

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

March 19, 2012

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John Ford
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Sr., Town Planner Mr. Lynn B. Thomas, the Town Attorney Ms. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

CONVENING

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mrs. Cook opened the meeting with remarks and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2012 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 5, 2012 meetings were approved as prepared.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

MEMO FROM MAYOR REGARDING RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the following three year re-appointments to the Historic District Commission were approved:

- Mr. Adam Theeke
- Ms. Lena Gill
- Mr. Mark Beck

PRESENTATION OF WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION.

A Welcome Home Proclamation was presented to Vietnam Veterans in attendance.

Vietnam Veterans spoke of their experiences coming home and their appreciation for the delayed recognition.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge advised the council about transitional issues related to a server upgrade.

Ms. Malone asked about a timeline for the opening of the RTC Park.

Mr. Wendowski asked for information regarding the automated trucks versus hiring new employees.

Mayor Willey stated that bids are forthcoming for the RTC Park restrooms.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

Mrs. VanEmburch stated that Mr. Zach Smith has made the changes requested on the map regarding re-districting. She suggested a Tuesday evening workshop to discuss the changes.

Mrs. VanEmburch discussed the LED sign memo sent to the Council from Mr. Thomas.

ORDINANCE NO. 597, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE.”

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, a motion was made to amend proposed Ordinance No. 597, Section 4. This revision would apply to Section 1007D4, the new Industrial Zone only.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 597 was approved as amended.

WATERSIDE VILLAGE PHASE II PUD AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

President Ford stated that the Waterside Phase II PUD Amendment has been withdrawn. He stated that no date has been set for the hearing.

ANNEXATION PETITION FROM MRS. LINDA H. SPRING AND MR. RODNEY V.R. SPRING FOR PROPERTY WHICH TOTALS 17.170+ ACRES SOUTH OF MARYLAND ROUTE 331, WEST OF CHILLCUTT ROAD AND ADJACENT TO THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF EASTON.

President Ford referred the annexation petition to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission will take it up at their May meeting.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES TOTALING \$1,340,019.20.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$1,340,019.20 were approved for payment.

ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Ms. Malone thanked Ms. Katie Clendaniel and staff for the St. Patrick’s Day celebration in downtown Easton.

Mr. Wendowski reminded the Council that Mrs. Laura Price’s son will make Eagle Sunday.

Ms. Carolyn Jaffe, 412 August Street, also a member of East End Neighborhood Association was present to invite participation in East End beautification event Saturday March 24 for their 20+ years cleanup; 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. She thanked President Ford and Mrs. Cook for their continued help in the cleanup.

Ms. Jaffe invited the Council to “The Hill Project,” Talbot Senior Center on Saturday, March 31, 2012 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk