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

March 18, 2013

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PRESENT AT CONVENING

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

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MS. MALONE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order and advised that the council had conducted an executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss a business expanding, attraction, or remaining in the state pursuant to the notice posted.

Ms. Malone led the audience the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to regular meeting closed session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 4 AND MARCH 5, 2013 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 4 and March 5, 2013 meetings were approved.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey asked for an Executive session after the regular meeting to discuss business to remain in state.

Mayor Willey stated that he has received letters from friends of Easton discussion problems within the town. He stated that he is not giving a lot of attention to the letters as they are not signed.

Mayor Willey stated that the recycling program is doing pretty well.

Mayor introduced Mr. Ernie Smith to distribute the trophies for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Smith awarded Channel Marker the award for Best Float.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF APPEALS.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone, seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried; Mr. Kevin Gibson was confirmed to the Historic District Commission, Mr. Donald Hilderbrandt to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Mr. Tom Moore to the Board of Appeals.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge advised the council they may see activity on storm drains for regular removal of debris.

Mr. Karge asked for permission to the address council regarding the aerial truck for the Fire Department when representatives arrive with their recommendation.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that she received a reply from the State Ethics Commission regarding draft ordinance from the Ethics Ordinance. She stated it will be in the next packet for review and consideration.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that the nominating petitions for election are due April 1 at the Town Hall for the upcoming election.

69 **ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED TO TREE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR.**
70 **ROGER BOLLMAN.**

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72 Councilmember Leshner presented Tree Board Chairman Roger Bollman an Arbor Day Proclamation.

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74 **MR. ROGER BOLLMAN, TREE BOARD TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WITH 2012 TREE REPORT.**

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76 Mr. Bollman, Chairman of the Tree Board presented the 2012 Tree Report. He stressed the importance of tree
77 maintenance. Mr. Bollman talked about tree conservation program grant that Mr. Smith obtained from the Fish
78 & Wildlife program.

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80 **ORDINANCE NO. 619, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON EXTENDING THE**
81 **TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, CONSTRUCTION**
82 **OF, EXPANSION OF, PROCESSING OF, OR ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR**
83 **ELECTRONIC SIGNS WITH THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TWO**
84 **(2) MONTHS PENDING CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE**
85 **PROVISIONS AS THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE TO PROMOTE THE**
86 **PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE."**

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88 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 619 was
89 approved.

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91 **ORDINANCE NO. 620, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON (THE "BORROWER"),**
92 **AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION INSTALLMENT**
93 **BOND IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY**
94 **THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,730,000) PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MARYLAND**
95 **WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION ACT (CODIFIED AS SECTIONS 9-1601 TO 9-**
96 **1622, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF**
97 **MARYLAND (2007 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 2012 SUPPLEMENT)), SECTIONS 31 TO 37,**
98 **INCLUSIVE, OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (2011**
99 **REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 2012 SUPPLEMENT), AND SECTION 19 OF ARTICLE VI,**
00 **INCLUSIVE, OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, SUCH BOND, TO BE**
01 **DESIGNATED "TOWN OF EASTON (EASTON UTILITIES COMMISSION) WATER QUALITY**
02 **BOND", THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE SALE THEREOF TO BE USED AND APPLIED FOR THE**
03 **PUBLIC PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING OF THE WASTEWATER FACILITY**
04 **DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A TOGETHER WITH THE ACQUISITION OF ALL NECESSARY**
05 **PROPERTY RIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED ARCHITECTURAL, FINANCIAL,**
06 **LEGAL, PLANNING AND ENGINEERING EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A**
07 **LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BORROWER AND THE MARYLAND WATER QUALITY**
08 **FINANCING ADMINISTRATION; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND TENOR OF THE BOND AND**
09 **THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE THEREOF AT PRIVATE SALE**
10 **TO THE MARYLAND WATER QUALITY FINANCING ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR**
11 **THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BOND**
12 **WHEN DUE; PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE BORROWER TO THE**
13 **PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; COVENANTING TO**
14 **LEVY AND COLLECT ALL TAXES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE**
15 **PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BOND; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND TENOR OF**
16 **THE BOND AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE THEREOF;**
17 **AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BOND."**

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19 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 629 was
20 approved.

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22 Mr. Moeller thanked the council for their vote.

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24 President Ford congratulated Mr. Bone on his imminent retirement.

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26 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$1,512,523.97.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the invoices as presented were approved.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:39 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Leshner, President Ford convened into Executive Session to discuss the attraction, retention or expansion of a business within the state.

At 7:48 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the closed session and reconvened into the regularly scheduled meeting.

BID FOR FIRE TRUCK

Mr. Karge asked Council permission to accept the low responsive bid for the aerial ladder truck pursuant to the recommendation from the Easton Volunteer Fire Department Truck Committee. The committee recommendation was that the lowest two bids did not meet the bid specifications and the responsive bid was from Sutphin in the amount of \$1,164,253.00 which should be accepted.

Upon motion from Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, approval was granted to accept the recommendation for the truck purchase as recommended by committee from Easton Fire Department.

At 7:53 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled council meeting.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk