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

July 2, 2018

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

Mayor Robert C. Willey
President of Council John Ford
Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Ron E. Engle
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. ENGLE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2018 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting were approved.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey distributed Maryland You Are Beautiful Nomination applications.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD.

Mayor Willey presented Mr. Michael Epstein, Public Works (10 years) and Mr. Scott Messick, IT Director (30 year) Employee Service Awards.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM C. CHAPMAN AS AN ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, the appointment of Mr. William C. Chapman as Assistant Town Attorney was confirmed.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS:

- o Plein Air Easton Nocturne Paint Out – 7/18/2018.
- o YMCA Turkey Trot – 11/22/2018.

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

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

Mrs. VanEmburch stated that she will not be present at next meeting.

Mrs. VanEmburch thanked the Mayor and Council for confirming Mr. Will Chapman as Assistant Town Attorney and stated he will be attending the July 16 meeting.

STEVE J. OCHSE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PRESENT DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT NO. 012 FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES INCURRED WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTS OF THE EASTON UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Mr. Ochse presented an official Declaration of Intent No. 012 for Easton Utilities to borrow tax exempt funds. He stated that the Declaration of Intent occurs when anticipating a large project that may require financing. Mr. Ochse stated that Mr. Book, Director of Communications was recently present at a council meeting stating the intent for a cable rebuild project which may cost \$12,500,000. At this point, there is no intent to borrow within six months. He state that he is present to secure the opportunity should the need arise.

The Town Attorney stated that the council would still have to go through the formal process should they decide to go forward with a bond.

56 Upon motion by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, Declaration of
57 Intent No. 012 as presented by Mr. Ochse was accepted.

58 **PARKING AND SMART TOWN INITIATIVE.**

59 Mr. Scott Messick was present and briefly discussed his recommendation for the parking and smart
60 town initiative. He discussed the proposal from Allerin.

61 Mr. Messick stated he was tasked with finding a replacement without raising the rates. He stated that
62 any data gathered, we house and keep to ourselves. Mr. Messick stated that the app would provide a
63 video intelligence solution using an App and allowing the payment of coin for parking thru a kiosk.
64 Mr. Messick stated that he has visited many parking conferences to find a solution and most would
65 not participate without the Town raising the rate to \$1 or \$2 per hour. He stated that this proposal
66 would do more in line with a smart city. Mr. Messick discussed the costs which would be spread out
67 over three years. He stated that if the Town was to put smart meters in, they will not need
68 replacements for approximately 10 years. Mr. Messick stated that he believes Allerin to be a good fit
69 for the Town. Mr. Messick discussed meeting with the CEO. He stated that Allerin is present in
70 approximately 300 cities around the world.

71 Mr. Engle asked if it has ability to determine scofflaws.

72 Mr. Messick stated that it has the ability to capture data.

73 Mr. Silverstein discussed meeting with Mr. Messick and stated that we are looking to hold the rates at
74 what is currently in place.

75 Mr. Messick stated that Allerin can be used to determine what the population is in the town at any
76 given time.

77 Mr. Messick stated that all the spaces that we currently manage would be captured.

78 Mr. Leshner stated that the downtown is his major concern. He stated that he is impressed with this
79 solution and technology.

80 Mr. Leshner stated that he views the proposal to be more business friendly, and will work to keep the
81 downtown healthier. He stated that he is ready to support this and feels comfortable that the council
82 has done the due diligence.

83 Upon motion by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the proposal as
84 recommended by staff from Allerin was approved.

85 **ORDINANCE NO. 724, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING**
86 **THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ACCEPT INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD AND A PORTION OF**
87 **PORT STREET FROM TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND."**

88 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 724
89 was approved.

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

91 Mr. Leshner wished everyone a safe Fourth of July.

92 Mrs. Cook discussed the Frederick Douglas Celebration scheduled for Saturday and the dig results at
93 The Hill which are to be presented at the library.

94 President Ford invited everyone to the talk Saturday about what the Fourth Means to a Slave from
95 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Fred Douglas statue. He stated that later, the XPDs would be
96 performing in front of the Tidewater.

97 **ADJOURNMENT.**

98 At 7:29 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the
99 President of the Council adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk