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

July 1, 2019

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

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

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

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE § 10-508(A)(1) TO DISCUSS THE.... PERSONNEL MATTER THAT AFFECTS ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS.

President Ford called the meeting to order and entertained a motion to move into Closed Session.

Upon motion by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello, President Ford moved into Closed Session to discuss personnel.

At 6:43 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the Closed Session and re-convened into Open Session.

President Ford recessed the regularly scheduled meeting and stated he will reconvene into the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 PM OPENING REMARKS BY MR. ENGLE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ford stated that a Closed Session had been held at 6:00 p.m. this evening to discuss a personnel matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2019 MEETING. s

Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, minutes of the June 17 meeting were approved as written.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey asked for approval to appoint Jeff Parks as the liaison for the Town to the County Parks and Recreation Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Jeff Parks appointment to the County's Parks and Recreation Board was approved.

Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton has received notice of award for a \$950,466 grant from Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund to help with stream restoration efforts. He stated the Town will work with DNR to improve water quality.

Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton's tax bills were mailed to property owners on July 1.

Mayor Willey stated that the Senior Center will celebrate their 10th Anniversary on July 11 at Brookletts Place.

Mayor Willey stated that on July 4 and 5, the Town of Easton offices as well as other offices around town will be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

Mayor Willey stated that the council has received an invitation for the Mid Shore Distinguished Citizen Award which will be held August 20.

55 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

- 56 ○ Public Assembly Event: Market with Vendors, food & music: 7/13, 8/13 and 9/14/19.

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58 Mr. Richardson stated that the recommendation is for approval except for the food related venues.
59 He stated that the approval for food should look to Talbot County Environmental Health for
60 approval first.

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62 Ms. Josepha Price, August Street was present regarding the request. She stated that she has not
63 received any information regarding food vendors and that can be eliminated from the Public
64 Assembly Permit request. She stated that a private business, Side Tracks offered parking for the
65 event.

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67 Upon motion by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly
68 Event Permit was approved with no food vendors at this time.

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70 ○ Recommendation from Park Advisory Board for Open Market Place.
71 ○ Recommendation from Park Advisory Board for the use of Moton Park for Talbot County
72 Public Schools.

73 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the
74 recommendations from the Park Advisory Board were approved.

75 **APPROVAL FOR GOLDSBOROUGH STREET AND AURORA STREET REPAVING**
76 **BID.**

77 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the street
78 repaving bid in the amount of \$272,921.59 on Goldsborough Street and Aurora Street was approved
79 as recommended.

80 **ITEMS BY THE ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY.**

81 Nothing at this time.

82 **MAULIK JOSHI, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL**
83 **CENTER TO DISCUSS NEW MEDICAL CENTER PAVILION IN EASTON.**

84 Mr. Maulik Joshi was present to update on the Anne Arundel Medical Center Pavilion. He stated
85 that Ms. Tori Bayless could not be present this evening.

86 Mr. Joshi introduced Ms. Amy Travers, Practice Manager, Dr. Curtis Foy and Dr. Stitely.

87 Mr. Joshi presented slides outlining their vision: Living Healthier Together; their mission: to
88 enhance the health of the people we serve as well as discussing their vision for quality. Mr. Joshi
89 stated that their goal is to provide services that are most needed in the community.

90 Dr. Curtis Foy, Family Practice Physician, Primary Care Clinic in Easton and at the Pavilion stated
91 that he provides primary Care. He stated that their same day model is more convenient for patients
92 with ½ day booked to allow for same day appointments as well as evening and Saturday hours.

93 Dr. Foy stated that they intend to have ambulatory surgery at the Pavilion within two years.

94 Dr. Stitely stated he will have the ability to take a patient that needs a study or lab work which will
95 give it to the physician in real time. He stated that it is their intent to get more doctors and nurse
96 practitioners.

97 Mr. Joshi thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to be present and update the
98 community.

99 **MR. MITCH HAGER, EVERGREEN TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PROJECT FOR A**
100 **BOATHOUSE/CONFERENCE CENTER.**

101 Mr. Hager, Evergreen, was present to discuss his proposal for a boathouse at Evergreen.

102 Mr. Hager introduced the merit of Evergreen and discussed the history of Easton.

103 President Ford asked what next process is.

104 Mr. Richardson stated that the next step is annexation.

105 **PUBLIC HEARING: THE TOWN OF EASTON WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING**
106 **REGARDING THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**
107 **PROGRAM (CDBG) SUBMITTED FOR THE RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF**
108 **CRITCHLOW ADKINS CHILDREN'S CENTER (ALSO KNOWN AS EASTON DAY**
109 **CARE CENTER) WITHIN THE PLANNED NEW EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS**

110 **WELL AS COMMENT ON THE PROGRESS. CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE**
111 **INPUT ON THE PROJECT.**

112 At 7:40 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing to hear comments on the Community
113 Development Block Grant for the relocation and construction of Critchlow Adkins Children's
114 Center (also known as Easton Day Care Center) within the planned new Easton Elementary
115 School.

116 Ms. Christine Morrell thanked the Town of Easton for sponsoring the grant.

117 Mr. Logan Street, Whiting Turner, discussed weather conditions and their push to get the roof on
118 the building. He stated that they lost 33 days due to weather conditions but they are now on
119 schedule. He stated that they 80,000-man hours on the project with over 100 people on site. At the
120 present, they are on time and on budget.

121 Mr. Kevin Schaffer, Talbot County Public Schools, stated he is very excited about the project. He
122 stated that it is a huge project with the town. Mr. Schaffer offered his thanks to the Mayor and
123 Council and staff, CDBG and Critchlow Adkins. Mr. Schaffer thanked the Mayor and Council for
124 approving the utilization of Moton Park's playground for the children and parking.

125 Mr. Schaffer stated that there is one issue to prepare the town and Mayor and Council for which is
126 the probability that the area will be very busy and the fact that they are losing 25 parking spots. He
127 stated that they also need signs on side of street. Mr. Schaffer requested permission to utilize street
128 parking on the school side. He stated that they can schedule a tour of building.

129 President Ford stated that this is a public hearing and he welcomed comments. There being none,
130 President Ford closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

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

132 Mrs. Cook invited the public to visit the basketball courts at Moton and Idlewild Parks and view
133 the new painted project and wished everyone Happy Canada Day.

134 **ADJOURNMENT.**

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136 At 7:52 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
137 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled council meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk