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

November 5, 2018

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

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

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

WORKSHOP FOR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TO UPDATE ON THE MXW ZONING DISTRICT.

Present from the Planning & Zoning Commission were:

Mr. Paul Weber
Mr. Don Cochran
Mr. Richard Tettelbaum
Mr. Talbot Bone

Also present was Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas, Current Planner/GIS Analyst Sierra Crist and Tracy Ward, Executive Director Easton Economic Development.

At 6:00 p.m., President Ford called the Planning Workshop to order.

Mr. Thomas discussed amendments of the Comprehensive Plan, adoption of the small area plan and the mixed use district which was recently adopted. Mr. Thomas discussed the conditions and time constraints needed that made the document even better. Mr. Thomas stated that since adoption, there have been at least seven special meetings as well as the nine regularly scheduled meetings. He stated that the Planning Commission has been fairly, consistently working on this document which has been forwarded to the council with major revisions. He stated that amendments have included construction of the boardwalk as well as transient boat slips.

President Ford asked for clarification on the county's interaction with the proposed changes.

Mr. Thomas discussed the Salisbury University class project public meeting with Easton's community Thursday evening. He stated it is scheduled for 7 – 9:00 pm at the Easton Town Hall. Mr. Thomas stated that the Hill Project Small Area Plan has also come in.

Mr. Tal Bone stated that the original small area plan called for 40' high buildings which may give a canyon effect and is not very pleasing. He discussed the desire for an open area at Easton Point.

President Ford discussed the need for moving the boat ramp and the necessity to keep the county informed. He stated that the boat ramp could remain under the supervision of the county.

Mr. Bone discussed the interaction requested by the Planning & Zoning Commission to acquire the community's input.

Mr. Engle stated that he believes there will be some push back from the county regarding the boat ramp.

Mr. Silverstein thanked the Planning & Zoning Commission for their help with the amendments.

At 6:41 p.m., President Ford adjourned the workshop.

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Ms. Ward, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Crist departed the meeting.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL 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.

56 President Ford stated that there was a workshop this evening with the Planning and Zoning
57 Commission regarding the MXW District.

58 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 MEETING.**

59 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the October
60 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

61 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

62 **CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION &**
63 **TREE BOARD.**

64 Mayor Willey asked for confirmation of Jennifer Marie Dindinger as an alternate to the Planning and
65 Zoning Commission for the remainder of a five-year term expiring December 31, 2022.

66 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Jennifer Dindinger's
67 appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.

68 Mayor Willey stated that a workshop meeting is being scheduled with SHA regarding Lomax Lane
69 and pedestrian crossings as well as the left turn lane into Aldi's.

70 Mayor Willey brought a request from Easton Lions Club to the floor requesting the use of Town
71 property near the Amish Market for the sale of Christmas trees.

72 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Lion's Club
73 request to use town property for the sale of Christmas trees was approved.

74 Mayor Willey stated that the Town Attorney is researching and considering updates to the leash and
75 dog waste ordinance.

76 Mayor Willey wished Mr. Leshar best of luck in the Talbot County election.

77 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

78 **APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2017 POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES**
79 **FOR \$31,000 PER VEHICLE.**

80 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the purchase of
81 three police interceptor vehicles was approved. Mr. Richardson stated that this is in the budget as well
82 as an administration vehicle which may be purchased after the police vehicles are outfitted.

83 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY REQUESTS:**

- 84 ○ Downtown Holiday Shopping Event 11/30/18.
- 85 ○ Easton's Annual Old Tyme Holiday Parade 12/1/18.

86 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public
87 Assembly requests as recommended by staff were approved.

88 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

89 **MEMO FROM TOWN ATTORNEY REGARDING ELECTION CHANGES.**

90 The Town Attorney, Mrs. VanEmburch was present and discussed proposed election changes in
91 anticipation of a spring election. She asked if the council would consider the opportunity to cancel an
92 election if there is only one candidate, and a provision in the Charter to break a tie within 90 days.

93 Mr. Leshar asked for discussion of parking emergency vehicles on town streets.

94 President Ford asked that information be redistributed to edify the situation.

95 **POLICE BOARD.**

96 Chief Spencer was present and discussed personnel retirements and promotions. He stated that the
97 Waterfowl Festival is this week.

98 Chief Spencer stated that the holiday season is coming upon us and there will be extra patrol staff on
99 duty.

100 Chief Spencer discussed collaborative department training. He stated that there is integrated swat team
101 as well as EMS and doctors.

102 Chief Spencer discussed department statistics.

103 President Ford thanked Chief Spencer for their assistance at the Temple with traffic and pedestrians
104 crossing the parkway. He suggested asking SHA to put up lights for safety.

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107 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

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109 Mr. Leshner offered congratulations to the community for the early voting statistics. He stated that
110 Easton has had 31% of voter's turnout for early voting. He suggested residents get out and vote.
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112 President Ford stated that voting is a big deal and asked the community to take the time to go to the
113 polls. He stated that there are a lot of important issues locally.

114 **ADJOURNMENT.**

115 At 7:31 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously,
116 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled Council meeting at p.m.
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120 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk