



Town Council AGENDA

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

5:30 PM: Call to Order by President Abbatiello.

Opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Rankin.

Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from the August 17 Code Workshop and August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Municipal Official Items.

Items by Mayor Cook.

Items by Town Manager

FY27 EPD Tahoe Purchase.

Recommendation to award a contract to Vertosoft, LLC for the OpenGov Permitting and Licensing Software.

Public Assembly Event: Resource Fair - September 26, 2026.

Public Assembly Event: EHS Homecoming Parade - October 2, 2026.

Public Assembly Event: Community Street Festival - October 2 & 3, 2026.

Public Assembly Event: Talbot Hospice 5K Walk/Run - November 28, 2026.

Disc Golf Recommendation from the Park Board.

Items by Town Attorney.

Presentation of Proclamation to Cadet 2nd Lt. Aurora DeJesus for receiving the CAP's Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award.

Public Hearings.

(cont'd.) PUBLIC HEARING to solicit public comment on Ord. No. 861, which proposes amendments to Chapter 28 of the Town Code (Zoning). The purpose of the proposed amendments is to revise the Code to make the Town's treatment of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) consistent with the provisions of recently enacted State Legislation and recommended best practices for such uses.

5:35PM PUBLIC HEARING to solicit public comment on two separate but related Ordinances. Ordinance No. 863, proposes to enact a temporary (12 month) moratorium on applications related to the use "Data Centers." Ordinance No. 864 proposes amendments to Chapter 28 of the Town Code (Zoning). The purpose of

the proposed zoning amendments is to revise the Code to create and define the term "Data Center" and to provide supplemental standards for this use.

Letter from Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Philip Toussaint supporting approval of proposed Ordinances No. 863 and 864.

Legislation.

Amended Res. No. 6224, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR A SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT."

Amended Res. No. 6225, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND A RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS."

Res. No. 6227, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FREEDOM ROWERS, INC. AND EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY ROWERS, INC. REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOATHOUSE AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES AT EASTON POINT PARK."

Ord. No. 861, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 28 (ZONING) OF THE TOWN CODE."

Ord. No. 863, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ADOPTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, CONSTRUCTION OF, EXPANSION OF, PROCESSING OF, OR ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF A DATA CENTER WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS PENDING CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS AND SUCH OTHER LEGISLATION AS THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE."

Ord. No. 864, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE USE DATA CENTER AND TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE."

Ord. No. 865, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CLOSING MOTON STREET, A PUBLIC STREET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A QUITCLAIM DEED OR OTHER INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE BY THE TOWN OF THE BED OF MOTON STREET TO BUILDING AFRICAN AMERICAN MINDS, INC. BUT RETAINING A UTILITY EASEMENT OVER MOTON STREET."

Public Participation/Comments.

Committee Reports by Members of the Council

Items by Members of the Council:

Adjournment.

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