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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **Easton Town Hall**
5 **14 S. Harrison Street**
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October 5, 2015

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8 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**
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10 Mayor Robert C. Willey
11 Council President John Ford
12 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
13 Councilmember Pete Leshner
14 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
15 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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

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19 Mr. Karge was excused.

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21 **CALL TO ORDER.**
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23 At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

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25 **OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
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27 Mrs. Cook gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 MEETING.**
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31 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the minutes of the September 21,
32 2015 meetings were approved.

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34 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**
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36 **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**
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38 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the following appointments
39 were approved:

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- 41 ○ The reappointment of Ms. Martha Horner to the Waterfowl Festival Commission for a three year term
42 expiring September 2018.
- 43 ○ The reappointment of Mr. James Bent to the Affordable Housing Commission for a three year term
44 expiring May 16, 2018.
- 45 ○ The reappointment of Ms. Jennifer Williams to the Housing Authority of Talbot County for a five year
46 term expiring June 15, 2020.
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48 **APPROVAL OF BID FOR TALBOT COMMERCE PARK WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION.**
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50 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the bid for the Talbot
51 Commerce Park water and sewer extension from Retallack & Sons, Inc. in the amount \$801,225.04 as
52 recommended by the Town Engineer was approved.

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54 Mayor Willey stated that he was in New York two weeks ago with the bond counsel and staff. He stated that
55 Moody's assigned an Aa2 rating to Easton's \$10.2 million General Obligation Facilities and Refunding Bonds of
56 2015 and that the bond sale is scheduled for October 13.

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58 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS.**
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60 Mrs. VanEmburch discussed the Public Assembly Events approved by Chief Spencer. She asked for approval for
61 the following:

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- 63 ○ 10/10/15 Bark in the Park 5K Run and Walk.
64 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was granted.
- 65 ○ 10/10/15 Dog Walk/Parade.
- 66 ○ Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was granted.
- 67 ○ 10/15 – 10/18 Academy of the Arts Annual Craft Show.
- 68 ○ Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was granted.

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- 70 ○ 12/31/15 First Night Talbot.
Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, approval was granted.
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- 72 ○ 04/02/16 5K Run, EVFD Applicant.
Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, approval was granted.
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- 74 ○ 12/5/15 Old Tyme Holiday Parade, condition 64 units in parade,
Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was granted with
75 the condition there be only 64 units in the parade as recommended by Easton Business Association.
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78 President Ford discussed the Dog Park Draft Master Plan that will be displayed for public comment at Bark in the
79 Park. He asked that everyone understand that this is the beginning of a process and must also be reviewed and
80 approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. He stated that there will be multiple opportunities for public
81 input but this is an opportunity by Friends of Easton Dog Park to introduce the concept to the community.
82 President Ford stated he will pass on concerns as outlined by Mr. Silverstein.

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84 **APPROVAL OF WATERFOWL FESTIVAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

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86 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the Waterfowl Festival
87 Transportation Plan was approved.

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89 **APPROVAL OF WATERFOWL FESTIVAL COMMISSION TEMPORARY CONCESSIONS.**

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91 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, the Waterfowl Festival
92 Commission Temporary Concessions were approved.

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94 **7:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 668 WHICH PROPOSES AMENDMENTS**
95 **TO THE TOWN'S ZONING ORDINANCE.**

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97 At 7:19 p.m., President Ford opened the scheduled public hearing.

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99 Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas was present to discuss the three amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance
00 which would:

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- 02 1) Revise the Table of Permissible Uses.
- 03 2) Clarify a conflict in the language of the Ordinance with regards to setbacks for swimming pools in
04 situations where the overall zoning setback is less than eight feet to indicate that the applicable setback in
05 this situation shall be the less restrictive of the two standards.
- 06 3) Add the use "Agriculture, controlled environment to the Ordinance as an outright Permitted use.
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08 Mr. Ryan Showalter representing 8806 LLC Lot 18 Commerce Drive, discussed an application by his client for a
09 car wash. Mr. Showalter encouraged the council to adopt language as recommended by Planning & Zoning
10 Commission.

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12 At 7:33 p.m., President Ford closed the public hearing and asked that written comments be submitted to the Town
13 Office for dissemination by close of business Friday.

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15 **ORDINANCE NO. 668, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF**
16 **EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE."**

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18 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 668 to the floor for a first reading.

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20 **ORDINANCE NO. 665, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 OF**
21 **THE TOWN CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS REGARDING**
22 **SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS THEREFOR."**

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24 Mr. Leshner and Mr. Silverstein agreed with the 60/40 cost split as recommended by staff.

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26 Mr. Engle suggests holding the developers' bonds longer.

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28 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 665 was approved.

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30 **ORDINANCE NO. 669, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AMEND THE TOWN**
31 **CODE ADDING TO RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NUMBER 1."**

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33 President Ford brought Ordinance No. 669 to the floor for a first reading.

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35 Mr. Leshner asked that the Art Academy be made aware of the proposed legislation.

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37 President Ford set the public hearing for October 19 at 7:15 p.m.

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39 **RESOLUTION NO. 6058, “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING A**
40 **REVISED NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ORDINANCE 663 WHICH**
41 **AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ISSUE AND SELL, UPON**
42 **ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, GENERAL OBLIGATION, FULLY REGISTERED BONDS**
43 **PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTIONS 19-301 TO 19-309, INCLUSIVE, AND**
44 **SECTION 19-207 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE**
45 **OF MARYLAND (2013 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 2014 SUPPLEMENT) AND SECTION**
46 **19 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN.”**

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48 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6058 was approved.

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50 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

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52 Mr. Silverstein asked if there is an ordinance to address grass clippings placed in roadways. He encouraged residents to
53 dispose of clippings and not place them in the road.

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55 The Town Attorney stated that it may be addressed in the Property Maintenance Code.

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57 Mayor Willey reminded everyone to get their tickets for the Prayer Breakfast scheduled for October 23.

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59 **ADJOURN.**

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61 At 7:45 p.m., upon motion by Silverstein seconded by Leshar and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the
62 regularly scheduled meeting.

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66 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk