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

October 15, 2012

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John Ford
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

Mr. Wendowski led the audience in opening remarks and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 1 AND OCTOBER 11, 2012 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously the minutes were approved.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey discussed upcoming projects; stormwater issues, fire truck.

Mayor Willey discussed a major milestone for Albright's Gun Shop which has been in business for 30 years in the same location in the downtown. He stated that an Albright's Way street sign would hang during Waterfowl Festival.

ITEMS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jamie McNeal stated that the renovations are complete at the firehouse with the dedication scheduled for October 28.

Chief McNeal discussed fire department activity quarterly results. He stated that there were 21 water related calls in 90 minutes during the torrential downpour.

Chief McNeal discussed Fire Prevention and fundraising activities.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Chief Spencer recently reported that 200 people are eligible for speed camera violations.

Mr. Karge advised that the leaf vacuum went out today. He discussed pickup regulations and stated that leaf collection will continue thru January.

Mr. Karge stated that the Goldsborough Street project appears to be progressing very well.

Bids have been received for HVAC repairs for the Avalon Theater. He stated that it was recently re-bid with the low bid Wilfre at \$132,700. Mr. Richardson recommended accepting the low bid. Mr. Karge discussed the scope of the project.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the bid submitted by Wilfre as recommended by staff was accepted.

Mr. Karge discussed the Glebe Road project from Marlboro to Ashby Commons with Easton Utilities replacing the 69,000 volt line. The staff recommended accepting the bid from David A. Bramble in the amount of \$1,414,505 subject to additional reductions and negotiations with the contractor with the Town of Easton portion being \$662,480.

Mr. Karge discussed funding sources for the project.

70 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, permission to proceed and
71 the award of the bid to David A. Bramble was approved

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73 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT.**

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75 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously the Public Assembly Permit for
76 the 42nd Annual Waterfowl Festival was approved.

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78 Mr. Karge stated that he was in receipt of an e-mail from Christ Church Halloween Pre-school for permission to
79 go to Thompson Park for songs. He stated that if approval was granted, it should be a conditional approval
80 subject to the Police Department and Parks and Recreation approval.

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82 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone carried unanimously, permission was granted for the
83 Public Assembly Permit for Christ Church Pre-school.

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85 Mr. Karge discussed a meeting with MDE scheduled for Thursday. He stated that MDE wanted to touch base
86 regarding Mistletoe Hall Farm and the airport tree issue.

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88 Mr. Wendowski stated that he is expecting an activity report from Mr. Richardson.

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90 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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92 Ms. VanEmburch discussed the Shore Health System DRRA workshop last Thursday and stated that a petition
93 is scheduled to be filed next week.

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95 **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK.**

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97 Mr. Leshner read into the record a Proclamation for Economic Development Week.

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99 **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF 2012 WATERFOWL FESTIVAL TRANSPORTATION**
100 **PLAN.**

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102 Mr. Albert Pritchett was present on behalf of the Waterfowl Festival to discuss the Transportation Plan. He
103 thanked the Town for their hospitality.

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105 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously the 2012 Waterfowl Festival
106 Transportation Plan was approved.

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108 **APPROVAL OF 2012 WATERFOWL FESTIVAL FOOD CONCESSIONS.**

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110 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the 2012 Waterfowl
111 Festival Food Concessions were approved.

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113 **ORDINANCE NO. 616, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON GRANTING THE**
114 **APPLICATION OF EASTON ROUTE 322, LLC, FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING**
115 **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS EASTON MARKETPLACE UNDER THE**
116 **PROVISIONS OF THE EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."**

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118 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 616 was
119 approved.

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121 **RESOLUTION NO. 5999, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ANNEX CERTAIN**
122 **LANDS LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF U.S. ROUTE 50 AND THE EASTERLY SIDE OF**
123 **MARYLAND ROUTE 662, IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**
124 **AND CONSISTING OF 2.469 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**
125 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION TO THE TOWN OF EASTON."**

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127 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5999 was
128 approved.

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130 **ORDINANCE NO. 612, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**
131 **OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY THE BUSINESS**
132 **COMMERCIAL (BC) ZONING DISTRICT TO TWO PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE**
133 **TOWN OF EASTON BY RESOLUTION NO.**
134 **5999 LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF US ROUTE 50 AND THE EASTERLY SIDE OF**
135 **MARYLAND ROUTE 662 AND CONSISTING OF 2.469 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS."**

137 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 612 was
138 approved.

139 **ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, A MARYLAND MUNICIPAL**
140 **CORPORATION AND JEFFREY L. MCNEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE ALFRED V. MCNEAL**
141 **RESIDUARY TRUST AND JEFFREY L. MCNEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE SHIRLEY L. MCNEAL**
142 **REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST (“COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE PETITIONER”).**
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145 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the Annexation Agreement
146 was approved.

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148 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$709,449.83.**
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150 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, invoices totaling
151 \$709,449.83 were approved.

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53 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**
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55 President Ford appealed to the public for fundraising for the Fire Department.

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57 President Ford reminded everyone that Bark in the Park is scheduled for October 20 as well as the cleanup for
58 Richards Memorial Park from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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60 Mr. Karge reminded that the Waterfowl Festival Commission concession approval was not including beer kegs
61 on the street requested by one vendor.

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63 **ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the
regularly scheduled meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk