

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

February 21, 2012

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John Ford
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Sr., Town Planner Mr. Lynn B. Thomas, the Town Attorney Ms. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

CONVENING

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

OPENING PRAYER BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 6 AND FEBRUARY 8, 2012 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the January 18, February 6 and February 8, 2012 meetings were approved with corrections.

ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Willey presented a power point presentation discussing a six month fiscal overview of the Town of Easton's status. He discussed completed capital projects as well as selected capital projects pending and currently in progress.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Mr. Karge stated that the completed, approved audit is now on the Town's web page.

Mr. Karge advised that the N Aurora Street corridor solid waste pickup will be going to automated tipper cans.

Mr. Karge stated that the RTC Park water hookup will occur next week.

Mr. Karge discussed the Maryland Energy Efficient Grant. He stated that the grant is in the amount of \$53,652 and will be used on this building. Mr. Karge asked for the council to award the bid to the low bidder subject to the conditions of the MD Energy Association.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the bid was approved.

Mr. Karge stated that if the Council chooses not to act on Ord. No. 589, he requests permission to address council with another request regarding the purchase of the recycle receptacles.

President Ford stated that he did not see any reason Ord. No. 589 would not be acted on this evening.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that discussion occurred at the Planning Commission meeting regarding the LED signs. She stated that the Planning and Zoning recommendations will be forwarded to the Council for consideration and direction.

ORDINANCE NO. 589, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING ARTICLES II AND III OF CHAPTER 11 PERTAINING TO GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND RECYCLING AND REFUSE AND RECYCLING DISPOSAL CHARGES."

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 589 was approved 4 to 1 with Mr. Wendowski abstaining.

President Ford asked that contract negotiations include clauses which stipulate that the sorting facility guarantee percentages go back into stream.

ORDINANCE NO. 594, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ESTABLISHING A REHABILITATION ZONE IN THE TOWN OF EASTON AND PROVIDING FOR TAX CREDITS AND FEE WAIVERS FOR REHABILITATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE REHABILITATION ZONE.”

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 594 was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 596, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE X ENTITLED “SCHOOL ZONES” TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL ZONES WITHIN THE TOWN AND MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL ROADS WITHIN THOSE SCHOOL ZONES AND A NEW ARTICLE XI, ENTITLED “SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS” TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION AND USE OF SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL ZONES IN THE TOWN.”

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 596 was approved.

DISCUSSION OF EASTON MARKETPLACE PUD AMENDMENT.

Mr. Thomas discussed a revision for a portion of the Easton Marketplace Shopping Center. He discussed concerns from the owner.

Mr. Thomas determined that this does not represent a material change to the Shopping Center. He stated that the Planning Commission also agrees that this does not represent a material change.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the council concurred with the findings of the Town Planner regarding the Easton Marketplace PUD Amendment.

REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$858,091.52.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$858,091.52 were approved.

ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk