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

June 6, 2011

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**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

18 Mayor Robert C. Willey

12 Councilmember Pete Leshner

19 Council President John Ford

13 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

20 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Sr., the Assistant Town Attorney Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

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**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.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2011 MEETING.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting were approved as prepared.

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**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

Mayor Willey thanked Mrs. Cook for delivering the "If I Were Mayor" gift mugs to Moton Elementary finalists.

Mayor Willey stated that notice has been given by Talbot County for budget appropriations.

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**REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

Mayor Willey asked for council consideration for the following re-appointments:

- o Joyce Delaurentis to the Historic District Commission, three year term expiring June 28, 2014
- o Kurt Herrman to the Historic District Commission, three year term expiring June 28, 2014
- o Leonard Wendowski, Sr., to the Talbot County Economic Development Commission

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, reappointments as recommended by Mayor Willey were approved.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Mr. Wendowski's three year term on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission was approved as recommended by Mayor Willey.

Mayor Willey asked for possible nominees that may have interest in serving on the Main Street Board due to Ms. Eleanor Shriver Magee's resignation.

Mayor Willey discussed a recent meeting with Town Manager Mr. Karge, Superintendent of Public Works Michael Dickerson and Assistant to the Town Engineer Brian Hause. He stated that they met with Allied Waste regarding single sort recycling. Mayor Willey stated that 65 gallon cans will be furnished by the contract. He stated that he has asked for a sample contract for review.

President Ford reminded those present about a workshop Monday June 13 to discuss recycling.

Mr. Wendowski discussed the county's recreation program for children. He is concerned that there will be no program. Mayor Willey stated that the Town has worked in conjunction with the county and he intends to talk with the Town's Park and Recreation Director.

Ms. Malone asked what the general time frame is on breaking ground for the RTC property.

Mayor Willey stated that Phase 1, the parking lot is to start in the next week or so.

Mr. Karge advised that the Tanyard Branch watershed project has begun.

Mr. Karge asked for Council approval for the following Public Assembly Permits as recommended by Easton Police Department:

- June 26, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Annual Elk’s Parade, westbound Jowite Street to eastbound Port Street to northbound Washington Street to westbound Glenwood Avenue to the rear of District Court.
- June 28 to July 1, 2011; 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Easton’s Carnival and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Marlboro Road next to Target.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Public Assembly Permits were approved.

Mr. Karge discussed the street closings and traffic adjustments for the Frederick Douglass unveiling ceremony scheduled for June 18. He updated on activities related to the event.

**ITEMS BY TOWN ATTORNEY.**

Assistant Town Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald was present on behalf of Ms. VanEmburch.

**ORD. 586, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE.”**

Mr. Ford advocated for banning LED signs. He stated that existing signs could be grandfathered in.

Mr. Leshner would like to see the complete prohibition of these signs.

Ms. Malone supports banning signs as well and giving the recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Karge stated that he could advise the staff to not accept applications while the matter is being pondered.

Mr. Fitzgerald will confer with Ms. VanEmburch regarding applications.

Mr. Thomas will forward the matter for review and recommendation on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s agenda.

Mr. Leshner would like to see the council adopt the ordinance as proposed. He stated that a 12 second hold time would be a reasonable compromise.

Mr. Ford concurs.

It was the consensus of the council to adopt the ordinance.

**AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 5977, BUDGET FOR TWELVE MONTH PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2011.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5977 was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 587, “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RAISING BY TAXATION THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE VARIOUS BOND ISSUES AND THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN BONDS AND NOTES FOR THE PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS AND SETTING THE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT BILLS, COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.”**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No.587 was approved.

**ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Mrs. Cook thanked the public for coming out Thursday for the first of the process with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. She stated there will be a meeting at Moton Elementary at 6:00 p.m. Thursday

President Ford advised that there will be a workshop meeting on recycling Monday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m

At 7:57 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously; President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk