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

May 4, 2015

PRESENT AT CONVENING

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

Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

CALL TO ORDER.

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mr. Leshner gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2015 MEETINGS.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the April 20, 2015 meetings were approved.

POLICE BOARD.

Chief Spencer and Capt. Mark Waltrup were present to discuss departmental activities. Chief Spencer discussed personnel, community events and law enforcement specialized training.

Chief Spencer briefed the Council on the quarterly statistics for crimes.

RABBI PETER HYMAN AND BISHOP JOEL JOHNSON TO BRIEF COUNCIL ON "CONVERSATION ON RACE."

Rabbi Hyman introduced members of TAAC. Rabbi Hyman discussed hosting the group at the Temple. He stated that they have held conversations on race on a regular basis.

MR. LEN FOXWELL, PRESIDENT EASTON LITTLE LEAGUE TO THANK MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR SUPPORT.

Mr. Foxwell was present to thank the Mayor and Council for their continued support with the Easton Little League. On behalf of Board of Directors and 400 boys and girls, he thanked the Mayor and Council for giving the children an opportunity to play ball in Easton. Mr. Foxwell stated that North Easton Park is a jewel of the Eastern Shore. He discussed restoration of fields and stated that the Maryland State Baseball Tournament will be held July 25 thru August 1 in Easton.

MR. GEOFF OXNAM TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING EASTON SUSTAINABILITY COMPLEX.

Mr. Geoff Oxnam, Vice President of Operations for Easton Utilities addressed the Council regarding Easton Sustainability Complex. He stated that they are planning to construct the project at Easton Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mr. Oxnam stated that Easton Utilities is currently developing a renewable energy project. The Complex is anticipated to combine innovative energy technology with state-of-the-art wastewater treatment technology to improve air and water quality.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey stated that Maryland Municipal League President Bruce Wahl and Scott Hancock will visit during the next council meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN ATWOOD TO BOARD OF CANVASSERS.

69 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, Mr. John Atwood's
70 appointment to the Board of Canvassers was confirmed.

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72 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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74 Mr. Karge asked for approval for LGIT's nominees as submitted by the LGIT nominating committee.

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76 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the nominees were approved.

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78 **APPROVED PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS.**

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80 Mr. Karge discussed the approved Public Assembly Events.

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82 o St. Mark's Services June 7 – August 30
83 o National MS Society Bike Ride – June 6 and 7

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85 Mr. Karge discussed software training for Department Heads which will begin tomorrow.

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87 **ORDINANCE NO. 659, BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/16.**

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89 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried, Ordinance No. 659 was approved with Mr.
90 Wendowski voting no.

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92 **ORDINANCE NO. 660, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RAISING BY TAXATION THE**
93 **AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AND TO**
94 **PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE VARIOUS BOND ISSUES AND THE**
95 **REDUCTION OF CERTAIN BONDS AND NOTES FOR THE PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS AND**
96 **SETTING THE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT BILLS, COMMENCING ON JULY 1,**
97 **2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016."**

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99 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 660 was approved
00 with Mr. Wendowski voting no.

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02 **ORDINANCE NO. 651, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ADOPTING A NEW AND**
03 **REVISED CRITICAL AREA MAP FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON."**

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05 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 651 was approved.

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07 **ORDINANCE NO. 661, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING ORDINANCE**
08 **124 REGARDING THE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR THE WATERFOWL**
09 **FESTIVAL."**

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11 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 661 was approved.

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13 **ORDINANCE NO. 652, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
14 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2015."**

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16 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 652 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
17 Ordinance No. 652 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

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19 **ORDINANCE NO. 653, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
20 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE 2015."**

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22 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 653 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
23 Ordinance No. 653 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

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25 **ORDINANCE NO. 654, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
26 **BUILDING CODE TO INCORPORATE THE NFPA 70 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2014."**

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28 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 654 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
29 Ordinance No. 654 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

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31 **ORDINANCE NO. 655, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
32 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**
33 **2015."**

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35 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 655 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
36 Ordinance No. 655 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.
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38 **ORDINANCE NO. 656, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
39 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE 2015 AND NFPA**
40 **58 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CODE 2014."**
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42 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 656 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
43 Ordinance No. 656 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.
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45 **ORDINANCE NO. 657, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
46 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2015."**
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48 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 657 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
49 Ordinance No. 657 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.
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51 **ORDINANCE NO. 658, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6**
52 **BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE 2015."**
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54 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 658 to the floor for a first reading. President Ford set the public hearing for
55 Ordinance No. 658 for May 18, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.
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57 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

58 Ms. Malone stated that this is her last full council meeting. She encouraged voters to vote at the election May 5.
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60 Mr. Leshner stated that it has been a pleasure to work with this council.
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62 Mr. Wendowski stated that there are two excellent candidates for Ward 3. He encouraged attendance at the election.
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64 President Ford thanked the candidates that have put forth their name for consideration. He asked the residents of the
65 Town to show up at the polls and vote. President Ford's wished the candidates the best of luck.
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67 **ADJOURN.**

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69 At 8:11 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned
70 the regularly scheduled meeting.
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75 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk