

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

October 1, 2012

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

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

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

Mr. Leshner led the audience in opening remarks and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 MEETINGS.**

Mr. Leshner asked that the approval of the minutes be deferred until the next meeting.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

Mayor Willey advised that Historic Easton is applying for a grant to help defray the cost of a walking and driving map. Mayor Willey asked permission to draft a support letter for the grant.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, approval was granted to draft a letter in support of a grant for Historic Easton.

Mayor Willey stated that Mr. Smith in the Planning Department is applying for a grant to purchase trees for the RTC property.

Mayor Willey discussed the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast scheduled for October 26 at the Tidewater Inn for \$12 per person.

A Veteran's Day Ceremony is scheduled for November 12 at the Talbot County Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

Mr. Karge advised that once a week garbage pickup will commence Thursday, October 11 between Earle Avenue and Bay Street, from the West side of Washington Street to Route 322.

Mr. Karge asked for council approval for the abatement of taxes for two parcels owned by Talbot County held for transfer for the new hospital.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, permission was granted for the abatement of taxes.

Mr. Karge advised that the Goldsborough reconstruction between Harrison and Aurora will be beginning soon. He discussed local business concerns. He stated that they have arranged with the contractor to post detours. He stated that the contractor will attempt to comply with early completion.

Mr. Karge discussed a pending meeting with MDE. He stated that the meeting is to talk about the airport tree issues.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

Mrs. VanEmburch discussed Resolution No. 6010 in support of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. She stated that it must be submitted by October 12. She stated that Resolution No. 6010 has no encumbrances on the town's finances.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously Resolution No. 6010 was approved.

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2 Mrs. VanEmburch reminded the Council of the meeting regarding the Hospital DRRA which is scheduled for  
3 October 11 or October 29.

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5 Mr. Thomas asked the President of the Council to set a Public Hearing date for the Waterside PUD  
6 Amendment.

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8 President Ford scheduled the Public Hearing for November 5 at 7:15 PM

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0 Mr. Thomas stated that the PUD Amendment is the result of the joint workshop with the Council and the  
1 Planning and Zoning Commission that includes a future build out of the area. He stated that the latest proposal  
2 includes one specific use: Dick's Sporting Goods and a number of unidentified retail and residential parcels.

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4 **RESOLUTION NO. 6005, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING AND**  
5 **REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EASTON."**

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7 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6005 was  
8 approved.

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0 **RESOLUTION NO. 6009 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 5008, ALLOWABLE INVESTMENTS TO**  
1 **CORRESPOND WITH THOSE ALLOWABLE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND'S TREASURER'S**  
2 **INVESTMENT POLICY.**

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4 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6009 was  
5 approved.

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7 **ORDINANCE. 615, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE EASTON**  
8 **TOWN CODE BY ADDING AN ARTICLE X. TITLED ELECTIONS TO SAID EASTON TOWN**  
9 **CODE."**

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1 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 615 was  
2 approved.

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4 **ORDINANCE 616, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON GRANTING THE**  
5 **APPLICATION OF EASTON ROUTE 322, LLC, FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING**  
6 **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS EASTON MARKETPLACE UNDER THE**  
7 **PROVISIONS OF THE EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."**

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9 President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 616 for a first reading.

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1 **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION OF JEFFREY I. MCNEAL, TRUSTEE FOR RESOLUTION**  
2 **5999 ("ANNEXATION RESOLUTION"). THE REQUEST IS TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 2.469**  
3 **ACRES LYING CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF EASTON.**  
4 **CONCURRENTLY WITH THE HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION RESOLUTION, THE COUNCIL**  
5 **WILL HOLD A HEARING ON ORDINANCE 612, APPLYING THE BC BUSINESS COMMERCIAL**  
6 **DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE TO THE**  
7 **PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE ANNEXATION PROPOSAL.**

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9 At 7:24 p.m., President Ford opened the public hearing scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

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1 Sarah M. Everhart, Esq. Associate with Cowdrey Thompson, P.C. was present on behalf of Jeffrey McNeal. She  
2 discussed the area being in the Priority One annexation area and near the recently annexed grounds for the  
3 hospital site.

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5 President Ford opened the public hearing for audience comments. There being none, the President of the  
6 Council closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. and left the record open for comments until the close of business  
7 Friday October 5.

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9 **RESOLUTION NO. 5999, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ANNEX CERTAIN**  
0 **LANDS LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF U.S. ROUTE 50 AND THE EASTERLY SIDE OF**  
1 **MARYLAND ROUTE 662, IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT, TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
2 **AND CONSISTING OF 2.469 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**  
3 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ANNEXATION TO THE TOWN OF EASTON."**

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5 President Ford read into record Resolution No. 5999.  
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7 **ORDINANCE NO. 612, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**  
8 **OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO APPLY THE BUSINESS**  
9 **COMMERCIAL (BC) ZONING DISTRICT TO TWO PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE**  
0 **TOWN OF EASTON BY RESOLUTION NO. 5999 LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF US**  
1 **ROUTE 50 AND THE EASTERLY SIDE OF MARYLAND ROUTE 662 AND CONSISTING OF 2.469**  
2 **ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.”**

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4 President Ford read into record Ordinance No. 612.

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6 **ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BY THE TOWN OF EASTON, A MARYLAND MUNICIPAL**  
7 **CORPORATION AND JEFFREY L. MCNEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE ALFRED V. MCNEAL**  
8 **RESIDUARY TRUST AND JEFFREY L. MCNEAL, TRUSTEE OF THE SHIRLEY L. MCNEAL**  
9 **REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST (“COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE PETITIONER”).**

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1 President Ford asked for comments on the Annexation Agreement. There were none.

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**ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Mr. Wendowski discussed speed complaints on Seth Drive.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:28 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded Ms. Malone by and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk