



Town Council MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 4, 2022 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

4:45 PM Redistricting Workshop

At 4:45 p.m., the Town Attorney opened the meeting with discussion about re-districting and census. The Town Attorney, Mrs. VanEmburch discussed the history of re-districting. She asked what priorities the council thought about re-districting.

The Town Attorney stated she needs guidance from the council regarding the desire to keep the ward system as it is currently; if they still choose to be elected by members of their ward, four wards and what priorities the council is considering.

President Cook suggested keeping a minority ward.

Discussion occurred regarding the 1985 Voting Act Violation.

need to figure out the Hispanic part of it, the demographics of the rental property.

At 5:08 p.m., the council recessed, waiting for additional information.

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

At 5:30 p.m., President Cook called the meeting to order.

Opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Engle.

Councilmember Engle gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes.

Approval of minutes of March 21, 2022 meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Municipal Official Items.

Items by Mayor Willey.

Mayor Willey updated on an e-mail from Kody Cario regarding the project at Mistletoe Hall Park. He stated there are four pending contracts for business lots.

Mayor Willey discussed the budget meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. He stated it is in balance and any additions will require funding sources. Mayor Willey discussed insurance increases. He stated that benefits and salaries are 60% of the budget.

Items by Town Manager.

Public Assembly Event - 2022 Plein Air: 7/15 - 7/23/22

Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Rev. Davis and carried unanimously, Plein Air Public Assembly Event was approved.

Approval for Easton Point Park - Boat Ramp Design & Permitting

Upon motion by Mr. Abbatiello, seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, approval for Easton Point Park - Boat Ramp Design from Lane Engineering in the amount of \$38,000 was approved.

Mr. Richardson stated that revised park fees will be in the next packet as well as a bid for demolition of the building at Easton Point Park.

Mr. Richardson stated that Town of Easton handbook revisions will be forthcoming regarding benefits.

Items by Town Attorney.

The Town Attorney stated that drafted legislation regarding plastic bags will be in the next

packet. Mrs. VanEmburch stated she will need guidance to prepare legislation.

Legislation.

Ordinance No. 780, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT."

Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 780, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT" was approved.

Ordinance No. 781, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EASTON TO SELL LOT 7A AT MISTLETOE HALL COMMERCE-BUSINESS PARK TO C ESTATES, LLC."

President Cook set a public hearing for discussion of Ordinance No. 781 for April 18 at 5:35 p.m.

Public Participation/Comments.

Terrance Bailey brought shirts and mugs for the councilmembers. He discussed property in The Hill for possible cultural center.

Review of Invoices.

Invoices from 3/2/22 thru 3/30/22.

Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Rev. Davis and carried unanimously, invoices paid March 2, 2022 thru March 30, 2022 were approved.

Items by Members of the Council:

Mr. Silverstein stated he is looking forward to nice weather. He gave kudos to town staff for the work being done on behalf of our citizens.

Mr. Engle discussed the update of the Comprehensive Plan. He encouraged public participation. He stated there is a Ward 3 meeting scheduled for April 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Easton Club East meeting facility.

President Cook thanked residents from East End for the garden clean up.

Adjournment.

At 5:55 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, President Cook adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk