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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **Easton Town Hall**
5 **14 S. Harrison Street**

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July 1, 2013

PRESENT AT CONVENING

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

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17 Also present were the Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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21 Mrs. Cook gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2013 MEETING.

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25 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried, minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting were
26 approved as written.

CHIEF SPENCER INTRODUCES NEW OFFICERS.

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30 Chief Spencer was present to introduce the recent June 17 Academy graduates; Officers Ryan McCormick and
31 Joseph Shinault. Chief Spencer stated that Wendy Lyons has been hired as an officer and will be attending the next
32 Academy class which commences July 8.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

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36 Mayor Willey discussed visiting the local businesses with Mr. Heckler and Maryland Capital Enterprises on June
37 18.

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39 Mayor Willey stated that the Hill Project is currently working on verifying a neighborhood in Easton as the oldest
40 African Neighborhood in country.

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42 Mayor Willey stated that the Washington Street repair may be another two weeks before completed.

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44 Tax bills are being printed and will be mailed to property owners next week.

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46 Mayor Willey discussed a meeting scheduled tomorrow with Talbot County's engineer Ray Clark.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

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50 Mrs. VanEmburch has been notified that the RTC Grand Opening has been rescheduled and is now July 17 at
51 10:00 a.m. to accommodate Comptroller Franchot.

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53 The Town Attorney asked for approval for the Public Assembly Permit which includes the carnival and fireworks
54 June 28 thru July 4, with a fireworks display rain date of July 5.

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56 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, approval was granted for the
57 carnival and fireworks.

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59 Ms. VanEmburch stated that the Public Hearing for the Waterside PUD Applications (4) is scheduled for the next
60 Council meeting. She stated that the format for the meeting will be somewhat different with more of an adversarial
61 setting.

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63 Ms. VanEmburch stated that the Council has received by e-mail a copy of Draft Ordinance No. 627 which will
64 amend the minimum livability code to provide for some waivers of that code. She stated that this Ordinance does
65 not require a public hearing. She discussed the balancing act with increased flexibility while protecting health and
66 safety of tenants. She stated that the state strongly recommended not changing the code. She discussed the process
67 which would include an appeal to the Board of Appeals.

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69 President Ford set the public hearing on Ordinance No. 627 for August 19 at 7:15 p.m.

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71 **ORDINANCE NO. 626, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING AND RE-**
72 **ENACTING THE TOWN OF EASTON FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, THE SAME**
73 **BEING CHAPTER 9A OF THE EASTON TOWN CODE."**

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75 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 626 was
76 passed.

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78 **ADJOURN**

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80 Mrs. Cook wished everyone a happy Canada Day from her family.

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82 President Ford announced again that the date for the Waterside Village Phase 2 Public Hearing is scheduled for
83 July 15 and stated that the Public Hearing could be contentious.

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85 At 7:23 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford
86 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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90 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk