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

November 17, 2008

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey  
9 Council President John F. Ford  
11 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski  
12 Councilmember Moonyene Jackson-Amis

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Town Attorney Mr. Kehoe, Town Manager Mr. Karge and Town Clerk Ms. Ruf.

**CONVENING**

At 7:03 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2008 MEETING**

Upon motion by Mr. Ford seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously; minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting were approved as written with Ms. Jackson-Amis abstaining.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY**

Mayor Willey discussed the joint Joint Annual Meeting with Easton Utilities Commission to be held November 20.

Mayor Willey set the Special Election for Ward I for January 12, 2009. He stated that petitions for candidacy should be turned in no later than December 12.

(Mr. Jensen arrived at 7:08 p.m.).

Ms. Jackson-Amis addressed Mayor Willey regarding the Economic Development Director appointment. She discussed her concerns regarding the 20 day notice requirement with appointments that have to do with remuneration. She stated that if there is a procedure in place, the rule of law has to be followed and questioned why she was not given the opportunity to ask questions.

Mayor Willey discussed the process and stated that he was prepared to make the appointment several weeks prior to the formal notification.

President Ford stated that the council waived the 20 day period and decided to move forward and vote on the Mayor's appointment.

Mr. Kehoe stated that the 20 day rule is to permit the council to become familiar with the nominee before action. He stated that it has been the practice of the council to waive the 20 day rule and act immediately. Mr. Kehoe stated that Ms. Jackson-Amis' request for the 20 day notice for the appointment was presented to the council; President Ford summarized the request to the council whereby the members present collectively decided they had enough information to make an informed decision.

Ms. Jackson-Amis asked that background information of the applicants be forwarded to her.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER**

Mr. Karge asked for approval for No Parking on Dover Street near the Tidewater for Festival of Trees loading and unloading Sunday November 23 through December 3.

Mr. Karge asked for approval for a YMCA Run for Hospice Friday November 28.

1 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried; approval was granted for the  
2 items as recommended by Easton Police Department.

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4 Mrs. Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation has forwarded notification that a portion of Project  
5 Idlewild will be closed for repairs and maintenance Saturday November 22 from 8:00 a.m. until  
6 completion weather permitting.

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8 Appreciation was expressed from the Director of Parks and Recreation by the Town Manager for Mr.  
9 Brian Brown's assistance for his help with the landscaping and planting at no cost to the town.

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11 Mr. Karge stated that the Town of Easton offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day  
12 and household garbage pickup will be accomplished for the entire town on Friday, November 28.

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14 Public Works has placed in service a hybrid vehicle that gets 30 miles per gallon.

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16 Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting has been re-scheduled to November 18.

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18 Mr. Karge advised that the Audit Outbrief is scheduled for December 1 at 6:15 p.m.

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20 Mr. Jensen stated that he will forward an e-mail to Mr. Karge and Chief Blue regarding a string of  
21 robberies.

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23 Ms. Jackson-Amis asked Mr. Karge to re-visit soccer playing at Idlewild Park due to the other  
24 activities at the park. Mr. Karge stated that the Moton Park is being utilized as well for soccer.

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26 Mr. Karge discussed the recent visit to the rating agencies in New York. He stated that they are still in  
27 the process of receiving additional questions and won't know what the outcome is until next month.  
28 [Mr. Karge stated things went well](#) -due to the accomplishment of the fiscal recovery plan as previously  
29 outlined.

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31 **RESOLUTION NO. 5939, "A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION**  
32 **NO. 5920 ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN ON DECEMBER 17, 2007 AND**  
33 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN ON AND EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2007 TO (1)**  
34 **AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE TOWN, PURSUANT TO**  
35 **THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ACT, AS ITS LIMITED**  
36 **OBLIGATIONS AND NOT UPON ITS FAITH AND CREDIT OR PLEDGE OF ITS TAXING**  
37 **POWERS, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS BONDS (AS DEFINED IN SUCH ACT) FOR THE**  
38 **PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ALL OR A PORTION OF ITS TAXABLE VARIABLE RATE**  
39 **DEMAND/FIXED RATE REVENUE BONDS (WILLIAM HILL MANOR FACILITY) SERIES 2008B**  
40 **ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,180,000; (2) ADD TO THE**  
41 **DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITY (AS DESCRIBED AND DEFINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 5920)**  
42 **AND (3) EXTEND THE TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION**  
43 **NO. 5920."**

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45 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried, Resolution No. 5939 passed  
46 unanimously following a roll call vote.

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48 **RESOLUTION NO. 5943, "A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF EASTON (THE "TOWN"),**  
49 **SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 543 OF THE TOWN (THE "ORDINANCE") RELATING TO**  
50 **THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS (AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED),**  
51 **PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND TENOR OF THE BONDS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
52 **FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS AT PUBLIC SALE, INCLUDING THE FORM OF**  
53 **THE NOTICE OF SALE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS AND**  
54 **ALL OTHER DETAILS INCIDENT TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS,**  
55 **PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROMPT**  
56 **PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND**  
57 **PLEDGING THE TOWN'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND UNLIMITED TAXING POWER TO**  
58 **THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUCH PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING THE**  
59 **ISSUANCE OF A NOTE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS."**

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61 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried, Resolution No. 5943 passed  
62 unanimously following a roll call vote.

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64 **RESOLUTION NO. 5944, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING AN**  
65 **AMENDED "INTERIM AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE TOWN AND MARYLAND**  
66 **COOPERATIVE."**

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1 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried, Resolution No. 5944 passed  
2 unanimously following a roll call vote.

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4 **ORDINANCE NO. 544, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING ORDINANCE**  
5 **461 WHICH GRANTED THE APPLICATION OF ELM STREET DEVELOPMENT, LC FOR AN**  
6 **AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO MODIFY THE**  
7 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFF-SITE AFFORDABLE HOMES."**

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9 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried, Ordinance No. 544 passed 3 to  
10 1 with Ms. Jackson-Amis voting no.

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12 **MR. JOE SCHWANINGER AND CONTRACTORS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING**  
13 **CONCERNS OF THE PERMITS AND BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS**

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15 Mr. Karge advised that Mr. Schwaninger had met with Mayor Willey, Mr. Richardson and himself and  
16 may have had his concerns addressed or may decide to go to court for a decision.

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18 Ms. Jackson-Amis stated that she has been in contact with Mr. Schwaninger and felt that the council  
19 needs to take up some of these issues and discuss the impacts of fines on some of the citizens. She  
20 stated that she suggested Mr. Schwaninger bring his questions and concerns to the Council.

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22 Mr. Karge stated that revisions to the Building Code language would be forthcoming.

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24 Ms. Jackson-Amis stated that she has asked constituents to bring their concerns to the Council.

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26 **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

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28 Mrs. Laurel Burgess, 301 Choptank Avenue discussed speeding violations near her residence. She  
29 asked for additional speed signs and/or bus stop signs. She stated that the neighborhood is evolving  
30 and is a place that may be a good site for attention to how traffic is handled.

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32 Ms. Jackson-Amis asked that the Assistant to the Town Engineer be made aware of her concerns.

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34 Mr. Karge stated that he will contact the police department for their review of the situation.

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36 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$733,900.56**

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38 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen, invoices totaling \$733,900.56 were  
39 approved for payment with Ms. Jackson-Amis abstaining.

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41 **ADJOURNMENT**

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43 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Jackson-Amis and carried unanimously; President  
44 Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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47 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk