

1 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
2 **Easton Town Hall**
3 **14 S. Harrison Street**

4 August 17, 2015

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6 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**
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8 Mayor Robert C. Willey
9 Council President John Ford
10 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
11 Councilmember Pete Leshner
12 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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15 Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch and Town
16 Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

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18 **CALL TO ORDER.**

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

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22 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SILVERSTEIN AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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24 Mr. Silverstein gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2015 MEETING.**

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28 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the August 3, 2015
29 meeting were approved.

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31 **FIRE BOARD.**

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33 Mr. Sonny Jones, Trustee was present on behalf of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department.

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35 On behalf of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Jones thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity
36 to take the fire equipment to the State Firemen's Convention in Ocean City.

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38 Mr. Jones expressed concerns that the Fire Departments within Talbot County have shown a decrease in
39 applications for membership. He stated that the volunteer companies are pleading for volunteers. He asked those
40 interested to consider application as it is truly a service to your community.

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42 Mr. Jones stated that the painting is complete at the substation.

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44 Mr. Jones updated on upcoming events:

- 45 ○ October 4-10 Fire Prevention Week. Hear the beep when you sleep. He stressed the need for operational
46 fire alarms.
- 47 ○ September 26, 8:30 a.m. Annual Golf Tournament at Hog Neck Golf Course.
- 48 ○ November 14, Annual Bull Roast with Mike Hines; \$30 per person.

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50 Mr. Jones thanked the community for their participation and support.

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52 **ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

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54 Mayor Willey stated that he will be asking for the confirmation of Ms. Brenda Wooden to the Talbot County
55 Housing Authority at the next scheduled Council meeting.

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57 Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton is in the process of identifying sidewalks for demolition and
58 construction. He stated that the council needs to reach a consensus on the cost of sidewalks to residents in order to
59 get the process moving.

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61 Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton will be doing a September 11, 2001 Commemoration with Talbot
62 County at the West and Dover Street Memorial Walk.

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64 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

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66 Mr. Karge stated that he is in receipt of a request from Habitat for Humanity for abatements of the following 14
67 properties:
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- 70 ○ 01-002562 34 E/S Locust Street, Easton
- 71 ○ 01-008943 35 W/S Locust Street, Easton
- 72 ○ 01-011774 36 E/S Locust Street, Easton
- 73 ○ 01-015168 40 E/S Locust Street, Easton
- 74 ○ 01-024140 W/S Locust Street, Easton
- 75 ○ 01-010352 308 S/S South Street, Easton
- 76 ○ 01-026259 310 South Street, Easton
- 77 ○ 01-012215 211 N/S Port Street, Easton
- 78 ○ 01-024892 115 N/S Port Street, Easton
- 79 ○ 01-024973 29 W/S Pleasant Alley, Easton
- 80 ○ 01-002961 130 Hammond Street, Easton
- 81 ○ 01-198594 233 Port Street, Lot 2, Easton (new construction; expect sale in 2014)
- 82 ○ 01-011626 233 Port Street, Lot 1, Easton (new construction; expect sale in 2014)
- 83 ○ 01-079891 S/S Salmon Avenue, Easton (rehab, expect sale in 2015)

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85 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the waiver request for Habitat
86 for Humanity properties was approved.

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88 **CONSENSUS ON THE REQUEST OF WILLIAM B. STAGG OF LANE ENGINEERING INC., (AGENT)**
89 **ON BEHALF OF WALBRIDGE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS LLC, FOR A PLANNED UNIT**
90 **DEVELOPMENT (PUD) AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE**
91 **FIVE UNIT APARTMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 22 PLUM STREET.**
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93 It was the consensus of the Council to approve the request for the amendment with the changes as outlined by the
94 applicant which include landscaping improvements to the street side of the property, parking improvements and
95 trash containment.

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97 **RESOLUTION NO. 6056, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING A**
98 **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HODGES DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR THE ACQUISITION**
99 **AND REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES IN THE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD."**
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01 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6056 was approved.

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03 **ORDINANCE NO. 664, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON GRANTING THE**
04 **APPLICATION OF EASTON SENIOR CARE, LLC FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING**
05 **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS CANDLE LIGHT COVE (ORIGINALLY APPROVED**
06 **AS COLONIAL MANOR HOMES) UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EASTON ZONING**
07 **ORDINANCE."**
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09 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 644 was
10 approved.

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12 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$734,095.24.**
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14 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, invoices totaling \$734,095.24
15 were approved.

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17 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**
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19 Mr. Silverstein thanked the Town staff for the crosswalk and painting of the curb on Earle and Washington Street.

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21 Mr. Engle stated that on Friday, he walked around Easton Club East and looked at sidewalks. He discussed the policy
22 of increasing the length of time for a performance bond due to poor construction and poor materials.

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24 Mrs. Cook stated that the neighbors in the vicinity of Earle Avenue have expressed their appreciation for the apparent
25 improvements.

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27 Mrs. Cook thanked Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation for the outstanding job on the Maryland
28 State Little League Tournament held at North Easton Sports Complex.

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30 Mrs. Cook stated that Tuesday is the first day of school. She reminded everyone to be mindful of children.

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32 President Ford pointed out the value of citizen participation in the request for the amendment for Candlelight Cove.

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34 **ADJOURN.**
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36 At 7:20 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, President Ford
37 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.
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