

MINUTES
Town of Easton Council Meeting
September 20, 2010

CLOSED SESSION § 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; § 10-508(A)(7) CONSULT WITH COUNSEL TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE.

The Council met at 6:15 p.m. in Closed Session.

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John F. Ford
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Ms. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

CONVENING

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mrs. Cook gave opening remarks and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the September 7 and September 14, 2010 meetings were approved as corrected by Ms. Malone and Mr. Leshner.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey discussed the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for October 22 at the Tidewater Inn at 7:00 a.m. Tickets are \$12 and available at Paul Carroll's Sears, the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Office.

Mayor Willey discussed capital projects underway: Easton Police Department parking lot, Idlewild Park parking lot, five corners rebuild, north Easton Park parking lot and Corbin parkway rebuild. As of last Friday, the list scheduled to be worked on: revised specification procedures for infrastructure, Chapel road property swap (130-132), commerce park annexation for infrastructure needs and costs, county agreement, Easton Development Company, Avalon lease, specifications for the base for the Frederick Douglass statue.

Mayor Willey stated that the next 300th Anniversary event scheduled will be held on October 10. The reading of journals will be held at the Avalon Theatre.

Mayor Willey asked for Council approval to put 18" x 34" pictures in the council's chambers. It was the consensus of the Council to approve the placement of photos in the council's chambers.

Mr. Wendowski asked about the pavement property at Easton Club East. Mayor Willey discussed progress. He stated that there are approximately 60 sidewalks in failing condition.

Mr. Wendowski asked for a new light controller for the corner of Harrison Street and Dover Street in next year's budget.

Mr. Ford discussed the Airport's needs to meet the safety requirements at Mistletoe Hall Farm. President Ford asked that Mr. Hause work with the Airport and meet the necessary safety requirements and manage the forest to protect its viability.

Mr. Henry stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Brian Hause.

Mr. Wendowski asked that we get a firm definition of how the trees are measured.

Mr. Henry stated that it will be measured at mean sea level (msl).

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Public Assembly Permit Application: permit for a social gathering of the Rainbow Alliance of Delmarva in Idlewild Park September 25, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Karge stated that the pavilion has previously been committed.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, permission was granted for the Rainbow Alliance of Delmarva's Public Assembly permit pending Parks and Recreation Department's approval.

Mr. Karge discussed the proposed Eagle Scout project to be performed by Mr. Logan Prettyman. He stated that the marquee is to be placed at Station 66 and will function virtually the same as Easton High School's.

Ms. Malone commended Mr. Prettyman.

Mr. Leshar clarified that it is a LED sign with fixed lettering.

Mr. Prettyman addressed the Council and stated that the wording is changed via the internet.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, permission was granted for Mr. Logan Prettyman to work on his Eagle Scout project.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

Mrs. VanEmburch stated that she has the recommendation from the Affordable Housing Board to revise the Easton Village PUD regarding the off-site renovations. She stated that there will be no change to the site plan. The Town Attorney explained that the process would stay with the Council and an ordinance would be required as well as a Public Hearing.

President Ford set the Public Hearing for October 18, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. VanEmburch discussed the proposed changes. She stated that the changes will benefit more residents.

Mr. Wendowski asked for a copy of Ordinance 461 and the conditions.

ORDINANCE NO. 580, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON GRANTING THE APPLICATION OF EASTON INVESTMENTS I, INC. AND EASTON INVESTMENTS II, INC. FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS "LAKELANDS" UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."

President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 580 for a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 581, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE EASTON TOWN CODE TO ADD ARTICLE X ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANTS; RIGHT OF ENTRY" TO ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANT TO ENTER A PREMISES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON."

President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 581 for a first reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 5970, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND LIVELY ARTS PERFORMANCES MADE POSSIBLE BY THE AVALON FOUNDATION; TO WELCOME AND PROVIDE ACTIVITIES IN EASTON'S DOWNTOWN TO PERSONS WHO CANNOT AFFORD PAID ENTERTAINMENT; TO PURCHASE CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMMING IN THE THEATRE AND OUTSIDE THROUGH THE FOUNDATION'S PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION STATION MCTV AND FOR EQUIPMENT RELATING TO THE FOUNDATION'S OUTDOOR EVENTS."

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5970 was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 5971 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO BENEFIT THE CHESAPEAKE FILM FESTIVAL.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and approved unanimously, Resolution No. 5971 was approved.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES TOTALING \$908,538.54.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$908,538.54 were approved for payment.

ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Ms. Malone reminded those present that there will be a Public Hearing at Easton High School regarding the Airport on September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

President Ford reminded everyone that a letter will be forthcoming asking for financial support for Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

President Ford rescheduled the upcoming workshop from October 12 to Wednesday October 13 at 6:00 p.m. He stated that the Council will work on the DRRA for Shore Health System.

ADJOURN

At 7:38 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk