

MINUTES
Town of Easton Council Meeting
November 15, 2010

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. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Ms. Sharon VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

CONVENING

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

OPENING REMARKS BY MRS. COOK AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mrs. Cook opened the meeting with remarks and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked that thoughts be with the Reed family as the former councilmember Carl B. Reed passed this weekend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the November 1, 2010 meetings were approved.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey introduced Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation to discuss the RTC property. He discussed the proposal for the grant.

President Ford stated that it is agreed that components will go somewhere on the site but it has not been determined where things will actually be placed.

Ms. Malone thanked Mrs. Gould and Mayor Willey for their hard work on the progression of the RTC property.

Mr. Don Hildebrandt, RTC Task Force thanked everyone for their hard work getting to this point.

Mayor Willey advised that the Holiday Parade will be held on December 4, at 6:00 PM. He stated that the Council is asked to be present to judge the Christmas floats.

Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton has received \$50,000 for Community Legacy for the Façade Improvement program.

Mr. Stanley Morris, a Public Works employee will retire after 38 years with the Town of Easton. An Open House will be held for Mr. Morris on November 24 at Public Works.

Mayor Willey stated that he has received one Tree Board nomination; Mr. Roger Bollman. He asked that the Council please submit names for consideration.

Mr. Wendowski asked that Mr. Phillips from Easton Club be considered. Mayor Willey asked Mr. Wendowski to forward information on Mr. Phillips.

Mayor Willey stated that the Annual Tree Lighting will be December 3.

Mayor Willey discussed fundraisers for Easton High School's Senior Class.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge stated that the Waterfowl Festival was a large success. He stated that the Public Works Department had done a great job to get the town ready. Easton Police Department had only minor issues during the festivities.

Mr. Brian Hause, Assistant to Town Engineer discussed upcoming projects and upgrades. He discussed upgrades to the Brewer's Lane parking lot and sidewalks around town.

Mr. Hause discussed the Tanyard Branch wetland project.

Mr. Wendowski asked if Idlewild and Route 50 could be re-stripped.

Mr. Hause stated that plans will be available for council review.

Automated trash collection is scheduled to take place in Golton in December. Calvert Terrace area is working well with the new automated collection.

Mr. Karge advised that an invitation has been received from Mr. Ryan Showalter for meeting December 1 with Hyde Park residents to discuss the potential for annexation.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Ms. VanEmburch was asked about the possibility for a Town Noise Ordinance. Ms. VanEmburch stated that she needs more direction. President Ford asked the Council to feed suggestions to Town Attorney regarding this matter.

PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKS MONTH.

Mr. Leshar read the Proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month into the record.

PRESIDENT AND CEO EASTON UTILITIES HUGH GRUNDEN TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON FY2010 AND PROJECTS FOR FY2011.

Mr. Grunden was present to discuss Easton Utilities services, FY10 accomplishments and FY11 projects.

LETTER FROM SECOND VP CHUCK GRUSSING EASTON LIONS CLUB REQUESTING PERMISSION TO USE TOWN LOT BETWEEN AMISH MARKET AND VFW TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously permission was granted.

ORDINANCE NO. 582, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE 461, WHICH GRANTED THE AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ELM STREET DEVELOPMENT, LC, TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RENOVATIONS AND/OR RESTORATIONS."

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 582 was passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Mr. Wendowski asked if the 25 affordable units are included. Ms. VanEmburch stated that this does not apply to those units.

7:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 5973.

At 8:05 p.m., President Ford opened Public Hearing.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that this is actually a pass through for the bonds. She stated that this enables William Hill Manor to get rates and terms of government bonds with government not having to pledge; this is strictly a refinancing and does not involve new money just better terms and better tax provisions.

President Ford opened the public hearing for comments.

Ms. Donna Taylor, Executive Director William Hill Manor for 29 years was present. She discussed the purpose for the refinancing. She stated that this would give them the opportunity to service debt at much more attractive rate.

Ms. Taylor stated that she appreciates what the town has done for them. Ms. Taylor discussed renovations and expansions. She stated that the facility is a state of art services for residents.

President Ford closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. He stated that the record will be kept open until end of week for public comments with a formal vote on the resolution on December 6.

RESOLUTION NO. 5973, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY TOWN OF EASTON, PURSUANT TO THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ACT, AS ITS LIMITED OBLIGATIONS AND NOT UPON A PLEDGE OF ITS FAITH AND CREDIT OR TAXING POWER, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS BONDS (AS DEFINED IN SUCH ACT) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,200,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF (A) REFUNDING THE OUTSTANDING TOWN OF EASTON VARIABLE RATE DEMAND/FIXED RATE REVENUE BONDS (WILLIAM HILL MANOR FACILITY) SERIES 2008A, 2009A AND 2009C ISSUED IN ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$26,745,000, ..." (SEE RESOLUTION NO. 5973 FOR COMPLETE TITLE).

REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$674,656.58.

1 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$674,656.58
2 were approved for payment.

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4 **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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6 Ms. Malone enjoyed the Easton Volunteer Fire Department's Bull Roast. She stated that the Waterfowl Festival
7 was terrific as well.

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9 Mrs. Cook wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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11 President Ford stated that former Councilmember Mr. Carl Reed had recently passed and he sends condolences
12 to his family.

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14 President Ford stated that December 6 is the swearing in of new county council at the Talbot County Historical
15 Society which is the same date as the Town Council's next Council meeting. He congratulated all the new
16 members and those that ran in the past election. President Ford thanked Councilmembers Harrison and Foster for
17 their hard work.

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19 **ADJOURN**

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21 At 8:21 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshar, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford
22 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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26 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk
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