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**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
EASTON TOWN HALL
14 S. HARRISON STREET**

March 7, 2016

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 Council President John Ford
11 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
12 Councilmember Pete Leshner
13 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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

CALL TO ORDER.

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the regularly scheduled meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. ENGLE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mr. Engle gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

MS. JOAN LEVY, RUTH STARR ROSE PROJECT MANAGER TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING PLANS TO BRING THE RUTH STARR ROSE EXHIBITION TO TALBOT COUNTY (APRIL 29 – JUNE 19, 2016).

Ms. Joan Levy and Mr. Richard Marks, Dock Street Foundation were present to discuss The Ruth Starr Rose Exhibition artwork which can be viewed April 30 thru June 19, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Waterfowl Festival building.

Mr. Marks introduced Ms. Carlene Phoenix who discussed how meaningful the exhibit is to her personally and to the community.

Mr. Leshner thanked Mr. Marks for their efforts.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey reminded the council about the scheduled budget workshops later this month.

Mayor Willey discussed his meeting with the First Grade Class at Glenwood Elementary and their recommendations for the community.

APPOINTMENT OF MS. KELLY G. PEZOR TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, Ms. Kelly G. Pezor's three-year appointment to the Historic District Commission was approved.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE BID.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, the landscape bid from Marshall Property in the amount of \$8,660 was approved for the 2016/2017 grass cutting season as recommended by the Superintendent of Public Works Michael Dickerson.

67 **APPROVAL OF STREET RESURFACING BID.**

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69 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the paving
70 contract bid from Lan Myers MD, Inc. in the amount of \$308,526.30 was approved as
71 recommended by the Superintendent of Public Works Michael Dickerson.

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73 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT.**

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75 The Town Manager asked for approval for the following Public Assembly Event:

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77 **EVENT:** Walk of Hope

78 **APPLICANT:** Recovery for Shore/Doug Kirby

79 **LOCATION:** Idlewild Park to Harrison St. to South St. to Washington St. to Goldsborough
80 St. to Harrison St. and return to Idlewild Park

81 **DATE/TIME:** April 30, 2016 – 1900 to 2100 hrs.

82 **PURPOSE:** Organized march to provide advocacy, raise awareness, and demonstrate unity
83 for recovery in our community

84 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly
85 Event was approved as outlined; pending receipt of the Certificate of Liability. Mr. Karge
86 discussed the Chief approved Public Assembly Events.

87 Mr. Karge discussed the Public Assembly Permit approved at the previous council meeting which
88 would occur during the Plein Air Festival. He stated that he had assumed it was part of the Plein
89 Air Festival which it is not therefore he is bringing it to the council for their action.

90 President Ford stated that admittedly, he made a mistake as he was not aware that it was not
91 applied for by the Avalon Foundation. He stated that approval would not be granted if the
92 application was during the Waterfowl Festival. He asked what use was on that property last year.

93 Mr. Bond, Executive Director for the Avalon Foundation stated that fundamentally, Artisans
94 Market Place has occurred in that area.

95 Mr. Silverstein suggested asking the applicant to purchase a Transient Business License for one
96 day in order to accommodate everyone and be equitable to the applicant.

97 Ms. Jenn Wagner was present to discuss her former affiliation with Avalon Foundation's Plein Air
98 Festival and her Public Assembly Permit application. She stated that ultimately she is trying to
99 continue the event she started.

100 Ms. Erin Fluharty discussed the history of the event. She stated that they would like to keep the
101 inspiration of the artists alive.

102 Mr. Leshner asked that the parties work together to perhaps come up with a solution equitable to
103 both. He stated that they could come back to the council in two weeks.

104 Mr. Bond suggested finding a solution this evening.

105 President Ford suggested Mr. Bond and Ms. Wagner work thru a solution that is equitable and
106 report back to the council at the next meeting.

107 **LETTER FROM EASTON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN RICHARD M.**
108 **TETTELBAUM RECOMMENDING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON MD**
109 **RT. 33 OWNED BY STANDARD FUSEE CORPORATION AND ROUTE 33, LLC.**

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111 President Ford brought Chairman Mr. Richard Tettelbaum's letter to the floor regarding the
112 proposed annexation.

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114 President Ford set the Public Hearing for the proposed annexation for April 18, 2016 at 7:15
115 p.m.

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117 President Ford asked that the letter from Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Richard
118 Tettelbaum be accessible on the town's website.

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120 **ORDINANCE NO. 680, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON MODIFYING THE RENTAL**
121 **HOUSING LICENSE PROVISIONS TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS TO SHORT TERM RENTALS, TO**
122 **PROVIDE CLEAR EXCEPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR A LICENSE, TO PROVIDE SPECIAL**

123 **PROVISIONS FOR OCCUPANCIES BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**
124 **REGISTRATION OF ALL NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF EASTON.”**

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126 President Ford stated that the hearing needs to be re-opened. He stated that the Mid Shore
127 Board of Realtors asked that the matter be tabled until they have time to review the proposed
128 legislation.

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130 Assistant Town Attorney stated that the hearing should be re-advertised.

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132 President Ford stated that the hearing would be April 4, 7:15 p.m.

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134 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

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136 There were no further comments from the Council.

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138 **ADJOURN.**

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140 At 8:02 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously,
141 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk