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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

June 11, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chuck F. Callahan

Pete Leshner

Lynn L. Mielke

Dave Stepp

Reported by

Diane Houlihan

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Let's go ahead and</p> <p>4 get started. If everybody could go ahead and</p> <p>5 join us and stand for a prayer and the Pledge</p> <p>6 of Allegiance of the Flag.</p> <p>7 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I appreciate</p> <p>9 everybody being here this afternoon with a new</p> <p>10 time. We'll try to get everybody out of here.</p> <p>11 That way we go home and have somewhat of a</p> <p>12 happy hour, if we can. You know, sounds good.</p> <p>13 All right.</p> <p>14 The agenda is before us. Is there any</p> <p>15 additions, deletions, or corrections to the</p> <p>16 agenda, Council? Okay. Hearing none, the</p> <p>17 chair moves that the agenda be accepted as</p> <p>18 unanimous consent. All right.</p> <p>19 Next is the minutes of May 7th that are</p> <p>20 before us. Any additions, corrections, or</p> <p>21 deletions to the minutes?</p>	<p>1 potential roof for the force main to provide</p> <p>2 sanitary sewer service to the University of</p> <p>3 Maryland Medical Center Shore Regional Medical</p> <p>4 Center to be located at 10000 Long Woods Road,</p> <p>5 Easton, Maryland, and the Talbot County</p> <p>6 Community Center, located at 10028 Ocean</p> <p>7 Gateway, Easton, Maryland, as initially set</p> <p>8 forth in Resolution Number 184, adopted on</p> <p>9 September 13, 2011.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Thomas, you want</p> <p>11 to go ahead and get us started on that. You or</p> <p>12 Mr. Clarke, tell us a little bit.</p> <p>13 MR. THOMAS: I don't know if Mr. Clarke is</p> <p>14 here.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, is it Mike?</p> <p>16 MR. THOMAS: Mr. Mertaugh.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Mr. Mertaugh, you</p> <p>18 want to come on up?</p> <p>19 MR. MERTAUGH: Sure.</p> <p>20 MR. THOMAS: I can give a little bit of</p> <p>21 background and then maybe Mike can --</p>
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<p>1 MS. MIELKE: No.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: All good. Hearing none,</p> <p>3 the chair moves that the minutes be accepted as</p> <p>4 unanimous consent.</p> <p>5 Next on the agenda is the disbursements of</p> <p>6 June 4th and June 11th that we've all taken a</p> <p>7 look at. Any corrections, deletions, or</p> <p>8 additions to the minutes or...</p> <p>9 MR. LESHER: Disbursements.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Disbursements, yeah.</p> <p>11 Sorry. Hearing none, okay, the chair moves</p> <p>12 that the disbursements be accepted as unanimous</p> <p>13 consent. Okay. All right.</p> <p>14 First on the agenda here is we've got</p> <p>15 introduction of numbered resolutions. Madam</p> <p>16 Secretary, could you go ahead and start us off</p> <p>17 with that, please.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the</p> <p>19 Talbot County comprehensive water and sewer</p> <p>20 plan for the purposes of approving an alternate</p> <p>21 location for the pump station and expanding the</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, sure. That would be</p> <p>2 great.</p> <p>3 MR. THOMAS: -- follow up.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. THOMAS: So the original Resolution</p> <p>6 184 had a specific line, sewer route for the</p> <p>7 force main to serve the Community Center and</p> <p>8 the new hospital property.</p> <p>9 This amendment was requested by the town</p> <p>10 and follows the discussions between the county,</p> <p>11 the town, and Shore Health regarding the DRRA,</p> <p>12 the public works agreement. And this would</p> <p>13 provide an alternate location for the pump</p> <p>14 station and expands the potential route for</p> <p>15 where the force main for the sewer to serve the</p> <p>16 properties would go to give some flexibility as</p> <p>17 the parties evaluate all possible options for</p> <p>18 that line.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great.</p> <p>20 You got anything to add, Mike?</p> <p>21 MR. MERTAUGH: Not much.</p>

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

2 MR. MERTAUGH: That covers it well.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions,

4 Council?

5 This is just introduction. Okay. So at

6 this time, could we raise our hands to

7 introduce, please.

8 MR. LESHER: So introduced by Callahan,

9 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. And I should have

11 added, Mrs. Haythe is out tonight. She's not

12 feeling too well. So we wish her the best.

13 MS. MIELKE: She's on the mend.

14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. She's on the mend.

15 Okay.

16 So the next is introduction of

17 legislation --

18 SECRETARY: (Inaudible.)

19 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm sorry?

20 SECRETARY: Public hearing?

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, okay. I got you.

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1 SECRETARY: This will be known as

2 Resolution Number 360, and the public hearing

3 will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, at 5:30.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. Sorry

5 about that. Okay.

6 Are we ready for the next, Madam

7 Secretary? Okay.

8 SECRETARY: You want me to read them all,

9 read each one?

10 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, I think we need to

11 sort of, with this, Martha, you want to come

12 up.

13 MS. SPARKS: Sure can.

14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. In case we have a

15 question or two.

16 MS. SPARKS: Yup.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Let's go ahead, Madam

18 Secretary, if you just read, what we'll do is

19 we'll just read the bills. And if anybody has

20 got any questions, we can take care of it and

21 move onto the next.

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1 SECRETARY: Okay.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: That sounds good?

3 SECRETARY: Sure.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Were you getting ready to

5 say something?

6 SECRETARY: No.

7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Your partner there.

8 MR. STAMP: He's referring to me as your

9 partner.

10 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.

11 MR. STAMP: I'm good.

12 MR. CALLAHAN: That's Clay's stuff. Okay.

13 We're not ready for Clay's stuff.

14 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Number

15 1427 for the purpose of amending the

16 appropriation for the construction of new

17 recycling stations in Talbot County.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions?

19 Okay.

20 Show our hands.

21 MR. LESHER: And introduced by Callahan,

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1 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

2 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers

3 1532 and 1516 for the purpose of amending the

4 appropriation for improvements to and expansion

5 of the St. Michael's Branch of the Talbot

6 County Free Library.

7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions?

8 Okay.

9 Raise our hands.

10 MR. LESHER: So again, introduced by

11 Callahan, Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

12 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Number

13 1533 for the purpose of amending the

14 appropriation for improvements to the Talbot

15 County Detention Center.

16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on

17 that one, on that bill? Okay.

18 Raise our hands.

19 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,

20 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

21 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers

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<p>1 1534, 1486, and 1424 for the purpose of</p> <p>2 amending the appropriation to purchase improved</p> <p>3 or unimproved real property for future county</p> <p>4 purposes.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions?</p> <p>6 MR. LESHER: Do we want to offer the</p> <p>7 briefest explanation?</p> <p>8 This one is one of the vaguest.</p> <p>9 We put a certain appropriation in reserve</p> <p>10 for, for the acquisition of county lands. And</p> <p>11 such appropriation I believe was used in the</p> <p>12 past year. So this is to give the county</p> <p>13 flexibility for that future allocation.</p> <p>14 MS. SPARKS: That is correct.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Raise our hands.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHER: Again, introduced by</p> <p>17 Callahan, Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Lost my place. Sorry.</p> <p>19 A bill to amend Bill 1391 for the purpose</p> <p>20 of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>21 replacement of the county courthouse complex</p>	<p>1 that past Council to ensure that we extend</p> <p>2 those utilities to that site.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Raise our hands.</p> <p>4 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,</p> <p>5 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers</p> <p>7 1537, 1509, and 1484 for the purpose of</p> <p>8 amending the appropriation for a capital</p> <p>9 project for the construction of Emergency</p> <p>10 Medical Services stations.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on</p> <p>12 this?</p> <p>13 I will say that Mr. Stamp worked hard and</p> <p>14 his staff to get this.</p> <p>15 Mr. Stamp, you want to tell?</p> <p>16 MR. STAMP: We're excited, Council, for</p> <p>17 the opportunity to locate a sixth paramedic</p> <p>18 crew in the north end of the county.</p> <p>19 Of course, we have the director, Brian</p> <p>20 LeCates, here. We all have worked real hard.</p> <p>21 Thankfully the Council has authorized the</p>
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<p>1 HVAC system.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on</p> <p>3 that bill?</p> <p>4 Raise our hands.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,</p> <p>6 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers</p> <p>8 1536 and 1187 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>9 appropriation for extension of water and sewer</p> <p>10 lines to the Talbot County Community Center and</p> <p>11 the proposed University of Maryland Shore</p> <p>12 Regional Medical Center hospital site located</p> <p>13 between Long Woods Road, Maryland Route 662,</p> <p>14 and US Route 50 in Easton, Maryland.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on</p> <p>16 1537?</p> <p>17 MR. LESHER: And again, this one, this one</p> <p>18 is related to the obligation made by a past</p> <p>19 Council to incentivize the construction of the</p> <p>20 Shore medical system on the outskirts of</p> <p>21 Easton. And we do have that obligation from</p>	<p>1 hiring of these personnel.</p> <p>2 Once we build a station in that area,</p> <p>3 which this will allow us to do that, we'll be</p> <p>4 able to deliver faster service to the people in</p> <p>5 the north end of the county and try to achieve</p> <p>6 our goal, which is the national standard to</p> <p>7 deliver advanced life support within eight</p> <p>8 minutes 90 percent of the time.</p> <p>9 So this is exciting for the public safety</p> <p>10 community and the community in general.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Right. And for people to</p> <p>12 understand the location, it's going to be</p> <p>13 directly across from Chapel School.</p> <p>14 MR. STAMP: That's correct. I'll be</p> <p>15 asking Council this evening for permission to</p> <p>16 enter a lease purchase arrangement to be able</p> <p>17 to locate the EMS station across from Chapel</p> <p>18 Elementary School.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great. Raise our</p> <p>20 hands.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,</p>

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<p>1 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Number</p> <p>3 1511 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>4 appropriation for the acquisition, construction</p> <p>5 of a Talbot County Health Department facility.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on</p> <p>7 1511, Bill 1511?</p> <p>8 MR. LESHNER: Well, we're getting to the</p> <p>9 end of this project now.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: We sure are.</p> <p>11 MS. SPARKS: Yes, we are. We adjusted the</p> <p>12 amount that would come from long-term borrowing</p> <p>13 based upon the bond premium that we received.</p> <p>14 So we have extra funds to spend towards</p> <p>15 that project. So that is the reason for that</p> <p>16 addition.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHNER: Thank you.</p> <p>18 MR. STAMP: This is an exciting</p> <p>19 opportunity to give a plug to the Health</p> <p>20 Department. They are excited. They will be</p> <p>21 relocating their operation to what is called</p>	<p>1 This is a housekeeping initiative by our</p> <p>2 Finance Department to make sure that things are</p> <p>3 in line.</p> <p>4 So I don't know if you want to add</p> <p>5 anything to that.</p> <p>6 But this is good. We're delivering</p> <p>7 broadband across Talbot County.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. Okay. Raise our</p> <p>9 hands.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHNER: Introduced by Callahan,</p> <p>11 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers</p> <p>13 1542 and 1505 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>14 appropriation for replacement and improvement</p> <p>15 of 911 division technologies and the 911</p> <p>16 division computer aided dispatch, CAD, system.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on</p> <p>18 Bill 1542 and 1505?</p> <p>19 Hearing none, raise our hands.</p> <p>20 MR. LESHNER: Introduced by Callahan,</p> <p>21 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p>
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<p>1 Achievement Park, or the Cadmus property, which</p> <p>2 should be completed next month.</p> <p>3 And I think they're going to have a ribbon</p> <p>4 cutting and an open house later this month.</p> <p>5 So that's been a long time coming, and the</p> <p>6 Health Department is very excited about moving</p> <p>7 into the new facility.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Sounds great. Appreciate</p> <p>9 that.</p> <p>10 Raise our hands.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHNER: Introduced by Callahan,</p> <p>12 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers</p> <p>14 1504 and 1478 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>15 appropriation for the expansion of broadband to</p> <p>16 unserved and underserved areas of the county.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Bill 1504 and 1478,</p> <p>18 any questions on that one? Yup.</p> <p>19 MR. STAMP: So this is, again, this is an</p> <p>20 excellent partnership with Easton Utilities to</p> <p>21 deliver broadband across Talbot County.</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers</p> <p>2 1514, 1489, and 1398 for the purpose of</p> <p>3 amending the appropriation for the construction</p> <p>4 of a Talbot County Public Safety Center.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Bill 1514, 1489, and</p> <p>6 1398, any questions on those bills?</p> <p>7 MR. LESHNER: This is another project that</p> <p>8 we're getting toward the end of, final</p> <p>9 adjustments, likewise with similar to the</p> <p>10 health center.</p> <p>11 MS. SPARKS: Correct, that is correct.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: So everybody understands,</p> <p>13 this is the new Sheriff's Department and future</p> <p>14 911 Center.</p> <p>15 Go ahead, Mr. Stamp.</p> <p>16 MR. STAMP: So we're excited about this</p> <p>17 project as well. This is the completion of a</p> <p>18 retrofit for the Mary's Court building, which</p> <p>19 will house on the first floor the Sheriff's</p> <p>20 Office. We hope to have him moved in toward</p> <p>21 the end of the year.</p>

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1 And additionally, the 911 Center
 2 eventually will be moved over there. Initially
 3 it will be set up as a backup center and allow
 4 for a fully redundant backup center between the
 5 one on Port Street and Mary's Court so that we
 6 have a functional center that we will actually
 7 staff on and off. And then eventually, move to
 8 Mary's Court where it would house the
 9 administrative offices and the 911 Center and
 10 the Emergency Operations Center at the Mary's
 11 Court building. So it is exciting.

12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Show, raise our
 13 hands.

14 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,
 15 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

16 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Number
 17 1503 for the purpose of amending the
 18 appropriation for improvements to county
 19 bridges.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Bill 1503. Any
 21 questions on that?

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1 Raise our hands.

2 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,
 3 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

4 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers
 5 1477, 1448, and 1366 for the purpose of
 6 amending the appropriation for improvements to
 7 Black Dog Alley.

8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on
 9 Bill 1477, 1448, and 1366? Any questions?
 10 Okay.

11 Raise our hands.

12 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,
 13 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

14 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers
 15 1541 and 1506 for the purpose of amending the
 16 appropriation for improvements to county roads.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on
 18 Bill 1541, 1506? Any questions? Okay.

19 Raise our hands.

20 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,
 21 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

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1 SECRETARY: A bill to amend Bill Numbers
 2 1510, 1501, 1474, 1457, 1422, 1335, and 1317
 3 for the purpose of amending the appropriation
 4 for storm water management and improvements for
 5 Goldsborough Neck Road and Airport Road.

6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on
 7 these bills?

8 MR. LESHER: This is another project that
 9 we're finally getting toward the end of I
 10 believe, wrapping up soon.

11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Okay. Raise our
 12 hands.

13 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,
 14 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

15 SECRETARY: A bill to authorize the
 16 construction of and improvements to the
 17 concession stand at the Talbot County Community
 18 Sports Complex.

19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Any questions on
 20 this?

21 MR. LESHER: I know of some sports parents

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1 who are going to be very happy that this one is
 2 being included in this capital enabling
 3 legislation.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: You got it.

5 MR. STEPP: That is the understatement of
 6 the evening, Mr. Leshner.

7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Raise our hands.

8 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,
 9 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.

10 SECRETARY: A bill to authorize the
 11 construction and improvement of the stone
 12 revetment and bulkhead at Sinclair Avenue
 13 Waterfront Park in Tilghman, Maryland.

14 MR. CALLAHAN: Any questions on that bill?
 15 Raise our hands.

16 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan, Stepp
 17 Leshner, and Mielke.

18 SECRETARY: A bill to authorize the
 19 replacement of the dehumidifier at the Talbot
 20 County Community Center.

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Any questions on that bill?

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<p>1 MR. STEPP: Just a quick comment. We made 2 that huge investment in the ice out there. 3 This is to basically finish that project and 4 just put a capstone on that project out there. 5 So well needed.</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Okay. Raise our 2 hands. 3 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan, 4 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p>
<p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good. Okay. Raise 7 our hands.</p>	<p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's good. All 6 right. 7 Martha, thank you. Okay.</p>
<p>8 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan, 9 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p>	<p>8 MS. SPARKS: You're welcome. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Good ahead, Mr. Stamp.</p>
<p>10 SECRETARY: A bill to authorize the 11 replacement of the generator at the Talbot 12 County Community Center.</p>	<p>10 MR. STAMP: So I just want to recognize 11 Martha and her team and all the hard work on 12 helping the Council put this together.</p>
<p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on 14 this bill with the generator?</p>	<p>13 This is exciting for the people out there 14 in the community that hears this. There's a 15 lot of work being authorized here. So your 16 county is hard at work to do great things in 17 our community.</p>
<p>15 MR. STEPP: Same comment as last time.</p>	<p>18 And so this gives us the marching orders 19 and will go through due process, as any bill 20 will. And it won't be finalized until 21 somewhere around the third week of September if</p>
<p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: You got it, you got it. 17 Okay.</p>	
<p>18 Raise our hands.</p>	
<p>19 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan, 20 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p>	
<p>21 SECRETARY: A bill to authorize</p>	
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<p>1 improvements to the vacuum collection system 2 serving the Region II Martingham sewer service 3 area.</p>	<p>1 all goes well for each one. 2 But we're excited about doing the work. 3 So thank you.</p>
<p>4 MR. LESHER: That was item R.</p>	<p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: And just to remind 5 everybody, it's in the '25 budget, what we've 6 did here.</p>
<p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes. I see that.</p>	<p>7 MS. SPARKS: Correct, correct.</p>
<p>6 Any questions on that? Okay.</p>	<p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p>
<p>7 Raise our hands.</p>	<p>9 MS. SPARKS: And I will say that we're 10 really proud of the budget that we worked on 11 with staff, with our department heads, and 12 Council. I think we all have a lot to be proud 13 of here.</p>
<p>8 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan, 9 Stepp, Leshner, and Mielke.</p>	<p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: I would agree. Yup. 15 Thanks a lot, Martha.</p>
<p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. And the last one.</p>	<p>16 MS. MIELKE: Thank you, Martha.</p>
<p>11 SECRETARY: The last one is a bill to 12 amend Bill Number 1538 for the purpose of 13 amending the appropriation for improvements to 14 and expansion of the Chapel District Elementary 15 School.</p>	<p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate it. Okay.</p>
<p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on 17 Bill 1538 with the school?</p>	<p>18 SECRETARY: Public hearing?</p>
<p>18 MR. LESHER: That's a big one.</p>	<p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Next.</p>
<p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup, it is.</p>	<p>20 SECRETARY: No. These.</p>
<p>20 MR. STEPP: Well down the road. Let's</p>	<p>21 MR. LESHER: We're not at 5:30. We can't</p>
<p>21 keep going.</p>	

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1 open the public hearing yet.
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, okay.
 3 MR. STEPP: Mr. President, I make a motion
 4 to do county manager report.
 5 SECRETARY: No. I meant for these, the
 6 numbers.
 7 MR. STAMP: Announce the public hearing on
 8 these bills.
 9 MR. LESHHER: She needs to announce the
 10 bill numbers and public hearing dates.
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, I'm sorry. Yup. Go
 12 ahead.
 13 SECRETARY: These will be known as Bill
 14 Numbers 1554 through 1574, and the public
 15 hearing will be on Tuesday, July 9th, at 5:30
 16 p.m.
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Sounds great. Okay.
 18 So like you said, public hearing starts in
 19 about ten minutes.
 20 So Mr. Stamp, you want to go ahead and do
 21 your thing?

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1 MR. STAMP: Sure. Be glad to.
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure. Okay.
 3 MR. STAMP: Council, we have under county
 4 manager report, boards and committees
 5 appointments for this evening.
 6 The first will be the Airport Board
 7 requesting the reappointment of Mr. Charles
 8 Daffin and Mr. Jack Pettit, who have served
 9 well on the Airport Board. They are interested
 10 in reappointment.
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.
 12 MR. STEPP: So moved.
 13 MR. LESHHER: I'll second.
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. There's a motion and
 15 second to put the existing board members back
 16 on the Airport Board. Madam Secretary, could
 17 you call the vote.
 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 21 MR. STEPP: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.
 2 MR. LESHHER: Aye.
 3 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
 4 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
 5 MR. STAMP: The next, Council, requesting
 6 the reappointment of Mr. Anthony Kern to the
 7 Ethics Commission. And that is a
 8 reappointment.
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Is there a motion?
 10 MS. MIELKE: So moved.
 11 MR. LESHHER: Second.
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: We got a motion and a
 13 second to do a reappointment. Madam Secretary,
 14 could you call the vote, please.
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 18 MR. STEPP: Aye.
 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.
 20 MR. LESHHER: Aye.
 21 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.

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1 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
 2 MR. STAMP: The next is the Weed Control
 3 Committee. We're requesting the reappointment
 4 of Levon Schwaninger and Donald Webster to the
 5 Weed Control Committee.
 6 MR. STEPP: So moved.
 7 MR. LESHHER: Second.
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and
 9 second to go ahead and reappoint two gentlemen
 10 on the Weed Committee. If you could call the
 11 vote.
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 15 MR. STEPP: Aye.
 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.
 17 MR. LESHHER: Aye.
 18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
 19 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
 20 MR. STAMP: Mike, are you here on the STEP
 21 systems?

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1 MR. MERTAUGH: Sure.

2 MR. STAMP: Okay. So we have Mike

3 Mertaugh, the assistant county engineer, to

4 talk about the request from the Department of

5 Public Works for the purchase of ten Orenco

6 septic tank effluent pump systems, known as

7 STEP systems.

8 The pricing under Bid 2312.

9 Mike will go over this, and I'll cover

10 anything that he might miss in the request.

11 MR. MERTAUGH: So these tanks are part of

12 our sewer extension efforts. This is

13 Resolution 235. With all our new sewer

14 extensions and installations, we are trying to

15 standardize this equipment.

16 And so what we're doing is we're buying

17 them in manageable batches so they can be

18 installed when we do sewer extensions.

19 So the STEP system is, it's the system

20 we've used in Royal Oak and all septic tank

21 effluent pump. Basically it's like a septic

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1 tank, but there's a pump that actually pumps it

2 into our force main. And it actually is what

3 pressurizes our force main, as opposed to more

4 pump stations.

5 So we're doing them in batches of ten.

6 MR. STAMP: So that's good. Yes.

7 So this is requesting your approval to

8 procure ten additional Orenco STEP units at a

9 total cost of \$69,400.

10 Council previously approved award Bid 2312

11 to sole bidder of Orenco systems in November

12 14th of 2023. And MDE subsequently approved

13 that as well.

14 There are sufficient funds in the budget

15 to cover the cost of this project. So we're

16 requesting, Council, your approval.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions?

18 MR. LESHER: I'll move approval of the

19 bid.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

21 MR. STEPP: Second.

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1 MS. MIELKE: Second.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and

3 second to go ahead and approve the STEP

4 systems.

5 Any comments, Mr. Stepp?

6 MR. STAMP: Did Council Member Stepp make

7 the motion to approve the STEP system?

8 MR. STEPP: Lynn and I tied.

9 MS. MIELKE: I didn't want to (inaudible.)

10 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, could you

11 call the vote.

12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

14 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.

15 MR. STEPP: Aye.

16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

17 MR. LESHER: Aye.

18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.

19 MS. MIELKE: Aye.

20 MR. STAMP: Then finally, Brian, you want

21 to come up.

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1 So Council, we are requesting your

2 consideration to give us approval to enter into

3 a lease with option to purchase with Meadow

4 Farm Joint Venture, LLC for property located in

5 Cordova across from the Cordova Elementary

6 School. Five acres of property, which will be

7 the eventual site of the north EMS station.

8 And Brian is here and he can add anything

9 that he might want to share with Council about

10 the location of this station.

11 MR. LeCATES: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Stamp.

12 So as Mr. Stamp mentioned earlier in the

13 meeting, this will be our sixth paramedic

14 station. And it's strategically placed so that

15 we are able to answer our calls within eight

16 minutes. We try to strive for eight minutes,

17 90 percent of our calls answered within eight

18 minutes or arrive within eight minutes.

19 Currently, we're not meeting that goal in

20 the northern part of Talbot County, very

21 specifically Queen Anne and Hillsboro. So this

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1 will allow us to be strategically placed to do
 2 that.
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions?
 4 MR. LESHER: Big step forward. Thank you.
 5 MR. LeCATES: Yes. Thank you.
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Sure is. Any other
 7 questions?
 8 Personally, I want to thank the Gannon
 9 family for helping us through this and giving
 10 us the opportunity to make this happen.
 11 MR. STAMP: Yeah. And I would double
 12 that, Mr. Council President.
 13 As you all remember, Ms. Sylvia Gannon was
 14 a major supporter of our EMS system here in
 15 Talbot County. And I think the family
 16 certainly recognized that and wanted to step
 17 forward and be helpful in our setting up a
 18 station up there. So we do recognize all of
 19 her work. That rolls into the effort to build
 20 this station along with their family.
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure does. Okay.

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1 MR. STEPP: I'll make a motion.
 2 MS. MIELKE: Second.
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and
 4 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the
 5 vote, please.
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 9 MR. STEPP: Aye.
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
 11 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
 13 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.
 15 MR. LeCATES: Thank you, all.
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Brian.
 17 Appreciate it.
 18 MR. LeCATES: Thank you.
 19 MR. STAMP: I should have talked slower.
 20 You still have like three minutes.
 21 MR. LESHER: You could tackle the MALPF.

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1 MR. STAMP: That completes your county
 2 manager report for this evening, Council.
 3 Thank you.
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good. So like
 5 Mr. Leshner said, we could do the MALPF.
 6 You guys want to come on up. You got
 7 three minutes.
 8 MR. STAMP: No pressure.
 9 MR. TARLETON: Good evening, Council.
 10 Brennan Tarleton, Department of Planning and
 11 Zoning. With me tonight is Elisa Deflaux, our
 12 newest and promoted planner three in the
 13 department actually.
 14 She'll be presenting you the information
 15 with reference to the MALPF applications for
 16 fiscal year 25.
 17 MS. DEFLAUX: Thank you. We began the
 18 application process in February. We received
 19 38 applications.
 20 Of the 38, three were dropped out, two got
 21 offers, and one went to settlement. So we

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1 processed 35 applications.
 2 And of those, we'd like your support to
 3 send the highest ranking 16 to the State by
 4 July 1st.
 5 MR. LESHER: And as I recall, when you
 6 review MALPF applications, there's a scoring
 7 that has to do with do we want to preserve the
 8 best farmland, the highest quality soils, the
 9 ones that are adjacent to other preserved
 10 tracts. There's a whole series of criteria
 11 that you score these by.
 12 MS. DEFLAUX: Yes.
 13 MR. LESHER: These are clearly the ones
 14 that are considered by the criteria the most
 15 valuable tracts to preserve permanently as
 16 farmland.
 17 MS. DEFLAUX: Yes, sir. And they also get
 18 points for their stewardship practices, their
 19 adjacency to other preserved lands, you know,
 20 in the ranking process.
 21 MR. LESHER: Right. A list of 16 seems

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1 like unusually large. Maybe we had a large
 2 list last year, but I think it past years it's
 3 been a much smaller list.
 4 How have we been so fortunate to be able
 5 to award this many preservation agreements this
 6 year?
 7 MS. DEFLAUX: Well, you know, the number
 8 of applications is based on what the State will
 9 take. So everybody, every county gets to
 10 submit 16 applications. And last year I think
 11 it was 14.
 12 MR. LESHHER: Okay. Okay.
 13 MR. TARLETON: So to clarify, these aren't
 14 offers that have been accepted by MALPF at this
 15 point in time.
 16 This is the amount of applications that
 17 they've allowed each county to submit to them
 18 for consideration for funding with FY25
 19 dollars.
 20 MR. LESHHER: Okay. And does some of this
 21 come out of the Open Space funding that is --

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1 well, the funding that is from the transfer tax
 2 in, appropriated in Talbot County?
 3 MR. TARLETON: Yes, that's correct. So
 4 the money that was appropriated by this Council
 5 last year went into the contribution or the
 6 matching funds, so to speak, with the MALPF
 7 program, as we do every year, to be a
 8 participant within that program, which
 9 leverages additional percentages of those funds
 10 to be afforded to the county for participation
 11 in that program.
 12 MR. LESHHER: Terrific. It's great to see
 13 this and great to see the level of interest.
 14 So not necessarily all 16 of these will
 15 make the final cut?
 16 MS. DEFLAUX: That is correct. But
 17 they'll, you know, as they continue to apply,
 18 they will continue to move up perhaps at some
 19 time.
 20 MR. LESHHER: Thank you very much for
 21 bringing these forward. And it's always

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1 exciting to see this.
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.
 3 MR. LESHHER: Do we need a, we need a
 4 motion to forward these?
 5 SECRETARY: Yes.
 6 MR. LESHHER: To the State.
 7 I will so move.
 8 MR. STEPP: Second.
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and
 10 second to go ahead and push forward with the
 11 application as presented. Madam Secretary,
 12 could you call the vote.
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 16 MR. STEPP: Aye.
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.
 18 MR. LESHHER: Aye.
 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
 20 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, guys.

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1 MS. DEFLAUX: Thank you.
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I want to go ahead
 3 and start the public hearing. Madam Secretary,
 4 could you go ahead and read the Resolution
 5 Number 357, please.
 6 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 357, a
 7 resolution to amend the development rights and
 8 responsibilities agreement dated October 14,
 9 2014, by and between Talbot County, Maryland,
 10 the Town of Easton, and Shore Health System,
 11 Inc. and recorded among the land records of
 12 Talbot County in liber MAS 2206, folio 206.
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam
 14 Secretary. So okay.
 15 I'm going to go ahead and open it to the
 16 public hearing. And Mr. Thomas or Brennan, do
 17 you guys want to do a brief?
 18 MR. THOMAS: I can briefly summarize.
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, if you don't mind
 20 before we get into -- yup.
 21 MR. THOMAS: Yes. As we discussed during

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<p>1 our work session a couple of weeks ago, this</p> <p>2 amendment mainly updates outdated provisions of</p> <p>3 the existing DRRA and moves the public</p> <p>4 works-related language into the public works</p> <p>5 agreement that's still being worked on between</p> <p>6 the parties.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.</p> <p>8 MR. THOMAS: For reasons as we discussed</p> <p>9 previously, the sewer route is being evaluated.</p> <p>10 I think as you'll hear during the public</p> <p>11 hearing, they are addressing the relocation of</p> <p>12 Route 662, and those items are still being</p> <p>13 worked out. So this will address some of the,</p> <p>14 like the housekeeping items in the DRRA. And</p> <p>15 then we'll deal with those other items in a</p> <p>16 separate agreement.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That sounds great.</p> <p>18 MR. TARLETON: Council, just to make you</p> <p>19 aware, on June 5th, the Planning Commission</p> <p>20 considered the revised DRRA document for</p> <p>21 consistency with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.</p>	<p>1 wanted to share with the Council.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.</p> <p>3 MR. SHOWALTER: I don't know whether you</p> <p>4 want to hear from the rest of the public first</p> <p>5 or whether you'd like me to do that now.</p> <p>6 It may take slightly more than five</p> <p>7 minutes, but I want to make sure that we share</p> <p>8 that --</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: While you're here, let's</p> <p>10 just go to it.</p> <p>11 MR. SHOWALTER: Okay.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: We got paperwork in front</p> <p>13 of us, too.</p> <p>14 MR. SHOWALTER: During your work session,</p> <p>15 it became apparent it might be useful for the</p> <p>16 Council to just be a little more familiar with</p> <p>17 the property. There's some questions about</p> <p>18 property transfers and some adjustments in the</p> <p>19 DRRA.</p> <p>20 So just to orient you, existing Route 662</p> <p>21 runs straight through the western portion of</p>
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<p>1 And by way of a three to zero vote, they found</p> <p>2 it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, with</p> <p>3 two of the members from the Planning Commission</p> <p>4 being absent for the meeting.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's great. All</p> <p>6 right. Okay.</p> <p>7 So let's go ahead and get started on the</p> <p>8 public hearing. I'll give three minutes to</p> <p>9 individuals and five minutes to organizations</p> <p>10 that want to come up and talk at the public</p> <p>11 hearing.</p> <p>12 So at this time, I'll go ahead and open it</p> <p>13 up here to my left. If you guys want to come</p> <p>14 on up and say anything? Yup. That was my</p> <p>15 other right. Sorry. A little confusion, but</p> <p>16 you're here. That's fine.</p> <p>17 MR. SHOWALTER: Thank you, Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>18 Ryan Showalter on behalf of Shore Health</p> <p>19 System.</p> <p>20 I do have a brief -- there's a component</p> <p>21 of the DRRA that deals with Route 662 that I</p>	<p>1 these parcels. The hospital sits on top of</p> <p>2 existing 662, and 662 is proposed to be</p> <p>3 reconstructed and relocated to the east around</p> <p>4 the hospital. It will have a new entrance from</p> <p>5 Route 50, which will utilize the curb cut that</p> <p>6 is the Community Center entrance, and there</p> <p>7 will be a new entrance constructed to the</p> <p>8 Community Center from the west.</p> <p>9 Lot four, this parcel shown in light blue,</p> <p>10 is the parcel that was referenced during the</p> <p>11 work session as county property. You retained</p> <p>12 that when the county transferred the rest of</p> <p>13 the campus site to the hospital. So that's</p> <p>14 owned by the county today. It will still be</p> <p>15 owned by the county in the future. And Shore</p> <p>16 Health is constructing the access road and the</p> <p>17 associated storm water management for the</p> <p>18 county across that parcel.</p> <p>19 The county also owns a narrow strip of</p> <p>20 land along Hailem School Road. The existing</p> <p>21 DRRA talks about Shore Health's dedication of a</p>

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<p>1 road widening strip to the county.</p> <p>2 We actually implemented that sort of in</p> <p>3 reverse. So when this land was subdivided</p> <p>4 under the county's ownership, that subdivision</p> <p>5 created the strip of land for road widening.</p> <p>6 The county transferred everything that you</p> <p>7 see in green to Shore Health but kept that</p> <p>8 strip of land. So that, the county already</p> <p>9 received that and you own that today for your</p> <p>10 use for future widening of Hailem School Road.</p> <p>11 The parcels that are shaded in pink or</p> <p>12 purple will all be State Highway ownership.</p> <p>13 And so the new alignment of Route 662</p> <p>14 running north and south, Medical Center Drive,</p> <p>15 which is the east west connection to Route 50,</p> <p>16 and then parcels on both the north and south</p> <p>17 side of the Medical Center Drive entrance for</p> <p>18 acceleration and deceleration lanes, and then</p> <p>19 there are three parcels for storm water</p> <p>20 management associated with State Highway right</p> <p>21 of way.</p>	<p>1 the former pump station and substation parcel</p> <p>2 will be transferred from the county to Shore</p> <p>3 Health.</p> <p>4 So we're doing a swap. It works out that</p> <p>5 Easton Utilities gets more land from Shore</p> <p>6 Health than was planned originally, but this</p> <p>7 lot seven is no longer needed for those</p> <p>8 purposes because we're creating separate pump</p> <p>9 station and substation parcels.</p> <p>10 And then the last property exchange that's</p> <p>11 addressed by the DRRA is lot six. That's</p> <p>12 currently titled in the county's name also.</p> <p>13 That is the site for a future water tower if</p> <p>14 one is ever needed. And so this parcel will be</p> <p>15 transferred by the county to the Town of Easton</p> <p>16 for Easton Utilities? use.</p> <p>17 Does that makes sense?</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good. Yeah.</p> <p>19 MR. SHOWALTER: Okay. And the second</p> <p>20 piece I would like to walk through. The DRRA</p> <p>21 has a lot of details about infrastructure</p>
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<p>1 Those parcels are all currently owned by</p> <p>2 Shore Health System and will be transferred to</p> <p>3 the State when we construct the new road.</p> <p>4 The three other parcels, I'm sorry, there</p> <p>5 are four other parcels shown in yellow. Lot</p> <p>6 seven, which is on Hiners Lane, that parcel is</p> <p>7 currently owned by the county. This parcel was</p> <p>8 identified in the existing DRRA as the pump</p> <p>9 station/substation parcel.</p> <p>10 And ten years ago, it was anticipated that</p> <p>11 this is where a sewer pump station for Easton</p> <p>12 Utilities as well as an electric substation</p> <p>13 would be constructed. The plans have changed.</p> <p>14 So the actual pump station is going to be</p> <p>15 located south of the hospital in this yellow</p> <p>16 area. And land for a new electric substation</p> <p>17 is needed on the west side of the site adjacent</p> <p>18 to Delmarva Power's transmission lines.</p> <p>19 So what this amendment provides is that</p> <p>20 Shore Health will carve out of its properties</p> <p>21 land for the pump station and substation. And</p>	<p>1 construction. As Patrick mentioned, we're</p> <p>2 moving those details out of the development</p> <p>3 rights and responsibilities agreement into a</p> <p>4 public works agreement.</p> <p>5 One of the components of those details</p> <p>6 relates to the realignment of Route 662. And</p> <p>7 the red dash line that you see on the screen is</p> <p>8 the existing bed of that road. You can see it</p> <p>9 clips across the corner of the tower of the</p> <p>10 hospital.</p> <p>11 The current DRRA has provisions that</p> <p>12 basically says that Shore Health will construct</p> <p>13 new 662. And when it is opened for traffic,</p> <p>14 old 662 will be transferred from the State to</p> <p>15 the county to Shore Health.</p> <p>16 As we have worked through the design of</p> <p>17 the building, the building grew in size and</p> <p>18 unfortunately grew a little bit to the north</p> <p>19 onto the bed of 662. And as we worked through</p> <p>20 the sequencing of construction, one thing that</p> <p>21 became very apparent is that the construction</p>

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1 of the hospital and completion of the hospital
 2 would be materially delayed if we can't begin
 3 work on the hospital foundation while we're
 4 constructing new 662.

5 And so what that means is that we will be
 6 before you maybe as early as your next meeting
 7 with proposed amendments to an existing bill.

8 The County Council adopted Bill 1231 ten
 9 years ago. And 1231 was the legislative
 10 process by which the county determined that the
 11 right of way of existing 662 isn't needed for
 12 public use and could be transferred to Shore
 13 Health.

14 That bill conditions the transfer on the
 15 new road being complete. And what we have to
 16 do is we have to temporarily close Route 662 to
 17 keep the construction project on schedule.

18 And so this is an illustration. This is a
 19 photo taken of existing 662 with the new
 20 hospital project superimposed over it. You can
 21 see that the hospital will extend just onto the

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1 bed of the road.

2 There's a grade difference. We're filling
 3 and elevating the building pad by about six to
 4 eight feet underneath the hospital. So there's
 5 a lot of earthwork that has to happen. And
 6 that work has to occur and have time to settle
 7 before you can construct foundations.

8 So without getting into lots of details
 9 about the construction sequence, if we can't do
 10 all of the grading work while we're building
 11 new 662, it delays the construction of this
 12 entire wing of the hospital and adds eight
 13 months of construction delay to the completion
 14 of the hospital.

15 So we've had a lot of meetings with county
 16 staff, with Mr. Stamp, with Mr. Clarke and
 17 Mertaugh, Mr. Thomas, meetings with State
 18 Highway Administration to talk about how we're
 19 going to deal with this.

20 And as we looked at it, one thing that was
 21 evaluated was the possibility of not building

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1 that portion of the hospital concurrent with
 2 the rest of it. And the construction modeling
 3 shows that that eight-month delay is not
 4 recoverable.

5 So if we can temporarily close Route 662,
 6 we have the hospital essentially closed in and
 7 ready for interior finishing in the summer of
 8 2026.

9 If we cannot close Route 662, that pushes
 10 that into the spring of 2027 and there's no way
 11 to recover that schedule.

12 And so what we're proposing to do, whoops,
 13 we're proposing a closure of 662 from the fall
 14 of this year, likely October or November, into
 15 the spring of 2025. We're going to work
 16 aggressively on the construction of the new
 17 road alignment. We're going to built it from
 18 both the north and south ends. So we'll have
 19 two crews building 662 simultaneously so that
 20 the closure of 662 occurs only during the
 21 off-peak travel period of Route 50. So we will

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1 avoid the reach-the-beach traffic.

2 We have obviously additional coordination
 3 and details to work through with State Highway
 4 Administration. And we've certainly heard
 5 comments and concerns from the Department of
 6 Public Works about how we manage public
 7 communications, signage around that closure.
 8 And more importantly, how we make sure that
 9 traffic that uses detours, whether it's Route
 10 50 or county roads, is conducted safely and
 11 done in a way that doesn't damage county roads.

12 And so we are going to have an agreement
 13 for you that provides for inspections and to
 14 make sure that Shore Health is responsible to
 15 protect county roads associated with that, that
 16 detour.

17 But I wanted to give you a little advance
 18 view of that because that's something that's
 19 important to maintain the schedule. And
 20 because of the anticipated construction date in
 21 August, we're quickly approaching a short

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1 period of time to work through those details.
 2 So we're doing that diligently, but I
 3 wanted you to have at least an advance view of
 4 what's coming.
 5 MR. LESHHER: So Mr. Showalter, when do you
 6 anticipate starting the construction of the
 7 relocated 662?
 8 MR. SHOWALTER: We anticipate starting
 9 construction of the project in August. And
 10 that road construction would begin in the
 11 August to September time frame. We have to
 12 establish a lot of erosion and sediment control
 13 first. But it would begin within the next two
 14 months.
 15 MR. LESHHER: And that's an eight-month
 16 construction?
 17 MR. SHOWALTER: Approximately. It would
 18 proceed with two crews concurrently six days a
 19 week and will be completed before
 20 reach-the-beach traffic begins in the spring.
 21 MR. LESHHER: And is the construction time

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1 frame because of the requirements for the
 2 engineering, the layers of -- the construction
 3 specifications for the State Highway?
 4 MR. SHOWALTER: So it's associated both
 5 the scope of the work but also the complexity
 6 of the road.
 7 Any road that's open for public use that
 8 is a State road has to comply with State
 9 Highway specifications.
 10 And so it's very robust construction in
 11 terms of a base.
 12 If you recall from the other, the other
 13 slide, there's a great deal of storm water
 14 management. And there's no storm water
 15 management out there today. But under current
 16 regulations, there's extensive storm water
 17 management improvements that are required in
 18 all of these pink areas. And so that's the
 19 fastest that we can construct that road.
 20 MR. LESHHER: And will you be constructing
 21 a temporary roadbed to route traffic around to

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1 be able to keep that road open?
 2 MR. SHOWALTER: We will not.
 3 So we will keep this road open until the
 4 point when grading has to occur within the
 5 roadbed.
 6 One of the options that was discussed was
 7 the possibility of using a temporary roadbed,
 8 but a temporary roadbed would have to be
 9 constructed to the exact same State Highway
 10 standards. And so it doesn't provide any
 11 savings. It just, it would require engineering
 12 of essentially a duplicate road with months of
 13 permitting and review and no time savings
 14 because we have to build the same quality of
 15 the road.
 16 So that was certainly an option. We
 17 looked at a wide range of options.
 18 MR. LESHHER: So you've already got your
 19 engineering and bids, you're ready to roll on
 20 this project?
 21 MR. SHOWALTER: This, this road has been

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1 engineered. The bidding is complete.
 2 And we have two votes. We have a vote
 3 remaining tomorrow evening and a vote on
 4 Friday. That vote on Friday will clear the
 5 path for construction of this project.
 6 MR. LESHHER: But your contractor can't
 7 mobilize until August?
 8 MR. SHOWALTER: Well, they can't mobilize
 9 until we can get final permits.
 10 So the final votes this week will
 11 authorize the funding for the project.
 12 We have to post bonds and get final
 13 construction permits from the Town of Easton,
 14 which I anticipate are going to take another
 15 several weeks.
 16 And we don't want to close 662 -- there's
 17 no benefit in closing 662 early. We want to
 18 make sure that that closure occurs outside of
 19 the reach-the-beach season.
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.
 21 MR. LESHHER: I think it's, you know,

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1 knowing how busy that road is, knowing how
 2 important that road is to our agricultural
 3 community, that we look at every possible
 4 alternative to closing 662.
 5 MR. SHOWALTER: So we're happy to have
 6 more discussions about all the alternatives.
 7 We've considered a wide range of
 8 alternatives. And this is the alternative that
 9 is functional and that works.
 10 MS. MIELKE: I just have a quick question
 11 because I'm new to this plan.
 12 MR. SHOWALTER: Sure.
 13 MS. MIELKE: And I'd like to understand
 14 why the building didn't take into consideration
 15 in its original design having this teeny part
 16 that was going to cause us to have to change
 17 the county highway? Why couldn't it have been
 18 oriented a little bit differently to avoid this
 19 whole situation?
 20 MR. SHOWALTER: So the building ended
 21 right about here before. It always was very

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1 close to 662.
 2 The slight change in growth in the
 3 building occurred after virtually everything
 4 else was designed.
 5 So shifting the building and shifting that
 6 design would have added six months or nine
 7 months of --
 8 MS. MIELKE: But why wasn't it originally
 9 taken into consideration that this design would
 10 impact a county road to make -- to cause all
 11 the cost to the county --
 12 MR. LESHAR: It's a State road.
 13 MR. SHOWALTER: It's a State road.
 14 MS. MIELKE: State road. Excuse me.
 15 Sorry.
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.
 17 MR. SHOWALTER: So I don't recall the
 18 consideration. That was a decision made ten
 19 years ago. And so that, those decisions were
 20 not revisited in an effort to keep this project
 21 moving and on schedule.

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1 MS. MIELKE: Thank you.
 2 MR. SHOWALTER: Sure.
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Did you want to say
 4 something?
 5 MR. STAMP: I just have a question.
 6 Can you articulate the State's position on
 7 this?
 8 This is clearly a State highway, and
 9 they're the ones that are going to have to
 10 approve a closure of a State highway.
 11 Do you know where you stand right now with
 12 the State Highway Administration?
 13 MR. SHOWALTER: Yes. So we've had a lot
 14 of discussions with State Highway, and we've
 15 looked at different alternatives with State
 16 Highway.
 17 The State Highway Administration, I think
 18 their position is that they don't want to add
 19 cost or time to the completion of the project
 20 and that we need to work with the county to
 21 make sure county concerns about alternative

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1 routes are addressed.
 2 Their official position is that they don't
 3 detour State Highway traffic on county roads.
 4 So they view Route 50 as the official detour
 5 for this closure.
 6 But we understand that there are people
 7 who will not solely use Route 50 and that
 8 Hailem School and Goldsborough Neck Road will
 9 be impacted. And so the State Highway has made
 10 it clear that we need to work with your staff
 11 to address those concerns.
 12 And we've talked about a wide range of
 13 considerations, including investigation and
 14 survey of the county roads prior to
 15 construction and then having weekly evaluation
 16 of county roads to make sure that traffic
 17 that's using them, doesn't impact the roads.
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Well, this is
 19 definitely a work in progress. That's for
 20 sure. And we'll know a little bit farther come
 21 I feel like we have a good two meetings

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1 Wednesday and Friday. And then we can build
 2 off of that and try to bring the whole parties
 3 together.
 4 MR. SHOWALTER: Absolutely.
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Whole parties together and
 6 kind of figure out the timing of this because
 7 obviously there is a concern of us nosing into
 8 the State's business and trying to work out a
 9 solution because this is their road.
 10 And I don't want, at the end of the day, I
 11 don't want it to feel like we're the problem,
 12 because it's their road.
 13 MR. SHOWALTER: Well, it's their road, but
 14 it's also your roads. I mean that's the
 15 balance.
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: It's a State road.
 17 MR. SHOWALTER: This is a State road,
 18 but --
 19 MR. LESHER: But it's going to push
 20 traffic onto Hailem School Road. It's going to
 21 push traffic onto Airport Road.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.
 2 MR. LESHER: And Goldsborough Neck and so
 3 forth --
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: So I just kind of feel like
 5 we'll get there.
 6 MR. SHOWALTER: Absolutely.
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: We'll get there.
 8 MR. SHOWALTER: And we've heard that
 9 concern, and we're mindful of it and we're
 10 going to work to address it.
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: And we'll work on our end,
 12 too. Yup. So okay.
 13 MR. SHOWALTER: Thank you for the extra
 14 time.
 15 MR. STEPP: One more question.
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Go ahead.
 17 MR. SHOWALTER: Yes, sir.
 18 MR. STEPP: Lot one I believe, the green
 19 one on the north side of town.
 20 MR. SHOWALTER: Lot one. This lot. Yes,
 21 sir.

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1 MR. STEPP: What is the purpose for that
 2 one, the intended purpose for that area?
 3 MR. SHOWALTER: There's no specific land
 4 plan for that at this time.
 5 It's intended for future medical, likely
 6 medical office. But complimentary uses
 7 associated with a regional medical campus.
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right.
 9 MR. LESHER: I likewise have an unrelated
 10 question, which has to do with the change of
 11 the term in the DRRRA. This sort of resets the
 12 duration.
 13 MR. SHOWALTER: The term, that's correct.
 14 MR. LESHER: Of the DRRRA. The start date
 15 for the 30-year term of the DRRRA.
 16 Does it affect any of the other critical
 17 performance dates that are in the DRRRA or only
 18 the -- and expiration date of the agreement.
 19 MR. SHOWALTER: All that it does is extend
 20 the expiration of the agreement.
 21 And one of the key, most of the key

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1 performance dates, Mr. Lesher, are associated
 2 with infrastructure. And the reason why
 3 they're coming out of the DRRRA is they're
 4 still, many of them are still unresolved.
 5 So procurement for significant electrical
 6 components, for example. Those time frames are
 7 drastically different than they were ten years
 8 ago or even than they were pre-COVID.
 9 And so those provisions are going to be in
 10 public works agreements, multiple public works
 11 agreements between the county, town, and Shore
 12 Health.
 13 So those changes will still come before
 14 you to the extent they at least relate to water
 15 and sewer, or to the town if they relate to
 16 electric and other utilities.
 17 But they don't need to be reviewed by the
 18 Planning Commission. And the DRRRA has this
 19 statutory process for amendments that it would
 20 be very cumbersome to deal with infrastructure
 21 construction details and going to multiple

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<p>1 Council meetings, multiple public hearings, and</p> <p>2 multiple Planning Commission meetings for stuff</p> <p>3 that isn't in the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>4 So the term extension does not affect</p> <p>5 those dates, but those dates are being adjusted</p> <p>6 to make sure that the county can perform on its</p> <p>7 dates, Shore Health and Easton Utilities can</p> <p>8 all meet their respective obligations.</p> <p>9 MR. LESHAR: Thank you.</p> <p>10 MR. SHOWALTER: Sure.</p> <p>11 MR. STAMP: One more thing. So there was</p> <p>12 a concern raised by some previous folks that</p> <p>13 worked on the DRRA that the question was</p> <p>14 whether the adjustment to the DRRA would affect</p> <p>15 an entry I believe in the DRRA, it may be</p> <p>16 attached to the deed, that there has to be</p> <p>17 substantial progress made on construction of</p> <p>18 the new hospital by X date.</p> <p>19 MR. THOMAS: It was in the deed.</p> <p>20 MR. SHOWALTER: Yes. So that date is in</p> <p>21 the deed and still controls.</p>	<p>1 hearing on 357.</p> <p>2 And any questions from Council?</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: We're not voting.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, we're going to --</p> <p>5 MR. LESHAR: Does this go on our next</p> <p>6 agenda for a decision?</p> <p>7 MS. MIELKE: Yes.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: We could do that, right, or</p> <p>9 we could --</p> <p>10 MS. MIELKE: We keep it open.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: We can vote on -- can we do</p> <p>12 an amendment?</p> <p>13 MR. THOMAS: You can vote on it. It's a</p> <p>14 resolution. It's had the public hearing and</p> <p>15 the second reading. So it is eligible for</p> <p>16 vote.</p> <p>17 MS. MIELKE: Well, considering there are</p> <p>18 two more meetings --</p> <p>19 MR. THOMAS: You don't have to.</p> <p>20 MR. STAMP: It will be scheduled for the</p> <p>21 next meeting.</p>
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<p>1 MR. STAMP: Okay. That's an important</p> <p>2 point just for a number of folks that have</p> <p>3 raised that concern.</p> <p>4 So that date is protected in the deed?</p> <p>5 MR. SHOWALTER: That's a property interest</p> <p>6 of the county. It's not affected by the DRRA.</p> <p>7 MR. STAMP: Thank you.</p> <p>8 MR. THOMAS: Correct.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good. Okay.</p> <p>10 Any other questions?</p> <p>11 MR. SHOWALTER: Thank you.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Showalter.</p> <p>13 Appreciate it. Okay.</p> <p>14 MS. MIELKE: Thank you.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. He used his</p> <p>16 five minutes up. Okay. Okay.</p> <p>17 Anybody else would like to come up here</p> <p>18 and say a few things about the hospital?</p> <p>19 You're welcome to come up.</p> <p>20 Okay. All right, then. I guess at this</p> <p>21 time, I'll go ahead and close the public</p>	<p>1 MR. THOMAS: It can be, or you can vote on</p> <p>2 it.</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: Since there are two more</p> <p>4 meetings coming up that are going to impact</p> <p>5 this, I think that we should not.</p> <p>6 MR. STEPP: We're also missing a Council</p> <p>7 member, too, as well.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.</p> <p>9 MR. STEPP: (Inaudible) wait until that</p> <p>10 next meeting.</p> <p>11 MS. MIELKE: Excuse me?</p> <p>12 MR. STEPP: Wait until our next meeting.</p> <p>13 MS. MIELKE: Yes.</p> <p>14 MR. SHOWALTER: If I may, just a brief</p> <p>15 comment.</p> <p>16 The Town Council has reviewed this, and we</p> <p>17 have an UMMS board meeting tomorrow night.</p> <p>18 So the hope was to finalize the DRRA in</p> <p>19 time for a vote by the UMMS board meeting. And</p> <p>20 that's the reason it's on your agenda.</p> <p>21 So I mean if there are questions or</p>

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1 comments or concerns, I'd prefer that we --
 2 Ms. Van Emburgh is here. I'd prefer to respond
 3 to those tonight if we could and reach a
 4 conclusion.
 5 MS. MIELKE: I didn't think this is going
 6 to be for a vote today.
 7 MR. LESHHER: Well, frankly, I think the
 8 controversial items in here have all been taken
 9 out, the items where there are still questions
 10 to be worked out. This does not -- what
 11 remains in here does not impact the 662
 12 question, it does not impact --
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: That's true.
 14 MR. LESHHER: -- any of these other pieces.
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Some of the problem things
 16 that we have to sort of discuss and stuff
 17 again.
 18 MS. MIELKE: Then why don't we just do it
 19 all at one time?
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Because I think this helps
 21 them that much, that gets them to their next

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1 step.
 2 And in all honesty, between helping them
 3 tomorrow with their big meeting and Friday,
 4 this is something that we've been waiting for
 5 for 15 years.
 6 MS. MIELKE: I understand that.
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: I think it's probably best
 8 at this stage that we're going to try to
 9 problem solve all these things in the next
 10 several weeks.
 11 By the end of this week, hopefully we'll
 12 know better if the hospital is physically
 13 coming and they've approved it. I think it's
 14 going to help the whole community.
 15 So I really don't see any problem with
 16 moving forward with a vote.
 17 MR. LESHHER: And Council Member Mielke, I
 18 think that really, any of the items that would
 19 raise possible concerns have all been redlined
 20 out of this piece of the agreement and this has
 21 been stripped down to bare bones to items that

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1 I don't think should raise any concerns for
 2 this Council.
 3 MS. MIELKE: Well, I haven't independently
 4 made that decision.
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Stepp, are you,
 6 are you okay voting?
 7 MR. STEPP: Can I ask if we did delay
 8 until our 25th meeting, what would that impact
 9 on the timetable? Just so we had all of
 10 Council here.
 11 MR. SHOWALTER: Well, so I'm not on the
 12 UMMS board.
 13 I mean the goal and intent was to
 14 demonstrate to the community the major issues.
 15 And one of those is just making sure we deal
 16 with infrastructure and don't have obligations
 17 that can't be met.
 18 The current DRRA has terms that can't be
 19 met. Easton Utilities can't deliver electric
 20 on the timing that's contemplated. The county
 21 can't deliver sewer on the timing that's

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1 contemplated.
 2 Shore Health is building -- the Community
 3 Center plans have changed because you've built
 4 an addition. So the alignment of the road has
 5 been adjusted to reflect your addition.
 6 So I can't tell you what the UMMS board
 7 will do if it's not approved tonight.
 8 If it's approved tonight, certainly that's
 9 more helpful for us to represent tomorrow that
 10 the DRRA approval from the county is complete.
 11 So I don't know that I can answer that,
 12 Mr. Stepp.
 13 To the extent that there are questions or
 14 concerns about Route 662, that has to be
 15 addressed. Bill 1231 has to be amended to do
 16 anything other than complete construction
 17 before we close the existing road.
 18 So there's a forum for that and venue that
 19 Council has authority in the future. And I
 20 understand we have to address your concerns.
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Right. Yeah.

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1 Mr. Stepp, how do you feel?

2 MR. STEPP: I mean you feel like a vote

3 this evening will help guide the meetings that

4 are to come here tomorrow, I think you said

5 tomorrow and Friday?

6 MR. SHOWALTER: I think it's more --

7 tomorrow is the full UMMS board meeting for

8 approval of this project.

9 The Friday meeting is the reg meeting

10 before the health cost review, HSCRC.

11 So tomorrow's meeting I think is more

12 likely to be potentially influenced or enhanced

13 by an action by the Council tonight, not

14 Friday.

15 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Thomas, your feelings?

16 MR. THOMAS: It's eligible for vote. I

17 think it's up to Council to decide whether you

18 want to move forward this evening or whether

19 you want to hold it over until the 25th.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Because like Mr. Showalter

21 said, some of the concerns that we have with

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1 this, really we can still address those once we

2 move forward with this?

3 MR. THOMAS: That are in the redline, yes.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.

5 MR. STEPP: So there's still flexibility

6 in how this moves forward if we vote on it this

7 evening?

8 MS. MIELKE: So if there is, then why do

9 we have to move forward? Why can't we do it

10 all at one time?

11 MR. LESHER: So Mr. Showalter, you can

12 elaborate on this.

13 My understanding is that what is before us

14 is a stripped down version of the DRRA, just

15 the essentials that need to be enshrined in

16 there, with all of those other elements that

17 could cause hang-ups, such as the routing of

18 662, the provisions for water and sewer, etc.,

19 all removed and all to be addressed separately

20 at a later date, probably a date pretty soon,

21 but nevertheless a later date than today so

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1 that you have just the essentials of a DRRA

2 that will allow the board to move forward in

3 comfort that you have the local support that

4 you need for this project.

5 MR. SHOWALTER: That's correct. So the

6 public works agreement that defines all of the

7 respective obligations associated with water

8 and sewer and the other utilities, that will

9 come before the Council and has to be approved

10 by the Council.

11 The county's funding obligations

12 associated with water and sewer, the alignment

13 or construction of the force main for water and

14 sewer all come before you separately.

15 The issue of Route 662 will come before

16 you in a bill to amend 1231 if that's the route

17 that we take.

18 What this does, it removes those

19 infrastructure details from the DRRA so that

20 what's remaining is the general zoning vesting,

21 the obligations of the parties to address all

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1 of the details in subsequent public works

2 agreements.

3 MR. LESHER: We did, and thank you for the

4 time to all involved, had the opportunity to go

5 through the language that remains in that joint

6 work session.

7 I additionally took advantage of the

8 hearing over at the Town of Easton to glean a

9 little bit more depth on this. And I

10 appreciate that process. This, of course, is a

11 complicated one.

12 But I think because of that preparation

13 that you've done with us, I certainly feel

14 comfortable moving forward and that we don't

15 have anything in here that is cause for

16 concern.

17 MR. STEPP: So is the question whether or

18 not I would like to move forward with the vote

19 still?

20 MR. CALLAHAN: That's the question.

21 MR. STEPP: Okay. Yes, I will move

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1 forward with a vote.
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary,
 3 could you call the vote.
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 7 MR. STEPP: Aye.
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
 9 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
 11 MS. MIELKE: Abstain.
 12 MR. SHOWALTER: Thank you very much.
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. All right.
 14 Next on the agenda, just a brief Council
 15 consideration of the letter.
 16 MR. LESHER: So I asked that this be added
 17 onto the agenda.
 18 We, Council was copied by a letter from
 19 the Town of Trappe and Trappe East Business
 20 Holdings Trust regarding to, addressed to MDE
 21 that opposed the adoption by MDE of 338.

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1 And Mr. Thomas, what am I leaving out
 2 here?
 3 MR. THOMAS: It was a letter from the town
 4 and the property owner, Trappe East Holdings
 5 Business Trust, asking that MDE disapprove
 6 Resolution 338 or at a minimum delete the
 7 100,000 gallons per day capacity limit and the
 8 requirement for a comprehensive water and sewer
 9 plan amendment for each expansion of the
 10 Lakeside facility.
 11 MR. LESHER: You know, I think that we
 12 should hold on any action for this, one, until
 13 we can review draft language and, second, until
 14 Council Member Haythe can weigh in.
 15 But just to provide this opportunity
 16 tonight to encourage Council members to provide
 17 our input to the county attorney for the
 18 content of our appropriate response.
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions?
 20 Okay. We'll hold off until the next meeting.
 21 Okay.

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1 Next, public comment. Do we have any
 2 sign-up?
 3 MS. MORRIS: Not tonight.
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Not tonight. Okay.
 5 We're working on Council comment. Okay.
 6 Mr. Stepp.
 7 MR. STEPP: Just one quick one. Due to a
 8 prior obligation, I will not be here at our
 9 25th meeting. Any votes that we have, I'll
 10 work with staff to make sure any proxies are
 11 prepared. So intend to vote on whatever we
 12 have that day still.
 13 So thank you, sir.
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.
 15 Mr. Leshner.
 16 MR. LESHER: I had the occasion to attend
 17 the ceremony honoring first responders just
 18 behind the courthouse sponsored by, by the
 19 Prager Businesses, Blue Point Hospitality. And
 20 really want to commend all involved on a very
 21 well done ceremony and the recognition given to

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1 our first responders on that occasion. Thanks
 2 to all who were involved in that, and thanks to
 3 all who serve.
 4 MS. MIELKE: I had the pleasure to attend
 5 the FFA annual banquet, Future Farmers of
 6 America. And it was so gratifying to see the
 7 youth of today involved with agriculture and
 8 working towards promoting and maintaining our
 9 community as agriculturally based and focused.
 10 So I wish them all luck and cheer them on.
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.
 12 And I'll just kind of wrap it up myself.
 13 We've got some tough decisions up here as
 14 Council. That's for sure.
 15 You know, we're changing the way life is
 16 around here when it comes to a new hospital.
 17 It's tough decisions. It's on our shoulders.
 18 We're going to make this happen.
 19 Hopefully Friday we have great news that
 20 it is coming closer and closer and been
 21 approved. So that's really what we have to

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1 look at.
 2 There's always going to be some whatnot
 3 stuff that we have to contend with. But that's
 4 why they got good leaders up here to make good
 5 choices and move forward on this. And we're
 6 going to figure it all out.
 7 So I just want everybody to know that.
 8 Mr. Showalter, I appreciate you being here
 9 and explaining that to us. That's for sure.
 10 But we're definitely 100 percent behind
 11 this hospital. I want to be put on the record
 12 for that. That's for sure. We don't want to
 13 be holding up, but we have to be cautious on
 14 how we handle business, too.
 15 So you'll have to bear with us a little
 16 bit. But at least we gave you one step closer
 17 for tomorrow. That's for sure.
 18 So other than that, I'm glad everybody was
 19 here.
 20 And I really appreciate all your help,
 21 Mr. Stamp and your staff, Jess, and Susan.

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1 And not only that, Patrick, we really,
 2 Mr. Thomas, we really appreciate all the work
 3 you're doing with working with Mr. Showalter
 4 and all this. It's a lot of work, a lot of
 5 time. It's a lot of things that we have to
 6 sort of clean up from, you know, ten years ago.
 7 So some of this, and because a new
 8 Council, we got new Council members, you know,
 9 it takes a little while to understand these
 10 very difficult things that we're going through.
 11 And it's not, it's not something that's going
 12 to happen overnight.
 13 And Ms. Mielke, I really appreciate you
 14 trying to work through that and understanding
 15 that. And I understand your vote. So you
 16 weren't comfortable with it. I understand
 17 that. That's why I didn't want to push you on
 18 something like that. That's for sure, because
 19 it's very important.
 20 And your intentions are not to hold
 21 anything up.


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1 MS. MIELKE: No, absolutely not.
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: So I appreciate that.
 3 So I just want to make sure that --
 4 MS. MIELKE: Called due diligence.
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Right. Everybody does
 6 their due diligence. Everybody has got to feel
 7 comfortable.
 8 And hopefully, we'll get to the finish
 9 line for everybody. That's for sure.
 10 And Ray, you and Mike, too, I forgot to
 11 say something about you guys. You know, really
 12 appreciate all the effort. You're in the
 13 trenches with this every single day. So if
 14 it's anything, it's going to be your fault. So
 15 that's good. Okay. So you report to us, you
 16 know. So there's always a way out for the
 17 Council. Okay.
 18 So anyway, really appreciate it.
 19 And Mr. Leshner, you want to go ahead and
 20 get us going out.
 21 MR. LESHER: The County Council's next

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1 meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th,
 2 beginning at five o'clock p.m. The Council
 3 will be convening in open session at 3:30 p.m.
 4 and then adjourning into closed session, as
 5 listed on the statement for closing that
 6 meeting.
 7 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn
 8 this meeting and reconvene as noted?
 9 MR. STEPP: So moved.
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion to
 11 adjourn. Madam Secretary, could you call the
 12 vote.
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
 16 MR. STEPP: Aye.
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
 18 MR. LESHER: Aye.
 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
 20 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.

1 Appreciate everybody.
 2 (Meeting concluded at: 6:13 p.m.)
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1 STATE OF MARYLAND
 2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and
 for the State of Maryland, County of Baltimore City,
 3 do hereby certify that the within named, Talbot
 County Council Audio, personally appeared before me
 4 at the time and place herein set according to law,
 was interrogated by counsel.
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 I further certify that the examination was
 6 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed
 from my stenographic notes to the within printed
 7 matter by means of computer-assisted transcription
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 I further certify that the stipulations
 9 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my
 presence.
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 I further certify that I am not of counsel
 11 to any of the parties, not an employee of counsel,
 nor related to any of the parties, nor in any way
 12 interested in the outcome of this action.
 13 AS WITNESS my hand Notorial Seal this 19th
 day of June, 2024, at Easton, MD.
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 Diane Houlihan
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 19 My commission expires September 16, 2025
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