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MINUTES  
Town of Easton Council Meeting  
July 19, 2010 – 7:00 PM

**7:00 PM PRESENT AT CONVENING**

Mayor Robert C. Willey, Council President John F. Ford, Councilmember Kelley K. Malone, Councilmember Pete Leshner, Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Councilmember Megan M. Cook

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch, Lynn Thomas and Zach Smith from the Planning & Zoning Department, and Jackie Knopp for the Town Clerk.

**CONVENING**

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

Ms. Cook opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2010 MEETING.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes with corrections as submitted by Mr. Leshner were approved.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY**

Mayor Willey passed out the Easton Police Department's Organization Chart to the Council Members for their review.

Mr. Wendowski asked about a \$1,000.00 Permit fee for re-roofing.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER**

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS.**

Mr. Karge asked for approval for the following Public Assembly Permits as recommended by the Easton Police Department.

- PLEIN AIR EASTON QUICK DRAW COMPETITION, Saturday July 24, 2010 from 1000-1400 hrs.

LOCATION: South Harrison Street

DATE/TIME: Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 1000-1400 hrs.

Note: This next event is a second event the day after the previous listing

- PLEIN AIR EASTON QUICK DRAW COMPETITION, Sunday July 25, 2010 from 1000-1600 hrs.

LOCATION: South Harrison Street

DATE/TIME: Sunday July 25, 2010 from 1000-1600 hrs.

- THERE WAS ALSO A REQUEST FOR 4 PARKING SPACES AT THOMPSON PARK on the Washington Street side be reserved for loading and unloading by a group of artists from 7:00 a.m. and break-down from 5-8 p.m.

- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, Tuesday August 3, 2010 from 1700-2100 hrs.

LOCATION: Moton Park

DATE/TIME: Tuesday August 3, 2010 from 1700-2100 hrs.

- EASTON 300<sup>TH</sup> COMMUNITY DINNER, Sunday August 22, 2010 from 1500-1900 hrs.

LOCATION: Harrison Street between Dover and Goldsborough

DATE/TIME: Sunday August 22, 2010 from 1500-1900 hrs.

- 63 ○ PEACE VIGIL, Tuesday September 21, 2010 from 1700-1800 hrs –Rain Date Thursday,  
64 September 23, 2010 from 1700-1800 hrs.  
65 LOCATION: Thompson Park  
66 DATE/TIME: Tuesday September 21, 2010 from 1700-1800 hrs, - Rain Date Thursday,  
67 September 23, 2010 from 1700-1800 hrs.  
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70 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Cook the Public Assembly events as  
71 recommended by the Easton Police Department were approved.  
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73 Mr. Karge stated that there will be a rebuild of a portion of Corbin Parkway between Dutchman’s Lane  
74 and Nancy Street on or around July 22, 2010.  
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76 Mr. Karge also stated that there was a request from the State Highway Administration to widen a portion  
77 of Route 328 between U.S.50 and Elliott Road and place a median.  
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79 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Ford the request from the State Highway  
80 Administration was approved.  
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82 Mr. Karge presented a request from the Finance Office of Talbot County for abatement of taxes of 2  
83 properties, one for \$119.60 and \$269.36.  
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85 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mr. Wendowski the request for abatement of taxes of 2  
86 properties was approved.  
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88 Mr. Karge stated that the Chief of Police brought up a concept that the FOP was willing to assume  
89 responsibility for the Wade A. Roche Memorial Golf Tournament. The proceeds raised usually goes  
90 towards Educational Law Enforcement Grants. It was recommended that the net balance of \$19,768.32  
91 from previous golf tournaments should be transferred to the FOP.  
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93 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone the proceeds of the Wade A. Roche  
94 Memorial Golf Tournament, total balance being \$19,768.32, be transferred to the FOP was  
95 approved.  
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97 Mr. Wendowski asked about money on hand of \$10,000.00 for a Police Athletic League.  
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99 Mr. Karge explained the Property Tax Calculation in regards to the Homestead.  
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101 Mr. Karge extended the Town of Easton’s condolences for Mr. George Roberts’s family. Mr. Roberts  
102 was the CFO for Easton Utilities.  
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104 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**  
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106 Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch had no items to bring before the Council.  
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108 Mr. Bill Hall presented ideas to improve public parking access and commerce in the downtown business  
109 district.  
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111 President Ford asked Mr. Hall to contact Maureen Scott-Taylor and the Parking Committee with his  
112 ideas.  
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114 Mr. Karge introduced Katie Clendaniel as the new Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of  
115 Easton.  
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117 **7:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING**  
118 **COMMISSION’S ANNUAL PACKAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE**  
119 **TOWN’S ZONING ORDINANCE.**  
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121 Lynn Thomas and Zach Smith discussed the 28 proposed Planning & Zoning changes.  
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123 President Ford opened the Hearing for Public comment at 7:55 p.m.  
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125 Ted Bautz, representing The Talbot County Chamber of Commerce presented the views of the  
126 Chamber of Commerce.  
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128 Ryan Showalter discussed the term “trailer” and the language regarding Banners.  
129 He also commented on the views from Shore Health Systems regarding landscaping  
130 requirements.

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132 Wayne Hall, Commander of Post 70 American Legion is in favor of allowing not for profit  
133 agencies to place temporary fund raising signage..  
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135 The Public Hearing was closed at 8:10 by President Ford. Written comments will be accepted  
136 until the end of the business day Friday, July 23, 2010.  
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139 **Consensus on the request of Easton Investments II, owner of Block “C” of the**  
140 **Lakeland’s PUD Subdivision. The developers are requesting twenty-four (24)**  
141 **additional units in Block “C” increasing the total units in the block from the**  
142 **twenty-nine (29) currently approved units to a total of fifty-three (53) units.**  
143 **They are also requesting approval of new architecture for the units in Block**  
144 **“C.”**  
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146 The consensus was not to approve either Scenario A or B.  
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148 Mr. Showalter respectfully requested the Council not to introduce an ordinance at this time and  
149 possibly to re-open the Public Hearing following additional review by the developer.  
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151 A motion was made by Mr. Leshner, second by Mr. Wendowski, and carried to table the  
152 consideration of this application to a later date to allow more time for possible changes to the  
153 plans and re-open the Public Hearing.  
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155 **Approval of invoices from 6/23/10 to 7/14/10 totaling \$708,808.18.**  
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157 Upon motion by Ms. Malone, seconded by Ms. Cook, invoices from 6/23/10 to 7/14/10 totaling  
158 \$708,808.18 were approved.  
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160 **Items by Members of the Council:**  
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162 Ms. Malone stated that Easton Airport was hosting a Public Hearing regarding the  
163 Environmental Assessment on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
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165 Mr. Leshner had no items to bring before the Council.  
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167 Mr. Wendowski announced that 9 candidates had earned the Eagle Badge.  
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169 Ms. Cook extended an invitation to National Night Out on August 3, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00  
170 p.m. hosted by the Easton Police Department, Parks and Recreation, and the Talbot County  
171 Council.  
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173 At 8:37 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone, President Ford adjourned  
174 the regularly scheduled meeting.  
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