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MINUTES
Town of Easton Council Meeting
August 2, 2010 – 7:00 PM

7:00 PM PRESENT AT CONVENING

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch, Mr. Tom Hamilton, Mr. Lynn Thomas and Mr. Zach Smith from the Planning & Zoning Department, and Mrs. Jackie Knopp for the Town Clerk.

CONVENING

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

Ms. Malone opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2010 MEETINGS

Upon motion by Ms. Malone, seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, minutes with corrections as submitted by Mr. Leshar were approved.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY

On August 18th Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot will be visiting Waylands Park Grand Opening.

On August 19th Easton will be Maryland's Capital for the day.

The Mayor brought forth a special hunting request that was discussed at the previous Police Board Meeting. Upon motion by President Ford, second by Ms. Cook and carried the Council denied the request from Spies LLC for a special deer hunt on the Oxford Road property.

Mayor Willey introduced the idea of a possible entrance to the RTC Project across from the School Board property.

The Mayor talked about the MDE Assessment findings for the old Public Works site. Councilmember Megan Cook is to look at opportunities for that property.

The Daughters of the American Revolution asked Mayor Willey for a Proclamation.

The Mayor presented a letter he received from Tim McNeal who wishes to use part of the Railroad right of way for a project near his property at the end of Judas Street. Mayor Willey stated he would like Planning & Zoning to look into this matter. Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously the request was referred to Planning & Zoning handle the request.

Ms. Malone asked Mayor Willey if there were any updates on the time frame of the RTC Project. Mayor Willey was waiting for for more information before a timeline was set.

The Mayor requested an executive session to talk about personnel and obtain legal advice.

CITATION: § 10-508(a) (1, i, ii) (7) Discuss a personnel matter and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

ITEMS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief Jamie McNeal presented the Easton Volunteer Fire Department July statistical report. He stated 12 to 15 members were to take the TIPS class to be in compliance with the County.

Mr. McNeal talked about several upcoming fund raisers such as a Mike Hines dance on September 11, from 9:00-1:00 p.m., the Hog Neck Golf Tournament on September 25, a November 11th Bull Roast and Silent Auction. The next Fire Board Meeting is August 16th.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Karge stated there was a request from Talbot Hospice Foundation asking for the abatement of taxes on a vacant lot. Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Ms. Cook and carried unanimously, the abatement of taxes was approved.

66 Five Corners milling and paving was discussed as well as Corbin Parkway paving.

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68 Mr. Karge stated that the 800 megahertz radio system has been ordered and will come in slightly below
69 budget.

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71 The new parking lot at Idlewild Park is scheduled to be striped in the next few days.

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73 Mr. Ford asked about the parking lot on Brewers Lane. Mr. Karge advised there is \$80,000 budgeted for
74 upgrades in the current fiscal year.

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76 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

77 Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch discussed reopening the Public Hearing on the Lakelands
78 Project August 16th at 7:45 p.m.

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80 The Town Attorney stated there would be a Workshop on Monday August 9th for potential
81 Charter changes.

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83 **REQUEST BY EASTON AIRPORT FOR TREE REMOVAL ON MISTLETOE HALL**
84 **FARM**

85 Mr. Mike Henry, Easton Airport Manager along with Mr. Jack Petit, Chairman of the Airport Advisory
86 Board discussed proposed tree removal from Mistletoe Farm. President Ford decided that more time was
87 needed and that there would be decision at the next council meeting on August 16th.

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89 **PARKING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

90 Mr. Doug James, Chairman of Main Street Parking Committee with Maureen Scott-Taylor, from Easton
91 Main Street discussed parking opportunities and made recommendations for parking.

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93 **EASTON 300TH EVENT UPDATE**

94 Ms. Maureen Scott-Taylor showed the new branding for the Town of Easton in Attraction magazine.
95 She also talked about the free Community Dinner to be held Sunday, August, 22, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to
96 7:00 p.m. Even though this is a free event, anyone attending needs to pick up tickets which are available
97 at various locations. Ms. Malone suggested tickets be put at the Neighborhood Service Center.

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100 **ORDINANCE # 577, CONSENSUS ON EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING**
101 **COMMISSION'S ANNUAL PACKAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN'S**
102 **ZONING ORDINANCE.**

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104 Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Smith discussed the 28 proposed Planning & Zoning
105 changes and addressed comments from the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ryan Showalter, and
106 Mr. Bill Staggs.

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108 **Items by Members of the Council:**

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110 A reminder from Ms. Malone that the Easton Airport is holding a Public Hearing this Thursday
111 August 5th, at the Community Center regarding the proposed runway extensions.

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113 Mr. Leshar had no items to present.

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115 Mr. Wendowski stated that on Wednesday he will be handing out two Eagle Court of Honor
116 Proclamations.

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118 Ms. Cook mentioned National Night Out will be tomorrow night, August, 3rd at Moton Park.

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121 Mr. Bill Hall had comments and offered suggestions regarding the trash around town on the
122 weekends.

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124 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

125 At 9:15 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously the
126 Council moved into Closed Session.

127 **CITATION: § 10-508(a) (1, i, ii) (7)** Discuss a personnel matter, and to consult with counsel to
128 obtain legal advice.

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130 **ADJOURNMENT**

131 The Council exited Executive Session at 9:35 PM. Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms.
132 Malone and carried, the council meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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Jackie Knopp for Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk

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