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**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

**City of Hartford, November 13, 2018.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** There were riots for consecutive years between City residents and the Hartford Police Department between 1966 to 1969; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1969 three (3) individuals and four (4) organizations filed federal discrimination suit against Hartford Police Chief Thomas Vaughan and five (5) others; and

**WHEREAS,** The plaintiffs claimed that the Hartford Police Department had conducted a campaign of violence, intimidation and humiliation against Blacks and Latinos. The lead plaintiff was Maria Cintron; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1973 the plaintiffs and the City of Hartford reached a settlement / consent decree establishing a police code of conduct include:

- a) Written procedure for the internal review of complaints against Hartford Police Officers; and
- b) That City of Hartford Police Officers avoid using profane and derogatory terms; and

**WHEREAS,** The residents of Hartford call for the City to revisit the Consent Decree; and

**WHEREAS,** The plaintiffs now assert that the Hartford Police Department has violated the Consent Decree in its failure to:

- a) Have an independent review of the police firing weapons;
- b) Have the Firearms Discharge Board meet monthly;
- c) Have Hartford Chief of Police name 3 individuals to voting positions on the Firearms Discharge Board from a list of 6 provided by the plaintiffs;
- d) Have Hartford Police Department notify or reach agreement with the plaintiffs on it switching service revolver;
- e) Prepare Hartford residents to enter the Hartford Police Department as Police Officers; and be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Court of Common Council urges the Administration to request the Federal Court NOT "sunset" the Consent Decree before October 31, 2019 until the above issues in this resolution are settled; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** The Court of Common Council further request The Administration to provide an update by the next council meeting scheduled for November 13, 2018.