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**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND  
EASTON TOWN HALL  
14 S HARRISON STREET**

**November 6, 2017**

**PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

Mayor Robert C. Willey  
Council President John Ford  
Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein  
Councilmember Pete Leshner  
Councilmember Ron E. Engle  
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Don Richardson, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Chief David Spencer and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

**MEETING.**

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2017 MEETING.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**POLICE BOARD.**

Chief Spencer was present to address the Council. He discussed EPD promotions, new recruits, bike patrol activities and upcoming events.

**ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

Mayor Willey stated that Veterans Memorial Service, sponsored by the Naval Jr. ROTC will be held at the Talbot Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. November 7.

Mayor Willey discussed leaf collection and stated that the leaves should not be placed on the street.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE CONCERN.**

Mayor Willey discussed an Easton neighborhood HOA that has concerns regarding an emergency response vehicle in their development. Mayor Willey stated that the truck is prohibited parking over two hours if over 10,000 pounds. Discussion occurred regarding a work truck versus an emergency responder truck.

President Ford stated that the council may need to look at a change that may be due for emergency response vehicles and consider an exception.

President Ford discussed a draft ordinance and a public hearing for public comments.

Mr. Carlos Vazquez, 8837 Roundhouse Circle, President of the HOA at Mulberry Station, stated that he is working to improve the look and feel of the neighborhood. He discussed other changes which have occurred at Mulberry Station.

Mr. Silverstein suggested negotiations with Delmarva Power.

Mr. Richardson requested additional time to look into the matter.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARK BOARD.**

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, the recommendations from the Park Board for the basketball resurfacing and the Little Libraries were approved.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS INCLUDING THE SMALL AREA PLAN AND THE MIXED USE WATERFRONT ZONING DISTRICT.**

Mr. Lynn Thomas, Town Planner was present to discuss the Port Street Planning overview.

56 Mr. Thomas stated that changes would have to be in the form of Comprehensive Plan amendments  
57 incorporating the mixed use waterview zoning. He stated that the public hearing could be scheduled  
58 two weeks from tonight. Mr. Thomas gave a brief history regarding the small area planning  
59 processing.

60 Mr. Thomas discussed the MXW proposed district which consists of four sub-districts reflecting  
61 increasing distance from the water's edge.

62 Mr. Thomas discussed the next steps with the hearings which would be scheduled November 20 with  
63 the goal of adoption by at least January 3, 2018. He discussed Phase 2 which would have a longer  
64 term concept.

65 President Ford stated that he is impressed with the work that has been done on this as of this time. He  
66 stated that he understands the process to be very complicated and he is really pleased although there  
67 are some hurdles still to overcome.

68 Mr. Leshar asked for clarification regarding the sub districts.

69 Mr. Thomas stated that the changes are available and can be reviewed on the web as well as the  
70 Planning & Zoning counter.

71 **RESOLUTION NO. 6088, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AUTHORIZE**  
72 **THE TOWN MANAGER TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT, SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER**  
73 **EQUITIES, OPTIONS, BONDS AND MARGINS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS WITH**  
74 **DAVENPORT & COMPANY, LLC."**

75 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, Resolution No.  
76 6088 was approved.

77 **RESOLUTION NO. 6089, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO CHANGE**  
78 **THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC STREET AURORA PARK DRIVE TO LEONARD RIECK**  
79 **DRIVE."**

80 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, Resolution No.  
81 6089 was approved.

82 **AMENDMENT TO LEASH LAW.**

83 Ms. Harriet Page, 8 Brookletts Avenue discussed a poop scoop ordinance and drainage issues.

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

85 Mrs. Cook stated there will be an EENA meeting at Asbury Church Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. with dinner  
86 provided.

87 President Ford stated that there will be a forum November 7 at 7:00 p.m., discussing elections and the  
88 need for more folks to run at the ESLC building.

89 **ADJOURNMENT.**

90 At 8:13 p.m., upon motion Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshar and carried unanimously, President  
91 Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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93 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk