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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

October 18, 2022; 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chuck F. Callahan

Pete Leshner

Frank Divilio

Laura E. Price

Reported by

Diane Houlihan

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1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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3 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate everybody

4 coming. Welcome tonight. And let's stand for

5 the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag and

6 Mr. Leshner is going to say the prayer for

7 tonight.

8 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Leshner.

10 Appreciate that.

11 Welcome everybody tonight. And let's get

12 started here on the agenda tonight.

13 Council has the October 18th before them.

14 Are there any additions, deletions, or

15 corrections to the agenda? Okay. Hearing

16 none, the chair moves that the agenda be

17 accepted as unanimous consent.

18 The next is going to be the disbursements

19 of October 18th. The Council has had a chance

20 to review them. Are there any additions,

21 deletions, or corrections? Okay. So hearing

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1 none, the chair moves that the disbursements be

2 accepted as unanimous consent. Okay.

3 So we're going to start off with the

4 county manager report. Mr. Stamp.

5 MR. STAMP: Good evening, Council

6 President, Members of the Council.

7 Ray Clarke, you can come up if you don't

8 mind.

9 I have three items for you this evening.

10 I'll start off, the first is board and

11 committee appointments.

12 The first is requesting Council's

13 appointment of Mary Lou Butler, community

14 health educator with the Talbot County Health

15 Department, to the Talbot County Drug and

16 Alcohol Abuse Council.

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

18 MR. DIVILIO: Make a motion to approve.

19 MR. LESHNER: Second.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I got a motion and

21 second to put Mary Lou on the committee. Madam

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1 Secretary, could you call the vote.

2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

4 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.

5 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.

6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.

7 MR. LESHNER: Aye.

8 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.

9 MS. PRICE: Aye.

10 MR. STAMP: Okay. And bear with me here.

11 I have Ray Clarke to speak to the specifics on

12 two matters.

13 The first one is a recommendation

14 referring to Bid Number 20-13, wastewater

15 treatment plant sludge management improvement

16 belt filter press replacement, St. Michaels,

17 Talbot County.

18 This is for change order number two and

19 number three. And as you read in your packet,

20 the county engineer is requesting Council

21 approval of change orders two and three that

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1 will increase the contract by \$62,496.10.

2 Change order two is a no-cost change order

3 that increases the contract time by 60 days.

4 Change order three includes additional

5 water piping, pump modifications, and some

6 additional electrical work related to the pump

7 modifications.

8 If approved, the change orders will exceed

9 the approved budget by \$28,762.10, which will

10 be charged to repairs and maintenance line item

11 in the region two and region one sanitary

12 district's budgets.

13 And Ray Clarke can speak to any more

14 specifics on this request.

15 MR. CLARKE: Yes. Council, again, as

16 noted by Clay, we are basically going to be

17 over our capital spending, which is \$600,000.

18 This will take us up to \$628,762.10.

19 This would then be spread out amongst all

20 the operating budgets for Unionville, Tunis

21 Mills, Copperville, which is region one, and

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1 Royal Oak, Newcomb, and Bellevue, which is  
 2 region two, region two Martingham, as well as  
 3 region two St. Michael's.

4 We are in the process of working with  
 5 Rural Development. We are seeking -- this is a  
 6 loan through Rural Development, but we are  
 7 seeking a grant at this point in time.

8 Just for the Council, we would have, if  
 9 we, in our efforts in trying to get a grant,  
 10 we'd have to put an ad out in the paper noting  
 11 that we are seeking grant funding through Rural  
 12 Development. And it would be for that amount,  
 13 the 28,760 some odd dollars. And then we may  
 14 have to have a public hearing for that as well  
 15 if we end up becoming successful in receiving  
 16 those funds.

17 We have not received any notification from  
 18 Rural Development at this time that we are  
 19 eligible for those funds. They do have grant  
 20 funding, but we have not been told yes, we can  
 21 award this.

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1 So at this point in time, we're requesting  
 2 the County Council or I guess approve my  
 3 recommendation to go ahead and adopt change  
 4 orders two and three so we can move forward to  
 5 I guess finish up the contract.

6 I will say the belt filter press is  
 7 running. It's running beautifully. The last  
 8 belt filter press I think was over 45 years  
 9 old.

10 And for just some clarification, we did  
 11 run into a situation during the bidding process  
 12 where the specified belt filter press basically  
 13 included the polymer chemical feed system. And  
 14 then an addendum was put out for a different  
 15 press that did not.

16 So kind of the analogy would be like we  
 17 identified a GM Silverado truck with AC or air  
 18 conditioning, and they put out an addendum  
 19 saying okay, we want a Ford truck and it didn't  
 20 specify the AC.

21 So in looking at that, there was

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1 ambiguity. So we went back through that and I  
 2 had the engineer look at that, and they did  
 3 come back and note that in their opinion, they  
 4 should be awarded for that omission, I should  
 5 say.

6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

7 MR. LESHER: Mr. Clarke, the initial  
 8 project prior to these change orders for this  
 9 belt filter press replacement, that was funded  
 10 through a Rural Development grant?

11 MR. CLARKE: Yes.

12 MR. LESHER: And so this change order one  
 13 would simply exceed what we received in that  
 14 previous?

15 MR. CLARKE: And I think you said grant.  
 16 Unfortunately, the belt filter press is  
 17 actually a loan.

18 MR. LESHER: It is.

19 MR. CLARKE: So we have capital enabling  
 20 legislation. It was a \$600,000 loan.

21 MR. LESHER: Okay, okay. So ultimately,

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1 this is financed through Rural Development.  
 2 Ultimately, it is paid by the rate payers.

3 MR. CLARKE: Yes, sir.

4 MR. LESHER: For the region one and region  
 5 two customers?

6 MR. CLARKE: Yes, that's correct.

7 MS. PRICE: So how are you going to  
 8 spread -- so we're at 560,000 some thousand  
 9 dollars, which was under 600. And then this is  
 10 going to exceed the 600 by \$28,000. And you  
 11 said it's going to spread it out amongst the  
 12 districts.

13 But I mean I know we just raised their  
 14 rates. How is that going to be absorbed?

15 MR. CLARKE: It has been absorbed. As  
 16 part of the budget, I did include that finance  
 17 fee within the budget.

18 So for Rural Development for the belt  
 19 filter press, we knew we were going to be  
 20 paying for that over time, for 30 years. So  
 21 that amount has been incorporated in the

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1 budget --

2 MS. PRICE: The 600. But what about

3 the --

4 (Cross talk.)

5 MR. CLARKE: The 28.

6 MS. PRICE: -- absorb that --

7 MR. CLARKE: That would be absorbed by the

8 operating budgets. So through the annual

9 operating budgets. So that's how it will get

10 absorbed is basically --

11 MS. PRICE: I mean is there enough profit,

12 so to speak, in the enterprise fund to --

13 MR. CLARKE: There's going to -- we are

14 looking at having enough I would say definitely

15 for Unionville, Tunis Mills, Copperville, Royal

16 Oak, Newcomb, and Bellevue, Unionville, Tunis

17 Mills, Copperville, and Martingham. I believe

18 we will have sufficient funds within

19 St. Michael's to cover that as well.

20 I think one of the things, you know, as

21 Council knows, we had done the analysis at

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1 basically \$300 per year. We actually increased

2 it to 325 a year. So we have a little extra

3 buffer there. So I mean that's the one thing

4 we do have.

5 MS. PRICE: Right. Because we have

6 several different enterprise funds, and some do

7 a little better than others.

8 And so, you know, some will be able to

9 absorb it okay and some of them maybe not so

10 much. And sometimes one hand is feeding the

11 other a little bit.

12 MR. CLARKE: And I will say for the

13 Council and we are working very hard right now

14 trying to get approval from MDE. And we're

15 going to talk about one item, which is the belt

16 filter press. Or I'm sorry. The pump station,

17 Royal Oak pump station.

18 But we are also looking at the sewer

19 extensions associated with Resolution 235. And

20 we're working as quickly as we can to try and

21 get that out the door and bid on and hopefully

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1 start the process of connecting houses by

2 March. So that would actually -- one of the

3 advantages we would have with that is we'd be

4 seeing capital charges from about hopefully up

5 to 300 houses at \$12,000 per house.

6 MR. LESHAR: Mr. Clarke, we might have

7 asked this at an earlier stage in this process,

8 but how is the plant? Is there a work-around

9 while we don't have an operable belt filter

10 press at the plant? What is going on in the

11 absence of the equipment now?

12 MR. CLARKE: I will say the belt filter

13 press is in operation.

14 MR. LESHAR: Oh, it is.

15 MR. CLARKE: So we probably put the belt

16 filter press in operation about two months ago.

17 So it's been operating.

18 So we are just -- there's been a little

19 bit of a dispute between us and the contractor.

20 And I think we've been working on that.

21 And we had a pump situation. We've

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1 finally got that pump situation resolved. And

2 it worked out. So again, the belt filter

3 press, again, has been operating.

4 As the interim, we were pumping and

5 hauling to Easton. So we're no longer doing

6 that.

7 MR. LESHAR: Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. STAMP: Just for clarity, I just want

9 to double back.

10 Ray, you are indicating that the

11 \$28,762.10 can be absorbed in your operating

12 budget?

13 MR. CLARKE: Yes.

14 MR. STAMP: Thank you.

15 MR. LESHAR: And to clarify, too. You are

16 tonight only asking for approval of change

17 orders two and three or requesting all three?

18 MR. CLARKE: We already came forward with

19 change order one. So one was already approved.

20 So we're just requesting change orders two and

21 three.

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1 MR. LESHHER: All right. Well, I will move  
 2 approval of change orders two and three as  
 3 recommended by staff.  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: I'll second.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 6 second it to go ahead and approve change order  
 7 two and three. Madam Secretary, could you call  
 8 the vote, please.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.  
 14 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 17 MR. STAMP: And Ray is going to talk to  
 18 you. The next item is regarding Bid Number  
 19 22-11, which was the region two sewer system  
 20 extension, replacement of the Royal Oak pump  
 21 station.

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1 As you read in your agenda packet, the  
 2 county engineer is recommending that Council  
 3 reject all bids for Bid Number 22-11 and rebid  
 4 the project.  
 5 A total of four bids were submitted.  
 6 However, a question arose regarding the project  
 7 scope related to the supervisory control and  
 8 data acquisition system, SCADA, the land line  
 9 communication at the pump station and the MBE,  
 10 WBE requirements.  
 11 And Ray can explain what an MBE, WBE  
 12 requirement is.  
 13 MR. CLARKE: Or the better acronym, MBE,  
 14 WBE.  
 15 Ultimately with that, those are actually  
 16 the requirements that were put forth by MDE  
 17 that we have to adhere to when we bid out  
 18 projects. So we have to make a good faith  
 19 effort to try and have women business  
 20 enterprises as well as minority business  
 21 enterprises work to bid as subcontractors or

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1 generals.  
 2 And then ultimately, we try to advertise  
 3 in minority business papers. We're doing that  
 4 again right now. And if the Council rejects  
 5 this, we'll have a notice go out to the  
 6 minority business enterprise paper to notify,  
 7 let all the bidders know that the four bidders  
 8 that did bid, as well as all the bidders that  
 9 have secured bid packages, and any other  
 10 bidders that are interested, that ultimately  
 11 we've put this back out for bid.  
 12 We are looking at a quick turn-around time  
 13 of about three weeks.  
 14 What we're trying to do is use this as an  
 15 extension. We kind of accepted the bids. We  
 16 apologize on that.  
 17 But at this point, we're requesting the  
 18 County Council reject those bids so that we'll  
 19 put out what we call an addendum number three.  
 20 And addendum number three will then clarify  
 21 those three items.

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1 And we'll also be working with MDE with  
 2 their officer that does the minority business  
 3 enterprises as well as the women enterprise  
 4 requirements. We've gotten some clarification  
 5 from her that we would then put in an addendum  
 6 as well to help clarify that for all the  
 7 bidders.  
 8 Once we have that information in, like I  
 9 said, if the Council rejects it, we would then  
 10 probably go and put a notice in the paper  
 11 tomorrow and then advertise this and work to  
 12 get bids back in in about three weeks.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Will this Council be able to  
 14 take action on those items?  
 15 MR. CLARKE: I believe you would.  
 16 MS. PRICE: It's not legislative.  
 17 MR. THOMAS: It's not legislative.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Right. Okay.  
 19 MR. LESHHER: Mr. Clarke, I'd like to  
 20 commend you for making sure all the T's are  
 21 crossed and the I's are dotted in this process.

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1 And it's important to get this right.  
 2 It sounds like the delay that this will  
 3 cause in the project is not going to be  
 4 material, that you will not be expecting that  
 5 much more out of the life expectancy of the  
 6 existing pump station and we can get on with  
 7 this project with only minor delay through this  
 8 process.  
 9 MR. CLARKE: Correct.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 11 MR. DIVILIO: So do you need a  
 12 recommendation, a motion on this?  
 13 MR. CLARKE: I would need --  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: So I'll make a motion that  
 15 we reject all bids and rebid Bid Number 22-11.  
 16 MR. LESHER: I'll second.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary, got  
 18 a motion and second. Could you call the vote,  
 19 please.  
 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 4 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 7 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Ray.  
 8 MR. CLARKE: Thank you.  
 9 MR. STAMP: That completes the county  
 10 manager report this evening, Mr. Council  
 11 President.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Call Mr. Peper to the front  
 14 to entertain us for the next 15 minutes?  
 15 Kidding.  
 16 MR. PEPPER: Song and dance?  
 17 MS. PRICE: Can we do public comments or  
 18 Council comments or anything like that since we  
 19 got to kill time or what?  
 20 MR. DIVILIO: I imagine the public  
 21 comments would probably be related to the two

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1 public hearings.  
 2 Council comments, if you want.  
 3 MS. PRICE: (Inaudible.) I guess we're  
 4 going to dance on the table.  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: Declare a recess for 15  
 6 minutes. Go eat a cookie.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: What do we want to do,  
 8 Council?  
 9 MR. LESHER: You might as well call for  
 10 public comments and Council comments.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right.  
 12 MS. PRICE: Right. Because public  
 13 comments wouldn't be on the public hearings  
 14 because those would be the public hearing.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. So I guess what  
 16 we'll do is...  
 17 MS. PRICE: Public comments?  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Let's go to public  
 19 comments. Okay. Anybody out here would like  
 20 to come up, say anything? Okay. Public  
 21 comment.

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1 MS. RYAN: Is this on anything? Sorry. I  
 2 walked in a little late.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: No.  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: Not pertaining to the public  
 5 hearings. Just public comment in general.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Public comment. Maybe come  
 7 up here and tell us how great we are.  
 8 MS. RYAN: You guys are amazing. I  
 9 appreciate all you do.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We don't have  
 11 anything there. Okay.  
 12 Clay, want to say something?  
 13 MR. STAMP: Well.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: I see you stewing over  
 15 there.  
 16 MR. STAMP: So I think (inaudible) taking  
 17 action on Bill 1526 tonight or is that a public  
 18 hearing?  
 19 MR. THOMAS: Both. Public hearing and  
 20 then the third reader.  
 21 MR. STAMP: I was wondering.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, yeah.  
 2 MR. STAMP: No. I have nothing else this  
 3 evening.  
 4 I would advise you to consider taking a  
 5 recess for 15 minutes and come back with your  
 6 hearings.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 8 MR. DIVILIO: Give you a chance to use  
 9 that hammer.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Exactly. We'll go  
 11 ahead and -- where is that?  
 12 MR. LESHER: Recess until 6:30?  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. We're going to recess  
 14 until 6:30.  
 15 (Recess taken.)  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, guys, for  
 17 that. Appreciate it.  
 18 So let's go ahead and start the public  
 19 hearing. Madam Secretary, could you go ahead  
 20 and read 337 into the record, please.  
 21 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 337, a

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1 resolution approving the sale of two contiguous  
 2 and adjacent parcels of unimproved real  
 3 property having an address of 112 South Main  
 4 Street, Trappe, Maryland, and further described  
 5 as tax map 301, parcel 1745, consisting of  
 6 4.318 acres of land, more or less, and having  
 7 an address of Main Street, Trappe, and further  
 8 described as tax map 301 parcel 1751, to the  
 9 Town of Trappe, a Maryland municipal  
 10 corporation, for the sum of \$1, subject to  
 11 certain conditions.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Thomas.  
 13 MR. THOMAS: Yes. This resolution arose  
 14 from a letter sent by Lyndsey Ryan on behalf of  
 15 the Town of Trappe dated August 3, 2022, in  
 16 which she expressed the town's interest in  
 17 acquiring these two parcels of vacant park  
 18 property from the county for a new town office  
 19 for the Town of Trappe.  
 20 The town has expressed that it's willing  
 21 to assume ownership and control over the park

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1 and playground on the property and maintain the  
 2 same in good condition for the public benefit  
 3 through at least 2028.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I appreciate that.  
 5 Okay.  
 6 At this time, I'm going to open up the  
 7 public hearing. I'll give you three minutes to  
 8 speak. And if you're going to be representing  
 9 somebody, I'll give you five minutes.  
 10 So we'll start over here on this side  
 11 here. Does anybody like to come up and talk  
 12 about 337? Okay.  
 13 This side here. Come on up, guys, and  
 14 introduce yourself.  
 15 MS. RYAN: Lyndsey Ryan, attorney for the  
 16 Town of Trappe. And Nick Newnam, Council  
 17 president, is here with me.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's great.  
 19 MS. RYAN: Thank you for having us.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate it.  
 21 MS. RYAN: Yup. We are here in support of

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1 this resolution.  
 2 As you all know, the Town of Trappe town  
 3 office is very dated. I'm not sure. I think a  
 4 lot of you have been there for meetings. We  
 5 recently had the comprehensive water and plan  
 6 meeting there with the county. The Council  
 7 meeting room was barely large enough to fit  
 8 those in attendance.  
 9 We often have issues where we have larger  
 10 meetings we have to hold elsewhere because we  
 11 don't have the space for them.  
 12 In addition, with the Town of Trappe  
 13 growing over the years, they've had to hire  
 14 additional staff. Originally they were one  
 15 office person. Now they're three. There's  
 16 only one office within their building.  
 17 So they've been looking for additional  
 18 space within the downtown area, which is  
 19 convenient for residents so they can walk, they  
 20 can come and pay bills, they can attend  
 21 meetings. And there's just no other space

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1 that's large enough that is available within  
 2 the downtown area.  
 3 I think residents frequent the park. And  
 4 Mr. Chase, one of the Council members, brought  
 5 it to our attention that there was this park  
 6 property there and said, you know, reach out to  
 7 the Parks Board. They may be interested in  
 8 giving it or selling it to the Town of Trappe.  
 9 So we felt like it was the perfect  
 10 scenario where the Town of Trappe would assume  
 11 responsibility, liability, maintenance for this  
 12 property and then in the long run be able to  
 13 build a new office there.  
 14 What they're thinking is a modest 3,000  
 15 square foot building. It would have three  
 16 offices, a larger meeting room, a smaller  
 17 conference room for, you know, larger town  
 18 projects, a drive-thru, which would provide  
 19 convenience to paying bills to residents.  
 20 Parking. Right now there's two parking  
 21 spots at the town office. A lot of times

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1 people who attend meetings actually take the  
 2 fire department parking, which is a safety  
 3 issue for them. I know last week's meeting  
 4 there was a little snafu when someone parked in  
 5 front of actually where the trucks pull out.  
 6 So it's really about providing a space for  
 7 the Town of Trappe to have a new office to  
 8 provide the service to their citizens.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Newnam.  
 10 MR. NEWNAM: She's covered everything for  
 11 me. Thank you.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good. All right.  
 13 Any questions?  
 14 MS. PRICE: I mean I --  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: I know we're in the public  
 16 hearing. But do you have any questions?  
 17 MS. PRICE: Well, finish the public  
 18 hearing.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 20 MS. PRICE: And then I guess have Council  
 21 discussion.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That would be great.  
 2 MS. RYAN: Thank you. I appreciate it.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Anybody on this side  
 4 here want to talk about 337? You're welcome to  
 5 come up. Okay. All right.  
 6 We'll go ahead and at this time, I guess  
 7 are we going to leave the public hearing open  
 8 or are we going to close it?  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: I think we can go ahead and  
 10 close it.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We'll go ahead at  
 12 this time and close the public hearing.  
 13 MS. PRICE: Do you want to leave it open  
 14 for written comments until Friday?  
 15 So I guess I would have some discussion.  
 16 We're going to hold off voting --  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: We're going to hold off on  
 18 voting. Right.  
 19 MS. PRICE: (Inaudible) so if we're  
 20 holding off on voting, we're going to have a  
 21 little discussion (inaudible) -- I'm sorry.

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1 Do you want to leave written comment open  
 2 until Friday maybe based on any discussion that  
 3 we have?  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: That's fine with me. Yeah.  
 5 MS. PRICE: We can always decide later.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: That's fine. Did you hear  
 7 that, Madam Secretary?  
 8 SECRETARY: Uh-huh.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right.  
 10 MS. PRICE: Okay. So I was provided a  
 11 document, which is a DRRA between the  
 12 development of Lakeside and the Town of Trappe.  
 13 And it says that Lakeside, the petitioner,  
 14 agrees to dedicate land within the project that  
 15 is suitable for a 3,000 square foot municipal  
 16 building, the town administrative building, and  
 17 related improvements. And they are going to  
 18 build you, build a town office building as part  
 19 of the DRRA between Lakeside and Trappe.  
 20 I knew nothing about that. It doesn't  
 21 seem very transparent to me. And if you're



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1 going to have the vast majority of, over time,  
 2 the homes over in Lakeside, it seems to me that  
 3 makes sense. The developer is willing to  
 4 provide you a free piece of land and a free  
 5 town office building.  
 6 I would like to know why we weren't  
 7 notified about that. I mean if you're writing  
 8 us a letter and your preference is to have it  
 9 in the town, then we can discuss that.  
 10 But I had to have a citizen say to me  
 11 well, I just saw this DRRA. And it was never  
 12 provided to the Talbot County Council.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Was this -- so how did the  
 14 citizen get it?  
 15 MS. PRICE: It's a public document.  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: So it was available for any  
 17 of us?  
 18 MS. PRICE: Sure, it's available. But we  
 19 didn't know it existed. So --  
 20 MR. DIVILIO: I wouldn't say we.  
 21 MS. PRICE: Well, I think when the -- if

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1 anybody comes to us asking for land or whatever  
 2 and something has been provided, offered to  
 3 them, that that would be a transparent process.  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: This has been transparent  
 5 and this was discussed in the Parks Board.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Well, then, maybe,  
 7 Mr. Divilio, you should have brought this DRRA  
 8 to our attention.  
 9 The Parks Board has nothing to do with the  
 10 agreement between the Town of Trappe and  
 11 Lakeside that land and a building is going to  
 12 be provided for them free of charge.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: I disagree. I don't need to  
 14 bring this to your attention because it was the  
 15 Town of Trappe requesting this property. They  
 16 chose -- I don't need to tell the Town of  
 17 Trappe where to put their town hall.  
 18 MS. PRICE: I'm not asking about that.  
 19 I'm saying the Town of Trappe should have  
 20 provided this document to the Talbot County  
 21 Council, at least mentioned in the letter, when

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1 they said that they wanted the land for their  
 2 town office building. Easily could have said  
 3 the next paragraph we have been provided,  
 4 offered the building will be built for us  
 5 regardless of where it is by Lakeside, whether  
 6 it's on this property or another parcel or in  
 7 the Lakeside development.  
 8 But they have offered land free of charge  
 9 to the town. And all I'm saying is we should  
 10 have been, we should know that. That could  
 11 have been the next paragraph in the letter  
 12 saying --  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Would that change your  
 14 opinion?  
 15 MS. PRICE: Yes.  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: Where you would force the  
 17 town to locate their facilities?  
 18 MS. PRICE: I think at least we'd have a  
 19 chance to have a discussion.  
 20 I don't appreciate the fact that I was  
 21 blindsided by this. I would have liked to have

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1 known that Trappe had another option. But the  
 2 way they wrote the letter made it seem like  
 3 this is the only thing they've got going.  
 4 I'm not saying it's a bad location or not.  
 5 But we should have been provided the  
 6 information that they had another parcel of  
 7 land being offered free of charge and the town  
 8 office building is also going to be built for  
 9 them free of charge.  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: Did you take the time to ask  
 11 them if they had other options and why they  
 12 wanted to choose this?  
 13 MS. PRICE: Well, that's --  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: Because it came up in the  
 15 discussion when I spoke with them.  
 16 MS. PRICE: I wouldn't know to ask the  
 17 question. I would have gone on their faith  
 18 that they said they needed the land to build  
 19 their town office building.  
 20 And I think the burden is on them to  
 21 provide the information that they had another

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1 option. It's not for me to second guess oh,  
 2 maybe there's something else.  
 3 MR. DIVILIO: You're making --  
 4 MR. LESHER: Mr. Callahan.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 6 MR. LESHER: We have representatives from  
 7 Trappe here. Would it be in order to give them  
 8 an opportunity to respond?  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. I was just letting  
 10 them two do their thing. Okay. All right.  
 11 Okay.  
 12 Lyndsey, come on up. Nick, come on up.  
 13 That would be great.  
 14 MS. RYAN: Thank you. Our intent was not  
 15 to be deceitful.  
 16 I don't think the question was ever asked  
 17 of who was going to pay for a building.  
 18 You're right. The development agreement  
 19 says that the developer is required to pay for  
 20 a town office up to 1.5 million.  
 21 I know you all have recently been involved

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1 in the development of a new county building.  
 2 That doesn't get you very far. That would also  
 3 include the price of property if we didn't have  
 4 one available.  
 5 It also says that they have to build one  
 6 within the development. And the Town of Trappe  
 7 has discussed it. They don't feel that that's  
 8 in the best interest of the citizens of Trappe.  
 9 So --  
 10 MS. PRICE: Couldn't you have just said  
 11 that to us? Couldn't you have just been  
 12 transparent and said we have this other offer,  
 13 we feel this is better.  
 14 But I had no idea. Neither did the rest  
 15 of the Council.  
 16 MS. RYAN: Well, the development agreement  
 17 has been recorded for over 20 years. And it's  
 18 always required that they provide a town  
 19 office.  
 20 There was an amendment that it included a  
 21 dollar amount, but that document has been

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1 recorded in a public record for over 20 years.  
 2 MS. PRICE: And I wasn't on the Council 20  
 3 years ago.  
 4 I'm saying it doesn't make sense. You  
 5 should have told us. And that's all I'm  
 6 saying. It's not transparent. And there's  
 7 been enough other things that have gone on.  
 8 The other thing that I found interesting  
 9 in here is that you all get \$1,500 per dwelling  
 10 unit for each dwelling unit within the project.  
 11 And by my math, that's \$3.75 million that you  
 12 get.  
 13 You know, and here we are talking about  
 14 infrastructure that's on the county's backs,  
 15 you know, for whether it's emergency services,  
 16 schools, things like that.  
 17 And I didn't know you guys are going to  
 18 get \$1,500 for every single unit that's built  
 19 plus whatever they're paying --  
 20 MS. RYAN: So I'm sorry. That's to  
 21 address impact fees that would go to the town,

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1 similar to the impact fees that they pay the  
 2 county.  
 3 MS. PRICE: And guess what. We don't get  
 4 those impact fees that pretty much lie very  
 5 much within the municipalities.  
 6 And we've talked. And I'm sure you  
 7 followed along. Our concern is a bigger  
 8 concern about schooling and emergency services.  
 9 And it's not just for Trappe. It's for the two  
 10 Easton, you know, couple hundred units, things  
 11 like that, that have a greater impact to the  
 12 entire county that is solely on the County's  
 13 back.  
 14 And you can say that it's been sitting  
 15 there for the last 20 years, but I think an  
 16 honest letter would have said we could use the  
 17 parcel being provided by Lakeside, we would  
 18 prefer it to be in the town. That's all you  
 19 would have had to say --  
 20 MR. DIVILIO: So --  
 21 MS. PRICE: -- conversation.

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1 MR. DIVILIO: I'd like to remind you.  
 2 This Council did vote to do an impact fee  
 3 study, as I addressed in the last meeting, with  
 4 the results coming back for the first meeting  
 5 in January 3rd to increase the impact fees  
 6 throughout the entire county. We already put  
 7 that in place to do the study. We already paid  
 8 and funded that.  
 9 So when the longer we delay and the longer  
 10 the next group delays receiving these results,  
 11 and if they decide to have a Planning  
 12 Commission do a review of it, but they will  
 13 already have those results in January --  
 14 MS. PRICE: This conversation isn't about  
 15 impact fees --  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: You just brought up the  
 17 impact fees and the amount of money that  
 18 they're receiving for this. So I just wanted  
 19 to make sure that the record was clear --  
 20 MS. PRICE: -- whole thing and this  
 21 document in perspective, everything that I read

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1 in this document that I didn't know about.  
 2 This conversation is about an honest  
 3 letter from the Town of Trappe, which I  
 4 personally do not feel Talbot County got.  
 5 That's all.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: And I'd like to thank the  
 7 Town of Trappe for being very transparent when  
 8 I call and speak with you and give me an idea  
 9 of why you choose the location and why you  
 10 wanted to go this route.  
 11 And Mr. Chase was fantastic at the Parks  
 12 Board when we discussed this. And when  
 13 Mr. Peper gave the recommendation, I was well  
 14 aware.  
 15 I don't feel that I was surprised or  
 16 anything that I had to have a member of the  
 17 community who followed it closer than I did.  
 18 I'm glad that I took the time to do the work  
 19 and discuss it with you guys.  
 20 So I don't feel -- I don't want you to  
 21 walk out of here feeling that you tried to lie

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1 to me.  
 2 MS. RYAN: I appreciate that.  
 3 MS. PRICE: Right. One Council member  
 4 knew. And again, if you knew there was another  
 5 location, I think -- if I found that  
 6 information out, I would have shared it with  
 7 rest of the Council.  
 8 MS. RYAN: I understand. It was not the  
 9 Town of Trappe's intent to be deceitful.  
 10 It was our intent to request a piece of  
 11 property thinking that the county already has  
 12 plenty of park property that you already have  
 13 to maintain and why not make it the burden of  
 14 the Town of Trappe and allow the Town of Trappe  
 15 to build a town office.  
 16 MS. PRICE: -- to bid. Maybe somebody  
 17 would like to purchase that property and we  
 18 could get tens of thousands, if not hundreds  
 19 of -- I don't know how much. I have no idea  
 20 what the assessed value is. And maybe we  
 21 should do an appraisal for that piece of

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1 property.  
 2 All I know it's a dollar. It's certainly  
 3 worth more than a dollar.  
 4 So I know we're not going to vote on this  
 5 this evening. I would like to know before  
 6 voting on this what the appraised value of that  
 7 land is. There might be somebody out there  
 8 that would like to purchase it. And so rather  
 9 than giving something away when there is  
 10 another option, whether it's the choice or not.  
 11 But we certainly should know what the appraised  
 12 value of that property is.  
 13 And I know Mr. Pack is not here this  
 14 evening.  
 15 So I just wanted to bring that to the  
 16 public's attention that there is another parcel  
 17 and a town office building. Again, while 1.5  
 18 million may not cover the whole thing, it's  
 19 still going to go --  
 20 MS. RYAN: It may. But it would also be a  
 21 benefit to the Trappe residents and county

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1 residents to have a municipal building in town  
 2 where they can walk to pay their bills and  
 3 attend meetings.  
 4 So I understand the benefit to the county  
 5 in receiving the money, but there's also the  
 6 benefit to the county in allowing the Trappe  
 7 residents to walk to their building.  
 8 MS. PRICE: Benefits to Trappe residents.  
 9 MS. RYAN: To Trappe residents.  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: So if we did appraise this  
 11 and it came back at \$378,000, then that burden  
 12 would fall on the municipality's taxpayer base  
 13 to pay the county the \$378,000 appraised value  
 14 for something that we were given for a dollar.  
 15 MS. RYAN: It would.  
 16 As Ms. Price quoted the development  
 17 agreement. It requires the developer to build  
 18 a municipal building within the Lakeside  
 19 property. So they very well could say we're  
 20 not fronting money for that piece of property.  
 21 Then it's on the Town of Trappe residents to

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1 pay for that property.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: And that would be the Trappe  
 3 Town Council that makes that decision.  
 4 MS. RYAN: Yes.  
 5 MS. PRICE: Right. But that doesn't mean  
 6 Trappe has to pay for it.  
 7 You know, again, with 2,500 homes going  
 8 up, maybe it's going to be more central for it  
 9 to be at Lakeside. I mean there's only a few  
 10 hundred residents in the town.  
 11 I'm just saying over time, the better  
 12 location might be at Lakeside.  
 13 MS. RYAN: Possibly 20 or 30 years from  
 14 now. And I don't think their intent is to wait  
 15 that long to provide a new town office.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: And the other thing is  
 17 that's for their Council to decide.  
 18 Anybody else?  
 19 MR. LESHAR: Just Mr. President.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 21 MR. LESHAR: If we need to act on this

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1 next week, a one-week timeframe is awfully  
 2 tight to obtain an appraisal.  
 3 Would it be sufficient for these purposes  
 4 if we simply got access to the...  
 5 MS. PRICE: Assessed?  
 6 MR. LESHAR: Assessed value and use that  
 7 as a placeholder for this.  
 8 It might not be the exact value, but it  
 9 will give us an order of magnitude and give us  
 10 a general sense since we're not really looking  
 11 to sell this for a fair market value. I would  
 12 not be looking to sell this for a fair market  
 13 value to the Town of Trappe. It would at least  
 14 inform the decision of the value that we would  
 15 be transferring to the town.  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: Sure. And how would we put  
 17 in the future dollar cost of the perpetual care  
 18 of the playground and the dollars spent that  
 19 Parks and Rec uses to maintain the property for  
 20 no apparent use? That should probably be taken  
 21 into consideration as well.

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1 MS. PRICE: -- in the letter. The Board  
 2 of Education, the County Council pays for  
 3 everything the Board of Education owns.  
 4 So while it says that the Council  
 5 understands the property was deeded to the  
 6 County Council in 1972 by the Talbot County  
 7 Board of Education for a dollar, well, guess  
 8 who ultimately paid for that piece of property  
 9 that the Board of Education was using?  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: So but that --  
 11 MS. PRICE: So --  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: But that was the Trappe  
 13 school, so Trappe proper. Would that have  
 14 been...  
 15 MS. PRICE: I'm saying that parcel did not  
 16 cost the county a dollar. When the county at  
 17 some point obviously bought a parcel of which  
 18 the School Board used, the School Board has now  
 19 excess property, which they I guess gave back  
 20 for a dollar.  
 21 But that's not a dollar for dollar trade.

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1 Sometimes if there is no true cost, there was a  
 2 cost at some point when Talbot County Council  
 3 provided that property to whatever school  
 4 building was there.  
 5 MR. DIVILIO: Weren't the municipalities  
 6 in charge of building their schools back then  
 7 when this was built?  
 8 MS. PRICE: I don't think so. I don't  
 9 think that's ever been the case.  
 10 MR. DIVILIO: When Oxford had a school.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Let's --  
 12 MS. PRICE: Good question. But I --  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: I appreciate --  
 14 MS. PRICE: I don't know if that's ever  
 15 been the case.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: I'd like to get Mr. Peper  
 17 up here for a minute. We're starting talking  
 18 about land and back and forth. And he's an  
 19 expert in this.  
 20 Let's hear from you.  
 21 MR. PEPER: So this piece of property came

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1 into question when the Parks Board responded to  
 2 the letter that was given to us from the Town  
 3 of Trappe.  
 4 This is an excess piece of property. This  
 5 is where the ball fields basically used to be  
 6 before Home Run Baker was built. And it's not  
 7 uncommon when a new sports complex goes in,  
 8 that the old one kind of goes into more of a  
 9 passive recreation type thing.  
 10 Right now, a lot of different events used  
 11 to go on here. Trappe-Toberfest, the car show,  
 12 things like that. They have all moved on.  
 13 Some of them are over at the firehouse.  
 14 So right now, this property is,  
 15 predominantly the back part of it, the larger  
 16 square of it that you can see in the picture,  
 17 is pretty much just mowed and maintained,  
 18 trying to keep the woodlands at bay, so to  
 19 speak.  
 20 There is a playground on the front part,  
 21 which is going to come due in 2028. That's its

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1 20-year lifespan. So in 2028, that playground  
 2 will need to be removed and then either  
 3 replaced or not replaced.  
 4 MR. LESHER: Thank you.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. What was the  
 6 recommendation of your committee?  
 7 MR. PEPER: So the Park Board  
 8 recommendation was to -- there have been a  
 9 couple of different recommendations.  
 10 The final recommendation was to sell the  
 11 property to the Town of Trappe for a dollar  
 12 with the concession that there would be a  
 13 replacement playground put in in 2028 by the  
 14 Town of Trappe, which theoretically could apply  
 15 for a State grant to pay for that playground.  
 16 The thought process is we didn't want to  
 17 go through another removal of a playground  
 18 without replacing a playground, since we've  
 19 been through that before.  
 20 MS. PRICE: What were some of the other  
 21 discussions before you got to that final?

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1 MR. PEPER: I think the big discussion was  
 2 just whether or not there was a lot of use in  
 3 that property anymore. You know, just the  
 4 mowing costs is about three to \$5,000 a year,  
 5 plus manpower to maintain it. That's pretty  
 6 much the discussion.  
 7 MS. PRICE: You said there was other  
 8 recommendations before you finally came to this  
 9 one, though.  
 10 MR. PEPER: I mean there was a  
 11 recommendation of trying to find a value for  
 12 it. Like to sell it for, say, 50,000, \$75,000.  
 13 The thought process is by going with a  
 14 dollar and the replacement of the playground  
 15 was that if we didn't sell it, we are going to  
 16 be on the hook for that \$150,000 playground  
 17 down the road. And we've already got six other  
 18 playgrounds that are all going to come due at  
 19 the same time. The thought was if we could  
 20 pass the onus of having to replace this one  
 21 onto another municipality, it would actually

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1 work in the county's benefit.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That seems fair.

3 MR. DIVILIO: Thank you.

4 MR. PEPER: Thank you.

5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions?

6 MR. LESHER: No.

7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Anybody

8 else want to talk about this property? Okay,

9 guys. That's good. All right.

10 So we're going to hold that open for

11 written comment until Friday. And then next

12 meeting, we'll go ahead and vote on this.

13 Okay. All right.

14 Madam Secretary, could you go ahead and

15 read Bill 1526 into the record.

16 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1526, an emergency

17 bill to authorize a capital project for the

18 removal and replacement of the ice rink floor

19 at the Talbot County Community Center. And to

20 authorize an inter-project transfer of \$950,000

21 from the appropriation approved by Bill Number

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1 1171 for the extension of water and sewer lines

2 to the Talbot County Community Center to the

3 capital project authorized hereunder.

4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. (Inaudible) public

5 comments first.

6 MR. LESHER: Do we want Mr. Peper to just

7 explain the scope of what is going on here for

8 the benefit of the public before we dive into

9 it?

10 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, sure.

11 MR. PEPER: So as was discussed in the

12 previous meeting, the ice rink floor has failed

13 and needed to be replaced. It was kind of --

14 we had thought that there was a short-term fix,

15 about a \$55,000 chill mat, which is basically

16 what was going to fix the problem.

17 When that was all hooked up and plugged in

18 and turned on, it did not work the way it had

19 planned. The issues were much more extensive

20 than we had previously thought. The problem is

21 being that it's in a concrete floor, it's kind

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1 of hard to see a lot of these things until the

2 worse part happens.

3 The floor is over 40 years old. So the

4 problem is it's -- the way that it functions is

5 there's 11 miles of plastic tubing in that

6 floor. And all it takes, you know, is a one

7 leak to let that brine mixture out, which it's

8 a solvent that runs through the piping that

9 chills the floor. It keeps the floor cold when

10 you turn the ice on. It's about 11 times

11 saltier than the ocean. So it doesn't react

12 well when it gets in contact with concrete over

13 time.

14 So just, it just, it has met its life

15 expectancy, for lack of better words.

16 MS. PRICE: Can I ask a quick question

17 before the public hearing?

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.

19 MS. PRICE: Is there any type of sensor

20 that could have been underneath to detect a

21 leak underneath the concrete that we could

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1 possibly know or as we put the new one in so

2 that we would know something like this before

3 it fails like that?

4 MR. PEPER: I've never heard of one. I

5 mean I can't say no, but I do not believe there

6 is a way to do that, no.

7 MS. PRICE: Thank you.

8 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other Council comments

9 right now?

10 MR. DIVILIO: No.

11 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Preston. I

12 appreciate it. Okay.

13 So I'll go ahead and open it up to the

14 public hearing. And give you three minutes

15 individually. If you're representing somebody,

16 five minutes.

17 So let's start over here on this side.

18 Does anybody want to come up and talk about

19 1526? Okay.

20 On this side, 1526, anybody want to

21 comment on it? How you doing?

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1 MR. LEVASSEUR: Good. How are you?  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Good, good. Welcome.  
 3 MR. LEVASSEUR: Thank you.  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: Give us your name and  
 5 organization.  
 6 MR. LEVASSEUR: Yeah. My name is Dave  
 7 Levasseur. I am the current president of the  
 8 Easton Icehawks, also known as the Eastern  
 9 Shore Hockey Association.  
 10 Just a quick thing I wanted to read to you  
 11 guys.  
 12 Thank you for allowing me the opportunity  
 13 to speak this evening. I speak on behalf of  
 14 the ESHA Board of Directors, our parents, and  
 15 most importantly, our players.  
 16 We'd like to thank you all for your  
 17 efforts to expedite the repairs on the rink  
 18 floor.  
 19 Our organization normally has roughly 180  
 20 registered players spanning over 12 teams  
 21 between the ages of five and 18. To us, it's

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1 not just an ice rink. It's a place where our  
 2 kids have met teammates, these teammates have  
 3 become friends, and in many cases these friends  
 4 have become extended family. This is what  
 5 hockey means to us.  
 6 The loyalty, the responsibility, the  
 7 desire to work hard for something other than  
 8 oneself and above all the love for your team.  
 9 It's not just ice, but it's a common bond that  
 10 we all share. It's not traveling across  
 11 Maryland, Virginia, D.C., Delaware just to play  
 12 a 45-minute game. To us, the Talbot County  
 13 Community Center is our home.  
 14 When news of the floor failure at the end  
 15 of last year's season broke, we were concerned.  
 16 The Council and the Community Center staff came  
 17 up with a temporary solution and our concern  
 18 became less. A temporary solution was quickly  
 19 found, and we thought our season was saved,  
 20 although slightly delayed.  
 21 As we all know, that fix was only intended

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1 to be a Band-Aid on a bigger problem that was  
 2 lurking under the floor. Unfortunately, that  
 3 problem beat us to the punch.  
 4 Upon hearing of the total failure in  
 5 September, we were devastated as an  
 6 organization.  
 7 After the initial shock wore off, there  
 8 were many, many questions. What would our kids  
 9 do and what kind of season would we have, if  
 10 any, were among them.  
 11 Those questions were answered at an  
 12 amazing speed. Councilman Divilio informed me  
 13 that the Council was working on a solution. He  
 14 told me he had spoken with the other member of  
 15 the county and assured us that you were all  
 16 ready to take this project head on. Not only  
 17 was the Council on board, but also the staff at  
 18 the Community Center.  
 19 When the first step of the process was  
 20 approved, they began to prep the building for  
 21 the project.

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1 Tonight, with the approval of this  
 2 project, we know that we will be back to the  
 3 rink soon, back to the place that we are proud  
 4 to call home.  
 5 We cannot say thank you enough for taking  
 6 these unprecedented steps getting our kids back  
 7 on the ice.  
 8 In closing, while I represent the Icehawks  
 9 organization, it's not only about the organized  
 10 hockey. It's about the memories created and  
 11 the lessons learned that will stay with these  
 12 young athletes for the rest of their lives.  
 13 Thank you all, again, for your support of  
 14 this project and helping our kids live out  
 15 their dreams.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Thanks a lot. Appreciate  
 17 it. Great. I couldn't agree with you more  
 18 than that. I can tell you that. Perfect.  
 19 Okay.  
 20 Anybody else like to come up? Okay.  
 21 I'll go ahead and close the public hearing

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1 on that, on 1526. Council.

2 MR. LESHER: Look, I think we recognize as

3 a Council what a crucial public asset this ice

4 rink is. It is something that we are proud of

5 in this community. It is something that our

6 neighboring jurisdictions don't have, either in

7 public ownership or in private ownership. It

8 draws people from quite a distance around to

9 Talbot County.

10 And what it adds to youth recreation, to

11 recreation in general in this county is

12 immeasurable.

13 This is one of those assets that

14 contributes to the quality of life in this

15 county. This is one of the assets that makes

16 this a better place to live.

17 I'm a believer that we need to take care

18 of what we have, of what has been entrusted to

19 us. And it is unfortunate that we've gotten to

20 this position where we are going to lose a

21 substantial ice time over this coming season

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1 because of the timing of this discovery.

2 I am assured that our staff, our Parks

3 Board has done everything that they can to try

4 to address this problem in as expeditious

5 manner as possible. And I am fully ready to

6 support the solution.

7 I'm sorry that we're losing ice time.

8 But, boy, this is important to do, and I'm

9 ready to support it.

10 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Leshner.

11 MR. DIVILIO: So I would completely agree.

12 The Community Center is an enterprise

13 fund, and they're challenged with making money.

14 If they don't have a facility to use, then they

15 can't do it.

16 So I'm happy to step in as quickly as

17 possible. And I appreciate Mr. Peper, his work

18 in this getting the plans out or submitting the

19 RFP, finding the contractor to do the work.

20 I would like to thank Martha Sparks from

21 finance helping to find the money, the other

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1 main part of this.

2 And I'd like to thank those members who

3 are staying here and staying committed to the

4 organization. It will be back. It will be

5 stronger and better. I stay very optimistic

6 about that. And I thank the community for

7 their patience with this, and I'm happy to move

8 forward with it.

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Divilio.

10 Ms. Price.

11 MS. PRICE: Sure. This place is very near

12 and dear to my heart. I was one of those

13 original people who started skating out there

14 more than 40 years ago.

15 And I agree with what said about the

16 hockey and what it does. It's not just a

17 sport. It's something that shapes youth.

18 And I know that from my experience that I

19 had there, that it changed my life. Because it

20 is only a six-month season, I did have to move

21 away to continue my training to be able to get

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1 to the national level of figure skating. But

2 without a place like this, I mean and what that

3 teaches youth, I mean whether you're just going

4 out obviously for fun, but there are people in

5 lots of different sports. And sports really

6 does change your life and molds you, at least

7 partially, into who you become.

8 And so I am extremely supportive of this.

9 It's unfortunate. But the fact that the

10 concrete floor and the plastic that's in there

11 was there when I started skating all those many

12 years ago, we did get our money's worth out of

13 it. I'm very sad that we're going to lose some

14 of that season.

15 But you know, maybe in the future, based

16 on some other changes at the Community Center,

17 maybe this is something that we can ultimately

18 have more than six months out of the year. So

19 I look forward to seeing that possibility as

20 well.

21 And certainly, we're going to work as fast



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<p>1 as we can, or we're going to have the</p> <p>2 contractors work as fast as they can to get you</p> <p>3 back on the ice hopefully close to Christmas or</p> <p>4 first of the year.</p> <p>5 So definitely supportive.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: And I want to say, with my</p> <p>7 colleagues, I can't -- there's been many, many,</p> <p>8 many times, and me, born and raised here. I</p> <p>9 think the thing was built in '78 or '79. And</p> <p>10 there wasn't anything better than Friday night</p> <p>11 skating. Hundreds of kids, all of us, you</p> <p>12 know. So I enjoyed it.</p> <p>13 Just the whole being in the hockey world</p> <p>14 myself, coaching. And you know, I had one</p> <p>15 gentleman say who did you play for. I said</p> <p>16 well, I didn't play but I watched a lot of it</p> <p>17 on TV.</p> <p>18 So hockey is just a special world. It's</p> <p>19 true to my heart. My boys played it.</p> <p>20 We got a big deal guy out here, too, that</p> <p>21 plays hockey, too, and coaches, too. So Tim,</p>	<p>1 for, you know, the stuff that you had to go</p> <p>2 through to get to this point. And I apologize.</p> <p>3 Our intentions were to get you Band-Aided up</p> <p>4 for a while and go forward to do this after</p> <p>5 your season. But obviously it didn't work out</p> <p>6 that way.</p> <p>7 But I just want to let everybody know that</p> <p>8 this Council is all in and wants to get it done</p> <p>9 as fast as we can and get you guys up and</p> <p>10 running.</p> <p>11 And keep in mind, so what is special about</p> <p>12 not only the ice, is, you know, Preston is in</p> <p>13 the process and this Council is in the process</p> <p>14 of doing an auditorium, too, on the other side.</p> <p>15 MR. STAMP: Gymnasium.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: A gymnasium. I'm sorry.</p> <p>17 So, you know, there's a bright future for</p> <p>18 this, for this whole complex.</p> <p>19 So but I appreciate your patience. If you</p> <p>20 guys need anything, need to know what the</p> <p>21 progress is going, please give us a call.</p>
<p>Page 63</p> <p>1 we appreciate everything you're doing for the</p> <p>2 league, too.</p> <p>3 There's a lot of special people that make</p> <p>4 this program run. And I appreciate all your</p> <p>5 time, your effort.</p> <p>6 When we're going down Route 50 and we got</p> <p>7 the hockey rink on one side and we got the golf</p> <p>8 course on the other side, this Council has</p> <p>9 devoted both of these projects here for the</p> <p>10 golf and the hockey. We're all in.</p> <p>11 MS. PRICE: Hockey rink, sir?</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Figure skating.</p> <p>13 MS. PRICE: It's both.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Sorry. But this Council is</p> <p>15 all in. I mean it's a big part of our county.</p> <p>16 Everybody loves it. It's an impact for</p> <p>17 business. You know, just brings a lot to us.</p> <p>18 And it's a special place, like Mr. Leshner</p> <p>19 said. That's what makes it special around</p> <p>20 here, having these type of facilities.</p> <p>21 So I'm proud to support it. I apologize</p>	<p>Page 65</p> <p>1 But we're hoping, Preston, that sometime</p> <p>2 in January we'll have ice, right?</p> <p>3 MR. PEPPER: That's the plan.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So we'll cross our</p> <p>5 fingers, anyway.</p> <p>6 Other than that, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>7 MR. STAMP: So Council, with staff on</p> <p>8 behalf of the Department of Recreation and</p> <p>9 Parks is requesting Council to award a contract</p> <p>10 to American Arena, LLC.</p> <p>11 MS. MORRIS: You have to vote on the bill</p> <p>12 first.</p> <p>13 MR. THOMAS: Right.</p> <p>14 MR. STAMP: I'm sorry?</p> <p>15 MR. THOMAS: You have to vote on the bill</p> <p>16 first.</p> <p>17 MR. DIVILIO: So I make a motion to</p> <p>18 approve Bill Number 1526.</p> <p>19 MS. PRICE: Second.</p> <p>20 MR. THOMAS: Move it to third reader</p> <p>21 first.</p>

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1 MR. DIVILIO: Oh, third reader?  
 2 MR. THOMAS: Yes. So we need a motion to  
 3 move to third reader --  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: So I make a motion that we  
 5 move Bill Number 1526 to third reader.  
 6 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary, we  
 8 got a motion and second to move 1526 to the  
 9 third voter. Can you call the vote.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 13 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 15 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 17 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 19 MR. THOMAS: He needs four-fifths.  
 20 So now you'll vote on the bill, and it  
 21 requires a four-fifths vote as an emergency

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1 bill.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 3 MR. LESHNER: You'll ask the secretary to  
 4 perform the third reading?  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: -- interrupt please.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: I was trying here. Okay.  
 8 Madam Secretary, could you go ahead and  
 9 read the bill, please.  
 10 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1526 --  
 11 MS. PRICE: I ask that so much be  
 12 considered a reading.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.  
 14 MS. PRICE: Gosh, is that going to be the  
 15 last time I do that in 12 years, or do I get to  
 16 do it one more time?  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: That might be, yup.  
 18 MR. DIVILIO: Now I make a motion to  
 19 approve Bill Number 1526 to award the bid.  
 20 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary, we

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1 got a motion and second to go ahead and award  
 2 1526 for approximately \$950,000 to put the new  
 3 ice down. Can you call the vote?  
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 9 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 11 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Pack.  
 13 MR. THOMAS: Mr. Pack votes aye.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. Okay. Let's get to  
 15 work.  
 16 MR. STAMP: So now that the money has been  
 17 moved and is available, we're asking,  
 18 requesting Council approval to award a contract  
 19 to American Arena, LLC in the sum of \$946,800.  
 20 Work will be substantially completed  
 21 within 90 days.

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1 American Arena, LLC is already under  
 2 contract with Talbot County for replacement of  
 3 the ice plant. This is an extension of the  
 4 existing contract, Bid Number 21-11.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 6 MR. DIVILIO: Make a motion to approve.  
 7 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 9 second to go ahead and award the contract to  
 10 the contractor.  
 11 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote,  
 12 please.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 16 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 18 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 20 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All done. We just

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1 need ice now. That's all we need.  
 2 And Preston, I want to really thank you.  
 3 I know you took a couple of shots and hard days  
 4 on all that stuff. But I really appreciate you  
 5 hanging in there and getting to where it got to  
 6 go. So I appreciate it.  
 7 And folks out here, I really appreciate  
 8 all you guys are doing for us, too. Okay.  
 9 MR. DIVILIO: I'd like to just take a  
 10 second to thank Mr. Dave Levasseur.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: As the president of the  
 13 ESHA, he's had an extremely challenging job  
 14 with there's been a lot of kids who deflected  
 15 and moved to different programs. There have  
 16 been a lot of questions and fights and trying  
 17 to downsize teams and figure things out. And  
 18 he has really stepped up and done a wonderful  
 19 job.  
 20 This was his first year as president. And  
 21 he walked into a hornet's nest. And I can't

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1 imagine a more challenging position, maybe  
 2 Preston. But he has really handled it with  
 3 grace, and I appreciate his leadership.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: That sounds great.  
 5 Appreciate that, Dave, you stepping in there  
 6 and doing that.  
 7 MR. LEVASSEUR: Thank you.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: I know what it is to step  
 9 in, too. It's not fun. But it's leaders like  
 10 you that make this program run. And those  
 11 people that have probably thought, oh, we'll go  
 12 somewhere else, you wait until next year.  
 13 They're all going to be back.  
 14 MR. LEVASSEUR: That's the hope.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: So I appreciate it.  
 16 Anybody else like to say something? Okay.  
 17 All right.  
 18 So I guess we're down to...  
 19 MR. LESHAR: Council comments.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Council comments, yup.  
 21 MS. PRICE: So we did public comments and

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1 there wasn't any?  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.  
 3 MS. PRICE: Okay. This might be my last  
 4 MACo report. I'm sure I'll have something to  
 5 say overall. But what I would like to talk  
 6 about a little bit today is, first, I finished  
 7 all 24 jurisdictions. Executive Director  
 8 Sanderson and I went in person to probably 18  
 9 of them and maybe had five or six virtuals.  
 10 And so that was great to travel around the  
 11 state.  
 12 But the other thing that happened last  
 13 week was the MACo subcommittee, initiative  
 14 subcommittee, approved our four legislative  
 15 initiatives for the 2023 General Assembly  
 16 session and then our larger legislative  
 17 committee.  
 18 We meet a couple of times a year off cycle  
 19 from the General Assembly. And I would like to  
 20 tell you all what they are. So we have four,  
 21 which our bylaws say we can't do more than

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1 four.  
 2 So next year, the first one is centralized  
 3 resources for body-worn cameras. So I think  
 4 it's by 2025 that all officers have to have a  
 5 body-worn camera. Most jurisdictions and all  
 6 have them at this point.  
 7 But the problem really is redaction. You  
 8 know, if you have a paper, you can take a black  
 9 Sharpie and you can mark through what you don't  
 10 want. But when you've got body camera footage  
 11 and you have hours and hours and hours and  
 12 every officer is wearing it and you have to  
 13 worry about maybe a victim in that background  
 14 or a small child or somebody else that  
 15 shouldn't be in there, you have to go through  
 16 every hour of that footage. And it's extremely  
 17 expensive.  
 18 And individual counties and  
 19 municipalities, because the municipalities,  
 20 there's 157 of them in the State of Maryland,  
 21 you know, some of them very small, we don't

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1 have those resources.  
 2 So what we want to do with that one is if  
 3 you choose, have the State basically take them  
 4 on.  
 5 So it's not just the redaction but also  
 6 the storage of all of this footage. And if  
 7 there's one centralized location, it doesn't  
 8 mean that the county or municipality would have  
 9 to store it there. If you want to do it  
 10 yourself, you can. But if the State would have  
 11 a larger resource of which we could have our  
 12 storage and redaction done at that level.  
 13 So we're definitely going to be advocating  
 14 for an opt in and a State and local partnership  
 15 for the equipment and services and more  
 16 balanced rules for releasing -- also regarding  
 17 releasing the body-worn camera footage.  
 18 You don't want somebody just coming in and  
 19 saying give me all of your footage, right,  
 20 without a real reason for it. So that is  
 21 initiative number one.

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1 The second one is adult use cannabis.  
 2 Now, we all know that that's on the ballot in  
 3 three weeks. And while MACo obviously doesn't  
 4 take any position on for or against that, the  
 5 polls are showing that probably by 70 percent,  
 6 that's going to pass. So what do we do with  
 7 it?  
 8 There will be quite a bit of revenue that  
 9 the State is going to be using. I think some  
 10 for schools and whatnot. So what do we do with  
 11 that? Does the county get a share of that  
 12 revenue or is it going to be a separate  
 13 taxation?  
 14 Might the counties -- because we're going  
 15 to have to deal with that, you know. Whether  
 16 you agree with adult use cannabis or not, there  
 17 are still going to be things that happen, just  
 18 like we deal with people who have overindulged  
 19 in alcohol and other drug problems. There's  
 20 still going to be some fallout from it. So we  
 21 need some of that money to help pay.

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1 So that's half of what we're looking for  
 2 is making sure that we have an opportunity to  
 3 share in a piece of the State's revenue or  
 4 whether we have our own piece of whatever  
 5 percent is appropriate.  
 6 The other piece is we also like our local  
 7 autonomy and our zoning. And there might be a  
 8 county that wants to opt out. Maybe they don't  
 9 want that distribution center or grower in  
 10 their county. And so we're not commenting on  
 11 whether or not that should happen, again. But  
 12 if a county and their elected officials choose  
 13 to opt out of that local autonomy, which is the  
 14 biggest thing that MACo stands for, that's  
 15 important. So obviously if you're going to opt  
 16 out, you're probably not going to revenue  
 17 share. So that's our second initiative.  
 18 I know it's a little bit long. But this  
 19 is probably going to be the last time I talk  
 20 about this stuff because this is all going away  
 21 in six weeks, right?

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1 I think you guys are going to love this  
 2 one as well. Volunteer fire recruitment and  
 3 retention. We all know. We hear it every year  
 4 how hard it is. And especially in the smaller,  
 5 more rural jurisdictions where we rely on  
 6 100 percent volunteers, we know how hard that  
 7 is.  
 8 We have upped the money that we give to  
 9 our Talbot County fire departments. And that's  
 10 really important. We don't -- honestly, none  
 11 of us know what to do. MACo is not saying that  
 12 we have the answer.  
 13 So what we're looking for this year is  
 14 advocating for a broad, stakeholder driven  
 15 effort to study and recommend best practices to  
 16 recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and  
 17 evaluate the options to modernize support for  
 18 their frontline services.  
 19 We have to make sure that our paid  
 20 firefighters are also on board with this. So  
 21 that's why we want to do a study so that we

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1 know all the players who are at the table. So  
 2 sometimes you go oh, a study, not getting  
 3 anything done. But that's not true because  
 4 those legislators, they want to know.  
 5 We don't want a union or somebody else to  
 6 come in and say well, we don't want to give  
 7 this to the volunteers because we have paid  
 8 people over here. And we know sometimes  
 9 there's a struggle between the paid  
 10 firefighters and the volunteers. So we want to  
 11 make sure everybody is on board.  
 12 So we're looking to get the legislature to  
 13 bless an official study so that we can get all  
 14 the players in the same room together and agree  
 15 and come back next year to figure out maybe  
 16 some solutions and put everybody's head  
 17 together on what we can do to recruit and  
 18 retain volunteers.  
 19 The last one, we couldn't let a year go by  
 20 without something in education. We know that  
 21 the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, ala known

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1 as Kirwan, that phase-in has advanced. And we  
 2 need to make sure that there's transparency in  
 3 the reporting of sources and uses and outcomes  
 4 for education investments.  
 5 I'm just going to read straight from this  
 6 because it's easier. Federal relief and rescue  
 7 funding has compounded the lack, the concern  
 8 for black box spending without public clarity.  
 9 So we don't know necessarily once we approved a  
 10 school budget in the 13 categories, there was a  
 11 lot of additional funds going into the school's  
 12 budgets for various things that we don't really  
 13 know a lot of where they went.  
 14 There is the AIB, which is the  
 15 Accountability and Implementation Board, which  
 16 is a transparency board to make sure that  
 17 there's oversight.  
 18 There's a brand new budget tracking  
 19 software, too, for school systems that we just  
 20 found out about.  
 21 And basically what we're saying is we

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1 don't -- we want them to provide the same  
 2 information to us that any other department  
 3 would.  
 4 And so we're -- any information that's  
 5 going to be gained, gleaned through this new  
 6 school system, budget tracking software, we  
 7 think we should have access to. We're not  
 8 asking for anything different than what they're  
 9 already going to be doing. But we feel as a  
 10 county we should have that same level of  
 11 insight that the State is going to get so that  
 12 the counties can see that.  
 13 And that's another tool in the toolbox to  
 14 make sure that they're fulfilling their  
 15 fiduciary duties and having partners in the  
 16 school success.  
 17 So we started with 35 and we whittled and  
 18 whittled it down. The last meeting was  
 19 actually one of the easier ones that we've had.  
 20 It was pretty easy to get down from the ten  
 21 where we were.

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1 There are two others that we're  
 2 definitely -- and maybe I'll save that for the  
 3 next meeting just to tell you about those other  
 4 two. We can't have more than four. But  
 5 there's a couple of other topics that I'll  
 6 bring back to you next week just to talk about  
 7 briefly.  
 8 But I'm really proud of the work of the  
 9 initiatives subcommittee, again. This is that  
 10 one-page sheet that, you know, I say we, they  
 11 will be walking around Annapolis with and  
 12 making sure that our legislators are aware of.  
 13 And it's important that every county  
 14 elected official know what they are so they can  
 15 go to their individual delegations to get  
 16 support for these four initiatives, in addition  
 17 to other pieces of legislation obviously that  
 18 MACo takes positions on.  
 19 Thank you for letting me share this with  
 20 you.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Absolutely.

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1 Mr. Divilio.  
 2 MR. DIVILIO: Well, Ms. Price, when the  
 3 adult cannabis passes and they're looking what  
 4 to do with it, let me know, I'll show you. You  
 5 roll it up and smoke it. Put the Allman  
 6 Brothers or Pink Floyd on the radio.  
 7 I'd like to thank this Council for moving  
 8 with the ice. This has been an extremely  
 9 emotional issue for the community.  
 10 There's a lot of kids that recreationally  
 11 use it. Friday night skate is a big event.  
 12 And Mr. Callahan was correct. There's a lot of  
 13 kids that are out there. We often hear there  
 14 needs to be more activities for kids. And  
 15 that's a big Friday night one.  
 16 And I do regret that the kids are missing  
 17 it. And I take it on. I accept responsibility  
 18 for this, being the parks liaison for it. So  
 19 if anybody wants to call and take out their  
 20 aggression, I'm happy to listen and accept  
 21 that.

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1 Secondly, I just want to say that I  
 2 really -- this Council is wrapping up, and I've  
 3 really enjoyed it. It's extremely challenging  
 4 work because there's 40,000 people in this  
 5 county and everyone is different. Mr. Pack  
 6 said the other night you can't get three people  
 7 to agree on dinner. And so we shouldn't agree,  
 8 but we work well together.  
 9 I really, you know, with this group.  
 10 You've got a college football player, you've  
 11 got a national quality skater, you've got --  
 12 were you national champion gymnast?  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: State champion.  
 14 MR. DIVILIO: State champion gymnast, an  
 15 Eagle Scout, and myself.  
 16 You know, we all bring different  
 17 perspectives here. We all live in different  
 18 areas of the county, and we have different  
 19 activities and backgrounds. And so we should  
 20 not completely agree on everything, but we do  
 21 get along. And I appreciate that.

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1 It is extremely challenging. I apologize  
 2 for letting my emotions take the better of me  
 3 sometimes, and I know that they have. But at  
 4 the end of the day, I do appreciate working  
 5 with all of you.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Divilio.  
 7 Well said.  
 8 Mr. Leshner.  
 9 MR. LESHNER: I have nothing further  
 10 tonight.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. And I just want to  
 12 bounce on that with Ms. Price and Mr. Divilio.  
 13 First of all, thanks for all your hard  
 14 work at MACo in the last year because you've  
 15 been traveling and doing the Maryland tour and  
 16 bringing all this information back. And you  
 17 know, not only that, but writing articles for  
 18 several, you know, how many weeks. I mean week  
 19 after week you were doing all that. So that  
 20 was a good job, and I appreciate your hard work  
 21 on all that stuff.

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1 MS. PRICE: Appreciate that.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Divilio, some of the  
 3 things you said when it comes to the kids, the  
 4 ice rink, being on the board, that's a hard  
 5 board to be on. And I appreciate you being on  
 6 it.  
 7 MR. DIVILIO: Thank you.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: And I was on it for four  
 9 years, too. And it was constantly something  
 10 that needed to be repaired. So we're trying to  
 11 coordinate people and the community.  
 12 But I'm proud of this Council to take  
 13 those actions. It took a team to do that. And  
 14 we did it.  
 15 And Preston, once again, I hate to keep  
 16 putting you up here, but you did it. You know,  
 17 you helped out, you made it work, and you made  
 18 it happen. So I know sometimes it's not fun  
 19 answering those calls, but you did a great job.  
 20 And staff, you know. Clay, you put this  
 21 thing together, too, and, you know, got with

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1 Martha and we got this done. So I really,  
 2 really appreciate it.  
 3 And Jess and Susan and all the paperwork.  
 4 My man over there, Patrick, you know.  
 5 And the other big thing that the public  
 6 needs to know. Today we signed a contract and  
 7 we now own a new safety complex that we're  
 8 going to be putting the Sheriff's Department  
 9 in.  
 10 So this Council has done amazing work,  
 11 amazing things for this county, and I really  
 12 appreciate it.  
 13 So being that's said, Mr. Leshner, you want  
 14 to go ahead and wrap us up.  
 15 MR. LESHER: The County Council's next  
 16 meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25th,  
 17 beginning at six o'clock p.m. The Council will  
 18 be convening in open session at 4:30 p.m. and  
 19 then adjoining into closed session to discuss  
 20 real estate, legal, and personnel matters, as  
 21 listed on the statement for closing that

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1 meeting.  
 2 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn  
 3 this meeting and reconvene as noted?  
 4 MR. DIVILIO: So moved.  
 5 MS. PRICE: Second.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 7 second. Madam Secretary, can you call the  
 8 vote.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Divilio.  
 12 MR. DIVILIO: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 14 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Price.  
 16 MS. PRICE: Aye.  
 17 (Meeting concluded at: 7:23 p.m.)  
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1 STATE OF MARYLAND  
 2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and  
 3 for the State of Maryland, County of Baltimore City,  
 4 do hereby certify that the within named, Talbot  
 5 County Council Audio, personally appeared before me  
 6 at the time and place herein set according to law,  
 7 was interrogated by counsel.  
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 9 I further certify that the examination was  
 10 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed  
 11 from my stenographic notes to the within printed  
 12 matter by means of computer-assisted transcription  
 13 in a true and accurate manner.  
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 15 I further certify that the stipulations  
 16 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my  
 17 presence.  
 18  
 19 I further certify that I am not of counsel  
 20 to any of the parties, not an employee of counsel,  
 21 nor related to any of the parties, nor in any way  
 interested in the outcome of this action.  
 AS WITNESS my hand Notarial Seal this 25th  
 day of October, 2022 at Eastern MD



Diane Houlihan  
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