess current federal, state, and local policies and recommend new policies that affect long-term solutions to substance abuse issues. 	<p>Health & Human Services</p> <p>William Young, Chair</p>	<p>1) Individuals with expertise and experience in addressing substance abuse, 2) consumers of preventive services, 3) members of treatment and counseling communities, 4) members of law enforcement, and 5) citizens of communities impacted by substance abuse.</p> <p>Up to 3 non-Hartford residents</p>	<p>9 members</p>	<p>2 years</p> <p>March 10</p>
<p><u>Aging</u></p> <p>Commission on Aging</p>	<p>Study the needs of and coordinate programs for the aging residents of Hartford.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the conditions and needs of elderly persons in the community in relation to housing, economic, employment, health, recreational and other matters. • Analyze the services for the aged provided by public and private agencies in the community. • Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on services. 	<p>Health & Human Services</p> <p>Ruby Reese, Chair</p>	<p>Interested in the consideration and solution of the problems of aging.</p>	<p>11 members</p>	<p>3 years</p> <p>Jan. 1</p>
<p><u>Arts & Culture</u></p> <p>Commission on Cultural Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an arts policy every five years. • Assess the conditions and needs of the arts community. • Analyze services provided to the arts community. • Review and advise on funding proposals coordinated by the Development Services Department • Advise the City Council on design issues. • Review the design of any art to be purchased by the City and give its opinion and recommendation 	<p>Development Services</p> <p>Carlos Hernandez-Chavez, Chair</p>	<p>12 Hartford voters Of the 12, 2 students Up to 3 non-Hartford residents</p>	<p>13 Regular 2 Students</p>	<p>4 years</p> <p>May 11</p>

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<u>Audits</u> Internal Audit Commission	Conduct independent examinations and evaluations of City financial activities to assure integrity, efficiency, and efficacy of the government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the integrity, efficiency, and efficacy of City Government. • Determine extent of compliance with policies, plans, procedures and legal requirements. • Appraise the soundness, adequacy, and application of accounting, financial, operating and systems controls. • Determine the extent to which City assets are accounted for and safeguarded from losses of all kinds. • Determine the reliability of management data developed by City departments and offices and the Board of Education. 	Internal Audit Bruce Rubenstein, Chair	Professional or equivalent experience in accounting, management, or financial analysis. 1 appointed by majority of Council 1 appointed by Treasurer 1 appointed by Council from 2 candidates selected by 10 largest owners of taxable property	3 .	4 years Dec. 31
<u>Cable Television</u> Hartford Area Cable Television Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for the best possible service for cable television customers within the six town Hartford franchise. • Support the services of public, educational and government access television. • Act as an advisory body to the CT Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), the regulatory body for the cable television industry in Connecticut. 	None Richard Ostop	None	Hartford has 4 members .	2 years June 30
<u>Disabilities</u> Commission on Disability Issues	Recommend ways of correcting deficiencies that prevent persons with disabilities from functioning as full citizens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine areas of need of persons with disabilities. • Make recommendations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Correct deficiencies that prevent people with disabilities from functioning as full citizens, ○ Develop procedures for locating and identifying persons with disabilities in Hartford, and ○ Provide advice and assistance to persons with disabilities. 	Human Relations Office Janet Wallens, Chair	7 persons with disabilities 4 reps of organizations serving persons with disabilities 4 relatives of persons with disabilities or active in the community serving persons with disabilities.	15 .	3 years March 1

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<u>Discrimination</u> Commission on Human Relations	Foster mutual understanding and respect and encourage equal treatment of and cooperation among all races, religions, ethnic groups, and sexual preferences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the problems of prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, discrimination and disorder. • Develop, with other agencies, a course of instruction on techniques for achieving harmonious intergroup relations to be presented to the public. • Enlist other groups in programs and campaigns to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination. • Receive, and refer to the appropriate agencies, complaints of racial, religious and ethnic group tensions, prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, and discrimination 	Human Relations Office Benita Toussaint, Chair	None	12	3 years Feb. 24
<u>Education</u> Board of Education	Oversee the operations of the Hartford Public School System	Hartford Public Schools Craig Stallings, Chair	Training/experience in education, financial matters, construction management, workforce development or job training, law, information technology, facility maintenance & representative of PTA/PTO. Also, appointments shall be reflective of neighborhoods and ethnic, racial and cultural mix of city.	9 Regular 5 appointed 4 elected + 2 non-voting student members	4 years Elected Jan 1 Appointed Feb. 1
<u>Employee Appeals</u> Human Resources Appeal Board	Hear and make decisions on any grievance or appeal to a dismissal, demotion, or suspension of any non-bargaining unit classified City employee. <i>Board not currently functioning</i>	Human Resources	Hartford voters. No more than 3 can be of one party.	5	4 years June 30
<u>Employee Pensions</u> Pension Commission	Administer all retirement programs, systems and funds of the City of Hartford	City Treasurer Peter Stevens, Chair	At least one shall be a member of Actuarial Society of America or American Institute of Actuaries. Nonvoting member elected by MERF employees No minority party requirement	3 plus one non-voting employee rep.	3 years 1 st Mon. in February

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<u>Energy</u> <u>Energy Improvement District Board</u>	Create a comprehensive plan for and develop and finance various types of energy projects, e.g. renewable resources, cogeneration systems, and microgrids. Goals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote more reliable and secure power supply • Provide predictable energy costs • Reduce demand in peak hours • Encourage development of renewable technology • Increase the energy supply to meet demand <p><i>Board will be holding first meeting in September.</i></p>	Mayor's Office of Sustainability	3 reps. of EID businesses 3 residents All shall have education/training and/or 3 years of experience in accounting, business management, consumer advocacy, economics, engineering, environmental management, finance, law, public or government administration, or utility regulation	9 voting members 5 mpm-voting members: Mayor, Council President, City Architect, City Engineer, Rep. of electric utility	4 years staggered Jan. 9
<u>Environment</u> Advisory Commission on the Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect and monitor data concerning environmental issues. • Explore ways City Government can act in the interests of residents regarding environmental health hazards and make specific recommendations for action. • Seek and obtain community input on environmental issues. 	Mayor's Sustainability Office Mark Mitchell, Chair	Majority shall be actively engaged in activities or programs with goals related to improving environmental health. 2 members who represent organizations regulated by DEP or EPA. Majority must be Hartford residents.	7-15	3 years July 14
<u>Ethics</u> Ethics Commission	Foster the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty, and fairness, and avoidance of improprieties by public servants, through enforcement of the City's Code of Ethics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce the City's Code of Ethics by investigating allegations, holding hearings, making findings, and recommending disciplinary action to appropriate parties. • Recommend legislative action regarding the policies of the Code of Ethics. • Educate current and new officers, officials, employees and members of boards, commissions, and agencies about the Code of Ethics. 	Corporation Counsel David Klein, Chair	All must be electors of the city. (Some restrictions apply. See municipal code)	5	3 years Jan. 9
<u>Floods</u> Greater Hartford Flood Commission	To eliminate, prevent and control flooding and flood damage in the territory drained by the Park River and its tributaries and adjacent areas.	Public Works Michael McGarry, Chair	4 members from Hartford 1 member from Bloomfield 1 member from West Hartford 1 member from Newington	4 Htfd.	

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<p><u>Food Policy</u></p> <p>Advisory Commission on Food Policy</p>	<p>Eliminate hunger, raise public awareness, and ensure availability of safe, nutritious food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore new means for City Government to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of food. • Collect and monitor data on the nutrition status of Hartford residents. • Secure community input on food economy and the availability, accessibility, and quality of food to persons in need in the city. • Obtain information from City agencies on hunger and programs to reduce hunger and improve the ability of residents in need to obtain nutritious food. • Observe & analyze existing food distribution programs. • Recommend new programs, improvements, or elimination of programs. 	<p>Hartford Food System</p> <p>Martha Page, Chair</p>	<p>5 members chosen from the public at large</p> <p>9 members actively engaged in programs for combating hunger and improving production, processing, and distribution of food to those in need.</p> <p>Members not required to be Hartford residents</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>3 years</p> <p>April 13</p>
<p><u>Golf</u></p> <p>Golf Course Oversight Commission</p>	<p>To ensure that the operation, maintenance, and improvements of Keney and Goodwin Golf Courses meet the expectations of golfers and residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive and review reports from the City, vendors, and contractors concerning conditions, marketing, capital improvements, and revenues. • Establish rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the golf courses and related facilities. • Recommend, to the City Council, a schedule of fees, rates, rentals, and other charges for each golf season. • Provide, to the Mayor and Council, an annual written report on the management of the golf courses. 	<p>Public Works</p> <p>John Heslin, Chair</p>	<p>All residents</p> <p>2 members of Friends clubs of Goodwin or Keney Courses</p> <p>2 members of golf leagues</p> <p>1 active youth</p> <p>4 others with experience in public administration, accounting, management, financial analysis, landscape architecture or design or experience as golf professional or certified caddie</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>4-year</p> <p>Dec. 22</p>
<p><u>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren</u></p> <p>Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren</p>	<p>Consider and find solutions to problems peculiar to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study conditions and needs of grandparents raising grandchildren. • Analyze public and private services for grandparents raising grandchildren. • Assist in creating programs to benefit grandparents raising grandchildren. • Undertake educational and other activities to advance the interests of grandparents raising grandchildren. • Encourage collaboration of agencies serving grandparents raising grandchildren. <p><i>Commission not currently meeting</i></p>	<p>Health & Human Services</p>	<p>8 members who are raising grandchildren. All must be residents or employed by company located in Hartford.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>2 years</p> <p>Jan. 13</p>

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<p><u>Historic Preservation</u></p> <p>Historic Properties Commission Note: The Historic Properties Commission is also the Historic Preservation Commission</p>	<p>Perpetuate, preserve, and protect historically distinctive buildings and places. Implement the Historic Preservation Ordinance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information, education and expertise to people interested in rehabilitation or construction of a historic structure or in a historic district. • Encourage preservation, restoration and rehabilitation that respects the historic, cultural, architectural and archeological significance of distinctive areas, sites, structures and objects. • Apply design standards to prevent the unnecessary loss of a community’s historical features and to ensure compatible construction and rehabilitation in historic districts 	<p>Development Services:</p> <p>Michael O’Connell, Chair</p>	<p>At least 1 architect experienced in rehab of historic buildings At least 2 persons trained and having experience in historic preservation. At least 1 attorney, specializing in land use law At least one property owner in a local historic district.</p>	<p>5 Reg 3Alternate</p>	<p>5 years April 27</p>
<p><u>Historic Preservation Appeals</u></p> <p>Board of Preservation Appeals</p>	<p>Hear appeals from decisions made by the Historic Preservation Commission with regard to alteration of properties subject to the Historic Preservation Ordinance.</p> <p><i>Board not currently active</i></p>	<p>Development Services:</p>		<p>3</p>	<p>1 year June 11</p>
<p><u>HIV/AIDS</u></p> <p>Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>Study, make policy recommendations, and advocate for the needs of residents living with HIV/AIDS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the needs and conditions of people living with HIV/AIDS. • Initiate public health media campaigns on HIV/AIDS and encourage the inclusion of HIV/AIDS in other health media campaigns. • Promote the availability of services needed by individuals living with HIV/AIDS outside of regular business hours. • Monitor legislative action concerning HIV/AIDS and advocate for administrative and legislative reforms before state and federal agencies. • Seek & obtain community input on HIV/AIDS issues. 	<p>Health & Human Services</p> <p>Alice Ferguson, Chair</p>	<p>At least 2 persons living with HIV/AIDS. At least 2 persons affected by HIV/AIDS Majority must be Hartford residents</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>3 years Feb. 28</p>

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<p><u>Homelessness</u></p> <p>Commission on Homelessness</p>	<p>Advise and inform Hartford City Government on the issue of homelessness in Hartford.</p> <p>Mission: To make homelessness a priority for Hartford City Government, influence policies that affect the homeless, and advocate for a comprehensive approach to meeting the immediate needs of Hartford’s homeless population.</p> <p>Duties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educate and inform the community about the issue of homelessness and those who provide services to the homeless. 2. Identify gaps in services available to the homeless 3. Foster communication, compromise, and collaboration among entities addressing homelessness and with other sectors of the community 4. Participate with others in finding long-term solutions to homelessness <p><i>Commission has not yet been convened</i></p>	<p>Development Services</p>	<p>No more than 9 of 13 voting members may be of the same political party. At least 10 members must be Hartford residents</p> <p><i>Appointed member criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 representatives of shelters and soup kitchens 2 representatives of the Hartford business community 3 currently or formerly homeless individuals 1 representative of the Hartford Public Library <p><i>Ex Officio Members:</i> Police & Fire Chiefs and Director of Health & Human Services</p>	<p>13 appointed voting members 3 non-voting ex-officio members</p>	<p>2 years</p> <p>August 14</p>
<p><u>Housing</u></p> <p>Commission on Housing</p>	<p>Serve as a conduit to discuss housing matters with representatives of the City, tenants, and landlords</p> <p>Activities: Advise and assist the Mayor, COO, and Council on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fostering and formulating housing legislation • addressing homelessness, • increasing homeownership • improving quality of housing <p><i>Commission has not yet been convened</i></p>	<p>Development Services</p>	<p>Majority Hartford residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 tenants 4 property owners (1 landlord, 1 owner-occupant of multi-family home, 1 owner of single-family home) 2 City employees working on housing-related matters 2 reps of homeless shelter or homeless person 1 rep of Hartford Housing Authority 	<p>13</p>	<p>2 years</p>
<p><u>Immigration</u></p> <p>Commission on Refugee and Immigrant Affairs</p>	<p>Create a means for refugee and immigrant voices to be heard and understood, facilitate civic engagement among refugees and immigrants, and recognize and legitimize issues of importance to new arrivals</p> <p>Monitor & analyze impacts of existing or proposed policies or actions</p> <p>Propose policies and actions to Mayor and Council</p> <p>Make recommendations on services</p> <p>Issue a report, at least every 2 years, on the state of refugees and immigrants in Hartford</p>	<p>Mayor’s Office of Community Engagement</p> <p>Michael Akpan and Mui Mui Hin-McCormick Co-Chairs</p>	<p>Majority must be residents</p> <p>Majority must be US citizens</p> <p>Membership must reflect the diversity of the refugee and immigrant population in Hartford, in terms of geography, language, immigration status, background, and ethnicity.</p>	<p>11-21</p>	<p>2 years</p> <p>June 9</p>

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<p><u>LGBTQ Issues</u></p> <p>Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues</p>	<p>Assist in the elimination of bigotry, discrimination and prejudice against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender persons in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the conditions and needs of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender persons. • Hold forums or public hearings to gather or provide information. • Serve as an educational resource to fight bigotry, discrimination, and prejudice on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. • Serve as a clearinghouse for information and resources on issues concerning lesbians, gays, bisexuals and the transgender community. 	<p>Human Relations Office</p> <p>Sean Bradbury, Chair</p>	<p>Membership shall reflect the diversity of lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual persons in the community, e.g. different ages and disabilities, and economic, ethnic, racial and social groups.</p> <p>A majority of members must be Hartford residents</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>3 years</p> <p>June 8</p>
<p><u>Parking</u></p> <p>Hartford Parking Authority Board of Directors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulate, maintain and control parking within the city of Hartford. • Create, establish, finance, maintain and operate City-owned parking facilities. • Manage and operate other regulated parking facilities. • Regulate the uses of and collect and receive revenues from parking meters. • Enforce and administer rules and regulations concerning meters and on-street parking throughout Hartford. • 	<p>Hartford Parking Authority</p> <p>William Breetz, Chair</p>	<p>No more than 3 members can be of the same party</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>5 years</p> <p>Dec. 14</p>
<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u></p> <p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission</p>	<p>Study and recommend policies and procedures for public use of parks, parks management, and recreational programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise the Department of Parks & Recreation and the City Council on recreation and park maintenance services. • Make studies and recommendations concerning the use of parks by the general public, park management, park policies and recreation programs. • Seek working relationships with schools, community and civic organizations. • Provide the general public with information and education on recreation and park maintenance. • Serve as the contact point for the public to express their opinions and requests on recreational programming. 	<p>Public Works</p> <p>Craig Mergins, Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the Friends of Parks groups • Mayor • Chairman of Council’s Public Works, Parks & Environment Committee • DPW Director or designee – Parks Maintenance • FCYR Director or designee – Recreation 	<p>21</p>	<p>3 years</p> <p>2nd Mon. in March</p>

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<u>Planning & Zoning</u> Planning and Zoning Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and approve, at least every ten years, a plan of conservation and development for Hartford. • Prepare and revise a five year program of public improvements. • Recommend capital projects to be undertaken by the City in each fiscal year. • Review resolutions and ordinances being considered by the Council relating to location of streets, bridges, squares, parks, playgrounds, playfields, aviation fields, parking spaces, public buildings, or public utilities. 	Development Services Sara Bronin, Chair	Persons with skills and knowledge in fields such as planning, architecture, landscape architecture, real estate or law.	7 Regular 3 Alternates	Reg. 4 years 1 st Mon. in Feb. Alt. 3 years 1 st Mon. in Feb.
<u>Police Complaints</u> Civilian Police Review Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate civilian complaints of police misconduct. • Make findings and recommendations to the Police Chief on whether a complaint is valid. 	Human Relations Office Maly Rosario, Chair	Experience and expertise relevant to charge of the Board. No more than 2 nonresident members.	9 Regular 2 Alternates	4 years Nov. 18
<u>Property Assessment</u> Board of Assessment Appeals	Hear and make decisions on appeals by taxpayers of the assessed value of motor vehicles, real property, and personal property	Tax Assessor No chair	None	3	3 years Jan. 1
<u>Public Housing</u> Hartford Housing Authority Board of Directors	Oversee and manage the operations of the Hartford Housing Authority and its programs and housing developments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine where there are slums and shortages of decent, safe and sanitary housing for families of low and moderate income. • Promote, create, and operate housing for low and moderate income persons and families. 	Hartford Housing Authority Marilyn Rossetti, Chair	Must be residents, but not required to be voter. At least one commissioner, selected by tenants, must be an HHA tenant for at least one year or previously lived in HHA housing for more than year and now receives housing assistance in an HHA program.	5	5 May 31
<u>Redevelopment</u> Hartford Redevelopment Agency	In accordance with State Law, create and implement Redevelopment Plans, which include rehabilitation, demolition or construction of structures, facilities, streets, parks, and utilities in deteriorated areas in Hartford.	Development Services Steven Bonafonte, Chair		7	5 years May 24

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<u>Rents</u> Fair Rent Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive complaints that rents being charged for housing units are excessive. Investigate and make decisions on complaints of excessive rents. Issue orders to landlords of the amount of rent to be charged. Issue orders that rent is to be paid to the Commission pending correction, by the landlord, of health and safety violations in the housing unit. 	Development Services: Housing Carol Smith-Jestin, Chair	At least 3 tenants. At least 3 landlords.	9	2 years Jan. 26
<u>Transit</u> Greater Hartford Transit District Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage the affairs of the Greater Hartford Transit District which is responsible for the development, maintenance and improvement of systems for the transportation of people and goods within the sixteen towns of the Hartford metropolitan area. Manage the property and finances of the District and appoint the District Manager. 	None Stephen Mitchell, Chair	Representatives of 16 member towns Hartford has 4 members	4	4 years July 6
<u>Trees</u> Tree Advisory Commission	<p>Purpose: To advise the City Forester, Council, and Mayor on tree-related issues and promote awareness of tree care, Hartford’s arboreal heritage, and benefits of urban forest</p> <p>Initial Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and adopt a Master Tree Plan within 18 months Review Plan every five years and amend as needed Create an annual “State of the Forest” report and prepare policy and action recommendations for the next year. Submit to Mayor and Council Hear and decide appeals from City Forester Establish a Legacy Tree Program 	Public Works Jack Hale, Chair	<p><i>Appointed criteria:</i> 2 with professional competence, e.g. arborists, ornamental horticulturists, landscape architects/designers 3 with interest in urban forest</p> <p><i>Ex Officio</i> Chair of Parks & Rec Commission Chair of Council’s Public Works, Parks & Environment Committee City Planner Board of Ed Director of Buildings & Grounds City Forester (non-voting)</p>	10 9 voting 1 non-voting 5 appointed 4 ex officio	3 years Overlapping terms Nov. 12
<u>Veterans</u> Commission on Veterans Affairs	Serve as an advisory board to the City Council and Mayor concerning the wellbeing of military veterans in the Hartford area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate and recommend programs, policies & practices Act as clearinghouse for information Collect information on needs of veterans Make recommendations on increasing awareness of veterans’ needs and contributions, strengthening and expanding services and resources for veterans 	Police Dept. Robert Beamon, chair	In-depth knowledge of veterans affairs, or Is affiliated with provider of services to veterans, or Is a veteran of any US war. At least 2 members must have served in military.	11 members 2 alternates	2 years

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<u>Water & Sewers</u> MDC Board of Commissioners	Manage and govern the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) whose operations include the construction, maintenance and operation of the water and sewer system in the MDC's eight member towns including hydroelectric dams and reservoirs.	None William DiBella, Chair	Members represent 12 towns	29 members 9 Hartford seats 0 Vac.	6 year Dec. 31
<u>Women</u> Permanent Commission on the Status of Hartford Women	Eliminate gender-based discrimination and improve the status of women in Hartford. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the elimination of gender-based discrimination. • Help improve the status of women in Hartford. • Study the conditions and needs of women of the city. • Hold forums or public meetings to gather information. • Provide information to the public. • Conduct outreach to encourage public participation to improve the status of women. • Serve as a mediator in matters concerning women. • Review and assess the effect of City programs and practices, including employment, wages, and benefits, on female employees of the City. • Make recommendations to Council regarding policies and practices as they affect women. • Make recommendations for State statutory changes. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Commission not currently active</i></p>	Human Relations Office	Membership shall reflect the social, economic and racial spectrum of the community.	20	2 years Sept. 1
<u>Zoning Appeals</u> Zoning Board of Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear and decide appeals of zoning orders, requirements or decisions made by City staff. • Hear and decide special exemptions and exceptions to the zoning laws. • Vary the application of zoning laws with regard to a parcel of land where literal enforcement would result in exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship 	Development Services Justin Zartman, Chair	Each commissioner must complete training in the fields of zoning and parliamentary procedure.	5 Regular 3 Alternates	5 years 1 st Mon. in Feb.