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

September 4, 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

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

MEETING.

President Ford called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 AUGUST 20, 2018 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting were approved.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey stated that he had received a request from the Neighborhood Service Center for a donation for Webb's Hope for \$5,000. He stated that it is a \$400,000 project.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, an expenditure of \$5,000 was approved for Webb's Hope.

Mayor Willey stated that he had also received a request from the Talbot County Council requesting the Town waive permit fees for Easton Elementary School construction. Mayor Willey stated that there are a lot of associated costs and he suggested the Town not waive the permit costs but waive the requirement for issuance of performance bonds.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, approval was granted to waive the requirement for performance bonds but not the permit fees.

Mayor Willey stated that Critchlow Adkins has been awarded a CDBG grant in the amount of \$800,000 for their facility to be constructed in conjunction with Easton Elementary School.

Mayor Willey discussed a citizen's remarks regarding a parking ticket. He stated that Meter Enforcement officers do not make a lot of money for the town and that meters are not a moneymaker. He stated that there is a necessity to take some control of the parking.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR NEW AUTOMATED COLLECTION TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the bid from Mid-Atlantic Waste for the Automated Collection Truck for a total cost of \$279,220.00 was approved.

APPROVAL FOR WASHINGTON STREET STORM DRAIN BID.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, the bid from Duvall Brothers, Inc. for repairs at 214 S Washington Street in the amount of \$21,170 and 535 S Washington Street in the amount of \$55,740 for a total proposal of \$76,910 was approved.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT

- Parade – Return of Frederick Douglass 9/22/18

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly Event was approved as recommended by staff.

56 **ORD. NO. 727, MARLBORO PLAZA PUD.**

57 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 727, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON
58 GRANTING THE APPLICATION OF MARLBORO PLAZA BUSINESS TRUST FOR AN
59 AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
60 EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE" to the floor.

61 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 727
62 was approved.

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

64 Mr. Silverstein congratulated Mayor Willey for receiving the 2018 Community Service Award from
65 Talbot County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Silverstein reminded everyone that Talbot Goes Purple
66 tomorrow night.

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68 Mrs. Cook congratulated everyone on their successful first day of school.

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70 Mayor Willey reminded everyone that there will be a 911 Memorial Service at 8:30 a.m. September
71 11th at the Dover Street Memorial Park.

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73 **ADJOURNMENT**

74 At 7:16 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
75 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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78 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk