

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68

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

March 16, 2009

PRESENT AT CONVENING

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey
9 Council President John F. Ford
10 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
11 Councilmember Scott R. Jensen
12 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
13 Councilmember Moonyene Jackson-Amis

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, Assistant Town Attorney Steve Kehoe, Building Code Official Mr. Richardson, Town Planner Mr. Hamilton, Long Range Planner Mr. Thomas, Town Clerk Ms. Ruf, Easton Utilities President & CEO Hugh E. Grunden and Assistant to the Town Engineer Mr. Brian Hause..

CONVENING

At 7:00 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 FEBRUARY 2 AND FEBRUARY 17, 2009 MEETINGS

Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the February 2 and February 17 meetings were approved as written.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY

Mayor Willey stated that the rough first draft budgets have been received from the departments and the workshops will be during the week of April 7. He stated that they will be opened to the public the week of April 21. The new candidates for office will also be invited.

Mayor Willey recommended that the meeting on May 4 be changed to May 5 due to the upcoming election.

Mayor Willey advised that Mr. Larry Neviasser has resigned from the Affordable Housing Board and the Easton Utilities Commission has an opening on their Board.

Ms. Jackson-Amis asked that stimulus money applied for specifically benefit Ward IV and the property on east end. She asked what the submission deadline is for projects.

Upon motion by Ms. Jackson-Amis seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; the meeting date for the first meeting in May was changed to Tuesday, May 5 due to the Town election.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR MULBERRY STATION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION CARAMARC PARK DAY

Mr. Jensen presented a proclamation to Mr. Frank Caramanica and Ms. Charlene Marcum for their diligence in getting Lenfest to donate 11 acres for a park for the Mulberry Station Homeowners.

EVFD REPORT

Mr. Jamie McNeal reported on the February activities. He discussed recent budget hearings with Talbot County Council.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Karge asked for approval for the following public assembly permits:

- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Parade and Potato Race
- April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, Sept 5, Oct. 3 – Chesapeake Classic Car Club Weekly Cruise In
- April 26, Sept. 26 – Chesapeake Classic Car Club Spring & Fall Shows

- 1 • May 2 – Multicultural Festival
- 2 • Oct. 4 – Easton High School’s 5K Run/Walk
- 3 • April 18 – December 19, every Saturday and every Wednesday; Farmer’s Market starting late
- 4 summer.

5
6 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; the public
7 assembly permits were approved.

8
9 **ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING**

10
11 Mr. Karge asked permission to award All Shore Paving’s bid for the maintenance contract of
12 \$77,967.05.

13
14 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; the maintenance
15 contract for All Shore Paving was approved for \$77,967.05.

16
17 Mr. Wendowski asked that Mr. Karge forward a list of the streets that would be affected.

18
19 Mr. Karge stated that the Mental Health Association is holding their 15th Annual Charity Antiques
20 Show at the Waterfowl Festival Building March 20th through March 22. They are asking permission to
21 put the banner up at Talbottown pending Council approval.

22
23 Upon motion by Ms. Jackson-Amis, seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; permission was
24 granted.

25
26 **MR. BILL WOLINSKY, TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS TO PRESENT OVERVIEW**
27 **OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND GRANT**

28
29 Mayor Willey stated that this is the first of a series of projects that will be undertaken on Tanyard
30 Branch that will help the drainage on the east side of town.

31
32 Mr. Ray Clark described the award of the grant. He thanked the Mayor and Council and the County
33 Council for their support. He discussed the award of the grants and the partnerships with the multi
34 jurisdictions.

35
36 Mr. Wolinsky, Environmental Engineer discussed the concerns about the pollution throughout the
37 state. He discussed the overview of the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund Grant
38 presented by Mr. Clark.

39
40 Mr. Jensen discussed the two acre pond.

41
42 Mr. Clark will provide updates.

43
44 **PUBLIC HEARING TO OFFER THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE**
45 **POTENTIAL SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON LOCATED AT**
46 **126 PORT STREET, UNIT 3.**

47
48 At 7:50 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing to discuss the potential sale of property owned
49 by the Town of Easton at 126 Port Street, Unit 3.

50
51 Mr. Ford read into the record a letter submitted by the Talbot County Housing Authority which could
52 not be present.

53
54 Ms. Jackson-Amis stated that when this had first surfaced, she had suggested that discussions take
55 place with the Neighborhood Service Center. She stated that since that time, she has had discussions
56 with Board Chairman Walter Black who has advised that there is a desire on the part of Neighborhood
57 Service Center to expand and utilize the facility. In light of that, Fred’s Army yields to the needs and
58 considerations of the Neighborhood Service Center.

59
60 Mr. Walter Black, Board Chairperson; Neighborhood Service Center thanked the Council for the
61 opportunity to appear before the Council and introduced members of the Board. Ms. Sandra Redd,
62 Executive Director discussed programs for Talbot County. She stated that they provide programs for
63 150 households per month. She stated that they feed approximately 300 individuals and the numbers
64 continue to rise. Ms. Redd discussed the opportunity to grow should they have the extra space. Ms.
65 Redd discussed the Energy Assistance Program.

1
2 Mr. Reggie Phillips, Board member discussed the capacity of the Center. He discussed the needs of the
3 kitchen and how the Neighborhood Service Center could use the upstairs kitchen.
4
5 Repairs and drainage issues were discussed. Mr. Vito discussed roof repairs that were accomplished.
6
7 Mr. Corey Pack discussed why there was a reconsideration for the space. He discussed his concerns for
8 the renovations. He stated that he does not want to see any staff or children in that space until the
9 repairs are made due to the safety issue. Mr. Pack stated that it is necessary to secure the funds for the
10 repairs for this building. He stated that he is supporting the Neighborhood Service Center's request for
11 the space.
12
13 Ms. Jackson-Amis stated that there may be some developers that may be interested in helping with
14 repairs.
15
16 Mr. Black thanked the Council for the time.
17
18 At 8:23 President Ford closed the public hearing and stated that he will accept comments until the
19 close of business on Friday.
20
21 **ORDINANCE NO. 546, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**
22 **TOWN OF EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE"**
23
24 Ms. Jackson-Amis thought there would be some language for application in case there should be a
25 need for additional time for portable on demand storage units.
26
27 Mr. Thomas stated that this could be amended.
28
29 Mr. Jensen made a motion that No. 8 be dropped.
30
31 Mr. Wendowski asked at what size does at shed require a permit.
32
33 Mr. Thomas stated 150 square feet.
34
35 Mr. Wendowski stated that he wants No. 3 left out (8H).
36
37 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Jackson-Amis and carried unanimously, Ordinance No.
38 546 was passed unanimously as amended following a roll call vote.
39
40 **ORDINANCE NO. 547, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING**
41 **CHAPTER 14 LICENSE AND CHAPTER 6 BUILDING CODE FOR THE REGULATION OF**
42 **ELECTRICIANS"**
43
44 Upon motion by Ms. Jackson-Amis seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously, Ordinance No.
45 547 passed following a roll call vote.
46
47 **RESOLUTION NO. 5946, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING**
48 **THE 2009 GAS SERVICE TARIFF REVISIONS PROPOSED BY THE EASTON UTILITIES**
49 **COMMISSION"**
50
51 Upon motion by Mr. Ford seconded by Ms. Malone, Resolution No. 5946 was defeated 3 to 2 with Mr.
52 Jensen, Mr. Wendowski and Ms. Jackson Amis voting no.
53
54 **RESOLUTION NO. 5947, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING**
55 **EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF**
56 **EASTON AND SARAH EHLEY JUMP KAGAN AND ELIZABETH ELEY FLEMING,**
57 **TRUSTEES ADDRESSING THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORMWATER**
58 **MANAGEMENT FACILITY TO SERVE THE TANYARD BRANCH WATERSHED ON**
59 **PROPERTY OWNED BY SARAH ELEY JUMP KAGAN AND ELIZABETH ELEY**
60 **FLEMING, TRUSTEES"**
61
62 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously; Resolution No.
63 5947 was passed following a roll call vote.
64
65

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22

REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$5,710,994.58

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$5,710,994.58 were approved for payment.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Malone briefed the council on the neighborhood meeting held March 15 at the Easton Firehouse.

Mr. Wendowski stated that the Talbot County Senior Center Grand Opening is scheduled for July 3.

Ms. Jackson-Amis stated that on April 4 there will be a cleanup at Glenwood Avenue and the bypass. She stated that there will be a youth program this summer for Be a Star.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Jackson-Amis and carried unanimously; President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk