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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

September 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chuck F. Callahan

Pete Leshner

Keasha N. Haythe

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: So welcome, everybody. We</p> <p>4 got our evening starting at five o'clock. So</p> <p>5 let's go ahead and stand for the Pledge of</p> <p>6 Allegiance of the Flag and a prayer.</p> <p>7 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate that. Okay.</p> <p>9 Let's start off with the agenda is before us on</p> <p>10 September the 12th. Is there any additions,</p> <p>11 deletions, or corrections to the agenda?</p> <p>12 MR. LESHER: Mr. President, one small</p> <p>13 change to the agenda, which is to remove item</p> <p>14 10G under county manager's report, the request</p> <p>15 from the Neighborhood Service Center for a</p> <p>16 letter of support. So I'll move the agenda</p> <p>17 with that one item removed.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. STEPP: Second that motion.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>21 second to change the agenda. Madam Secretary,</p>	<p>1 disbursements?</p> <p>2 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Hearing none, the</p> <p>4 chair moves that the disbursements be accepted</p> <p>5 as unanimous consent. Okay. All right.</p> <p>6 Next up is Proclamation of the National</p> <p>7 Senior Center Month. So Madam Secretary, could</p> <p>8 you please read the proclamation into the</p> <p>9 record.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Proclamation, Senior Center</p> <p>11 Month, September 2023, Discover Yours.</p> <p>12 Whereas, older Americans are significant</p> <p>13 members of our society, investing their wisdom</p> <p>14 and experience to help enrich and strengthen</p> <p>15 our communities.</p> <p>16 Whereas, senior centers act as catalysts</p> <p>17 for mobilizing the creativity, energy,</p> <p>18 vitality, and commitment of the older residents</p> <p>19 of our communities through a wide array of</p> <p>20 services, programs, and activities, affirming</p> <p>21 the dignity, self-worth, and independence of</p>
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<p>1 could you call the vote.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>5 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>7 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>9 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>11 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Moving on to the</p> <p>13 minutes, we have August 22nd before us. Are</p> <p>14 there any additions, deletions, or corrections</p> <p>15 to the minutes? So hearing none, the chair</p> <p>16 moves that the minutes be accepted as unanimous</p> <p>17 consent. Okay.</p> <p>18 Next is disbursements of August 29th,</p> <p>19 September 5th, and September 12th. Council has</p> <p>20 had a chance to review it. Is there any</p> <p>21 additions, deletions, or corrections to the</p>	<p>1 older individuals by facilitating their</p> <p>2 decisions and actions, tapping into their</p> <p>3 experiences, skills, and knowledge, and</p> <p>4 enabling their continued contributions to the</p> <p>5 community.</p> <p>6 And whereas, the wide array of services,</p> <p>7 programs, and activities offered at Brookletts</p> <p>8 Place, the Talbot County Senior Center, and the</p> <p>9 Bay Hundred Senior Center, empowering older</p> <p>10 citizens of Talbot County to contribute to</p> <p>11 their own health and wellbeing and the health</p> <p>12 and wellbeing of their fellow citizens of all</p> <p>13 ages.</p> <p>14 And whereas, during the pandemic,</p> <p>15 Brookletts Place and the Bay Hundred Senior</p> <p>16 Center served as community partners, helping to</p> <p>17 ensure that our most vulnerable citizens,</p> <p>18 people 65 and older, many with underlying</p> <p>19 medical conditions, were cared for and able to</p> <p>20 stay connected, safe, and healthy.</p> <p>21 Now, therefore, we, the County Council of</p>

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<p>1 Talbot County, do hereby proclaim September</p> <p>2 2023 as Senior Center Month in Talbot County</p> <p>3 and call upon all residents to recognize the</p> <p>4 tremendous contributions that senior centers</p> <p>5 make towards the betterment of our communities</p> <p>6 by strengthening community connections and</p> <p>7 recognizing the outstanding efforts of the</p> <p>8 staff and volunteers at the Talbot County</p> <p>9 Senior Centers, who work every day to enhance</p> <p>10 the wellbeing of the older members of our</p> <p>11 community.</p> <p>12 Given under our hands in the great seal of</p> <p>13 Talbot County this 12th day of September in the</p> <p>14 year of our Lord, 2023.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>16 Is there a motion?</p> <p>17 MR. STEPP: So moved.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: Second.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: We got a motion and second</p> <p>20 to approve the proclamation as presented.</p> <p>21 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.</p>	<p>1 proclamation.</p> <p>2 I just want to make you aware that next</p> <p>3 week, we're going to have all types of good</p> <p>4 activities going on. And you'll receive</p> <p>5 information on that.</p> <p>6 But one of the things that we are doing</p> <p>7 during the month of September is we have a</p> <p>8 collection jar set out and we having donations</p> <p>9 that will be used to go to the food bank, the</p> <p>10 (inaudible) Food Bank. So even if you can't</p> <p>11 come over to participate, you can send some</p> <p>12 money over. A dollar here, a dollar there.</p> <p>13 Every little bit counts.</p> <p>14 But we just thank you so much for all of</p> <p>15 your continued support.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.</p> <p>17 MS. DeMART: Thank you, too. We've</p> <p>18 continued to add new members at our center, and</p> <p>19 it's like where are they coming from.</p> <p>20 MS. BROOKS: That's good.</p> <p>21 MS. DeMART: It's good. It's great.</p>
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<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>4 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>6 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>8 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>10 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. You guys want to</p> <p>12 come on up?</p> <p>13 I didn't know if you want to say a few</p> <p>14 words.</p> <p>15 MS. BROOKS: Yeah. We could say a few</p> <p>16 words.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>18 MS. BROOKS: We can say a few words.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: No problem.</p> <p>20 MS. BROOKS: Good afternoon, everyone.</p> <p>21 First of all, thank you for the</p>	<p>1 Things are going well. We really appreciate</p> <p>2 your support.</p> <p>3 We're also celebrating Senior Center Month</p> <p>4 with some new programs, a few celebrations, and</p> <p>5 then a vaccination clinic at the end of the</p> <p>6 month. They'll be getting their COVIDs and flu</p> <p>7 shots. It was very successful last year in</p> <p>8 partnership with Pemberton Pharmacy.</p> <p>9 MS. BROOKS: That's one thing I forgot to</p> <p>10 add on. Friday of next week, we'll be having a</p> <p>11 health fair with a lot of the local agencies</p> <p>12 there with health information and they'll be</p> <p>13 doing blood pressure checks and different</p> <p>14 things. I'm hoping the Health Department will</p> <p>15 have some updated COVID information to be able</p> <p>16 to distribute out to people.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great, great. Okay.</p> <p>18 Council, anything?</p> <p>19 MS. BROOKS: Mr. Hollis.</p> <p>20 MR. HOLLIS: We're good. I do want to</p> <p>21 point out that nothing warms my heart more than</p>

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1 hearing Ms. Moran read a proclamation.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: She's good.  
 3 MR. HOLLIS: No. Never miss an  
 4 opportunity to thank the Council for your  
 5 support. It is because of you that we're able  
 6 to offer the programs that we do, and these two  
 7 fine ladies are the reason we're so successful.  
 8 So thank you, all.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Okay.  
 10 MS. MIELKE: Thank you so much for keeping  
 11 our community vibrant.  
 12 MS. KILMON: Ready. One, two, three. All  
 13 right. There we go.  
 14 MS. BROOKS: Thank you very much.  
 15 MS. HAYTHE: Good seeing you.  
 16 Andy, good to see you.  
 17 MR. STAMP: Good job.  
 18 MR. HOLLIS: Lynn, thank you.  
 19 MR. STAMP: Keep up the good work, Andy.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda  
 21 is the introduction of administrative

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1 resolution. Madam Secretary, could you read  
 2 the resolution, please.  
 3 SECRETARY: Administrative resolution to  
 4 change the starting time of the legislative  
 5 sessions of the County Council of Talbot  
 6 County, Maryland.  
 7 Whereas, pursuant to section 212G of the  
 8 Charter of Talbot County, the Charter, the  
 9 County Council of Talbot County, Maryland, the  
 10 County Council, shall adopt and publish rules  
 11 of procedure not inconsistent with the  
 12 provisions of the Charter and may amend the  
 13 same from time to time.  
 14 And whereas, pursuant to the foregoing  
 15 authority, the County Council has adopted rules  
 16 of procedure.  
 17 And whereas, pursuant to section 1B1 of  
 18 the rules of procedure, the County Council  
 19 shall meet at least twice a month on Tuesday at  
 20 a time determined by a majority of the County  
 21 Council, with the second and fourth Tuesdays of

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1 each month being reserved for legislative  
 2 sessions.  
 3 And whereas, the legislative sessions of  
 4 the County Council typically start at six p.m.  
 5 And whereas, on June 13, 2023, the County  
 6 Council adopted an administrative resolution  
 7 for the purpose of changing the starting time  
 8 of its legislative sessions to five p.m., the  
 9 intent of which was to have legislative  
 10 sessions start earlier during the summer  
 11 months.  
 12 And whereas, the County Council is  
 13 desirous of changing the starting time of its  
 14 legislative sessions back to six p.m. during  
 15 the fall, winter, and spring months only.  
 16 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the  
 17 County Council of Talbot County, Maryland, that  
 18 legislative sessions of the County Council in  
 19 the months of October through May shall start  
 20 at six p.m., unless otherwise specified by a  
 21 majority of the County Council.

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1 Be it further resolved that legislative  
 2 sessions of the County Council in the months of  
 3 June through September shall start at  
 4 five p.m., unless otherwise specified by a  
 5 majority of the County Council.  
 6 Be it further resolved that this  
 7 administrative resolution shall take effect  
 8 immediately upon adoption.  
 9 Introduced by the County Council of Talbot  
 10 County, Maryland, at a regular meeting on  
 11 September 12, 2023, at which meeting copies  
 12 were available to the public for inspection.  
 13 Adopted by the County Council of Talbot  
 14 County, Maryland, at a regular meeting on  
 15 September 12, 2023, at which meeting copies  
 16 were available to the public for inspection.  
 17 Given under our hands in the great seal of  
 18 Talbot County this 12th day of September in the  
 19 year of our Lord, 2023.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam  
 21 Secretary.

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1 MR. STAMP: Council President Callahan, I  
 2 think that the county attorney has made me  
 3 aware that there's been amendment to this  
 4 resolution.  
 5 MR. THOMAS: So just to clarify, as it was  
 6 originally drafted, it was changing it back to  
 7 the six o'clock start time during the spring  
 8 hours going forward and then go back to  
 9 five o'clock during the summer months, as we've  
 10 been doing.  
 11 In speaking with Council Member Leshner, he  
 12 indicated that he just wanted to change it back  
 13 to six o'clock going forward.  
 14 So I think that was the version that  
 15 should have been read. There might have been a  
 16 mixup in what got into Granicus.  
 17 SECRETARY: Okay.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So what you're  
 19 saying is you don't want to go back to five  
 20 anymore, you just want to do six year-round?  
 21 MR. LESHER: If we could, I just think for

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1 public access. We still can now -- is this a  
 2 two-meeting process? This can be a one-meeting  
 3 process because it's an administrative  
 4 resolution?  
 5 MR. THOMAS: Sure. So you can go ahead  
 6 and vote on it. It would still change it to  
 7 six o'clock going forward, and then we can  
 8 always revisit the issue before next summer and  
 9 decide if we want to go back to the five  
 10 o'clock start time or just make it six o'clock.  
 11 MR. LESHER: We can do that, proceed with  
 12 what we have in front of us.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 14 MS. HAYTHE: So if we use this resolution,  
 15 then we go back to six o'clock. But then for  
 16 the summer months, it would be five o'clock?  
 17 MR. THOMAS: Yeah. So --  
 18 MS. MIELKE: Starting in May.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: We still have to come  
 20 and --  
 21 MS. HAYTHE: But this --

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: -- make a resolution to do  
 2 that.  
 3 MS. HAYTHE: Have to do another one?  
 4 MR. LESHER: No. This would make a change  
 5 for October through May in any year going  
 6 forward. If we want to readjust our summer  
 7 starting hours, that will require further  
 8 action.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Got you.  
 10 MR. THOMAS: So this resolution, this  
 11 administrative resolution as drafted and as  
 12 read, would provide that your next meeting will  
 13 be at five and then starting in October, the  
 14 meetings will be at six and will continue  
 15 until...  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: End of May?  
 17 MR. THOMAS: Through the end of May of  
 18 2024.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.  
 20 MR. THOMAS: And then we can revisit it  
 21 near that time frame, whether you want to move

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1 it back to five o'clock for the summer or keep  
 2 it at six.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Sounds  
 4 good.  
 5 MS. HAYTHE: Okay.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. So.  
 7 MS. HAYTHE: So the way I read it, I  
 8 thought that it meant it would automatically go  
 9 to five o'clock the way it's read.  
 10 MR. THOMAS: It will, yes. If you do  
 11 nothing else going forward, if you decide in  
 12 April or May that you just want to go back to  
 13 the five o'clock during the summer, that's how  
 14 it would work. If you want to leave it at six  
 15 across the board, that's going to require  
 16 another administrative resolution at that time.  
 17 MS. HAYTHE: Okay.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.  
 19 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. Got it. So as-is, it  
 20 goes to the summer at five o'clock. That's how  
 21 I read it. Okay. Got it.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do we have a motion?  
 2 MR. STEPP: Make a motion.  
 3 MR. LESHER: Second.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and  
 5 second.  
 6 Yup. Keasha.  
 7 MS. HAYTHE: Oh, talk into the microphone.  
 8 Sorry.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Motion and second. Madam  
 10 Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 14 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 16 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great.

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1 Next on the agenda is introduction of a  
 2 numbered resolution. Madam Secretary, could  
 3 you go ahead and read that, please.  
 4 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the  
 5 Talbot County comprehensive water and sewer  
 6 plan for the purpose of adding or modifying the  
 7 Talbot County capital project for fiscal years  
 8 2024 to 2025 to add a new capital project in  
 9 the amount of \$12.0 million for the purpose of  
 10 replacing and/or rehabilitating the Town of  
 11 Easton's sewer collection system to mitigate  
 12 inflow and infiltration.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Thomas, you want  
 14 to comment on that?  
 15 MR. THOMAS: Yeah. I'm going to defer to  
 16 Mr. Clarke on this one and the next one.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 18 MR. CLARKE: Thank you.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: How you doing, Mr. Clarke?  
 20 MR. CLARKE: Good, good. We've received  
 21 an application --

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Could you tell people who  
 2 you are?  
 3 MR. CLARKE: I'm Ray Clarke, county  
 4 engineer. Sorry about that.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: No problem.  
 6 MR. CLARKE: We received an application  
 7 from Easton Utilities to go ahead and amend the  
 8 comp water and sewer plan to add a capital  
 9 project for their sewer collection system.  
 10 They have identified the areas, and ultimately  
 11 the total price of \$12 million.  
 12 One of the things that both Easton  
 13 Utilities as well as the Talbot County sanitary  
 14 district will need to do is we need to have  
 15 these capital projects introduced into the comp  
 16 water and sewer plan so it positions us for  
 17 going to the Maryland Department of the  
 18 Environment for funding.  
 19 So this is really to assist us as part of  
 20 that funding mechanism with MDE.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions?

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1 Okay.  
 2 At this time, is there hands to introduce  
 3 this resolution?  
 4 MS. HAYTHE: Oh, sorry.  
 5 MR. LESHNER: So introduced by Council.  
 6 SECRETARY: This will be known as  
 7 Resolution Number 345, and the public hearing  
 8 will be on Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's great.  
 10 SECRETARY: Next one is a resolution to  
 11 amend the Talbot County comprehensive water and  
 12 sewer plan for the purpose of adding or  
 13 modifying the Talbot County capital project for  
 14 fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to add a new capital  
 15 project in the amount of \$8.0 million for the  
 16 purpose of replacing and/or rehabilitating the  
 17 Region V Tilghman sewer collection system to  
 18 mitigate inflow and infiltration.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 20 MR. CLARKE: Council, again, we're  
 21 positioning the Region V sanitary district for

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1 funding.

2 One thing we'll be doing with this project

3 is kind of like what we did in St. Michaels.

4 We'll actually be improving the roads as well

5 as the sewer collection system. So while we're

6 sort of digging up sewers, we'll go ahead and

7 work to improve the roads as well as the

8 manholes.

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good. Any questions

10 of Council? Okay. Once again, raise our hands

11 if you want to introduce this.

12 MR. LESHER: So introduced by Council.

13 SECRETARY: This will be known as

14 Resolution Number 346, and the public hearing

15 will be on Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

17 SECRETARY: The next one is a resolution

18 to amend the Talbot County comprehensive water

19 and sewer plan to provide the equivalent

20 dwelling units for all phases of the Lakeside

21 development.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Clarke.

2 MR. CLARKE: At this point, I'll defer to

3 Patrick on this item.

4 MR. THOMAS: Yeah, I can address this one.

5 So per the Council's direction at our last

6 meeting, in response to the letters we received

7 from MDE dated April 24th, May 9th, and

8 July 21st, we have drafted two resolutions.

9 This resolution will amend the water and

10 sewer plan to set forth the phases for the

11 Lakeside development and the EDUs for each

12 phase. It also provides the existing water and

13 sewer classifications for each of the phases

14 and the number of EDUs in each of the

15 classifications.

16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Clarke.

17 MR. CLARKE: I'm good.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Council, anybody?

19 Okay.

20 MR. LESHER: So as we introduce this, this

21 then gets referred to the Public Works Advisory

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1 Board and the Planning Commission?

2 MR. THOMAS: Yes, that's correct.

3 MR. LESHER: Is it worth in this case

4 seeking a workshop with the Planning Commission

5 to ensure that we are heading in the right

6 direction in terms of do we just get a simple

7 up or down recommendation from the Planning

8 Commission or are there tweaks to this that

9 might help resolve what Lakeside is calling

10 phases but really are neighborhoods and have

11 nothing to do with the sequencing of the way

12 the development is going to be built out?

13 MS. MIELKE: (Inaudible.)

14 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm not sure.

15 MS. HAYTHE: Can you clarify that?

16 MR. LESHER: So what became clear in the

17 last workshop was that what Lakeside called

18 phases is not actually the sequence, the order

19 of how Lakeside would be built out. And they

20 have I think it's a five-module wastewater

21 treatment system that -- and clearly need

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1 additional MDE approval for each of those

2 modules.

3 Is there -- what conforms to each of those

4 modules in their build-out, because it clearly

5 is not the phasing plan that the town and the

6 developer have given us for -- as is

7 represented in this draft resolution?

8 MR. CALLAHAN: I think when we had, when

9 we were talking through the phases, I don't

10 think they had a concrete phase because they

11 weren't sure.

12 MS. MIELKE: No. They had five phases,

13 which they led everyone to believe would be

14 sequential. And now --

15 MR. CALLAHAN: I don't think they said

16 that.

17 MS. MIELKE: Yeah.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: I don't think they said

19 that. Maybe they did.

20 MS. MIELKE: I think there's something to

21 support that.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

2 MS. MIELKE: So the idea is now they're

3 saying that they want to not conform to

4 sequential phases but they want to do a few

5 houses in phase one, a few houses in phase two.

6 And so it is a different presentation of

7 their plan than it was back in 2020.

8 Am I explaining that correctly?

9 MR. LESHER: Yeah. It doesn't seem to --

10 what they call phases are not what I think we

11 had all understood were the sequential

12 build-out of the development.

13 MS. HAYTHE: I think that we clearly in

14 the resolution it states that the Planning

15 Commission has to certify as it relates to the

16 Maryland Code. And I think for that reason, we

17 move forward with the resolution and let

18 Planning Commission decide if it's consistent

19 or not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan

20 and we take it from there.

21 I don't think a work session is

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1 necessarily needed. I understand the phases,

2 and I understand that they say they may want to

3 do phase one and then phase three. All of that

4 is consistent with the W-1, S-1. That is their

5 prerogative to do that.

6 So therefore, I think we focus on the

7 resolution, let it go to the Planning

8 Commission, let the Planning Commission

9 determine the consistency, and then we deal

10 with that once that comes to us and our public

11 hearing.

12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All we're doing

13 tonight is introducing.

14 MS. HAYTHE: Introducing the resolution.

15 MR. CALLAHAN: That's all we're doing

16 tonight. Okay.

17 So show of hands of introducing.

18 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Haythe and

19 Stepp.

20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

21 SECRETARY: This will be known as

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1 Resolution 347. The public hearing will be on

2 Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: Great.

4 MS. HAYTHE: So will we have the Planning

5 Commission's recommendation by the public

6 hearing?

7 MR. CLARKE: Yes. Currently, my

8 understanding right now, we'll be getting this

9 to the planning office tomorrow. They need to

10 have three weeks. And this would be on the

11 Planning Commission's agenda for October 4th.

12 MR. CALLAHAN: Good.

13 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. CALLAHAN: Great.

15 Next, Madam Secretary.

16 SECRETARY: The next one is a resolution

17 regarding the Talbot County comprehensive water

18 and sewer plan to clarify and confirm the water

19 and sewer classifications of certain parcels

20 incorrectly shown in Exhibits A and B to

21 Resolution Number 281, as amended.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

2 MR. CLARKE: Again, Council, I mean I'll

3 defer this to Patrick.

4 But these are the same maps that we worked

5 with the Council at our work session on.

6 MR. THOMAS: So as we discussed in detail

7 during the work session on June 27th, there

8 were several parcels in the town that were not

9 part of Resolution 281. And their water and

10 sewer classifications weren't affected by the

11 resolution. But they were incorrectly shown on

12 the exhibits to the resolution. It was

13 adding -- the colors of the parcels was

14 incorrect.

15 So this resolution simply clarifies and

16 confirms their classifications as a corrective

17 measure. It's not changing or amending any of

18 the water and sewer classifications in the

19 town.

20 Again, MDE said they wanted us to do a

21 resolution to clarify this. So that's what



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1 this does.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Raise our hands to

3 introduce.

4 MS. HAYTHE: I'll introduce.

5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. All good.

6 SECRETARY: This will be known as

7 Resolution Number 248, and the public hearing

8 will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at

9 6:30 p.m.

10 MS. HAYTHE: I think it's 348, Susan.

11 SECRETARY: 348. I'm sorry.

12 MS. MIELKE: I just didn't hear it.

13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next.

14 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the

15 official road name list for Talbot County to

16 change the names of Lincoln Road and Shellmill

17 Avenue to Bellevue School Road and Turner

18 Avenue, respectively, in the Village of

19 Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland, pursuant to

20 section 131-5C of the Talbot County Code.

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

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1 MR. CLARKE: Council, on these, anytime

2 we're looking at changing a road name, we would

3 need -- we have to present that to the County

4 Council for their review and approval.

5 So ultimately, I think we have worked with

6 the property owners down in the Bellevue area,

7 and this is what they've requested for the

8 change in names.

9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

10 MR. LESHER: And Mr. Clarke, these are

11 today paper streets that have not yet been

12 developed. And therefore, there are no

13 existing addresses on these streets that...

14 MR. CLARKE: That is correct.

15 MR. LESHER: Will be facing a change of

16 address?

17 MR. CLARKE: Yes.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Raise our hands for

19 introduction.

20 MR. LESHER: So introduced by Council.

21 SECRETARY: This will be known as

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1 Resolution Number 349. The public hearing will

2 be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great. Thank you.

4 Thank you, Mr. Clarke. Okay.

5 Next on the agenda is introduction to

6 legislation.

7 SECRETARY: A bill to authorize Talbot

8 County, Maryland, the county, to borrow not

9 more than \$880,000 in order to finance and

10 refinance improvements to certain wastewater

11 facilities in the county and to effect such

12 borrowing by the issuance and sale of one or

13 more series of its general obligation bonds

14 payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied by

15 the county, exempting the bonds from the

16 provisions of sections 19-205 and 19-207 of the

17 Local Government Article of the Annotated Code

18 of Maryland, authorizing the consolidation of

19 separate series of bonds into one or more

20 bonds, authorizing the refunding of such bonds,

21 and relating generally to the issuance and sale

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1 of such bonds for such purposes.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Martha and Ray, you

3 want to come up?

4 MR. CLARKE: Again, this is pretty much

5 the final step in securing the loans with Rural

6 Development. This has been associated with the

7 sewer work that we've been doing in

8 St. Michaels.

9 So at this point in time, we're trying to

10 finalize that final step in having this bill

11 introduced and then ultimately voted on by the

12 County Council. And then that positions us to

13 a point of going to closing on the loan funds.

14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any words, Martha?

15 MS. SPARKS: No. We've just been

16 working --

17 MR. CALLAHAN: Can you tell people who you

18 are?

19 MS. SPARKS: Oh, sorry. I'm Martha

20 Sparks, finance director for Talbot County.

21 We have been working with our bond counsel

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1 and USDA, Rural Development on all of these  
 2 steps.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great, great. All  
 4 right then.  
 5 So raise our hands to introduce.  
 6 MR. LESHER: So introduced by Council.  
 7 SECRETARY: This will be known as Bill  
 8 Number 1548, and the public hearing will be on  
 9 Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Okay. Next, public  
 11 hearing. Madam Secretary, could you go ahead  
 12 and read Bill 1547 into the record, please.  
 13 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1547, a bill to  
 14 amend Chapter 11 of the Talbot County Code,  
 15 alcoholic beverages, regarding operations of  
 16 class one alcohol dispensary bistros.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So we'll go ahead.  
 18 And Mr. Thomas, do you want to say  
 19 anything about this?  
 20 MR. THOMAS: Sure. Just briefly.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.

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1 MR. THOMAS: This bill was requested by  
 2 Zach Smith on behalf of The Wardroom.  
 3 The intent of the bill is to expand the  
 4 bistro seating into the wine shop and expand  
 5 the hours of operation in the bistro area from  
 6 11 a.m. to nine a.m.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 8 MR. THOMAS: Additionally, the  
 9 configuration of the seating area would require  
 10 the Board of Liquor Licenses Commissioner's  
 11 approval.  
 12 So that's just a brief overview of the  
 13 bill.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great. Okay.  
 15 So at this time, I'll go ahead and open  
 16 it. And I'll give you three minutes. And if  
 17 you're speaking for an organization, I'll give  
 18 you five minutes.  
 19 So I'll go ahead and start over here and  
 20 open the floor, if anybody would like to come  
 21 on up. Okay. And I think Zach wants to come

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1 up. Come on up.  
 2 MR. SMITH: Good evening. Thank you,  
 3 Council. For the record, Zach Smith on behalf  
 4 of Blue Point Hospitality. Appreciate you  
 5 considering this bill and giving me an  
 6 opportunity to speak.  
 7 As I'm sure the Council may know, Blue  
 8 Point operates several small businesses in  
 9 downtown Easton, one of which is The Wardroom,  
 10 which is a small restaurant and small market at  
 11 103 North Washington Street.  
 12 And The Wardroom holds a class I alcoholic  
 13 beverages license, which allows it to operate  
 14 both of those components under a single  
 15 license.  
 16 And some of the restrictions that have  
 17 created issues for The Wardroom's operations  
 18 are the prohibition against opening for  
 19 business at 11 for the restaurant, and then a  
 20 limitation that prohibits any seating for the  
 21 restaurant to be in the market area.

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1 And so to address those issues, we  
 2 discussed with Council and the county attorney  
 3 Bill 1547, which, if adopted, will allow us to  
 4 begin opening for business at nine a.m.  
 5 And I would just note that standard  
 6 restaurant liquor license allows operations to  
 7 begin at six a.m. We're asking for nine a.m.  
 8 And it would also allow us to propose to  
 9 the Liquor Board some additional seating.  
 10 There's not a lot of opportunity to add seating  
 11 for the restaurant, but there is a few,  
 12 opportunity to add a few seats in the market.  
 13 And those changes are somewhat small but  
 14 important for a small business like The  
 15 Wardroom. And importantly, it will allow us to  
 16 begin offering breakfast and to accommodate a  
 17 few more restaurant patrons, which is certainly  
 18 good for us and good for our patrons. But I  
 19 also think it's good for the community, right,  
 20 because the town and the county benefit from  
 21 having successful restaurants in our downtown

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1 that contribute positively to the vibrancy of  
 2 that place.  
 3 So we ask you to support Bill 1547 and  
 4 allow us to move forward. Thank you.  
 5 MR. LESHER: Mr. Smith, before you go.  
 6 MR. SMITH: Sure.  
 7 MR. LESHER: A quick question.  
 8 I know that, of course, Talbot County is  
 9 unique in the State in being able to adopt its  
 10 own liquor license and regulations. And so  
 11 we're fortunate having this local forum,  
 12 instead of having to go to the State  
 13 legislature to make such a change.  
 14 Does the existing class I license not  
 15 allow a restaurant to open at all before  
 16 11 o'clock or does it simply mean that if you  
 17 are open, you cannot sell alcohol before that  
 18 hour and that's just such an integral part of  
 19 the restaurant operation?  
 20 MR. SMITH: I would have thought the  
 21 latter. But based on the conversations between

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1 The Wardroom folks and the county's enforcement  
 2 folks, the understanding and interpretation is  
 3 that the restaurant cannot open until 11 a.m.  
 4 So that's my understanding.  
 5 MR. LESHER: Thank you.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: And Zach, I want to ask a  
 7 question. A few people have reached out to me  
 8 about this.  
 9 MR. SMITH: Okay. Sure.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: So can you help us  
 11 understand? So not only when it is open, why  
 12 they can't sit over there and you're doing  
 13 extra seating? Because it is a little bit  
 14 confusing.  
 15 MR. SMITH: Sure. So for our example, but  
 16 it applies generally to I think the bistro  
 17 licenses.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 19 MR. SMITH: The current legislation says  
 20 that you can have seating in the bistro area.  
 21 But what you can't have in the bistro area is

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1 the display of alcohol for sale for off-site  
 2 consumption.  
 3 And so bistro licenses allow an  
 4 establishment to have typical restaurant  
 5 service where you have on-site consumption as  
 6 part of a meal service, but you can also sell  
 7 alcohol for off-site consumption, like  
 8 (inaudible).  
 9 And so under the current rules, you cannot  
 10 display alcohol for sale off-site consumption  
 11 in the bistro area.  
 12 Now, our store is very small. The wine  
 13 shop is very small, but the restaurant is very  
 14 small.  
 15 And so what we'd like to do is to place I  
 16 think one or two tables in that wine shop area.  
 17 But because there's display of wine and other  
 18 alcohol for sale in that area, we're prohibited  
 19 under the current rules from having that  
 20 seating.  
 21 And so what we propose is text that would

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1 say we can present that to the Liquor Board,  
 2 and if the Liquor Board deems it an appropriate  
 3 seating configuration, it can authorize us to  
 4 add those additional seats.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: But I just want to make  
 6 sure we're clear.  
 7 So this isn't sort of a bill that we're  
 8 going to sell more liquor?  
 9 MR. SMITH: No, no, no.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes. This is just strictly  
 11 written for more seating?  
 12 MR. SMITH: Correct. For more seating for  
 13 the restaurant.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Correct.  
 15 MR. SMITH: No. This won't change the  
 16 type of alcohol that can be sold.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 18 MR. SMITH: Or when it can be sold in  
 19 terms of the market.  
 20 It would just allow us to expand the  
 21 restaurant seating area and begin opening the

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1 restaurant for business at nine a.m.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I got you.  
 3 Any other questions?  
 4 MS. HAYTHE: No. But I definitely concur  
 5 that they need more seating in there. I was in  
 6 there with my daughter last weekend. It's  
 7 tight.  
 8 MR. SMITH: That's true. And I've noticed  
 9 anecdotally when I drive by, it seems very  
 10 busy.  
 11 MS. HAYTHE: It's tight. Yeah.  
 12 MR. STEPP: So Zach, should we just simply  
 13 call this the mimosa and Bloody Mary bill?  
 14 MR. SMITH: It would authorize that,  
 15 consistent with what you can do at The  
 16 Tidewater Inn and other restaurants already in  
 17 Easton. Yes. Thank you.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.  
 19 MS. HAYTHE: Thanks, Zach.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Thomas, did you want to  
 21 say anything?

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1 MR. THOMAS: I did. Ms. Morris just  
 2 pointed out to me. There are actually two, I  
 3 believe two other class I license holders. So  
 4 this would affect them as well. I don't think  
 5 the language is in any way detrimental to them  
 6 or their operations.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 8 MR. THOMAS: And I don't believe we  
 9 received any comments from them. But you know,  
 10 Ms. Morris relaying that, I thought that was  
 11 important to point that out for the record.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate that.  
 13 MR. THOMAS: So it's not unique to The  
 14 Wardroom. But again, I don't think this is in  
 15 any way prejudicial or detrimental to other  
 16 license holders.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good to know. I  
 18 appreciate you bringing that up. That's for  
 19 sure. Okay.  
 20 So anybody else would like to step up and  
 21 talk about this bill? Okay.

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1 I guess at this time, Madam Secretary, can  
 2 we go ahead and can we vote on this tonight?  
 3 SECRETARY: Yes, if you bring it to third  
 4 reader.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 6 MR. THOMAS: You would have to make a  
 7 motion to move this to third reader because  
 8 normally this would be the second reader and  
 9 you would go to third reader at the next  
 10 meeting. So you would have to, somebody has to  
 11 move to --  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: How does Council feel about  
 13 that?  
 14 MS. HAYTHE: I make a motion to move to  
 15 third reader.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do we have a second?  
 17 MR. STEPP: I'll second.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 19 a second to go ahead and move it to third  
 20 reader.  
 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 3 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 5 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 6 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 7 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 9 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 11 SECRETARY: Now the vote?  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.  
 13 SECRETARY: You want me to read it again?  
 14 MR. LESHER: Needs to read the title.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: She needs to read the  
 16 title. Yeah. I was going to let her read the  
 17 title. Yup.  
 18 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1547, a bill to  
 19 amend Chapter 11 of the Talbot County Code,  
 20 alcoholic beverages, regarding operations of  
 21 class one alcohol dispensary bistros.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do we have a motion?  
 2 MR. LESHER: You can ask her to call the  
 3 roll.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I just call the  
 5 roll, then.  
 6 Madam Secretary, could you call the roll.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 10 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 12 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 14 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 16 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great. Okay. All  
 18 right.  
 19 Next on the agenda is Clay's stuff.  
 20 MR. STAMP: So your county manager report  
 21 this evening, Mr. Council President.

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1 So the good news is a few weeks ago, we  
 2 appealed to the public to volunteer for boards  
 3 and commissions. So you asked and they  
 4 answered.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: They sure did.  
 6 MR. STAMP: So I have six requests this  
 7 evening for your appointments to six different  
 8 committees.  
 9 The first one would be the Adult Public  
 10 Guardianship Review Board. There are a total  
 11 of seven vacancies. The Department of Social  
 12 Services is requesting Council consideration to  
 13 appoint the following people: Rachel Smith  
 14 from Londonderry; Carrie Ottey, RN from Talbot  
 15 County Health Department; Kate Stinson as a lay  
 16 representative; Dr. Michael Flaherty, physician  
 17 representative; and Sam VanNest, disability  
 18 representative; and the reappointment of Susan  
 19 Ludwig and Dr. Michael Crowley.  
 20 MS. HAYTHE: Okay.  
 21 MR. LESHNER: I will move the appointments

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1 as forwarded by staff.  
 2 MS. HAYTHE: Second.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 4 second for the new appointments. Madam  
 5 Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 9 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 11 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 13 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 15 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 16 MR. STAMP: Thank you.  
 17 Next is the Animal Control Board. We're  
 18 asking Council consideration for the  
 19 appointment of Joan Trudy Lee and Dr. Stephen  
 20 Harris to be reappointed to the board.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

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1 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve that  
 2 request.  
 3 MS. MIELKE: Second.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 5 second to appoint, reappoint on the Animal  
 6 Control Board. Madam Secretary, could you call  
 7 the vote.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 11 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 13 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 14 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 15 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 17 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 18 MR. STAMP: Thank you.  
 19 The next would be the Commission on Aging.  
 20 Requesting the appointment of Mr. William Boos,  
 21 Amy Keller, Ann Shannahan, Brenda Stone, and

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1 Sandy Wieland to the Commission on Aging.  
 2 MR. LESHHER: I'll move the appointments as  
 3 forwarded.  
 4 MS. MIELKE: Second.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Have a motion and second.  
 6 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: No.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 10 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshher.  
 12 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 14 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 16 MS. HAYTHE: I need more information on  
 17 that. So I'm not privy to vote at this time on  
 18 those appointments.  
 19 MR. STAMP: Okay. Thank you, Council.  
 20 The next is the Mid-Shore Behavioral  
 21 Health Regional Advisory Committee. MSBH is

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1 requesting of appointment the Crystal Miller,  
 2 licensed clinical social worker, and Shawn Hart,  
 3 CEO of New Day Start Behavioral Center, to the  
 4 Regional Advisory Committee.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 6 MR. LESHHER: I'll move the appointments.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Do I have a second?  
 8 MR. STEPP: Second.  
 9 MS. HAYTHE: Second.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Got a motion and second.  
 11 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: No. Excuse me. Yes.  
 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 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.

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1 MR. STAMP: Thank you.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.  
 3 MR. STAMP: Parks and Recreation Advisory  
 4 Board. Requesting the appointment of Jay  
 5 Kilbourne, Jr. to represent the Cordova district  
 6 on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.  
 7 MR. STEPP: So moved.  
 8 MR. LESHHER: Second.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got a motion and  
 10 second. Madam Secretary, could you 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 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.

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1 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. That  
 2 completes your board and committee appointments  
 3 for the evening.  
 4 The next item I have, ask our health  
 5 officer, Maria, to come forward, please. We  
 6 have a request from Talbot County Health  
 7 Department for budget certification for what  
 8 are matching funds.  
 9 As you read in your agenda packet, the  
 10 Maryland Department of Health Department has  
 11 notified Talbot County Health Department the  
 12 local matching funds for FY24 have increased by  
 13 \$123,658. This was presented after the  
 14 County's FY24 budget had been adopted.  
 15 Dr. Maguire is here to present the  
 16 information, answer any questions you may have,  
 17 following which I will ask for your approval to  
 18 certify the core public health services funding  
 19 agreement for FY24 as well as to send a letter  
 20 to Dr. Herrera Scott, secretary of the Maryland  
 21 Department of Health stating the County's

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1 frustration and concern with this late notice.  
 2 Dr. Maguire, thank you for being here.  
 3 The floor is yours.  
 4 DR. MAGUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Stamp. So  
 5 thank you for having me this evening.  
 6 So as Mr. Stamp said, I'm Maria Maguire.  
 7 I am the health officer for Talbot County and  
 8 director of the Talbot County Health  
 9 Department.  
 10 So just in brief and essentially to  
 11 reiterate what Mr. Stamp has said, I'm coming  
 12 to you tonight with just a request to  
 13 officially certify what's called the annual  
 14 local matching funds required under COMAR  
 15 10.04.01.04, which allows the County to provide  
 16 the required percentage to fund the Health  
 17 Department that matches what the State has  
 18 funded.  
 19 And this certification will result in that  
 20 increased appropriation to the Talbot County  
 21 Health Department in the amount of \$123,658.

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1 And again, that will allow us to comply with  
 2 the COMAR regarding the funding level.  
 3 The issue at hand and why this wasn't done  
 4 sooner was essentially because the amount in  
 5 question that's the discrepancy is above what  
 6 was initially agreed upon in our normal budget  
 7 process. And the mechanism through which the  
 8 State determines what constitutes the local  
 9 matching percentage was debated until this time  
 10 and clarified.  
 11 And so tonight, I'm coming to ask to see  
 12 if we can meet the request from the State to  
 13 increase the appropriation.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.  
 15 Discussion for Council. Okay.  
 16 MR. LESHER: Just a question about --  
 17 look, this is an increase in matching funds  
 18 that comes with an increase from the State.  
 19 And can you describe what the funding will  
 20 be -- contribute toward and what Talbot County  
 21 will get for this additional funding?

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1 DR. MAGUIRE: Exactly. Yes. And so  
 2 what's essentially in the impetus of this  
 3 required increase is the fact that the State  
 4 has increased its State funds for local health  
 5 departments across the State in each  
 6 jurisdiction by a significant percentage.  
 7 They, compared to last fiscal year, they  
 8 estimate that the overall percentage is  
 9 increased 55 percent.  
 10 Now, the bulk of that increase has gone  
 11 to -- there's different components of this  
 12 funding from the State. There's a base award,  
 13 which has not changed. And that's written into  
 14 law as to how that's calculated. There's  
 15 what's called a formula growth, which accounts  
 16 for inflation and population growth.  
 17 For Talbot County, that formula growth  
 18 difference for this year is only about \$49,000.  
 19 And so again, that's to account for inflation.  
 20 And this, again, is the State portion.  
 21 And then the bulk of it, which for Talbot

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1 County this year is \$1.5 million, accounts for  
 2 annualized salary increases, COLAs,  
 3 State-mandated salary changes in the State  
 4 personnel system. And those are, like I said,  
 5 annualized. So things that were decided years  
 6 ago have to continue to be funded. And in  
 7 addition to which any fiscal year 24 COLA,  
 8 that's the portion that's funded out of that.  
 9 So the vast majority of the increase is  
 10 going to salary increases. And this was in  
 11 direct response to decisions made to improve  
 12 the vacancy rate in public health across the  
 13 State and in the State system in general and to  
 14 more closely align with the salaries that we  
 15 find in fields such as nursing, social work so  
 16 that we can be more competitive and reduce our  
 17 vacancy rate.  
 18 The Health Department at the State level  
 19 had a significant vacancy rate. And so that's  
 20 something that we've been trying to address.  
 21 And so what, how this will help actually

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1 with the county funds is to address some of  
 2 those same HR and recruitment issues that we've  
 3 been facing.  
 4 MR. LESHER: And certainly not just the  
 5 Health Department but all levels of government,  
 6 for that matter, and private industry has been  
 7 responding to the both inflationary pressures  
 8 and the exceptionally tight job market to the  
 9 challenge of recruiting.  
 10 This didn't come as news. At the  
 11 beginning of the year, it was certainly known  
 12 at the time that the legislature adjourned in  
 13 mid-April. The request finally came through  
 14 two weeks before, or to you I believe two weeks  
 15 before the start of our fiscal year on  
 16 July 1st.  
 17 And it's reaching us now a couple of  
 18 months into our, two and a half months into our  
 19 fiscal year.  
 20 We're certainly -- and we've talked about  
 21 letting the State know about our consternation

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1 about this process.  
 2 Am I missing anything there?  
 3 DR. MAGUIRE: No. And I share in that  
 4 consternation. And I have asked that for  
 5 future fiscal years, that we are told well in  
 6 advance what the actual local match will be  
 7 because previous to this fiscal year, there  
 8 were not such broad increases in the State.  
 9 That was a direct result of these State  
 10 adjustment, the State salary adjustments.  
 11 And so I have been given assurance that  
 12 for next fiscal year, there will not be a big  
 13 jump. And furthermore, that the amount that is  
 14 required under the matching COMAR will be known  
 15 to us prior to the county budget season, which  
 16 is essentially the issue of why this is  
 17 happening now as opposed to during the normal  
 18 budget season when we would normally present it  
 19 to you.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 21 MR. LESHER: Mr. Stamp, because this is an

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1 unbudgeted expense, do you have recommendations  
 2 about how we might go about this?  
 3 MR. STAMP: Yeah. We've been meeting,  
 4 Martha Sparks and I, finance director. And one  
 5 of the challenges we have is the Talbot County  
 6 Charter is very strict when it comes to  
 7 altering, meaning adding to funds, to the  
 8 budget after it's been struck.  
 9 So staff's recommendation is that Council  
 10 authorize the president to sign the obligation.  
 11 We'll monitor this with the Health Department.  
 12 If they come in under budget, which they have  
 13 in the past, we can resolve it that way. And  
 14 if they don't, then we'll come back to Council  
 15 in the fourth quarter for the use of  
 16 contingency to cover the \$123,000, 123,658.  
 17 And to send a letter about our concern more,  
 18 again, more about the respect of the time  
 19 frames involved.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 21 MR. LESHER: Thank you.

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1 MR. STAMP: Did you want to add anything?  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other Council member  
 3 want to speak on this?  
 4 MS. HAYTHE: Do we know if this amount  
 5 will increase in future years, the calculation  
 6 will be changed in the future?  
 7 DR. MAGUIRE: So for fiscal year 25, we  
 8 expect the amount to be essentially flat. We  
 9 do not expect any big increases. And so that  
 10 is essentially up to what the State decides,  
 11 but they are anticipating keeping it flat for  
 12 next fiscal year.  
 13 And ultimately, not to get into too many  
 14 details, there's a reset on the core funding  
 15 formula in fiscal year 25 anyway. That was put  
 16 into legislation several years ago. And so the  
 17 end result amount that we will see at the local  
 18 level should be very similar to what we're  
 19 dealing with for this fiscal year.  
 20 MS. HAYTHE: Do you know how the 123,000  
 21 compares to other counties at all?



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1 DR. MAGUIRE: Yes.

2 MS. HAYTHE: Our neighboring counties.

3 DR. MAGUIRE: So each county has a

4 different what's called match percentage, which

5 was written into COMAR in the mid '90s. And so

6 there were different levels of -- so the ask

7 for this year affected counties in different

8 ways.

9 So for instance, counties that have a very

10 low match compared to how that, how that

11 compared with what their county budget was

12 already set at, it may not have affected them.

13 So for effectively half of the counties in

14 the State, they were what's called under

15 matched as a result of these salary increases

16 this year. They tended to be the counties that

17 are on the higher end of what's called the

18 match percentage, of which Talbot is one of

19 them, not the highest.

20 And so for Talbot County, we, for the

21 counties that are having, facing a discrepancy

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1 in their funding, as Talbot is, we are actually

2 facing a much smaller discrepancy than some of

3 the other counties, which are often reaching

4 the multiple millions.

5 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you.

6 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other Council member?

7 Okay.

8 MR. LESHHER: So we need Council action to

9 sign this certification?

10 MR. STAMP: Yeah. Again, staff's

11 recommendation is that Council President be

12 authorized to complete the form that's required

13 to obligate us to the full amount, which would

14 be an additional 123,000. I want to make sure

15 the figure is right. \$123,658. That would be

16 either realized through savings through the

17 performance of their budget or apply

18 contingency in the fourth quarter. That would

19 be the vote of support for that.

20 We would have to come back for specific

21 use of contingency if that were to be necessary

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1 in the fourth quarter.

2 MR. LESHHER: I will move this allocation

3 as articulated by staff with that forthcoming

4 letter expressing our consternation about the

5 process.

6 We know that the county is subject to the

7 sovereign entity that is State government. And

8 it just is always frustrating when the

9 sovereign entity expresses its status in this

10 form.

11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do I have to put

12 this in the form of a motion?

13 MR. LESHHER: I just --

14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

15 MS. HAYTHE: He did.

16 MR. LESHHER: I apologize for the editorial

17 content. Started that with a motion.

18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do I have a second?

19 Okay. We don't.

20 MR. STAMP: Okay.

21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.

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1 MR. STAMP: Thank you.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.

3 MR. STAMP: Okay. The next item I have,

4 Council, I'm going to ask Ray Clarke to come

5 forward. Request from the Department of Public

6 Works to negotiate with the lowest responsive

7 and responsible bidder for Bid Number 23-07,

8 Talbot County Public Safety Complex, phase one

9 building renovations, Easton, Talbot County,

10 Maryland.

11 As you read in your packet, the Department

12 of Public Works is requesting Council approval

13 to negotiate with the lowest responsive and

14 responsible bidder on this, Willow

15 Construction, LLC, to complete value

16 engineering to determine if the county can

17 achieve some cost savings prior to awarding the

18 contract.

19 Ray will have any detail, answer any

20 questions relative to this.

21 MR. CLARKE: And again, Council, for you

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1 and the general public, the base bid for the  
 2 building addition, which is basically HVAC  
 3 equipment, along with walls, moving the walls  
 4 and whatnot, the base bid was \$3.9 million.  
 5 Add alternate number one was \$9,200, and add  
 6 alternate number two was \$360,000.  
 7 If we were to award all, basically with  
 8 the two add alternates, the total would be  
 9 \$4,269,200.  
 10 What we're looking at trying to do right  
 11 now is work with Willow, a local contractor, to  
 12 do some value engineering and see if we can  
 13 find some savings in this prior to awarding the  
 14 project.  
 15 We've met with the Department of Emergency  
 16 Services as well as the Sheriff's Office and  
 17 our architect, which is Davis, Bowen & Friedel.  
 18 And this is typically a standard practice to  
 19 try and come in and see if we can't do some  
 20 reengineering and see if we can't find some  
 21 cost savings together with the contractor.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great. So do you  
 2 need anything from us?  
 3 MR. STAMP: Need a motion in the form of a  
 4 vote to support this.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 6 MR. STEPP: So moved.  
 7 MS. HAYTHE: Second.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 9 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the  
 10 vote.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 14 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 16 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.

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1 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Ray.  
 2 The next item, Council, that I have for  
 3 you is a request from the Department of Parks  
 4 and Recreation to award a contract for Perry  
 5 Cabin ball field fencing project. As you read  
 6 in your agenda packet, Department of Public  
 7 Works and Recreation -- I'm sorry. The  
 8 Department of Parks and Recreation is  
 9 requesting Council approval to piggyback on the  
 10 University of Maryland modified contract award  
 11 to Long Fencing Company, the contract for the  
 12 project at Perry Cabin ball field.  
 13 The contract will not exceed \$100,000,  
 14 which is the amount of the grant, and will be  
 15 fully reimbursable under the Community Parks  
 16 and Playground grant parameters.  
 17 You'll remember that we came in and gained  
 18 Council approval to partner with St. Michaels  
 19 to apply for the grant.  
 20 I'm happy to inform Council and the Board  
 21 of Public Works that the State approved that.

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1 And now we're asking to be able to procure the  
 2 fence by piggybacking on the contract.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 4 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve the award  
 5 contract request.  
 6 MR. STEPP: Second.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 8 second to go ahead and approve the fence at  
 9 Perry Cabin Park. Madam Secretary, could you  
 10 call the vote.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 14 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 16 MR. LESHNER: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 21 MR. STAMP: Ask that we bring back your

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<p>1 favorite county engineer one more time.</p> <p>2 He is here to recommend the award of</p> <p>3 Change Order Number 23 for Bid Number 17-09,</p> <p>4 St. Michaels pump station, number three</p> <p>5 upgrade and rehabilitation.</p> <p>6 And without reading a lot more, I'm just</p> <p>7 going to hand it over to him to complete the</p> <p>8 rest. I'll fill in what he might miss.</p> <p>9 MR. CLARKE: Okay. Again, Council, we</p> <p>10 were, back in July, advised by Rural</p> <p>11 Development that they had additional grant</p> <p>12 funding for doing sewer collection system work.</p> <p>13 At the same time, we have been doing road</p> <p>14 improvements.</p> <p>15 So we put together, at Rural Development's</p> <p>16 request, they had an existing project. They</p> <p>17 were kind of looking at utilizing some of the</p> <p>18 grant funding that they had.</p> <p>19 So we had requested with Schumer,</p> <p>20 Incorporated, who is doing work down in</p> <p>21 St. Michaels, to go ahead and prepare a change</p>	<p>1 stipulation.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: We got a motion and second.</p> <p>3 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>7 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>9 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>11 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>13 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>14 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Ray.</p> <p>15 Thank you, Council, for that.</p> <p>16 We will not be bringing Ray Clarke back up</p> <p>17 this evening unless you have a special request.</p> <p>18 MR. CLARKE: You do have tires.</p> <p>19 MR. STAMP: Oh, I do. While you're</p> <p>20 sitting there, why don't we jump down to that.</p> <p>21 MR. CLARKE: Okay. Sure thing.</p>
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<p>1 order for Hanson Street to replace the sewer</p> <p>2 and ultimately do the road improvements. And</p> <p>3 that total amount was \$321,673.80.</p> <p>4 What we're seeking to do at this point in</p> <p>5 time is get your always approval to move</p> <p>6 forward with this. If we do not secure any</p> <p>7 grant funding, we will not pursue this project.</p> <p>8 So at this point in time, we want to work</p> <p>9 with Rural Development to get as much money,</p> <p>10 grant funding as we can.</p> <p>11 The other thing is if we are successful in</p> <p>12 getting the grant funding and any loan, that</p> <p>13 loan money would not be paid for by the</p> <p>14 sanitary district, it would be shared with</p> <p>15 either between the Town of St. Michaels and/or</p> <p>16 the developer that we're assisting in this</p> <p>17 matter.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Motion?</p> <p>19 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve contingent</p> <p>20 upon the grant acceptance and award.</p> <p>21 MR. STEPP: Second with the same</p>	<p>1 MR. STAMP: We do have an announcement.</p> <p>2 MR. CLARKE: I'll get you go.</p> <p>3 MR. STAMP: I want to make an announcement</p> <p>4 that there is a citizen scrap tire collection</p> <p>5 event that is being hosted by Mid-Shore</p> <p>6 Transfer Station in Talbot County Saturday,</p> <p>7 September 30, 2023, at eight a.m. to two p.m.</p> <p>8 Ray, would you like to add anything to</p> <p>9 that?</p> <p>10 MR. CLARKE: Sure thing. This is on</p> <p>11 Barkers Landing Road. The address is actually</p> <p>12 7341 Barkers Landing Road.</p> <p>13 Ultimately, individual citizens can bring</p> <p>14 up to ten tires. There's only one load per</p> <p>15 household. So if you're going to bring your</p> <p>16 ten tires, bring them in one load and they will</p> <p>17 take those tires free of charge.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great.</p> <p>19 MR. STAMP: So bring out your tires.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Bring out the tires.</p> <p>21 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Ray.</p>

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Ray.  
 2 MR. STAMP: Okay. Just have two more  
 3 items for you, Council.  
 4 The next one is the Roads Department is  
 5 requesting that we piggyback on the Maryland  
 6 State Highway Administration contract for  
 7 paving and resurfacing of Almshouse Road from  
 8 US Route 50 to Maryland Route 565, White Marsh  
 9 Road, to Maryland 333.  
 10 As you read in your agenda packet,  
 11 superintendent of Roads, Facilities, and  
 12 Maintenance is requesting Council approval to  
 13 piggyback on a contract through MDOT with David  
 14 A. Bramble to finish paving, resurfacing of  
 15 Almshouse Road from US 50 to Maryland 565,  
 16 White Marsh Road, to Maryland 333 for a cost of  
 17 \$182,000. There are sufficient funds in the  
 18 FY24 budget.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 20 MR. STEPP: So moved.  
 21 MS. HAYTHE: Second.

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 2 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the  
 3 vote.  
 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 7 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Lesher.  
 9 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 11 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 13 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 14 MR. STAMP: And finally, Council,  
 15 requesting a letter of support to the Maryland  
 16 Department of Transportation for their  
 17 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods  
 18 program for enhancing Easton neighborhood  
 19 access on US Route 50.  
 20 And you read in your agenda packet, I'm  
 21 seeking Council approval to send a letter of

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1 support to the Maryland Department of  
 2 Transportation's funding request to USDOT for  
 3 their Reconnecting Communities and  
 4 Neighborhoods program.  
 5 If approved, grant funds would be used to  
 6 add new sidewalks, raise landscape mediums,  
 7 remove crossovers, and install new pedestrian  
 8 signals at Maryland Route 328, Maryland Route  
 9 331, and US Route 50.  
 10 No county funds would be required as this  
 11 would be a State project in the Town of Easton.  
 12 And of course, we also shared this information  
 13 with the Town of Easton, who I'm certain would  
 14 be taking action as well.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 16 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to send the letter of  
 17 support.  
 18 MR. LESHHER: Second.  
 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 20 second to send a letter of support. Madam  
 21 Secretary, could you call the vote, please.

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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 4 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Lesher.  
 6 MR. LESHHER: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 8 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 10 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 11 MR. STAMP: Council, in my fervor to get  
 12 through the boards and committees, I happened  
 13 to neglect one committee that I need to bring  
 14 up to you.  
 15 And this is the Historic Preservation  
 16 Commission. There are a total of five  
 17 vacancies. We do have two interested  
 18 individuals that would like to serve on that  
 19 commission. Mr. Earl Asche and Mr. John Renda  
 20 have submitted their letters of interest in  
 21 serving on the Historic Preservation

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1 Commission. So we're seeking Council support  
 2 for their appointment.  
 3 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve.  
 4 MR. LESHER: Second.  
 5 MS. MIELKE: (Inaudible.)  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. We got a motion and  
 7 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the  
 8 vote.  
 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 12 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 14 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 15 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 16 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 18 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 19 MR. STAMP: And that completes your county  
 20 manager report. Thank you.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Good job.

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1 Okay.  
 2 Next, public comment.  
 3 MR. LESHER: We have one person who has  
 4 signed up for public comment this evening, and  
 5 that is Terrence Bernard.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Hey, Terrence.  
 7 MR. BERNARD: Unbuttoned shirt okay?  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. That's perfect.  
 9 MR. BERNARD: Terrence Bernard.  
 10 I'd like to mention that a few weeks ago,  
 11 we lost a board member from the Talbot County  
 12 Board of Education. And then that person went  
 13 to Oxford for employment, correct? Oh, that's  
 14 right. Can't answer.  
 15 Well, anyways. We lost that person and  
 16 now there's an opening there. And at that  
 17 time, it was thought that it could be appointed  
 18 by the board here, but seems like there's a  
 19 rule or a law that they need to be appointed by  
 20 Annapolis.  
 21 And looks like there might be another

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1 opening. So it's really unfortunate that the  
 2 board can't appoint since it's locally here  
 3 members on the board is all going to voice out  
 4 here at this. I'm not complaining or anything.  
 5 I subscribe also to the Dorchester Banner.  
 6 And in here, it says that Jamilla Thompson is  
 7 now appointed to new assistant superintendent.  
 8 And he is a board member, Talbot County Board  
 9 of Education Schools. So it looks like there  
 10 will be another appointment. But  
 11 unfortunately, that comes from Annapolis over  
 12 the bridge, where we know our county here and  
 13 members. And you all are qualified one, two,  
 14 three, four, five.  
 15 So that's all I want to express, is it  
 16 would be nice if they could be appointed  
 17 locally. Thank you.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.  
 19 Appreciate it.  
 20 Is that it?  
 21 MR. LESHER: That's all that signed up in

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1 advance. So if you want to open it up.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: I'll open it up to the  
 3 floor. Sarah, coming up, head of  
 4 communications?  
 5 Martha, she's got her head down. Okay.  
 6 Okay. Okay. All right.  
 7 I'll close the public comment then, and  
 8 let's do Council comment.  
 9 So Mr. Stepp.  
 10 MR. STEPP: Sure. I just wanted to, I  
 11 alluded this in prayer, but I just wanted to  
 12 extend my heartfelt thanks again to everyone  
 13 who was involved with the 9/11 Memorial  
 14 ceremony yesterday.  
 15 Mr. Leshner, wonderful keynote speech.  
 16 A lot of folks in this room who  
 17 contributed to that. So I want to thank  
 18 everyone for that. Susan, Clay, Jess.  
 19 MR. STAMP: Susan.  
 20 MR. STEPP: Sarah. Mrs. Kilmon as well.  
 21 Michael, thank you for navigating our

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1 technical issues after the rain. So rain and  
 2 electric usually don't mix well. So thank you  
 3 for addressing that.  
 4 But a huge thank you to all of our first  
 5 responders, both who responded then and that  
 6 continue to respond today, as well as those who  
 7 are protecting our rights and freedoms, both  
 8 domestic and abroad. So thank you and  
 9 continued blessings to all.  
 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you.  
 11 Mr. Leshner.  
 12 MR. LESHNER: Nothing further from me  
 13 tonight.  
 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 15 MS. MIELKE: Nothing further from me.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 17 MS. HAYTHE: I guess I'm the only one.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: You have something for us.  
 19 MS. HAYTHE: We'll be here a little late.  
 20 No.  
 21 I just want to echo what Dave said. Great

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1 job to Susan and everyone that helped with  
 2 that. Sarah, the coverage. It was indeed a  
 3 great ceremony as we pause and take a moment to  
 4 not forget those that served but also those  
 5 lives that were lost on 9/11.  
 6 I wanted to let the public know that there  
 7 will be a Frederick Douglass Day Parade on  
 8 September, September 23rd, at ten a.m. Starts  
 9 at Easton Elementary School and goes to the  
 10 courthouse on that day.  
 11 And then I'd like to mention that last  
 12 week, I met with a constituent who is looking  
 13 for housing. She is a single mother. She  
 14 works three jobs in Easton and she lives in a  
 15 two-bedroom apartment paying \$1,600 a month.  
 16 So I am trying to work with her through the  
 17 process of making an application to USDA to  
 18 purchase a future home in Talbot County.  
 19 But I just wanted to remind the Council of  
 20 that missing middle that we have in Talbot  
 21 County. And also just to consider when we have


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1 an opportunity to consider a P3 partnership, to  
 2 do workforce housing for the people of Talbot  
 3 County. That's all I have.  
 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Thank you.  
 5 And I just want to comment, too, with my  
 6 colleagues with the ceremony yesterday. Susan,  
 7 you did a great job.  
 8 SECRETARY: Thank you.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: That's for sure. You  
 10 worked really hard, you and Karen, to put  
 11 everything together. We were meeting. You did  
 12 a great job with all the communications, and it  
 13 was a great morning.  
 14 And one of the special moments that I  
 15 didn't realize this until Mr. Stepp said  
 16 something. When the clouds broke, there was  
 17 that rainbow. So that was pretty cool. That  
 18 told the story right there. That told the  
 19 story right there that the man above was  
 20 looking down on us. And you know, it almost  
 21 brought a tear to my eye, to tell you the

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1 truth, when he said something. But that just  
 2 shows you how special that moment was for  
 3 everybody.  
 4 Other than that, Mr. Leshner.  
 5 MR. LESHNER: The County Council's next  
 6 meeting will be held on Tuesday,  
 7 September 26th, at five o'clock p.m. The  
 8 Council will be convening in open session at  
 9 3:30 p.m. and then adjourning into closed  
 10 session to discuss real estate, legal, and  
 11 personnel matters, as listed on the statement  
 12 for closing that meeting.  
 13 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn  
 14 this meeting and reconvene as noted?  
 15 MS. MIELKE: So moved.  
 16 MS. HAYTHE: So moved.  
 17 MR. STEPP: Second.  
 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Got a motion and second.  
 19 Madam Secretary, could you call the vote.  
 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.

1 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 2 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 4 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 6 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 8 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. Thanks a lot.  
 10 Appreciate everybody coming.  
 11 (Meeting concluded at: 6:18 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  
 in a true and accurate manner.  
 8  
 I further certify that the stipulations  
 9 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my  
 presence.  
 10  
 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 Notarial Seal this 19th  
 day of September 2023 at Easton MD  
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 Diane Houlihan  
 Notary Public  
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 My commission expires September 16, 2025  
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