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

**May 1, 2017**

**PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

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

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

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. ENGLE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

President Ford called meeting to order.

President Ford stated that the Council had met in Closed Session prior to the regularly scheduled meeting and had received an Executive Summary from Mayor Willey.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2017 MEETING.**

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

**POLICE BOARD.**

Chief Spencer and Captain Waltrup were present to update on police activities. Chief Spencer discussed personnel, bike patrol activities, recent events and training. Discussion occurred regarding the activity statistics.

Chief Spencer discussed Paramount Overseas coming to Easton and filming on Dover and Harrison Streets. He asked permission to allow four to five officers to work overtime for traffic control. Chief Spencer stated that the filming will be a great impact downtown. Paramount studios has agreed to compensate the Town for officer overtime.

Upon motion by Mr. Lesher, seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, permission was granted for police overtime to help with traffic control during the filming.

**ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

Upon motion by Mr. Lesher, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the following reappointments to the Affordable Housing Trust for a three year term commencing May 16, 2017 were approved:

- Ms. Joan Banks
- Ms. Sindy Reyes
- Mr. Otis Sampson

**CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION MS4 PERMIT GRANT.**

The Town Engineer Mr. VanEmburch recently informed Mayor Willey that it will be necessary for Easton to obtain a MS4 permit. He stated that Chesapeake Bay Foundation is arranging the grant request. Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton will share the funding and is

62 suggesting the Town contribute \$12,500 per year for three years.

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64 Mr. Alan Girard, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy was present to discuss the grant. Mr. Girard  
65 stated that Chesapeake Bay Foundation will be administering the grant.

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67 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, permission  
68 was granted to support the Town of Easton's participation in the grant with a dedicated funding  
69 match of \$12,500 per year for three years.

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71 Mayor Willey reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day in the Town of Easton. He  
72 stated that as a group, this council works well together. He wished the best of luck to the  
73 unopposed candidates.

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75 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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77 Mr. Richardson recommended that the bids received on March 14 for recycling services be  
78 rejected.

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80 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the bids were  
81 rejected.

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83 **APPROVAL OF 2017 RECYCLING BID.**

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85 Mr. Richardson asked approval to award the 2017 Recycling bid to Republic Services.

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87 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the bid was  
88 approved.

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90 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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92 **RESOLUTION NO. 6080, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN**  
93 **OF EASTON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK RELATED TO LEAVE POLICIES."**

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95 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Resolution  
96 No. 6080 was approved.

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98 **RESOLUTION NO. 6081, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING CHANGES TO**  
99 **THE EMPLOYEE'S PENSION PLAN FOR DIVISION B SWORN OFFICERS."**

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101 Chief Spencer updated on the proposed pension changes for the officers to the Town of  
102 Easton's pension plan. He stated that these changes will make the department competitive and  
103 reduces the risk to officers and the people they are protecting.

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105 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Resolution  
106 No. 6081 was approved.

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108 **CONT'D. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE REQUEST TO ANNEX**  
109 **APPROXIMATELY 6.533 ACRES, MORE OR LESS LYING CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING**  
110 **BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF EASTON.**

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112 The Town Attorney stated that the staff and council have come up with changes to the  
113 annexation agreement. She stated that they intend to move forward to reach a  
114 consensus with the petitioners.

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116 Mr. Leshner thanked the staff for working towards a resolution.

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118 The President of the Council stated that the public hearing would be continued.

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120 **RES. NO. 6071, "A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED ALONG PORT**  
121 **STREET AND CONSISTING OF 6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, INTO THE TOWN**  
122 **OF EASTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE**  
123 **ANNEXATIONS."**

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125 Not acted on.  
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127 **ORD. NO. 690, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE OFFICIAL**  
128 **ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG)**  
129 **ZONING DISTRICT TO CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE TOWN**  
130 **OF EASTON BY RESOLUTION NO. 6071 LOCATED ALONG PORT STREET AND**  
131 **CONSISTING, COLLECTIVELY, OF 6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS."**  
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133 Not acted on.  
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135 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**  
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137 Mr. Engle stated that Res. No. 6081 is very valuable and will make the Town of Easton's Police  
138 Department more competitive for hiring new officers and retaining the staff.  
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140 Mrs. Cook asked the public to get out and vote tomorrow as it is Election Day in the Town of  
141 Easton.  
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143 **PRESIDENT FORD**  
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145 President Ford stated that tomorrow is Election Day. He encouraged citizens to vote as it is a  
146 part of democracy.  
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148 **AUDIENCE COMMENTS.**  
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150 Miss Annie Albright, 702 South Street, Easton stated that she would like to hand out trash bags  
151 Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. to help clean up Easton. She stated that she is advocating trash  
152 and recycling receptacles along Easton and the walking trail.  
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154 The Council stated that Miss Albright has their complete support and blessing.  
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156 **ADJOURNMENT.**  
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158 At 7:38 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously,  
159 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled council meeting.  
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163 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk  
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