

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

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6 June 15, 2015
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8 **PRESENT AT CONVENING.**
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10 Mayor Robert C. Willey
11 Council President John Ford
12 Councilmember Al Silverstein
13 Councilmember Pete Leshner
14 Councilmember Ron Engle
15 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

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17 Also in attendance were Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon
18 VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.
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20 **CALL TO ORDER.**
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22 **WORK SESSION WITH EASTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**
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24 President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
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26 Mr. Charlie H. Thornton, Structural Engineer, discussed Port Street Master Plan concept. EEDC
27 Board member and Chairman of the Port Street Committee. Summarized meeting minutes. Bring
28 up to date and discuss next steps.
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30 Mr. Herb Miller discussed proposed improvements to Port Street and possible funding from the
31 State of Maryland. He asked for ideas for the draft plan.
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33 Ms. Tracy Ward discussed a Port Street Master Plan Adoption Timeline. She asked for feedback,
34 dialogue and discussion from the Mayor and Council.
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36 President Ford asked when the public should be brought in for input.
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38 Zach Smith, Esq. discussed having the Council stand behind the draft plan concept in order to
39 decide whether to take the next steps.
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41 Mr. Silverstein stated that there may a concern on Port Street whether residents will be displaced.
42 Mrs. Cook stated that the community has been invited to meetings. She discussed available lots in
43 the vicinity.
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45 Mayor Willey discussed the 12 homes in the Hill Area that have condemned and the possibility of
46 loans to rehab those houses.
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48 Mrs. Cook suggested the Port Street Committee mimic Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's plan
49 regarding the boat yard.
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51 The Historical House at 924 Port Street where housing is proposed was discussed. Mr. Leshner
52 stated that it is sympathetic to what is proposed. Mr. Leshner stated that he sees a lot of things in
53 this plan he is in favor of.
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55 Mr. Miller stated that Governor Hogan has expressed a desire to help Easton.
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57 Mayor Willey discussed meshing current projects with proposed projects to accomplish goals.
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59 Mr. Leshner stated that the council has conveyed that they are going in the right direction.
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61 President Ford stated he is very interested in getting the project out in front of the public.
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63 **ADJOURN.**
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65 President Ford adjourned the work session at 6:51 p.m.
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68 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk