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

April 21, 2008

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PRESENT AT CONVENING

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey
9 Mr. John F. Ford
10 Ms. Maureen Scott-Taylor
11 Mr. Scott R. Jensen
12 Mr. Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
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14 Ms. Jackson-Amis was excused

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IN ATTENDANCE

19 Also in attendance were the Town Attorney Mr. Kehoe, Town Manager Mr. Karge, Building Code
20 Official Mr. Don Richardson, President and CEO Easton Utilities Hugh E. Grunden, Easton Utilities
21 Vice President of Finance and CFO Paul J. Moeller and Town Clerk Ms. Ruf.

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CONVENING

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

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27 Mr. Wendowski opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2008 MEETING

31 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Scott-Taylor and carried unanimously, minutes of
32 the April 7, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

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EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

36 Mr. Jamie McNeal was present reporting on the Easton Fire Department's activities. He updated on the
37 200th Anniversary festivities held on April 19.

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ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY

41 Mayor Willey discussed the request from the Bravo Company, 101st Airborne in Afghanistan, for
42 donations of personal items. He stated that there are two in the company from Easton and donations
43 can be dropped off at the Town office.

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ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER

47 Mr. Karge congratulated Easton Volunteer Fire Department for their 200th Anniversary.

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49 A request for a previously approved family reunion on July 21 is now requesting permission for a disc
50 jockey in Moton Park.

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52 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Ms. Scott-Taylor and carried unanimously; a request
53 for a DJ in Moton Park was approved.

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ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY

57 Mr. Kehoe congratulated the Fire Department for 200 years of outstanding service.

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59 Mr. Kehoe asked for a closed session to discuss 1) a matter involving real estate and advice of legal
60 counsel and 2) efforts to maintain a business within the state.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5922, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APROVING
CHANGES TO THE PENSION PLAN, THE 457 PLAN AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS, INCLUDING RETIREE MEDICAL, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE
BENEFITS."**

67 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Ford and carried, Resolution No. 5922 passed 3-1
68 with Mr. Jensen voting no.

1 Ms. Scott-Taylor reiterated the necessity to continue to inform the employees and educate them on the
2 changes.

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4 **RESOLUTION NO. 5923, “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING
5 THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT
6 FROM 202 PORT STREET ONTO THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR PLEASANT ALLEY TO
7 CONTINUE.”**

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9 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried, Resolution No. 5923 passed
10 unanimously following a roll call vote.

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12 **RESOLUTION NO. 5924, “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING
13 RULES FOR THE USE OF TOWN PARKS.”**

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15 Mr. Ford stated that Ms. Jackson-Amis is not present tonight but had forwarded comments and asked
16 that this resolution be brought up at the next meeting for public comments.

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18 Mayor Willey stated that he would like to see rules passed so the Parks and Recreation Director will
19 have something to enforce. He stated that it could be amended later if necessary.

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21 Mr. Ford asked that Ms. Gould, Parks and Recreation Director report back to the Council on the rules
22 and how they are working out. He stated that he supports this resolution knowing that it will be
23 reviewed and could possibly changed if needed

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25 Ms. Scott-Taylor stated that she is not ready to vote on the resolution.

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27 Mr. Kehoe discussed having clearly defined rules.

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29 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Ford and carried, Resolution No. 5924 was passed
30 with 3 to 1 with Ms. Scott-Taylor voting no.

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32 **ORDINANCE NO. 531, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON GRANTING THE
33 APPLICATION OF FRANK SAULSBURY FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ON
34 THE EAST SIDE OF THOROGOOD LANE BETWEEN DOVER STREET AND SOUTH
35 LANE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE.”**

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37 Mr. Jensen made a motion that Ordinance No. 531 be amended to reflect on the last page of conditions,
38 that a landscaping plan gets developed for the Dover Street side of the property and that plan is
39 reviewed and approved by the town planning staff and no occupancy permit for any new building is
40 issued until the landscaping is either installed or bonded. He asked to change that the plan is still to be
41 reviewed by the Planning staff and asked that they report to the council about what the plan is and
42 where it says that no occupancy permit is to be issued change to building permit on the Dover Street
43 side. Mr. Jensen stated that he wanted to see that the landscaping be installed before building permit is
44 issued and that the rent be held for two years with CPI on the third; seconded by Ms. Scott-Taylor and
45 carried unanimously.

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47 **ORDINANCE NO. 532, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING
48 THE SALE OF A 0.147 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS OPEN SPACE AREA
49 “B” IN THE BRETRIDGE SUBDIVISION TO JAMES FOREMAN.”**

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51 Upon motion by Ms. Scott-Taylor seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously, Ordinance No.
52 532 was approved.

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54 **INTRODUCTION OF JESSIE HAMMOND, ESQ**

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56 Mr. Kehoe introduced Mr. Jessie Hammond, an attorney licensed in Maryland for 6 ½ years that is
57 working with Mr. Ryan Showalter.

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59 **APPROVAL OF INVOICES TOTALING \$830,694.18**

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61 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Scott-Taylor and carried unanimously, invoices totaling
62 \$830,694.18 were approved for payment.

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64 **CLOSED SESSION**

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1 At 8:06 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously;
2 President Ford convened the regularly meeting into Executive Session to discuss 1) a matter involving
3 real estate and advice of legal counsel and 2) efforts to maintain a business within the state.
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5 **RE-CONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

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7 At 8:14 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Scott-Taylor and carried unanimously,
8 President Ford closed the Executive Session and re-convened into regular session.
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10 **RESOLUTION NO. 5925, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING**
11 **THE EXECUTION OF A NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT AND AN**
12 **ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT PERTAINING TO 29088 AIRPARK DRIVE, EASTON**
13 **MARYLAND."**

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15 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously, Resolution No.
16 5925 was approved.
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18 **ADJOURNMENT**

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20 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; President Ford
21 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:16 p.m.
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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk