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

November 5, 2012

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey

Councilmember Pete Leshner

Council President John Ford

Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

Councilmember Megan M. Cook

Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

Mrs. Cook led the audience in a moment of silence in honor of the Veterans and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF REMCO PROPERTIES, LLC (OWNERS/DEVELOPERS) TO AMEND THE APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) APPLICATION FOR WATERSIDE VILLAGE WITH THE ADDITION OF A SECOND PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHOPPING CENTER.

Mr. Showalter addressed the Council regarding Remco's application. He stated that they would like to re-evaluate the scope and nature of the application and proceed in the future with written notice or submit written amendments. At this time, they would like to ask the council for a postponement on the application.

Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch discussed what has transpired. She discussed the motion for a temporary restraining order from the attorneys representing Easton Marketplace. The motion had been denied and the judge refused to issue a temporary restraining order.

President Ford granted the applicant's request for postponement of the public hearing.

Mr. Showalter stated that the applicant would like to reconsider the current application.

At 7:07 p.m., President Ford declared a recess for citizens to exit that were present for the public hearing.

At 7:09 p.m., President Ford reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2012 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously the minutes were approved.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey introduced Webelos Pack 190 that were present to earn their citizenship badge.

Mayor Willey discussed the loan/line of credit from Easton Utilities. He stated that a Promissory Note will be forwarded to the council for review at their next meeting.

The repairs to Goldsborough Street are finished. The contractor has advised that the street will open tomorrow.

Mayor Willey discussed the Town's revised project list. He stated that the next project will be Glebe Road with sidewalks, gutters and replacement of utilities lines.

The bids for the salt storage facility have been received.

Storm Drains on South Harrison Street and grates on North Aurora Street are scheduled to be replaced.

The Fire Department will be taking an engine and utility vehicle to New Jersey to help with Hurricane Sandy relief.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

71 Upon motion by Mr. Lesher seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Mr. Richard Tettelbaum was
72 confirmed by the Council to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of a five year term.

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74 **LETTER FROM HISTORIC EASTON, INC. REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR PROJECTS.**

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76 Mr. Karge explained the solicitation for financial support from Historic Easton, Inc. for upcoming projects.

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78 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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80 All hurricane preparations for the town and departments worked well together during Hurricane Sandy.

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82 The District Court lease has been drafted and will be going to Board of Public Works for review and approval.
83 Mr. Karge stated that it will be presented to the council for formal approval. The term of the lease is 10 years.

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85 The bid opening for the salt storage facility resulted in Willow Construction being the apparent low apparent
86 bidder at \$274,400. Mr. Karge stated that this was high due to state mandated site work.

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88 Upon motion by Mr. Lesher, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the bid was approved with the
89 caveat as articulated by Town Manager which would describe to the Town Council where the money would
90 come from.

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92 The Town Manager stated that a request had been received from the Society of St. Vincent of De Paul for a
93 waiver of the permit fee for the construction of a refrigerated building.

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95 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Mr. Lesher and carried unanimously, the waiver of the fee for a
96 permit for an 8x10' freezer box was approved.

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98 President Ford asked for staff recommendations on how to proceed regarding waiver requests. He asked that
99 something be devised to outline a more definitive description of what the staff considers an insubstantial permit
100 amount.

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102 Mr. Karge asked if it the council would like consideration for bids for repairs at Easton Fire Department from
103 registered carpenters and craftsmen that are firemen and are substantially lower. The Council recommends in
104 that bids be received and considered that are in the best interest of the town.

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106 Upon motion by Mr. Lesher seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried with Ms. Malone voting no, bids from
107 members of the Department and in the best interest of the Fire Department are to be considered without
108 standard bidding practices.

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110 Mr. Karge advised that there will be a community meeting related to the Glebe Road project November 13 at
111 7:00 p.m.

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113 Mrs. Gould has notified the Town Manager that five workout stations have been completed on the track at the
114 RTC property and tot lot.

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116 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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118 Ms. VanEmburch asked for a Closed Session after the regularly scheduled meeting regarding pending litigation
119 State Government Article §10-508(a)8 and business retention State Government Article § 10-508(a)(4).

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121 **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

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123 President Ford scheduled the public hearing for the critical area update on December 3 at 7:15 p.m.

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125 **RESOLUTION NO. 6011, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON SUPPORTING THE**
126 **APPLICATION OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF TALBOT FOR A STRATEGIC**
127 **DEMOLITION AND SMART GROWTH IMPACT FUND APPLICATION."**

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129 Mr. Don Bibb was present to discuss the project.

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131 Upon motion by Mr. Lesher seconded Mrs. Cook by and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6011 was
132 approved.

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134 **RESOLUTION NO. 6007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE EASTON TOWN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF**
135 **THE PROPOSED EASTON POINT PRJECT; TO ENACT MOVING FORWARD ON THE**
136 **PROPOSED ELEVEN (11) ACRE PARK DESIGN TO ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR**
137 **EASTON RESIDENTS."**

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Mr. Thomas reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the request at their October meeting. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission found the project to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Karge read the Park Board recommendation and stated that the Park Board is generally supportive of the project.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6007 was approved.

ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Ms. Malone recognized the town staff for their efforts during Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Leshar reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Mrs. Cook invited everyone to the East End Neighborhood Association Annual meeting Monday, November 12 at 5:30 p. m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:07 p.m., President Ford convened into Closed Session regarding pending litigation §10-508(a)(8) and business retention and § 10-508(a)(4).

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk