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

August 20, 2018

PRESENT AT CONVENING.

Mayor Robert C. Willey
President of the Council John Ford
Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Ron E. Engle
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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

MEETING.

President Ford called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2018 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

FIRE BOARD.

Member of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department were not present.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton needs a member for the Historic District Commission. He asked that anyone with interest, please submit their name and resume to him for consideration.

Mayor Willey stated that the new bridge is being constructed at Glenwood Avenue across the Tred Avon River.

Mayor Willey stated that a meeting has been scheduled August 28 with the Eastern Shore Delegation to update them on activity with Easton Point Redevelopment. He stated that the meeting will occur at 11:00 a.m. in the Council's Chambers with lunch.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

APPROVAL FOR EASTON UTILITIES SUBSTATION LANDSCAPING – 672 GLENWOOD AVENUE.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was granted for the landscaping at Substation No. 4, 672 Glenwood Avenue as proposed by Easton Utilities. Mr. Richardson stated that the landscaping will include a 15' wide berm that will conceal the substation. Mr. Richardson stated that the Public Works Department has also been busy cleaning the area.

APPROVAL FOR SMALL BUCKET TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the quote from Altec, Inc. for a new bucket truck for the Public Works Department that was bid through NJPA (National Joint Power Alliance) in the amount of \$126,484 was approved. Mr. Richardson stated that there is \$125,000 in the current budget for this truck and the extra cost associated with the request is due to the necessity to have a four-wheel drive truck.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

CONSENSUS ON THE REQUEST OF MARLBORO PLAZA BUSINESS TRUST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO PERMIT THE CREATION OF A LOT WITHOUT FRONTAGE ON A PUBLIC STREET.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve the amendment to the Planned Unit Development as submitted by the applicant.

56 President Ford clarified that the lot to exist without frontage would be No. 8.

57 Members of the council stated that they are in support of the change.

58 Mr. Richardson stated that the Town will identify the address.

59 **RESOLUTION NO. 6097, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON IN SUPPORT OF**
60 **THE APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING MARYLAND ENTERPRISE**
61 **ZONE IN THE TOWN OF EASTON."**

62 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
63 6097 was approved.

64 **REQUEST FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR ABATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY**
65 **TAXES TOTALING \$2,753.10.**

66 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, real property taxes
67 totaling \$2,753.10 for Habitat for Humanity were abated.

68 **7:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF ELM STREET**
69 **DEVELOPMENT, LC TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL REGARDING ON**
70 **SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)**
71 **KNOWN AS EASTON VILLAGE ON THE TRED AVON.**

72 At 7:15 p.m., President Ford opened the 7:15 p.m. scheduled public hearing.

73 **ORDINANCE NO. 725, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**
74 **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE 646, WHICH GRANTED THE**
75 **AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ELM STREET**
76 **DEVELOPMENT, LC TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ON SITE AFFORDABLE**
77 **HOUSING UNITS TO CONVERT THE REQUIREMENTS TO A FEE IN LIEU."**

78 President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 725.

79 President Ford asked for council questions or public comments. There were none.

80 **7:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF ASHBY COMMONS L.C. TO**
81 **AMEND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL REGARDING ON SITE AFFORDABLE**
82 **HOUSING FOR THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS ASHBY COMMONS.**

83 At 7:15 p.m., President Ford opened the 7:15 p.m. scheduled hearing.

84 **ORDINANCE NO. 726, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**
85 **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE 575, WHICH GRANTED THE**
86 **AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ASHBY COMMONS LC TO**
87 **MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ON SITE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO**
88 **CONVERT THE REQUIREMENT TO A FEE IN LIEU."**

89 President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 726.

90 President Ford asked for council questions or public comments. There were none.

91 At 7:18 p.m., President Ford closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 725 and Ordinance No. 726.
92 President Ford stated that Mr. Bent, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Board was present at the last
93 meeting to detail the changes.

94 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 725
95 was approved.

96 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 726
97 was approved.

98 **APPROVAL OF INVOICES TOTALING \$996,094.28.**

99 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, invoices totaling
100 \$996,094.28 were approved.

101 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

102 Mrs. Cook thanked everyone that came out for National Night Out as well as the agencies that
103 volunteered their time. Mrs. Cook expressed congratulations to St. Michaels for their first National
104 Night Out. She asked everyone to be mindful of school buses as school starts two weeks from
105 tomorrow

106 President Ford stated that due to the observance of Labor Day, the next council meeting will be held
107 Tuesday, September 4.

108 President Ford asked for audience comments. There were none.

109 **ADJOURNMENT.**

110 At 7:23 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Lesher and carried unanimously,
111 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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114 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk