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

January 18, 2011

PRESENT AT CONVENING

8 Council President John F. Ford
9 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
10 Councilmember Pete Lesher
11 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
12 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
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IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, the Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch, Economic Development Director Mrs. Scott Taylor and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.

CONVENING

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

Mrs. Cook opened the meeting with remarks and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2011 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Lesher seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting were approved as prepared.

President Ford advised that Mayor Willey will be late and his items will be brought forth upon his arrival.

President Ford advised that Mrs. Scott-Taylor would not be present to discuss parking this evening as she is attending a Parking Commission meeting tonight re-scheduled due to inclement weather. He stated that she will report at the next meeting.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Karge discussed crosswalks in the downtown and the need to expand them to some degree. He stated that the Public Works is about to begin that effort which may result in a temporary loss of parking spaces.

Mr. Karge stated that the Easton Police Department has forwarded Public Assembly request for The Second Annual Bar-B-Que Championship. He stated that a representative related to the event is present for that request.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mrs. VanEmburch stated that as a follow up to the Shore Health System workshop recently held, another workshop will be scheduled in the near future.

INTRODUCTION OF EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS FOR 2011.

Chief Jamie McNeal was present to introduce the following Line Officers for 2011:

Chief Engineer: Mr. Clyde Dickie

4th Lt. John Compton

3rd Lt. JR Dobson

2nd Lt. John Harrison

1st Lt. Lyle Fuller

Capt. Tim Holland

Asst. Chief Sonny Jones

President Tim McNeal

Trustee Ed Lynch

Chief McNeal discussed yearly statistics and stated that there have been 961 total calls and 28 drills.

Chief McNeal discussed a recent meeting with Code Enforcement Officers regarding the Knox Box.

President Ford stated that the Easton Volunteer Fire Department members make a huge contribution to the community with much dedication. He expressed gratitude for their hard work.

69 President McNeal discussed recent fund drive efforts.

70 Chief McNeal discussed The Patriot's Committee which will honor the September 11 victims.

71 Mayor Willey joined the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

72 **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

73 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner, the following appointments were approved:

74 Reappointment – Mr. Tom McDavid, Talbot County Housing Board for a five year term.

75 Appointment – Mr. Tim Glass, Talbot County Housing Board for a five year term.

76 Re-appointment – Mr. Brad Watts, Board of Appeals.

77 Mayor Willey stated that Mr. Watts is pressed for time and would prefer a replacement for his appointment.

78 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY**

79 Mayor Willey discussed the Municipal Tax Authority suggestions coming from the House of Delegates. He stated that there are also recommendations regarding the restoration of funds; possibly by 2015 for Highway User taxes.

80 Mayor Willey stated that the Tax Fee that goes thru the flush tax may increase to \$15 per quarter. He stated that this tax is imposed by state.

81 Mayor Willey stated that progress is being made on the Frederick Douglass statue. He stated that some of the work will be accomplished when temperatures improve.

82 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT**

83 Ms. Lisa Hayes was present on behalf of The Second Annual Bar-B-Que Championship. She stated that the main change would be the request for amusement rides. She stated that they intend to market to church youth groups. Ms. Hayes stated that this will be an alcohol free event with a family environment.

84 Ms. Hayes stated that adding a carnival component may require security as they expect a larger crowd.

85 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly Permit was approved contingent on Easton Police department approval.

86 **BISHOP JOEL JOHNSON TO INTRODUCE ST. AUBINS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.**

87 Bishop Joel Johnson discussed the Neighborhood Association, their mission and discussed who could join.

88 Bishop Joel introduced members of the St. Aubins Neighborhood Association:

89 Officers: Bishop Joel Marcus Johnson, President: Nancy Espenhorst, Secretary Treasurer

90 Formation Committee: Jim and Sharen Apple, Brenda and Ralph DeLalla, Nancy and Herman Espenhorst, Dr.

91 Amber Golshani, Walt Johnson, Elizabeth K. Kelly, Honorable Kelley Malone, Ian Scott-Taylor, Bryan and

92 Kristi Shaw, Cynthia A. Singh, Brian and Cherie Spector and Sean VanEvera.

93 Ms. Malone thanked Bishop Joel for his presence.

94 President Ford discussed positive interaction for neighborhoods and Town Council.

95 **MR. STEVE FURMAN TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING CHANGING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE AND THE REVIEW OF METER ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRODUCTIVITY.**

96 Mr. Furman, 1 South Washington Street discussed a recent ticket and a change in the regulations. Mr. Furman asked that the ordinance be amended to enable downtown residents to be able to park near their residences.

97 Mr. Ford asked that the details of the situation be sent to the council for review with staff in order to review and make a recommendation.

98 **PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT CITATIONS.**

99 Chairman Roger Bollman presented the following Citations of Excellence in Historic Preservation to:

135 Owner: Mr. George Corey, 216 Bay Street
136 Owner: Mr. Barclay Upchurch, 14 North Hanson Street
137 Owner: Mr. Al Bond, 212 Brookletts Avenue,
138 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Gibson, 408 August Street
139 Owner: Mr. David Smith, 209 Goldsborough Street

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141 **2010 HISTORIC DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT.**

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143 Chairman Roger Bollman presented the 2010 Historic District Annual Report. He discussed the statistics for
144 numbered applications, appeals and awards.

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146 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$743,844.42.**

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148 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$743,844.42
149 were approved for payment.

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151 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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153 Ms. Malone invited the community to the St. Aubins' Association meeting Thursday 7:00 p.m. at the
154 Presbyterian Church.

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156 Mrs. Cook discussed the Martin Luther King Tournament held yesterday. She stated that there were over 400
157 participants.

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159 **ADJOURN**

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161 At p.m., 7:56 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously; President Ford
162 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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165 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk