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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **Easton Town Hall**
5 **14 S Harrison Street**
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7 **August 1, 2016**

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9 **PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

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11 Mayor Robert C. Willey 14 Councilmember Pete Leshner
12 Council President John Ford 15 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
13 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein 16 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
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19 **IN ATTENDANCE.**

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21 Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Roger F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch,
22 Chief David Spencer, Capt. Mark Waltrup and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.
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24 **CONVENING.**

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26 At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.
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28 President Ford stated that a Closed Session had been held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regularly
29 scheduled meeting to discuss real estate and personnel.
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31 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SILVERSTEIN AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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33 Mr. Silverstein gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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35 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016 MEETINGS.**

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37 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the July
38 18, 2016 meetings were approved as written.
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40 **POLICE BOARD.**

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42 Chief Spencer was present and discussed personnel. He introduced Cadet Benjamin Schorr and
43 stated that he graduated June 13, 2016 and is currently going through field training. Chief Spencer
44 stated that there are three open positions in the department.
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46 Chief Spencer discussed requested sign changes on Mecklenburg Avenue near the school. He
47 discussed the School Board's concerns with the safety of cars dropping off students.
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49 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried, permission was granted for
50 Public Works to put up No Parking signs indicating no parking Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00
51 p.m. and 2 hour parking limit signs.
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53 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

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55 Mayor Willey asked Capt. Waltrup if there are possible candidates for the open positions. Capt.
56 Waltrup said they have advertised locally and received some interest.
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58 Mayor Willey asked the Town Attorney to draft appropriate changes for additional members
59 serving as alternates for the Planning and Zoning Commission due to the lack of a quorum for
60 recent meetings.
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62 Mayor Willey discussed recent discussions with the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the
63 shortage of linear fields. He suggested the use of part of Mistletoe Hall Farms.
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65 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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67 President Ford asked the Town Manager if he intended to attend the September 19 meeting and
68 Mr. Karge stated that he informed Mayor Murphy when he was hired that he was here for the long

69 haul so he would be present at that meeting.

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71 **EASTON UTILITIES RESPONSE TEAM RECOGNITION.**

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73 Mr. Grunden was present and reported on Easton Utilities employees' successful response for a
74 cardiac arrest of another employee. He acknowledge swift response from EPD, Talbot EMS and
75 thanked the network of organizations that responded.

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77 Ms. Tori Brummel was present and discussed the history of the incident. She thanked everyone for
78 their participation.

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80 Mr. Grunden introduced their newest employee John Horner, Vice President of Operations.

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82 **MS. CHILDRINE BROOKS TO PRESENT NEW SENIOR AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

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84 Ms. Brooks was present to discuss Talbot County Senior Awareness Campaign.

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86 Ms. Brooks introduced Mr. Bill Shrieves. Mr. Shrieves stated that he is a member of the Talbot
87 Senior Center Advisory Council. He stated he is present as part of a campaign to make residents of
88 Talbot County aware of the services available at the Center. He discussed special events, education
89 programs, meals and free entertainment available at the Center.

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91 Mr. Shrieves stated that there will be a letter sent out for an appeal for funding.

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93 **MS. LYNN MIELKE TO PRESENT PETITION REGARDING EASTON CLUB.**

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95 Ms. Mielke was present and stated that she is a resident and homeowner at Easton Club. She
96 requested the Town take action for removal of weeds and tall grass. Ms. Mielke stated that there is
97 a health hazard there and homeowners want action. She asked the Town to send notice to the new
98 owners and demand action be taken and cite them if nothing is accomplished.

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100 Ms. Mielke presented the Council with a petition from homeowners at Easton Club requesting
101 action.

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103 **PETITION FOR EASTON POINT ANNEXATION FROM JASON M. WEBB AND MARIA WEBB GOMES**
104 **(F/K/A MARIA A. WEBB), PORT STREET VENTURES, LLC, THE BOATHOUSE AT EASTON POINT, LLC,**
105 **TIMOTHY M. MILLER AND AMY M. MILLER, AND 930 PORT STREET, INC. (COLLECTIVELY, THE**
106 **"PETITIONERS").**

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108 The Town Attorney stated that Mr. Showalter is present representing the owners of the various
109 properties off Port Street. She asked that the request for annexation be referred to the Planning
110 and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

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112 **RESOLUTION NO. 6071, "A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED ALONG PORT**
113 **STREET AND CONSISTING OF 6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, INTO THE TOWN OF EASTON**
114 **AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION.**

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116 President Ford brought Resolution No. 6071 to the floor for introduction and remanded the
117 annexation request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

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119 President Ford set the Public Hearing for the annexation request for Tuesday, September 6 at 7:15
120 p.m.

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122 **ORDINANCE NO. 690, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE OFFICIAL**
123 **ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING**
124 **DISTRICT TO CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON BY**
125 **RESOLUTION NO. 6071 LOCATED ALONG PORT STREET AND CONSISTING, COLLECTIVELY, OF**
126 **6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS."**

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128 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 690 to the floor for introduction. He remanded Ordinance
129 No. 690 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

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131 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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133 Mr. Leshar reminded those present that East End Neighborhood Association will hold a public
134 meeting Thursday, August 4 at Asbury Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Cook reminded those present that National Night Out would be held Tuesday, August 2 at 5:00 p.m. at Moton Park. She stated that dinner will be served.

ADJOURN.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cook seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk