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TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

April 18, 2011

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PRESENT AT CONVENING

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey
9 Council President John Ford
10 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
12 Councilmember Pete Leshner
13 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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IN ATTENDANCE

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

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CONVENING

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

Mr. Leshner opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the April 4, April 11 and April 12, 2011 meetings were approved as prepared.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey discussed the handicapped access sidewalk at Idlewild Park recently installed by Public Works.

Mayor Willey stated that he will be attending the State of Maryland Board of Public Works meeting April 20 to present the Town of Easton's case for the Project Open Space Grant to benefit the RTC Park.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge reminded the council and audience that the Frederick Douglass statue is to be unveiled June 18 at the Talbot County Courthouse.

Mr. Karge stated that Res. 5976 is necessary to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Karge advised that the Hyde Park Annexation documents have been received and are to be reviewed by staff. He stated that the annexation petition will be forwarded to the Council at the next meeting in order to set a public hearing.

Mr. Tom Hamilton, Town Planner has announced his retirement which will occur July 1.

Ms. Malone asked if discussion could occur at this meeting regarding recycling.

President Ford stated that it would be necessary to hold a public hearing before implementing procedures regarding recycling.

Mayor Willey suggested a breakfast meeting with the county council to discuss recycling.

It was the council consensus to set a meeting with the county council with a specific agenda including questions for discussions.

President Ford suggested a meeting with the Parking Commission to further discuss their recommendations.

President Ford asked that Ms. Scott-Taylor be asked to notify the Parking Commission to attend an upcoming meeting with the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 5976, "A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF EASTON ADOPTING THE 2011 TALBOT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS THE TOWN 2011 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN."

69 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5976 was
70 approved.

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72 **ORDINANCE NO. 585, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**
73 **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE 461, WHICH GRANTED THE AMENDMENT TO**
74 **A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ELM STREET DEVELOPMENT, LC, TO MODIFY THE**
75 **REQUIREMENTS FOR ON SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS."**
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77 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, President Ford tabled
78 Ordinance No. 585 until May 16 to allow Elm Street and Talbot Protection Agency an opportunity to discuss
79 their differences regarding the ordinance. Mr. Leshner stated that he would like to talk to the Affordable
80 Housing Commission to discuss some concerns. Mr. Wendowski discussed his concerns in regards to handling
81 this amount of money.

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83 **ORDINANCE NO. 586, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN**
84 **OF EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."**
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86 President Ford set the public hearing to hear public comments on Ordinance No. 586 for May 16 at 7:15 p.m.

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88 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION & BALLOT**
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90 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded Ms. Malone and carried unanimously; the Local Government Insurance
91 Trust Board of Trustees Ballot was approved with nominees as indicated.

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93 **REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES TOTALING \$552,064.32**
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95 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$552,064.32
96 were approved for payment.

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98 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**
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00 Ms. Malone stated that she enjoyed reading to school children last week in honor of The Week of the Small
01 Child as well as her tour of Creative Corner.

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03 **ADJOURN**
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05 At 7:25 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously; President Ford
06 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.
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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk