

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

August 7, 2017

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

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

Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Don Richardson, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf

MEETING.

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SILVERSTEIN AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2017 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

POLICE BOARD.

Chief David Spencer, Capt. Mark Waltrup and Lt. Greg Wright were present to address the Council. Chief Spencer stated that Capt. Waltrup would be retiring and thanked him for his service to the Town of Easton. Chief Spencer stated that Lt. Wright will be Deputy Chief upon Capt. Waltrup's retirement.

Lt. Wright thanked the Chief, Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

Chief Spencer discussed personnel changes and the opportunities for promotions.

Chief Spencer discussed mobile cad and stated that it is now live. He stated that officers are receiving training for body cameras and in car cameras.

President Ford thanked the officers for their time and wished them the best on future endeavors.

UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HOUSING COMMISSION OF TALBOT COUNTY.

Mr. Don E. Bibb, Executive Director, discussed grants and being the recipient of a \$250,000 grant awarded to the Housing Commission for housing efforts. He stated that he will give the Town of Easton \$159,000 and use the remainder for the Buffalo Soldier House.

Mr. Bibb stated that the Housing Commission is sponsoring the South African Delegation that is in Washington next week for a conference and will visit The Hill on Friday at 2:00. He stated that they will meet at The Welcome Center where Dr. Dale Green will follow with a tour of The Hill. The Housing Commission will host a reception from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority where everyone is welcome.

MS. NANCY ANDREW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHOPTANK TO UPDATE ON OPERATIONS IN THE TOWN.

Ms. Andrew was present and discussed Habitat for Humanity celebrating 25 years in the community.

Ms. Andrew discussed the components of Habitat for Humanity. She stated Habitat Choptank celebrated the sale of their 73rd home with only one foreclosure. Ms. Andrew stated that they currently have five homes in progress. Ms. Andrew stated that they are trying to expand their tool kit; where they have had 38 weatherization projects in 2016 and now have 78 weatherization projects in 2017.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey stated that during Memorial weekend next year there are plans to bring a replica of the Vietnam Wall to the VFW in Easton. He stated that there are 90,000 veterans on the Delmarva Peninsula. Mayor Willey stated there will be more information forthcoming regarding the Vietnam Wall replica.

Mayor Willey discussed the Port Street Redevelopment Plan. Mayor Willey stated there will be a

59 work session August 21 at 6:00 p.m. with interested parties, councils and staff members.

60 Mayor Willey discussed a class that will occur at Easton Volunteer Fire Department September 6
61 with FBI that deals with illegal explosives where there will be a demonstration after the class.

62 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

63 Mr. Richardson discussed the bids for a new sound system for the council chambers. He stated
64 that the bids include new microphones and a new control board.

65 Mr. Richardson asked permission to award the bid to Schneider Home Theatres in the amount of
66 \$7,777.85 per recommendation from staff.

67 Mr. Richardson asked for approval to award the bid for card readers at the Public Works facility
68 to Security Equipment Supply in the amount of \$5,155.68.

69 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the bid from
70 Schneider Home Theatres and Security Equipment Supply was approved.

71 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

72 The Town Attorney asked President Ford to schedule a public hearing for Rise Up's PUD
73 application. President Ford set the PUD application for September 5, 7:15 p.m.

74 **RESOLUTION NO. 6082, "A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS OWNED**
75 **BY CELESTE INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF**
76 **INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD AND CONSISTING OF 4.446 ACRES OF LAND, MORE**
77 **OR LESS, INTO THE TOWN OF EASTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND**
78 **CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION."**

79 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
80 6082 was approved.

81 **ORDINANCE NO. 708, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING**
82 **THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY AN**
83 **ORIGINAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL (I) TO CERTAIN**
84 **PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON BY RESOLUTION NO.**
85 **6082 LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD AND**
86 **CONSISTING OF 4.446 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS."**

87 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 708
88 was approved.

89 **RESOLUTION NO. 6086, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON**
90 **ESTABLISHING A RESIDENT AGENT."**

91 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
92 6086 was passed.

93 **RESOLUTION NO. 6087, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING**
94 **TOWN OF EASTON MARYLAND EMPLOYEE'S 457 PLAN."**

95 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
96 6087 was passed.

97 **PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FOR JDOLIVER, LLC ANNEXATION.**

98 **RESOLUTION NO. 6085, "A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED**
99 **ALONG OCEAN GATEWAY (U.S. ROUTE 50) AND CONSISTING OF 3.96 ACRES OF**
100 **LAND, MORE OR LESS, INTO THE TOWN OF EASTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR**
101 **THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION."**

102 The Town Attorney stated that the Town needs to seek a county zoning waiver. Mrs.
103 VanEmburch stated that they will need water and sewer hookup.

104 President Ford introduced Res. No. 6085 and remanded it to the Planning and Zoning
105 Commission for review and a recommendation.

106 **ORDINANCE NO. 713, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING**
107 **THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY THE**
108 **GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT TO CERTAIN LOTS OR**
109 **PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE TOWN OF EASTON BY RESOLUTION NO.**
110 **6085 LOCATED ALONG OCEAN GATEWAY (U.S. ROUTE 50) AND CONSISTING,**
111 **COLLECTIVELY, OF 3.96 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS."**

112 President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 713 and remanded it to the Planning and
113 Zoning Commission for review and a recommendation.

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ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Mrs. Cook thanked everyone for their participation at National Night Out.

Mr. Engle stated that Rise Up Coffee will be participating in Talbot Goes Purple.

The Town Attorney reminded everyone that there will be a workshop with Planning and Zoning Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Small Area Plan.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:47 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Cook seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk