

**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**  
**Easton Town Hall**  
**14 S. Harrison Street**

June 1, 2015

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

Mayor Robert C. Willey  
Council President John Ford  
Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein

Councilmember Pete Leshner  
Councilmember Ron E. Engle  
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

**CALL TO ORDER.**

At 7:18 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

President Ford stated that a work session with CBD Wellness regarding a proposed medicinal marijuana manufacturing facility in Easton had occurred prior to the regular council meeting

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2015 MEETINGS.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes of the May 18, 2015 meetings were approved.

**OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mrs. Cook gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton has received a grant in the amount of \$256,120 for State Aid for Police Protection.

Mayor Willey reported on environmental projects occurring at the Easton Utilities Dover Neck Wastewater Plant. He stated that a permit application has been submitted to install one internal combustion engine.

Mayor Willey updated on the Easton Business Alliance's Walk a Block to Work Campaign to increase parking opportunities in the downtown in the next few weeks.

Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton Economic Development Corporation will work in conjunction with Talbot County to publicize Easton.

Mayor Willey stated that Talbot County is offering an incentive for volunteer firemen in the county.

**CONFIRMATION OF MR. WILL GORDON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE TREE BOARD.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, Mr. Gordon's appointment to the Tree Board was approved.

Mr. Leshner asked for clarification regarding police aid.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

Mr. Karge advised those present that construction has begun on Aurora Street and should be completed before the Plein Air Festival in July. Mr. Karge stated that grinding, milling and paving occurring throughout town but should be completed by June 30.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS.**

Mr. Karge asked the Council's approval for the following Public Assembly Events:

- Juneteenth Celebration: June 20
- Elks Parade: June 28

56 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly Permits as  
57 recommended by Easton Police Department were approved.

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59 Mr. Karge reviewed the Chief of Police approved Public Assembly Events sponsored by the Avalon Foundation  
60 for Outdoor Street Concerts occurring June 6 thru August 29.

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62 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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64 Mrs. VanEmburch stated that in the next packet, she intends to include a memo to suggest two potential changes in  
65 the Ethics Code for Town employees as there is some uncertainty in the current language regarding who needs to  
66 file.

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68 Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the Election Provisions need to be reviewed; especially provisions regarding write in  
69 candidates and campaign contribution limits.

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71 The Town Attorney Mrs. VanEmburch asked for a Closed Session following the regularly scheduled meeting on  
72 the Authority General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a  
73 business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; and General Provisions Article §3-  
74 305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

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76 **PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**  
77 **FOR A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO A MARYLAND SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY**  
78 **DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION WHICH WAS USED FOR**  
79 **INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.**

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81 At 7:27 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing on the CDBG Application which was used for  
82 infrastructure upgrades at Hawkes Hill.

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84 Mr. Karge stated that the public hearing is a procedural requirement for a project completed five years ago. The  
85 grant stipulations require two public hearings and tonight's hearing will close the requirement.

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87 President Ford asked for public comments. There were none.

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89 At 7:28 p.m., President Ford Closed public hearing.

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91 **ORDINANCE NO. 652, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
92 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2015."**

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94 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 652 was approved.

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96 **ORDINANCE NO. 653, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
97 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE 2015."**

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99 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 653 was approved.

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01 **ORDINANCE NO. 654, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
02 **BUILDING CODE TO INCORPORATE THE NFPA 70 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2014."**

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04 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 654 was approved.

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06 **ORDINANCE NO. 655, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
07 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**  
08 **2015."**

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10 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 655 was approved.

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12 **ORDINANCE NO. 656, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
13 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE 2015 AND NFPA**  
14 **58 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODE 2014."**

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16 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 656 was approved.

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18 **ORDINANCE NO. 657, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
19 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2015."**

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21 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 657 was  
22 approved.

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24 **ORDINANCE NO. 658, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**  
25 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE 2015."**  
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27 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 658 was approved.  
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29 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$629,580.16.**  
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31 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$629,580.16  
32 were reviewed for payment.  
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34 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**  
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36 Mr. Silverstein thanked Mayor Willey and Mr. Karge for their action regarding constituents' concerns on the rails-to-  
37 trails. Mr. Silverstein stated that the police have stepped up patrol efforts. He stated that the rails-to-trails is a wonderful  
38 asset for the community.  
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40 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
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42 Mr. Kevin Walsh, Box 2701 Hanson Street, Easton asked if there are any public restrooms.  
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44 Mr. Karge stated there are restrooms open to the public at the Welcome Center and the Town Hall.  
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46 At 7:35 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford convened  
47 into Closed Session by the Authority General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the  
48 proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.  
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50 At 8:03 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, President Ford  
51 adjourned the Close Session and reconvened into Open Session.  
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53 **ADJOURN.**  
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55 At 8:04 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carrier unanimously, President Ford  
56 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.  
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59 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk  
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