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**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
EASTON TOWN HALL
14 S. HARRISON STREET**

April 17, 2017

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

Mayor Robert C. Willey	11	Councilmember Pete Leshar
Council President John Ford	12	Councilmember Ron E. Engle
Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein		

Mrs. Megan Cook and Mr. Donald Richardson were excused.

Also present was the Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

6:15 PM TALBOT COUNTY 911 CENTER TOUR, 605 PORT STREET.

Mr. Brian Lecates, 911 Division Chief and Ms. Holly Guetsche, Office Manager were present to conduct a tour of the new facilities.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHAR AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mr. Leshar gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ford stated members of the Council toured the Talbot County 911 Emergency Center prior to the regularly scheduled meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 3, APRIL 5 AND APRIL 6, 2017 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, minutes of the April 3, April 5 and April 6, 2017 meetings were approved as written.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIAM STAGG TO EASTON UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the appointment of Mr. William Stagg to the Easton Utilities Commission for a six-year term was approved.

UPDATE ON FY2016/17 BUDGET.

Mayor Willey asked that consideration be given for the budget public hearing for May 15.

President Ford set the budget public hearing for May 15 at 7:15 p.m.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

In Mr. Richardson's absence, the Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch stated that the Town is getting ready to start the annual paving. She stated that the dates and the streets to be affected is on the town's website. She stated that neighboring businesses have received letters. Ms. VanEmburch stated that the town intends to cause the least amount of inconvenience for businesses as possible.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that there will be a new request for bids for recycling. She stated that there will be a change in the parameters to get a bid more in line with what was anticipated. The paving bids will be due April 25.

MS. DARLENE DEBNAM, COOKE'S HOPE PROPERTY MANAGER TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING RECYCLING PROGRAM.

Ms. Debnam, 29770 Captain Adamasky, Hunter's Mill; stated that she works for a local development that selected Bates for their recycling. She discussed the developers and their homeowners' dissatisfaction with Bates Recycling Program and stated that they prefer Reliable Recycling. Ms. Debnam circulated a letter outlining the problems with Bates for council consideration.

CONT'D. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE REQUEST TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 6.533 ACRES, MORE OR LESS LYING CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF EASTON.

At 7:15, President Ford opened the continued Public Hearing.

The Town Attorney stated that they are trying to assemble the draft comments. She stated that

54 they are working on what the Port Street upgrade might look like. Hopefully, there will be
55 discussion at the next meeting.

56 **RES. NO. 6071, "A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED ALONG PORT**
57 **STREET AND CONSISTING OF 6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, INTO THE TOWN OF**
58 **EASTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATIONS."**

59 Not acted on.

60 **ORD. NO. 690, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE OFFICIAL**
61 **ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG)**
62 **ZONING DISTRICT TO CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE TOWN OF**
63 **EASTON BY RESOLUTION NO. 6071 LOCATED ALONG PORT STREET AND CONSISTING,**
64 **COLLECTIVELY, OF 6.533 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS."**

65 Not acted on.

66 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$814,733.54.**

67 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Leshner invoices totaling \$814,733.54 were
68 approved.

69 **ADJOURNMENT.**

70 At 7:19 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
71 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.
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74 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk