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4 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
5 **Easton Town Hall**
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June 16, 2014

PRESENT AT CONVENING

11 Mayor Robert C. Willey 14
12 Council President John Ford 15 Councilmember Pete Leshar
13 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone 16 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.

Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Assistant Town Attorney Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

Mrs. Cook was excused.

OPENING REMARKS BY MS. MALONE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Ms. Malone gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2014 MEETING.

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mayor Willey stated that the town has received a grant in the amount of \$13,557 for trees from Chesapeake Bay Trust Foundation.

Mayor Willey stated that Ms. Kathy Garcia had been in contact with the Town of Easton regarding a dog park in Easton. He stated that Mrs. Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Easton would take the project to the Park Board for consideration after meeting with Ms. Garcia. Mayor Willey stated that there is no funding for a dog park in the upcoming budget.

Mr. Wendowski asked for a budget from EEDC.

Mayor Willey stated that Ms. Tracy Ward is to give a quarterly update.

Mayor Willey discussed the permits in the review process.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

Town Manager Mr. Karge discussed the Annual Elks Parade scheduled for June 29. Mr. Karge stated that Easton Police Department is recommending approval. Mr. Wendowski asked for cost estimate.

Mr. Karge asked for council approval for the Easton's Carnival, 4th of July Celebration and the July 4th Annual Sidewalk Sale in Lot 1.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly Events as recommended by Easton Police Department were approved.

MR. KENNETH D. KOZEL, PRESIDENT AND CEO TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH.

Mr. Kozel provided a status update of the Shore Regional Health organization and what they consider to be the community they serve.

Mr. Kozel discussed changes in the state level. He discussed the Affordable Health Care Act and how it is affecting Shore Health System. He stated that Shore Regional Health launched a strategic plan that was unanimously approved by their Board.

69 Mr. Kozel stated that they are creating a healthier community together. He stated that they want to be the regions'
70 leader in patients' care. They have instilled new values which include respect, integrity, teamwork, excellence and
71 service.

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73 Mr. Kozel discussed the five major key goals to ensure success: 1) taking care of patients first; 2) be smart how we
74 can use innovation; 3) access to care; 4) team strength and 5) financial strength and success. Mr. Kozel stated that
75 Shore Regional Health recently lost eight million dollars but in June, they were back into being a profitable
76 organization. Mr. Kozel stated that they have built pay raises into the budget for their staff. He stated that they
77 appreciate the Town and County's support through their turbulent time. Shore Health is aligned now with a new
78 vision. Ms. Willis will forward a copy to the Mayor and Council of SHS's strategic plan. Mr. Kozel discussed the
79 steady decline in hospital admissions. He stated that they need to evaluate what needs to be built. Ms. Willis
80 discussed managing chronic diseases. Mr. Kozel and Ms. Willis stated that they are committed to sitting down with
81 elected officials to evaluate their construction timetable.

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83 Mr. Leshar discussed his continuing support for Shore Regional Health.

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85 **RESOLUTION NO. 6031, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ADOPTING THE**
86 **WINDMILL BRANCH WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN."**

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88 Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6031 was
89 approved with Mrs. Cook absent.

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91 **MS. NANCY ANDREW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHOPTANK TO**
92 **ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT**
93 **APPLICATION.**

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95 Ms. Andrew was present to discuss the Community Investment Tax Credit Application and Resolution No. 6032.

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97 **RESOLUTION NO. 6032, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROJECT BY HABITAT FOR**
98 **HUMANITY CHOPTANK PROJECT: TO CREATE THREE NEW AFFORDABLE HOME**
99 **OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME HOME BUYERS IN THE TOWN OF EASTON,**
00 **HAVING ALREADY ACQUIRED INFILL PROPERTIES FOR DEVELOPMENT, HABITAT**
01 **CHOPTANK WILL LEVERAGE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS WITH COMMUNITY**
02 **FUNDRAISING AND OTHER GRANTS TO FUND CONSTRUCTION COSTS. THE TAX CREDITS**
03 **WILL BE USED TO RAISE LOCAL DONATIONS TO FUND MECHANICAL COSTS (ELECTRICAL**
04 **AND PLUMBING), AND DRYWALL IN TWO OF THE THREE HOMES."**

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06 Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6032 was
07 approved with Mrs. Cook absent.

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09 **PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF CITIZENS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
10 **AND HOUSING NEEDS AND TO OFFER CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AN**
11 **APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION TO**
12 **EXTEND MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO TALBOT COMMERCE PARK,**
13 **LOCATED OFF GLEBE ROAD, NORTH OF ROUTE 322 IN EASTON, MARYLAND WHICH THE**
14 **TOWN OF EASTON PROPOSES TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2014.**

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16 At 7:57 p.m., President Ford opened the public hearing regarding the application for a community development
17 block grant to extend municipal water and sewer service to Talbot Commerce Park.

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19 Mr. Thomas discussed the scheduled public hearing. He stated this is the first of the required public hearings. Mr.
20 Thomas stated that it gives the public an opportunity to discuss the Talbot Commerce Park application for CDBG
21 funds to extend water and sewer. He discussed the possibility of annexing and extending water and sewer to Talbot
22 Commerce Park. He stated that the town may receive up to one million dollars to offset the cost of the road
23 upgrades. Mr. Thomas stated that a brief budget has been forwarded. He discussed the possibility of creating a
24 special taxing district for the property owners to enable them to pay over a ten year period. He stated that the Town
25 is working towards the annexation process. Conditions of the loan for property owners were discussed.

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27 President Ford discussed the difference to allow the town to apply for funding to assist with water and sewer at
28 Talbot Commerce Park versus the annexation resolution.

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30 President Ford asked for public comments. There were none.

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32 President Ford stated that public comments will be received until close of business Friday.

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34 At 8:10 p.m., President Ford closed the public hearing.

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36 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$663,661.77.**

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38 Upon motion by Mr. Lesher seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, the invoices were approved.
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40 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**
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42 Mr. Lesher discussed the Juneteenth celebration scheduled for Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Academy
43 Art Museum.
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45 Mr. Wendowski reminded everyone to vote June 24 in the Primary Election if they haven't had a chance to vote early.
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47 Mr. Wendowski stated that recently attended the Flag Day festivities with Mayor Willey at the Elk's on Saturday. He
48 stated that the community band did a wonderful job.
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50 President Ford wished congratulations to his favorite teacher of all time, Peggy Ford who is retiring after 37 years.
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52 **ADJOURN.**
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54 At 8:12 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Lesher, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford
55 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.
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59 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk