

1 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
2 **Easton Town Hall**
3 **14 S. Harrison Street**

4 August 20, 2012
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7 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**
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9 Mayor Robert C. Willey 12 Councilmember Pete Leshner
10 Council President John Ford 13 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
11 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone 14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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6 Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town
7 Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.
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9 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
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1 At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.
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3 Mr. Wendowski led the audience in opening remarks and the Pledge of Allegiance.
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5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2012 MEETINGS.**
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7 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes of the August 6, 2012
8 meetings were approved as prepared.
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0 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**
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2 Mayor Willey discussed a Strategic Plan which requires a \$3000 contribution from the Town to the County with
3 Oxford, Trappe, and St. Michaels expected to participate.
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5 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the contribution to Talbot
6 County for the Strategic Plan was approved.
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8 Mayor Willey stated that he was asked by the Parks and Rec Director to notify the public that imprinted bricks
9 are still available.
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1 Mayor Willey asked for consideration for the re-appointment of the Parks and Recreation Board and the
2 appointment of Elizabeth Kelly to the Affordable Housing Board.
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4 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously the re-appointments were
5 approved.
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7 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the appointment of Elizabeth K.
8 Kelly to the Affordable Housing Board was approved.
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0 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**
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2 Mr. Karge advised that municipal solid waste pickup for Easton Club will change to once a week except for the
3 townhomes. He discussed the four recycling sites to be placed around town and stated that staff will be meeting
4 on that next week.
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6 Mr. Karge stated there has been a request for a four-way stop sign in the vicinity of Hanson Street and
7 Brookletts Avenue. He stated that the Public Works Department has placed Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs.
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9 Mr. Karge discussed the new fencing on the Rail Trail. He stated that Public Works is actively engaged in
0 extending that.
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2 Talbot County schools start tomorrow and speed cameras will be in effect with a warning issued for the first 30
3 days.
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5 A private tree company has asked permission for a road closure and no parking for August 22, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30
6 p.m. remove a tree on private property in the vicinity of Goldsborough Street closing the road on Hanson and
7 Harrison and a portion of Turner's Lane.
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9 President Ford asked that the neighbors be made aware of the situation. It was the consensus of the council to
0 approve the request for street closure and no parking on August 22.

1 Mr. Karge stated that he had a request to modify the fashion event that council previously approved from
2 Debbie Dodson to allow a band to play prior to the event.

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4 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mrs. Cook, approval was granted to approve the change.

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6 Mr. Karge stated that the West Kennedy street loan billings sent were calculated incorrectly and corrected bills
7 would be sent to the property owners. Material will be presented at the next Council meeting for this purpose.

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9 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

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1 Mrs. VanEmburch stated that a Charter with changes was forwarded to the Council last week. She advised that
2 they may want to have a public hearing for changes prior to adopting. She asked the council to notify her of any
3 changes.

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5 President Ford stated that he will set a Public Hearing date at the next meeting.

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7 **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION FOR THE LANDS OF JEFFREY L.
8 MCNEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE ALFRED V. MCNEAL RESIDUARY TRUST AND THE SHIRLEY L.
9 MCNEAL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST.**

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1 The Town Attorney stated that a public hearing needs to be re-scheduled due to a notification error.

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3 President Ford set the public hearing for October 1 at 7:15 p.m.

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5 **DISCUSSION ON LED SIGNS.**

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7 Discussion occurred regarding options for LED signs.

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9 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 609, AN
0 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING
1 ORDINANCE was passed with Mr. Wendowski voting nay.

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3 **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST OF EASTON ROUTE 322, LLC OWNER OF THE SUBJECT
4 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 207 MARLBORO AVENUE. THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO
5 MODIFY THE EXISTING EASTON MARKETPLACE PUD BY (1) DEVELOPING LOT 1 THEREOF
6 WITH A 14,564 SQUARE FOOT RITE AID WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND (2)
7 ABANDONING A RECORDED UNIMPROVED PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT CONNECTING
8 EASTON MARKETPLACE TO THE ASHBY COMMONS SUBDIVISION.**

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0 At 7:51 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing.

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2 Mr. Thomas discussed the PUD amendment. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the
3 proposal at their June 21 meeting and recommended approval with façade improvements, additional
4 landscaping, plantings and the construction of sidewalk.

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6 Mr. Bill Stagg, Lane Engineering was present representing Easton 322. He discussed the request for an
7 amendment to the existing PUD which had previously been approved as a special exception. He asked the
8 Council to approve the subdivision of Lot 1 and create Lot 9. He stated that the subject property is currently
9 zoned CG.

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1 Mr. Stagg asked for questions from the council.

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3 Mr. Stagg stated that the Planning Commission implemented architectural changes.

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5 Mr. Wendowski agrees to the request to abandon the phantom road to Ashby Commons.

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7 Ms. VanEmburch discussed the pending Marlboro Road improvements.

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9 President Ford closed the public hearing at 8:22 p.m. He stated that he will leave the record open for public
0 comments until the close of business Friday.

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2 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$745,403.76.**

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4 President Ford tabled the review of the invoices until the next meeting.

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ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Wendowski discussed the recent Chamber luncheon. He stated that Clay Stamp, Talbot County Emergency Services Director discussed registering cell phone numbers with Talbot County Emergency Management.

President Ford announced that due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk