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

**April 2, 2018**

**PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

Mayor Robert C. Willey  
Council President John Ford  
Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein  
Councilmember Ron E. Engle  
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

Mr. Leshner was excused.

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

**MEETING.**

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

**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018 MEETING.**

Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

Mayor Willey stated that there will be budget hearings Wednesday and Thursday evenings. He stated that the budget is almost balanced and any additional requests will have to have funding. Mayor Willey invited everyone to the DHCD Community Development tour April 3 at 10:00 a.m.

**DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ZONING AMENDMENT TO PERMIT A WINE BISTRO IN DOWNTOWN.**

Mayor Willey stated that he has had a request to support a change in county liquor laws.

Mr. Thomas discussed the issues under consideration. Mr. Thomas discussed Mr. Zach Smith's request for a client wishing to establish a bistro.

It was the council's consensus to send a letter to the county concerning Thompson Park.

Mayor Willey asked for an Executive Session to discuss business opportunity; General Provisions Article §10-508(a)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

**STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT.**

Mr. Richardson stated that the Town of Easton is a recipient of a NOAA grant in the amount of \$95,000 for a stream restoration project which includes Papermill Branch and Tanyard Branch which will be used to improve watersheds.

**HOUSING ON THE HILL PROJECT.**

Mr. Richardson stated that bid requests for a dwelling at the Housing on the Hill Project went out in the fall and the Town did not receive full bids at that time. Mr. Richardson stated that we recently rebid the work and received bids resulting in the staff recommendation to award the project to West & Callahan in the amount of \$124,800. Mr. Richardson stated that this will renovate the first of six houses; 308 South Street. He stated that the house has already been placed on a new foundation and the remainder of the work will get it sales ready.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cook seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the bid from West & Callahan in the amount of \$124,800 was approved.

**IDLEWILD PARK – PLAY SURFACE REPLACEMENT.**

Mr. Richardson asked for approval for the US Community Purchasing Alliance competitive bid by Cunningham Recreation/GameTime in the amount of \$220,929 to resurface Idlewild Playground.

58 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, approval was granted for  
59 the bid by Cunningham Recreation/GameTime in the amount of \$220,929.

60 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS.**

- 61 ○ Temple B'nai Israel Torah March 06/10/18.
- 62 ○ 5k Fundraiser for Hopkins Cancer Research 06/16/18.
- 63 ○ Suicide Prevention Walk 09/29/18.

64 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly  
65 Events as recommended by staff were approved.

66 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

67 Mrs. VanEmburch reminded everyone that the Planning & Zoning MXW Workshop is scheduled for  
68 April 12 at 1:00 p.m.

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

70 Mrs. Cook invited everyone to the Arbor Day Celebration Thursday, 1:00 p.m., at the Waylands Pond  
71 Park.

72 Mrs. Cook stated there will be a Resource Expo at Moton School sponsored by the Neighborhood Service  
73 Center Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with transportation provided.

74 **CLOSED SESSION.**

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76 At 7:26 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously,  
77 President Ford convened into Closed Session to discuss Business Expansion and Retention.

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79 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford  
80 closed the Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session.

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82 **ADJOURNMENT.**

83 At 7:32 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President  
84 Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk