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PRESENT AT CONVENING

9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 Council President John Ford
11 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
13 Councilmember Pete Leshner
14 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
15 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

8 Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Sr., the Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch and
9 Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

CONVENING

3 At 7:07 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

5 Mr. Wendowski opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2011 MEETINGS.

9 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the October 17
0 meeting were approved.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

4 Mayor Willey announced that there will be a meeting November 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Chesapeake College to
5 discuss the possibility of the closing of the USPS Distribution Center in Easton.

APPOINTMENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD.

9 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the appointment of Mr. Edward
0 Lynch to the Affordable Housing Board for the remainder of a three year term expiring May 16, 2013 was
1 approved.

3 Mayor Willey stated that he will ask for an Executive Session next week at the scheduled workshop to discuss
4 real estate and advice of counsel.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

8 Mr. Karge stated that automated pickup starts tomorrow in Easton Club East and they will continue to phase-in
9 in various other parts of the town.

1 Mr. Karge stated that he has been advised that the Public Works Department has started leaf pickup.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT.

5 Mr. Karge asked for approval for First Night Talbot New Year's eve events with street closure.

7 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, First Night Talbot's New
8 Year's activities were approved.

0 Mr. Karge discussed the request regarding Commerce Lane to get rid of the cul-de-sac and to square off road.
1 He stated that it will be no cost to town for street light.

3 Mr. Wendowski made a motion to proceed with the request, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously.

5 Mr. Karge is in receipt of a request from the Lions' Club to use town property for their annual Christmas tree
6 sale commencing on Nov. 26. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried
7 unanimously the request was approved.
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9 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**
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1 Ms. VanEmburch discussed redistricting and the memo she has previously sent. She asked the Council to
2 consider what priorities should be. The Town Attorney asked for input next week and stated that she will draft
3 proposals.
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**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN'S ZONING
ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE AND ADDRESS THE USE "WINERY" IN THE TOWN'S ZONING
ORDINANCE.**

At 7:20 p.m., President Ford opened the public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Thomas discussed the history of the proposal to amend the zoning ordinance. He discussed the addition to the ordinance adding a definition, permitted activities and specifying where it is permitted.

President Ford opened the public hearing for public comments.

Mr. Tien-Seng Chiu, Maryland Winery, Dogwood Terrace, South Beechwood discussed the operation occurring out of a home. He stated that they are part of the Maryland winery Association. He stated that they are considered an agri-business. Mr. Tien-Seng stated that he appreciated consideration of amendment.

President Ford asked for additional comments. There were none. He stated that the public record will remain open for written comments until close of business Friday.

ORDINANCE NO. 593, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."

President Ford Introduced Ordinance No. 593 for first reading.

At 7:31 p.m., President Ford closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 5984, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING A PROPOSAL OF UNIFICATION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF HOUSING COMMISSION OF TALBOT COUNTY AND THE ST. MICHAELS HOUSING AUTHORITY TO BE CALLED THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF TALBOT." (ATTACHMENTS ARE REORGANIZATION AGREEMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT)

The Town Attorney discussed the history of the Housing Authority. She discussed the desire to merge into one unit.

Mr. Don Bibb, Executive Director of the Housing Committee of Talbot County was present. He stated that he has been managing both agencies for seven years. He discussed the desire to merge St. Michaels and Easton for efficiency purposes. He stated that both boards have been working well together since 2009 and the process is merely a formality.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5984 was approved.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Per the Town Attorney, the Housing Authority will have the same board members as previously served but will now serve jointly with St. Michaels Housing Authority.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Ms. Cook and carried unanimously, the appointments to the Housing Commission of Talbot were approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 5985, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF TALBOT." (ATTACHMENT IS ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION)

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5985 was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 5987 APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF FINANCING FOR COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone unanimously, Resolution No. 5987 was approved with corrections.

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PUD LOCUST COMMONS PUD SUBDIVISION.

President Ford set the Public Hearing on the amendment to the Locust Commons PUD subdivision for December 19, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Ms. Malone asked for information regarding the draft ordinance for recycling.

Mr. Wendowski congratulated Willow Construction, Lane Engineering and White Oaks for recently received awards.

Mr. Ford congratulated Dr. Karen Salmon, Superintendent of Talbot County Public Schools for her recent award as Top Superintendent in the State of Maryland.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk