

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

5 May 16, 2013

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7 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**

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9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
11 Councilmember Pete Leshner
12 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
14 Council President John F. Ford

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16 **IN ATTENDANCE**

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18 Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.

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20 **CONVENING**

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22 President Ford called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and led the attendees in the Pledge of
23 Allegiance.

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25 Mayor Willey gave opening remarks.

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27 Mayor Willey discussed changes in the proposed FY2013/2014 budget. He discussed changes and/or
28 deletions that could occur.

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30 President Ford discussed next year, having the Town's budget public hearing earlier in the process.

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32 Mr. Wendowski asked for clarification in the budget for the Economic Development allocation.

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34 Discussion occurred regarding the downtown organization and the Economic Development
35 Corporation. Mr. Karge stated that their focus is very different.

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37 President Ford discussed requesting a reporting system for the downtown entity. Mr. Karge stated that
38 it can be done.

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40 Mr. Leshner stated that he would support lowering the discount, reducing the discount on the recycling
41 fee, and omitting the \$47,000 for the windows for the fire department.

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43 Employee's merit raises were discussed.

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45 Highway user fees were discussed.

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47 Mr. Karge discussed issues related to potential changes and the ramifications of timing this late in the
48 process.

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50 Discussion occurred regarding the functional impact of the building inspector for the hospital for two
51 weeks versus a month.

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53 Reducing the discount for recycling fees was considered.

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55 President Ford stated that the budget for the public hearing would be as originally presented. He stated
56 that another workshop may be scheduled.

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58 **ADJOURNMENT**

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60 At 6:20 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously,
61 President Ford adjourned the workshop meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk