

COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

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Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We'll go ahead and</p> <p>4 get started here tonight. I want to just</p> <p>5 welcome everybody to the meeting tonight.</p> <p>6 So if we could go ahead and please stand</p> <p>7 and join us for the opening prayer and the</p> <p>8 Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag.</p> <p>9 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Go ahead and get</p> <p>11 started with tonight's agenda. We've had a</p> <p>12 chance to take a look at that. Council, is</p> <p>13 there any additions, deletions, or corrections</p> <p>14 to the agenda tonight?</p> <p>15 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>16 MS. MIELKE: No.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Hearing none, the chair</p> <p>18 moves that the agenda be accepted as unanimous</p> <p>19 consent.</p> <p>20 Next on the agenda is the minutes of</p> <p>21 August 26th. We've all had a chance to take a</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes, sir. Yup.</p> <p>2 SPEAKER: Well, Mr. President,</p> <p>3 distinguished members of the Council, I wanted</p> <p>4 to thank you for the honor of coming here to</p> <p>5 sit before you and to present this. Come on</p> <p>6 behalf of Congressman Andy Harris.</p> <p>7 The Congressman has given us a directive</p> <p>8 to really prioritize events and entities that</p> <p>9 celebrate, that commemorate the very serious</p> <p>10 and solemn observance of 9/11. It's something</p> <p>11 you do every year I know.</p> <p>12 And I do have this to read here. But I've</p> <p>13 been contemplating this, as I'm sure we all</p> <p>14 have. I just remembered back to right after</p> <p>15 9/11 happened. And one of the things that I</p> <p>16 haven't thought about in a very long time is as</p> <p>17 I was looking at this flag is do you remember</p> <p>18 that there were so many people flying flags</p> <p>19 after 9/11.</p> <p>20 And so as engraved in your First</p> <p>21 Responders Memorial over there, may their</p>
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<p>1 look at that. Any additions, deletions, or</p> <p>2 corrections to the minutes, Council?</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: No.</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Hearing none, the</p> <p>6 chair moves that the minutes be accepted as</p> <p>7 unanimous consent.</p> <p>8 Next is the disbursements of September 2nd</p> <p>9 and September 9th. We've all had a chance to</p> <p>10 take a look at that.</p> <p>11 Is there any additions, deletions, or</p> <p>12 corrections to the disbursements?</p> <p>13 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Hearing none, the chair</p> <p>15 moves that the disbursements be accepted as</p> <p>16 unanimous consent. Okay.</p> <p>17 First on the agenda tonight is a</p> <p>18 presentation of the United States Flag by</p> <p>19 Congressman Andy Harris' Office. You want to</p> <p>20 come on up? Yeah. Thank you.</p> <p>21 SPEAKER: Thank you. Should I sit?</p>	<p>1 service not be forgotten, for those innocent</p> <p>2 victims, that their life, and we not forget</p> <p>3 that. And for those unbelievably brave heroic</p> <p>4 responders that rushed in, had no thought to</p> <p>5 their wellbeing, we certainly salute them, too.</p> <p>6 So I'd like to read this, this</p> <p>7 commendation.</p> <p>8 It says this flag was flown at the request</p> <p>9 of Honorable Andy Harris, member of Congress,</p> <p>10 to commend Talbot County on this 24th</p> <p>11 anniversary of September 11th. It's imperative</p> <p>12 to honor and remember the brave men and women</p> <p>13 that made the ultimate sacrifice to protect</p> <p>14 innocent lives on that fateful day. We thank</p> <p>15 the brave first responders for their continued</p> <p>16 service to Talbot County and Maryland's First</p> <p>17 Congressional District.</p> <p>18 And thank you again for having me here to</p> <p>19 be able to present this to you.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. STAMP: Do you want to make a</p>

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<p>1 presentation?</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. I tell you the</p> <p>3 truth, on something this very important, I</p> <p>4 think we all should go down there.</p> <p>5 MS. KILMON: Ready? One, two, three. One</p> <p>6 more for Conner so your eyeballs are looking in</p> <p>7 the right place.</p> <p>8 SPEAKER: Thank you.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate it.</p> <p>10 SPEAKER: See you guys.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda</p> <p>12 is the Constitution and Citizenship Week.</p> <p>13 Madam Secretary.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Proclamation, Constitution and</p> <p>15 Citizenship Week, September 17th through the</p> <p>16 23, 2025.</p> <p>17 Whereas, the Constitution of the United</p> <p>18 States of America, the guardian of our</p> <p>19 liberties, embodies the principles of limited</p> <p>20 government in a republic dedicated to the rule</p> <p>21 of law.</p>	<p>1 order, protect rights, and provide public</p> <p>2 goods.</p> <p>3 And whereas, the drafters of our</p> <p>4 Constitution were committed not to a king or a</p> <p>5 government but to a belief in the promise of</p> <p>6 America as a free and prosperous society. And</p> <p>7 to fulfill that promise, they designed a</p> <p>8 government and Constitution that could</p> <p>9 withstand the inevitable demagoguery, passions,</p> <p>10 and exigencies that will seek to unmake us as a</p> <p>11 people.</p> <p>12 And whereas, though the durability of our</p> <p>13 Constitution has been tested through crises and</p> <p>14 wars, it has endured. And it is fitting and</p> <p>15 proper to officially recognize this important</p> <p>16 document on its anniversary.</p> <p>17 And whereas, Public Law 108-447 requires</p> <p>18 that every educational institution which</p> <p>19 receives federal funds to hold a program on the</p> <p>20 Constitution for students on September 17th.</p> <p>21 And whereas, since 1956, September 17th</p>
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<p>1 And whereas, September 17, 2025, marks the</p> <p>2 238th anniversary of the drafting of the</p> <p>3 Constitution of the United States of America by</p> <p>4 the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia</p> <p>5 on September 17, 1787, which set our country on</p> <p>6 a bold course toward forming a more perfect</p> <p>7 union.</p> <p>8 John Adams called the drafting of the</p> <p>9 Constitution "the greatest single effort of</p> <p>10 national deliberation that the world has ever</p> <p>11 seen."</p> <p>12 And since its ratification, this</p> <p>13 exceptional document has remained the bedrock</p> <p>14 of the rule of law of our nation.</p> <p>15 And whereas, the Founders understood that</p> <p>16 a self-governing republic requires a free and</p> <p>17 empowered citizenry. Through a system of</p> <p>18 limited government and checks and balances, the</p> <p>19 Constitution limits the ability of the State to</p> <p>20 become an obstacle to human flourishing, while</p> <p>21 simultaneously enabling the State to serve,</p>	<p>1 through September 23rd of each year has been</p> <p>2 proclaimed Constitution Week, encouraging all</p> <p>3 citizens of the United States to support and</p> <p>4 reaffirm the freedoms and liberties guaranteed</p> <p>5 by the Constitution.</p> <p>6 And whereas, since 2022, the MidShore</p> <p>7 Constitution Alliance has played a vital role</p> <p>8 in elevating the recognition of Constitution</p> <p>9 Week in Talbot County through a series of</p> <p>10 impactful events, including an annual lecture</p> <p>11 series that brings historical figures, such as</p> <p>12 Thomas Jefferson, Frederick Douglass, and most</p> <p>13 recently, Tench and Matthew Tilghman to life to</p> <p>14 educate the public on the creation of our</p> <p>15 founding documents, the introduction of the</p> <p>16 inaugural U.S. Constitution Scholastic</p> <p>17 Competition, which invites students from across</p> <p>18 the midshore to test their Constitutional</p> <p>19 knowledge and an annual scholarship program</p> <p>20 that encourages students to reflect on the</p> <p>21 meaning and significance of the Constitution.</p>

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<p>1 Now, therefore, we, the County Council of</p> <p>2 Talbot County, do hereby proclaim</p> <p>3 September 17th through September 23, 2025,</p> <p>4 Constitution and Citizenship Week in Talbot</p> <p>5 County and urge citizens to study the</p> <p>6 Constitution and to reflect on the privilege of</p> <p>7 being an American, with all the rights and</p> <p>8 responsibilities which that privilege entails,</p> <p>9 and to protect the freedoms guaranteed to us</p> <p>10 through this guardian of our liberties.</p> <p>11 Given under our hands in the great seal of</p> <p>12 Talbot County this 9th day of September in the</p> <p>13 year of our Lord, 2025.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good job, Madam</p> <p>15 Secretary. Okay.</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: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>20 to second to go ahead and put this into the</p> <p>21 record. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p>	<p>1 many of you know, this is the fourth year that</p> <p>2 we've done this.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Could you introduce</p> <p>4 yourself, please.</p> <p>5 MR. HOLMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. Richard</p> <p>6 Holman and Michelle Ewing. We're both kind of</p> <p>7 the community organizers for it. And let me</p> <p>8 back up a little bit.</p> <p>9 The Constitutional Alliance was formed by</p> <p>10 a group of us plus Washington College Center</p> <p>11 for Religion, Politics, and Culture, along with</p> <p>12 the Frederick Douglass on the Hill Family</p> <p>13 Foundation as the initial organizers from year</p> <p>14 one.</p> <p>15 This fourth year, we're expanding a little</p> <p>16 further. The major theme from what you heard</p> <p>17 from the proclamation is we've got a lot more</p> <p>18 volunteers and a ton of community involvement.</p> <p>19 This year, we're making this kind of a</p> <p>20 preamble, with the help of the county, a</p> <p>21 preamble Talbot 250 event as well.</p>
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<p>1 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. LESHER: 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. Welcome, guys.</p> <p>13 MR. HOLMAN: Thank you. Thank you very</p> <p>14 much.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p> <p>16 MR. HOLMAN: And thanks for that very</p> <p>17 detailed reading of the proclamation because</p> <p>18 you gave a lot of the detail that I was going</p> <p>19 to go over. I don't have to do that again. I</p> <p>20 appreciate that.</p> <p>21 I would just like to start by saying as</p>	<p>1 Sarah over there has been a great help in</p> <p>2 helping us organize the county participation as</p> <p>3 well.</p> <p>4 As was read, we're expanding this to</p> <p>5 include not just the background and fundamental</p> <p>6 education of the Constitution and the rights</p> <p>7 and privileges associated with it and our focus</p> <p>8 on youth, but this year we're also adding more</p> <p>9 content on hidden history for Talbot County.</p> <p>10 So there will be a not quite fully</p> <p>11 disclosed Tench Tilghman actor locally wearing</p> <p>12 a Tench Tilghman uniform that was actually</p> <p>13 funded by the Constitution Alliance and the</p> <p>14 Talbot Historical Society.</p> <p>15 Also, we're able to bring in Thomas</p> <p>16 Jefferson from Williamsburg and the Frederick</p> <p>17 Douglass reenactor from Atlanta. And that's</p> <p>18 been enabled by an expansion of our partners</p> <p>19 and anchor clients. One big one of which is</p> <p>20 the Talbot County Educational Foundation.</p> <p>21 Also, the Historical Society now is also an</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 anchor sponsor. And we continue the continued 2 partnership with the Historical Society, who is 3 also partnering with us and the Sons of the 4 American Revolution. 5 And without taking too much more time, 6 we're pretty excited. A lot of community 7 involvement. 8 I failed to mention also the Talbot County 9 Economic and Tourism Development. The 10 promotion that the county has done has helped a 11 tremendous amount both last year and this year. 12 We're looking forward to it. The public 13 event at the Art Academy at 4:30 next 14 Wednesday. We have several folks at Easton 15 High School on the next day on the 18th and the 16 competition at the Library on Saturday. 17 Michelle. 18 MS. EWING: Just to let you know, I think 19 we have at least 200 students from Easton High 20 School attending the presentation that will be 21 given on the 17th at the Art Academy.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 Council. Yup. 2 MS. HAYTHE: I just thank you for doing 3 this. 4 You said this is the fourth year? 5 MR. HOLMAN: Fourth year. 6 MS. HAYTHE: Great. Good. And hopefully 7 it will only get bigger and larger and you get 8 more volunteers. So thank you so much for 9 bringing this to our attention. Truly 10 appreciate it. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. 12 MS. MIELKE: As an American studies major 13 graduate of Washington College, I'm thrilled 14 with what you're doing. 15 And I think it's so important that our 16 students today have more information and 17 knowledge about the basis of this country and 18 the Constitution and the rights thereof because 19 we're really one of the few countries in the 20 world that has a system like we have and has 21 this documentation.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 And just wanted to reinforce the first 2 Constitution competition at the Talbot Library. 3 Participating schools include Easton High 4 School, St. Michaels High School, North 5 Caroline High School, Cambridge South 6 Dorchester High School, Sts. Peter and Paul 7 High School, and the Gunston School. And that 8 will take place on September 20th. 9 And I think that's all I have. 10 MR. HOLMAN: The only thing I would add 11 to that. On the 20th, the winner will be 12 awarded their prizes around 12:30 or so. So I 13 certainly invite anyone from the County Council 14 or anybody in the room for that event. 15 We are actually going to have a pendant 16 Constitution and allow the four team members of 17 the winning school to actually sign the 18 constitution and put it up in their schools 19 going forward. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great. Okay. Well, 21 thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 So thank you for your education piece. 2 It's great. 3 MR. HOLMAN: I appreciate that. 4 And also, your feedback last year, we 5 failed to mention, but there will be another 6 secret actor representing Mary Dixon Bartlett 7 Cullen and also Nannie Melvin from Caroline 8 County. There will be a women's suffrage part 9 to the we'll call it an event. 10 It's actually getting a little bit more 11 theatrical, which we like. So it will be more 12 of a theatrical content, if you will. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good. 14 MS. MIELKE: Great. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Pete. 16 MR. LESHER: Appreciate that there's 17 probably no better time, as the language of the 18 resolution, than to be learning about the 19 system of checks and balances when they are 20 being tested. 21 Really appreciate the event last year and</p>

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<p>1 look forward to this year's.</p> <p>2 MR. STEPP: I'll echo the thanks on just</p> <p>3 for doing this, as well as the event last year</p> <p>4 was wonderful.</p> <p>5 The fact that this keeps growing and this</p> <p>6 keeps going on is just the more folks who are</p> <p>7 just educated about who we are, where we came</p> <p>8 from, just the better we're going to be in the</p> <p>9 future.</p> <p>10 I also, just as a closing point, I just</p> <p>11 want to recognize that it's amazing that</p> <p>12 Mr. Douglass and Mr. Jefferson, how well they</p> <p>13 look for their age when they were here last</p> <p>14 year in Talbot County. They were phenomenal.</p> <p>15 So looking forward to seeing them again.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Like I said, thanks so much</p> <p>17 for coming tonight and giving this. It's so</p> <p>18 important.</p> <p>19 So come on up.</p> <p>20 MS. EWING: Thanks for having us.</p> <p>21 MR. HOLMAN: Thank you very much.</p>	<p>1 disasters and emergencies.</p> <p>2 And whereas, this event aims to increase</p> <p>3 public awareness concerning the importance of</p> <p>4 preparing for emergencies and to encourage</p> <p>5 individuals to take action, starting with</p> <p>6 simple cost-effective measures in their own</p> <p>7 homes.</p> <p>8 And whereas, during the month of</p> <p>9 September, the Talbot County Department of</p> <p>10 Emergency Services, DES, will urge residents to</p> <p>11 create family emergency plans, build or refresh</p> <p>12 emergency supply kits, and learn skills to</p> <p>13 protect their homes and loved ones in the event</p> <p>14 of natural or manmade emergencies.</p> <p>15 And whereas, preparing and planning now</p> <p>16 before a disaster is the best way to improve</p> <p>17 community resiliency.</p> <p>18 And whereas, throughout the year, the</p> <p>19 Talbot County Department of Emergency Services</p> <p>20 promotes emergency preparedness by maintaining</p> <p>21 preparedness information on the Talbot County</p>
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<p>1 MS. KILMON: All right. Ready? One, two,</p> <p>2 three. Perfect.</p> <p>3 MR. HOLMAN: Thank you.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda,</p> <p>5 we have one more proclamation. It's National</p> <p>6 Preparedness Month.</p> <p>7 Madam Secretary, could you go ahead and</p> <p>8 read that into the record, please.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Proclamation, National</p> <p>10 Preparedness Month, September 2025.</p> <p>11 Whereas, National Preparedness Month is a</p> <p>12 nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the</p> <p>13 Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, each</p> <p>14 September to encourage Americans to prepare for</p> <p>15 emergencies in their homes, businesses, and</p> <p>16 schools.</p> <p>17 And whereas, the 2025 theme, Preparedness</p> <p>18 Starts at Home, emphasizes that the most</p> <p>19 effective way to build stronger and more</p> <p>20 resilient communities begins with each</p> <p>21 household taking steps to be ready for</p>	<p>1 website; by giving presentations throughout the</p> <p>2 community on the importance of preparedness; by</p> <p>3 providing printed information to groups,</p> <p>4 agencies, and citizens; by encouraging</p> <p>5 community-based training on how to be prepared</p> <p>6 and how to assist one's neighbors in</p> <p>7 emergencies; by connecting with residents and</p> <p>8 visitors electronically via social media, a</p> <p>9 smart phone app, and mass notification</p> <p>10 services; and by maintaining the Talbot County</p> <p>11 Emergency Operations Plan and Talbot County</p> <p>12 Community Resilience and Hazard Mitigation</p> <p>13 Plan.</p> <p>14 And whereas, the County Council of Talbot</p> <p>15 County officially recognizes the Talbot County</p> <p>16 Department of Emergency Services and its</p> <p>17 community partners, including the local</p> <p>18 emergency planning committee, the Talbot County</p> <p>19 Department of Social Services, the Talbot</p> <p>20 County Health Department, Talbot County Public</p> <p>21 Schools, our volunteer fire departments and law</p>

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<p>1 enforcement agencies, as well as the many other 2 volunteer and civic organizations that 3 routinely offer their invaluable services to 4 our community.</p> <p>5 Now, therefore, we, the County Council of 6 Talbot County, do hereby proclaim 7 September 2025 as National Preparedness Month 8 in Talbot County and do commend this observance 9 to all our citizens.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam 11 Secretary.</p> <p>12 Is there a motion?</p> <p>13 MR. STEPP: So moved.</p> <p>14 MS. HAYTHE: So moved.</p> <p>15 MR. STEPP: And a second.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 17 second to go ahead and put that into the 18 record. Madam Secretary, could you call the 19 vote.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p>	<p>1 they're prepared for whatever emergency it 2 might be, whether it's flood, hurricane, fire, 3 power outage. Oftentimes emergencies come 4 without notice.</p> <p>5 So it's a good time to be prepared, start 6 to think about what you would do in those 7 situations, build a plan, build a kit, and talk 8 to your family and community members.</p> <p>9 And resiliency is more than just that one 10 family or one little group. It is more -- it 11 really is throughout the community and working 12 with your neighbors and your own other folks 13 that are around.</p> <p>14 So sometimes our elderly need a little 15 assistance. So we always try to make sure that 16 we include them in this conversation to make 17 sure that they are well prepared for any 18 emergency as well with medications and oxygen 19 and things of that nature.</p> <p>20 So I'll turn it over to Madison. I think 21 she has a few comments as well.</p>
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<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>2 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>4 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>6 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Welcome.</p> <p>10 MR. LeCATES: Good evening, Council. 11 Brian LeCates, director of emergency services. 12 Here with me this evening is Madison Loker. 13 She is our emergency management coordinator.</p> <p>14 And Geneva Schaffle, our emergency 15 management division chief, sends her regrets. 16 She couldn't be here. She had a prior 17 engagement.</p> <p>18 So thank you for having us.</p> <p>19 So September is National Preparedness 20 Month. So it's just a good opportunity for us 21 to talk to our community about making sure</p>	<p>1 MS. LOKER: Hello, everyone. As Director 2 LeCates stated, I'm Madison Loker, the 3 emergency management coordinator here in Talbot 4 County.</p> <p>5 And I just want to echo the importance of 6 what Director LeCates said, our overall 7 preparedness, not only for our own families but 8 our community as a whole.</p> <p>9 At Talbot DES, we've worked tirelessly 10 through this year to promote a culture of 11 preparedness throughout Talbot County through 12 community outreach and our community emergency 13 response teams.</p> <p>14 We want to encourage citizens to sign up 15 for Talbot alerts this month to stay informed 16 of community alerts, emergency alerts, and 17 critical information, especially through the 18 peak of hurricane season.</p> <p>19 And we are just proud to support this 20 proclamation and the preparedness and the 21 overall climate throughout Talbot County. So</p>

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1 thank you.

2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. LeCATES: So this is a reminder that

4 September is our peak hurricane season for the

5 Mid Atlantic area. So everybody keep an eye

6 out and stay tuned.

7 But if anybody wants any information about

8 preparedness or anything of that nature, they

9 can reach our website at talbotdes.org. We

10 also encourage people to go to ready.gov, which

11 is a national site for some preparedness

12 information.

13 But also, we have a community emergency

14 response training and other trainings

15 throughout the community. And if anybody is

16 interested, they can just reach out to Talbot

17 County Emergency Services and we're happy to

18 connect them.

19 MS. MIELKE: That's great. That's good.

20 All right, Council. Mr. Stepp.

21 MR. STEPP: I'll echo two things. I mean

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1 Madison, you brought up one. Brian, you

2 brought up another.

3 I mean just so the CERT program.

4 Absolutely amazing that we offer something like

5 that at no charge to citizens. So anyone who

6 is interested in learning more about just

7 preparing in general, highly encourage that

8 course. You guys do a phenomenal job putting

9 that on. So thank you.

10 And then the reverse 911, right, the

11 emergency alerts. That should be a no-brainer

12 for everyone. It's so good. It actually calls

13 my phone here twice, which is pretty cool. So

14 I know if I get two back-to-back calls,

15 something's going on if I just hear it ringing

16 from away.

17 But highly encourage folks to take

18 advantage of that. Again, that's a no-brainer.

19 Free sign-up again, right?

20 MR. LeCATES: Absolutely.

21 MR. STEPP: So yeah. Get that. Everyone

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1 get that. It's incredibly valuable.

2 MR. LESHER: And building on that, it's

3 not just what, what you and the members of your

4 department do in carrying out your professional

5 duties, but what you do to equip the citizens.

6 And of course, tonight to equip and inform

7 and train us to ensure that we're going to be

8 prepared as we can for the inevitable, the

9 inevitable emergency. Thank you.

10 MR. LeCATES: Thank you.

11 MS. MIELKE: Pete stole my thunder a

12 little bit.

13 Really, so indebted to you for what you

14 all do for our county, and particularly how

15 proactive you are in educating the county.

16 It's just great.

17 So thank you for all you do.

18 MR. LeCATES: Thank you.

19 MS. HAYTHE: And just to echo. Madison

20 and Brian, thank you for coming in and your

21 awareness to the citizens of Talbot County.

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1 But just one thing, if you could just

2 share publicly while you're here. How do they

3 sign up for the Talbot Alerts?

4 MR. LeCATES: Go ahead.

5 MS. LOKER: So if you go to

6 www.talbotalerts.com, it will give you a user

7 name and password. You sign up, create an

8 account. It's completely free. And then you

9 just put in your phone number, email, or any

10 other ways you'd like to be contacted.

11 And from there, you're in our system. And

12 we can send you notifications whenever needed.

13 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you.

14 MR. LeCATES: And that link is also on our

15 website. So if you don't remember the alerts

16 one, you can always go to our regular site and

17 it's linked in there.

18 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. CALLAHAN: Madison and Brian, you do

20 such a great job. And we're really blessed to

21 have somebody like you guys.

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<p>1 And not only you. You got a team around</p> <p>2 you. And how many do we have in EMS right now?</p> <p>3 MR. LeCATES: So in EMS, we have 56</p> <p>4 full-time folks. And then in 911, we have</p> <p>5 another 28 folks. So just shy of 100 in</p> <p>6 Emergency Services altogether.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Right. And the public has</p> <p>8 got to understand this is 24/7 every day. So</p> <p>9 we really, really appreciate what you guys do.</p> <p>10 And not only that, your families. That's for</p> <p>11 sure.</p> <p>12 Because me and Clay know what that's all</p> <p>13 about. You have to have dedication, and you</p> <p>14 guys, you guys know what that's all about.</p> <p>15 And I really appreciate you keeping us</p> <p>16 safe and healthy and knowing that we can call</p> <p>17 on you guys at any time or at any moment if</p> <p>18 there's an emergency. So we really do</p> <p>19 appreciate it.</p> <p>20 MR. LeCATES: Well, thank you. We</p> <p>21 appreciate the support from Council. Because</p>	<p>1 MR. STAMP: Good job. Madison, good job.</p> <p>2 MS. LOKER: Thank you.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We're really lucky</p> <p>4 to have them. That's for sure.</p> <p>5 So next on the agenda is an update from</p> <p>6 the Health Department.</p> <p>7 Dr. Fahmi, you want to come on up.</p> <p>8 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: My name is Fahmi Fahmi.</p> <p>9 I am the health officer of Talbot County.</p> <p>10 Appreciate the Council, the president, and the</p> <p>11 members for allowing me to have this</p> <p>12 opportunity. Hopefully this will be our six</p> <p>13 months routine, to presentation to the Council</p> <p>14 and to the county what is happening in the</p> <p>15 department.</p> <p>16 A lot of exciting things going through the</p> <p>17 department now. And I'm so lucky to have such</p> <p>18 wonderful cooperation from the Council, from</p> <p>19 the staff, from the community. It's really</p> <p>20 humbling.</p> <p>21 My presentation will be divided into three</p>
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<p>1 without the support that we've received over</p> <p>2 the years, we wouldn't be where we're at, we</p> <p>3 wouldn't be able to do the things we can do for</p> <p>4 the community.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: And the last thing I'm</p> <p>6 going to tell you is you've got enough</p> <p>7 ambulances.</p> <p>8 MR. LeCATES: If we can just get them off</p> <p>9 the assembly line.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly, exactly, exactly.</p> <p>11 MR. LeCATES: They owe us several.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: We got you something here.</p> <p>13 MR. STAMP: Hey, Brian, you want Dr. Fahmi</p> <p>14 to come on up?</p> <p>15 MR. LeCATES: Yes. Dr. Fahmi, would you</p> <p>16 come up? You're one of our community partners.</p> <p>17 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Thank you.</p> <p>18 MS. KILMON: All right. Ready? Perfect.</p> <p>19 CONNER: Okay. Awesome.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Good job.</p> <p>21 MR. LeCATES: Thank you so much.</p>	<p>1 sections. It will be the good, the bad, and</p> <p>2 the ugly, like the movie. So I will start with</p> <p>3 the good stuff. So appreciate it. Thank you.</p> <p>4 From the good aspect of it is</p> <p>5 Environmental Health have done vaccination for</p> <p>6 rabies. And in the previous year, we could</p> <p>7 not even reach the 100. But the most recent</p> <p>8 clinic, we reach above 200. We reach 256,</p> <p>9 almost 300. And that is a whopping almost</p> <p>10 300 percent increase from previously.</p> <p>11 We got vaccinations from out of county,</p> <p>12 and we're preparing hopefully in October to</p> <p>13 have -- I'm sorry. I'm using this as a segue.</p> <p>14 We're going to have another one in October. It</p> <p>15 will be done through the Health Department</p> <p>16 itself. It will not be out of the department.</p> <p>17 And we're thrilled, and we're hoping to</p> <p>18 get more supply this time. Last time we ran</p> <p>19 out of vaccine because we didn't expect a</p> <p>20 300-person delta.</p> <p>21 Going from vaccinations of rabies to</p>

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<p>1 humans. I'm thinking of the department as a 2 gap closing. So we're vaccinating people who 3 are unable to vaccinations (indiscernible), 4 whether they're vaccinations through their 5 primary care, which I would never ever compete 6 against. But I'm here just to close whatever 7 is falling through the cracks. And we managed 8 from less than one year to give almost 1,000 9 doses of vaccinations.</p> <p>10 I'm also really thrilled to be 11 participating in the (indiscernible) and parts 12 of the academia. We have routine visitors 13 coming from Salisbury from different levels of 14 the colleges, universities I mean. From 15 nursing students to epidemiologists and so 16 forth.</p> <p>17 And we are, so far we're able to get one 18 of those students to join our department to be 19 employed by us.</p> <p>20 Most recently, less than two weeks ago, we 21 had memorandum of agreement between us and the</p>	<p>1 thrilling and very humbling.</p> <p>2 As you know, we pray never to happen, but 3 it does happen. You hear it in the media that 4 people are playing and they just drop. But if 5 there is an AED, if there is CPR, at least they 6 have a chance, which might be a difference 7 between life and death.</p> <p>8 We have continued to have our 9 sexually-transmitted disease and family 10 planning. We don't do obviously abortions, but 11 we do other methods. And we are expanding.</p> <p>12 We are adding a new nurse practitioner to 13 close the gap when our team one is not 14 available so we will not have any missing of 15 services. This addition happened like two 16 months ago.</p> <p>17 It was humbling last meeting by the 18 Council accepting our request to recognize the 19 vision care, which is to me (indiscernible). I 20 mentioned it during that time (indiscernible) 21 was American in my opinion. I'm not going to</p>
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<p>1 University of Maryland also to have the 2 nursing, nurse practitioner to go through our 3 department. And this is very thrilling.</p> <p>4 We are now in talks with John (sic.) 5 Hopkins hopefully to get a relationship with 6 their education and facility as well.</p> <p>7 We did CPR training, AED, Narcan. And we 8 did at least 28 outreach.</p> <p>9 Our CPR training is now going through the 10 high school system. We are teaching the 11 students and the coaches how to perform CPR.</p> <p>12 And we had a very, very successful update 13 from the school system. School system have 14 been very instrumental in allowing us to teach 15 kids about Narcan, about vaping, about smoking.</p> <p>16 This is very exciting. This is something 17 that I'm not used to have and very thrilling. 18 And the fact that the students and the coaches 19 are ready to spend time to be learning about 20 CPR from the start of the school before they 21 start engaging into sports is very, very</p>	<p>1 dwell too much on it. It's already been taped. 2 So I will skim through.</p> <p>3 In essence, we had some significant 4 difficulties getting kids to have their glasses 5 prescribed even though that we know that they 6 have a visual deficit. And that had a lot of 7 impact on their abilities to understand and to 8 comprehend and to go and excel in their 9 academia.</p> <p>10 And we had leadership in our department, 11 Ms. Megan Greenwood, who was instrumental in 12 getting the right people to participate in 13 getting those kids glasses and for free. To be 14 exact, 29.</p> <p>15 We were struggling even to get one-tenth 16 of that number. But that was cooperation from 17 the whole Talbot community. It was an 18 exemplary incident of how people stand by each 19 other and the resources and the selflessness of 20 the people and the specialists in delivering 21 something to those who are not heard. And it</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 was really something I'm very proud of the 2 department to have reached. 3 And we also, one of the good things is the 4 MIH and the Council Lady, Ms. Haythe, has 5 spoken about MIH better than me. She had 6 encounter with our MIH and her family. And 7 that is very appreciated by her. 8 We are, with this program, we are able to 9 service people who are unable to reach medical 10 facilities who are being discharged from 11 medical facilities. And closing the gap so 12 that they don't come back again to the 13 emergency room or to be admitted by giving them 14 services at the home. 15 And if you look at the numbers, last year 16 we served 47. This year, not even half 17 through, we're already looking going to be 18 surpassing. And usually winter is the time 19 when we get more need for the services. 20 Actually, other health departments are now 21 looking into implementing the MIH as well. I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 My feeling is that it might be a little 2 bit more heavier than usual because it is now 3 like the third, fourth season after the COVID. 4 What I normally convey is that the vaccine 5 carries a tail end. But after a while, that 6 tail end also fades. 7 And we are not doing any more separation, 8 distancing, social distancing, which I'm not 9 saying we should. I'm just saying that we have 10 to factor those things. So if it's cold 11 weather, we're all in the same location 12 geographically and home, and we're not doing 13 the usual stuff that we used to do during the 14 COVID, there is a significant possibility that 15 the flu can be noticeably, could be different. 16 And actually I'm going to show some slides 17 that reflect that. So this is slides going -- 18 the dot line is a national. The golden is the 19 state, which is Maryland obviously. And the 20 black one is more of the regional, which is our 21 location.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 think it's a good thing. And it was mentioned 2 also when Senator -- forgot her name. When the 3 Senator came and visited Talbot County. 4 SECRETARY: Alsobrooks. 5 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Alsobrooks. It was also 6 one of the things I mentioned. And I think 7 that was a good thing that we recognize it for 8 her. 9 So this is a makeup of how the MIH branch 10 works. Cooperation between EMS and pharmacist 11 and nursing staff, as well as outreach 12 providers. They are all working in synch to 13 close the gaps. I think this on the long run 14 is much humane and much cost effective for the 15 whole menu. 16 Now we're flipping from the good. We're 17 going to the bad. We're having the issue with 18 the flu. And I'm anticipating that the flu, 19 unfortunately, this season might be -- I'm not 20 following what I'm reading. I'm following my 21 own gut feeling.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 And you could easily see that the spikes 2 are higher than in 2022 when you go to '24. 3 Obviously '25 is not yet there. 4 And this is, this is all done by the water 5 waste testing for the flu, flu A and B. The A 6 is usually at the start of the season, and the 7 B usually at the end of the season. So when 8 you start seeing more B, that's a good sign. 9 And again, you could see that in general, 10 it's trending higher. So I would strongly 11 advise that if you can get the flu vaccination, 12 it's not early. And we continue washing our 13 hands and doing the usual respiratory etiquette 14 for separation would be a smart thing to do. 15 I'm going to flip now into the ugly. So 16 now is becoming difficult for a resident in 17 pediatrics to see chickenpox. Or I have not 18 seen tetanus for 50-plus years now. I have not 19 seen diphtheria in my life. I have never seen 20 smallpox. 21 So even in the hospitals, the pediatric</p>

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<p>1 wards are not as used to be full and busy. And</p> <p>2 this is a very good sign. This is a very good</p> <p>3 thing.</p> <p>4 I think that the latest person who had</p> <p>5 iron lung died about three months ago. That</p> <p>6 was our last person.</p> <p>7 But if you look at the pictures, lung</p> <p>8 babies was normal. Chickenpox obviously can be</p> <p>9 much devastating than just the scars. The</p> <p>10 (indiscernible), when it causes bleeding under</p> <p>11 the skin, it's usually in intensive care. And</p> <p>12 it's usually not a good sign. (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>13 At one stage of our history, we had a</p> <p>14 president who started working and then during</p> <p>15 his presidency was not able to. And that was</p> <p>16 not an eyebrow raising. That was he caught</p> <p>17 like a cold, he caught like a stomach flu</p> <p>18 nowadays. So that was the norm.</p> <p>19 We don't have that now because of the</p> <p>20 vaccinations.</p> <p>21 I'm not trying to say I'm going to be</p>	<p>1 was not possible because that kid was below</p> <p>2 age, which means below the age of 12 months.</p> <p>3 But the other two, unfortunately, there was</p> <p>4 room for them to be vaccinated but it didn't</p> <p>5 happen.</p> <p>6 In any vaccination, there is something</p> <p>7 health immunity. And the health immunity, I</p> <p>8 will show you a graph, a table in a minute, it</p> <p>9 depends on the disease. Diseases that have</p> <p>10 more significant ability to spread, they need</p> <p>11 more health immunity. Those who are less</p> <p>12 spreading, just like if you remember in the</p> <p>13 good old days, there was something called</p> <p>14 plague. Not plague. Sorry. Leprosy. Leprosy</p> <p>15 is not easy to spread. And so this is the</p> <p>16 nature of the beast. But flu or RSV, or for</p> <p>17 that matter, whooping cough, they have the</p> <p>18 ability to spread faster. So they need higher</p> <p>19 health immunity.</p> <p>20 So in general, the health immunity would</p> <p>21 prefer to be more in the mid 90s. And as the</p>
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<p>1 against people who don't want the vaccination.</p> <p>2 This is not my intention. My intention is to</p> <p>3 give medical information.</p> <p>4 We don't see polio for a reason. There is</p> <p>5 no tablet, there is no injection against polio.</p> <p>6 So and the same thing for smallpox.</p> <p>7 So about the measles in Maryland, I speak</p> <p>8 about the measles because there was a fatality</p> <p>9 and that was the thing that struck us.</p> <p>10 Our kids who are not vaccinated is not</p> <p>11 humungous. But I want to wake up the community</p> <p>12 and make sure that the vaccination is not --</p> <p>13 because we don't see measles, we don't see</p> <p>14 smallpox, we don't see polio, it can go by the</p> <p>15 way side. It's waiting outside of the door.</p> <p>16 We have to keep our guards up. We shouldn't</p> <p>17 give up. We shouldn't forget about those</p> <p>18 things.</p> <p>19 We had three cases. And I'm not going to</p> <p>20 read what's written. But I mean it is</p> <p>21 something that could have been -- in one kid it</p>	<p>1 statistics, it shows you that we have a</p> <p>2 tendency to go down.</p> <p>3 The problem, there is a like tipping</p> <p>4 balance. There is the straw that breaks the</p> <p>5 camel's back. It's not like it's only</p> <p>6 (indiscernible), it's only one degree less. It</p> <p>7 could be the difference between having a strong</p> <p>8 population defense versus not.</p> <p>9 And this is speaking about the same. The</p> <p>10 numbers itself looks miniscule, but especially</p> <p>11 in measles because it is significant in ability</p> <p>12 to be transmitted. The 95 is an important</p> <p>13 number for us to be making be vigilant about</p> <p>14 keeping that number.</p> <p>15 So if you look at this number, this is</p> <p>16 what I was speaking about. The higher the</p> <p>17 number, the more likely that the disease needs</p> <p>18 to be high transmissibility.</p> <p>19 We have a significant issue of vaping</p> <p>20 among the kids in Talbot. And we're finding</p> <p>21 that kids are more likely to be vaping than</p>

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<p>1 boys. The statistics I'm showing is a 2 conglomerate. Some from the county that we did 3 about two years ago. 2022. More like three 4 years ago when there was funding and we were 5 able to do through testing the, doing the 6 questionnaires through the school system. And 7 the other is from the data we got. Was it from 8 national or from MIH. 9 So the national says that 5.9 percent of 10 middle or high school students vape. Our 11 numbers, unfortunately, for us is quite far 12 from that. 13 And this is my last slide. Our strategy 14 is to be proactive. I'm trying to use the 15 media to speak about the coming season. So 16 we're going to be preaching about the 17 vaccinations. And shortly we speak about water 18 safety and allergies and reminding people to 19 put the batteries for the fire alarm. And 20 we'll continue to be asking for more 21 partnership. And we're open to any</p>	<p>1 And is this on the website for the Health 2 Department, this slide slow? 3 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Not yet, but we can put 4 it. 5 MS. MIELKE: Okay. Because I think that 6 these facts, especially in light of the Senate 7 hearing last week with RFK, Jr., these facts 8 are very important to the public to know. 9 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Sure. 10 MS. MIELKE: So I hope either you, or 11 maybe even The Star Democrat, will run these 12 detailed facts. Thank you for them. 13 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Thank you, Council Lady. 14 MS. HAYTHE: So thank you so much for your 15 presentation. I truly enjoyed it. I'm not 16 falling asleep. It was very interesting. It 17 was great. 18 But I truly appreciate the statistics 19 about the MIH program because that is a program 20 that my family was introduced to and my 21 mother-in-law uses. It's a great program for</p>
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<p>1 suggestions. 2 We're going to use our mass media to do 3 surveys. We appreciate if people can assist us 4 because it will be more able to zone in our 5 resources and to be of more value to know where 6 the gaps are. 7 Thank you very much for the opportunity. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Dr. Fahmi. 9 Great presentation. 10 MR. STEPP: I appreciate the update, 11 especially for going after some of those things 12 that are relative right here in our own county. 13 Appreciate the attention to them. Thank you. 14 MR. LESHER: Echo the thanks. Thank you 15 very much. 16 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Thank you. 17 MS. MIELKE: This is a great presentation. 18 You've hit the ground running -- 19 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Appreciate it. Thank 20 you, Council Lady. 21 MS. MIELKE: -- with this.</p>	<p>1 those that have certain diseases and ailments, 2 especially seniors. 3 And then the other I wanted to ask you was 4 vaping. What percentage of Talbot County 5 students? Do you have that number that are 6 vaping in middle? 7 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: I don't have it in the 8 slide. But it's not the most recent one. We 9 are already working on another more recent 10 through Ms. Mary Lou. 11 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. 12 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: And so once I get that 13 one, I will update you. 14 But what I know from preliminary, that the 15 girls are having higher. But it's less than 16 ten percent, to the best of my knowledge, in 17 the middle school, by the way. 18 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. 19 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: And the middle school is 20 a problem because this is how you develop 21 habits, ma'am.</p>

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<p>1 Any support for the (indiscernible) and 2 for the department, ma'am, is heartily felt. 3 Appreciating that, Council Lady. 4 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you so much. 5 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Thank you. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: And Dr. Fahmi, I just want 7 to tell the public how pleased we are with you 8 and the Health Department and the transparency 9 that you are giving us. 10 And we were in a meeting last week, me and 11 you and Clay and your whole team. So it's 12 really, it's really been great working with 13 you. 14 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Thank you, sir. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: And you know, we, as the 16 Council, a lot of people don't know, that we're 17 partners because we are the Board of Health. 18 And we're partnerships with you. 19 And it's really good to know that you can 20 reach out to us and we can do vice versa and 21 work on this, you know, anything that pops up.</p>	<p>1 The transparency is evident, and we look 2 forward to working with you. 3 And Council, I just want to remind that 4 Dr. Fahmi will be coming to you later as the 5 Board of Health to have a conversation around 6 water quality in the Chesapeake and its 7 tributaries. He is working on that, and he'll 8 be discussing that issue with you as the Board 9 of Health. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. That's good. 11 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: Thank you again. 12 Appreciate it. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. 14 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate it. Good job. 16 Okay. Next on the agenda, Madam 17 Secretary, introduction of administrative 18 resolution. Could you go ahead and read that 19 into the record, please. 20 SECRETARY: Administrative resolution 21 amending the membership of the Senior Citizens</p>
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<p>1 We can be transparent with each other. Because 2 you know how Council is, we don't like 3 surprises, you know. 4 So it's really been great working with you 5 and we're very proud of you. Anytime that you 6 need us for anything, please reach out to us. 7 But your presentation was great, spot on, and 8 you did a phenomenal job. 9 DR. FAHMI FAHMI: I appreciate it. I mean 10 it's an honor to work with this Council. 11 I don't want to jinx myself, but this 12 Council has been very, very instrumental in 13 listening to the Health Department in a way 14 that makes other health officers jealous of me. 15 I'm really humbled, and I'm so lucky. I'm 16 counting the stars that I get to -- if I 17 wanted, I wouldn't get it as good. Thank you. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Stamp. 19 MR. STAMP: Yes. I'd just like to agree 20 with Council. 21 Dr. Fahmi Fahmi, you've been wonderful.</p>	<p>1 Task Force to include two members of the 2 public. 3 You want me to read the entire? 4 MR. CALLAHAN: I don't think you need to 5 read the entire thing, no. 6 SECRETARY: Okay. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Do we have names or 8 is that just -- go ahead. 9 MR. THOMAS: Yes. So this amendment was 10 requested by Council Member Haythe. 11 As the Council will recall, on 12 August 12th, the Council adopted an 13 administrative resolution that established a 14 Senior Citizens Task Force and set forth the 15 membership of the task force consisting of 16 various representatives of the public and 17 private sectors. It did not provide for a 18 citizen representation. 19 So what this amendment proposes to do is 20 add two citizen representatives, both of whom 21 would be residents of the county at least 65</p>

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<p>1 years of age.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Got you.</p> <p>3 MR. THOMAS: And that would give us 11</p> <p>4 members instead of the nine, as is currently</p> <p>5 constituted.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. Okay. Any</p> <p>7 discussion or anything from Council?</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: No. Just that, you know,</p> <p>9 this came to my attention from a citizen of</p> <p>10 Talbot County.</p> <p>11 And discussed it with Councilwoman Mielke</p> <p>12 and felt that it was good to make sure that we</p> <p>13 have citizen representation on the senior task</p> <p>14 force.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Good. Any other</p> <p>16 discussion? Okay.</p> <p>17 Is there a motion?</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: So if this has been</p> <p>19 introduced by Council Member Haythe, you can --</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: It has not been introduced.</p> <p>21 MR. THOMAS: It has not been introduced.</p>	<p>1 passed, I just in the way of informing the</p> <p>2 public. Those interested should fill out a</p> <p>3 request for appointment form found on the</p> <p>4 county's website. It's talbotcountymd.gov.</p> <p>5 And if you have questions relative to</p> <p>6 that, feel free to call the phone item for the</p> <p>7 office, which is (410)770-8010. 8-0-1-0.</p> <p>8 Thank you.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>10 Next on the agenda, we have a few numbered</p> <p>11 resolutions. Madam Secretary, could you go</p> <p>12 ahead and start, please.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the</p> <p>14 Talbot County comprehensive water and sewer</p> <p>15 plan to reclassify and remap certain real</p> <p>16 property located at 8356 Lennep Lane,</p> <p>17 St. Michael's, Maryland. Shown on tax map 32,</p> <p>18 grid one as parcel 186, lot two. From S-3 to</p> <p>19 S-1, immediate priority status, pursuant to an</p> <p>20 application filed by Michelle Louis.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So you want to.</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHER: Call for introduction by a</p> <p>3 show of hands.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Show of hands.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Council.</p> <p>6 And then you can ask her to call the roll</p> <p>7 and vote on it.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Go ahead and call the roll,</p> <p>9 Madam Secretary.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>13 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>15 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>17 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>19 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. STAMP: And Council, now that that's</p>	<p>1 MR. THOMAS: I defer to -- we have four</p> <p>2 comprehensive water and sewer plan amendments.</p> <p>3 I'll defer to Mr. Clarke on those, but I'll be</p> <p>4 glad to answer any questions if needed.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>6 Ray, you just want to sit up while we go</p> <p>7 over these. That would be great.</p> <p>8 MR. CLARKE: Council, we received an</p> <p>9 application to amend the comp water and sewer</p> <p>10 plan for this property owner. And it's</p> <p>11 ultimately looking to extend sewer down Pea</p> <p>12 Neck Road, if I'm not mistaken. It ends up</p> <p>13 going to a parcel that's about 44 acres.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions? Any</p> <p>15 discussion?</p> <p>16 MR. LESHNER: And so 44-acre lot, this is</p> <p>17 theoretically subdividable in the critical</p> <p>18 area. But this, we'd be awarding only a single</p> <p>19 EDU?</p> <p>20 MR. CLARKE: It would be one EDU. And we</p> <p>21 still need to get information from the</p>

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<p>1 Environmental Health Office on this matter.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHHER: And to expand beyond one EDU</p> <p>3 would require further Council action?</p> <p>4 MR. CLARKE: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>6 MS. MIELKE: Is the lot presently</p> <p>7 improved?</p> <p>8 MR. CLARKE: It is. There is one house,</p> <p>9 one dwelling.</p> <p>10 MS. MIELKE: There's one what?</p> <p>11 MR. CLARKE: There is one house on the</p> <p>12 property.</p> <p>13 MS. MIELKE: Is it occupied by the owner?</p> <p>14 MR. CLARKE: I would have to verify that,</p> <p>15 but I would say it is -- has an improvement on</p> <p>16 the property.</p> <p>17 MS. MIELKE: Do you know whether it's</p> <p>18 occupied at all?</p> <p>19 MR. CLARKE: I would have to get that</p> <p>20 information for you.</p> <p>21 MS. MIELKE: Okay.</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the</p> <p>2 Talbot County comprehensive water and sewer</p> <p>3 plan to reclassify and remap certain real</p> <p>4 property located at 24823 Rays Point Road,</p> <p>5 St. Michael's, Maryland. Shown on tax map 32,</p> <p>6 grid 15 as parcel 27. From unprogrammed to</p> <p>7 S-1, immediate priority status, pursuant to an</p> <p>8 application filed by Robert H. McWilliams, Jr.</p> <p>9 MR. CLARKE: Again, Council this is an</p> <p>10 area that actually was I guess previously</p> <p>11 identified as an S-3 area. Potentially sewer</p> <p>12 within a three to ten-year period. That was</p> <p>13 based upon the 2002 Report of the Review.</p> <p>14 The property owner here ultimately has I</p> <p>15 guess kind of like a horse rescue farm area</p> <p>16 called Halo Haven Rescue.</p> <p>17 And ultimately at this point in time, what</p> <p>18 they provided to us is that their current</p> <p>19 paddock for the horses -- I'm sorry.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: I think Michelle Louis is the</p> <p>21 one for the horse rescue.</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other questions?</p> <p>2 All right. Should it just be for now, a</p> <p>3 show of hands?</p> <p>4 MR. LESHHER: To introduce?</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>6 MR. LESHHER: Introduced by Stepp, Leshher,</p> <p>7 Callahan, and Haythe.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: You want me to...</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: The next one.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Okay.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHHER: Do you want her to announce</p> <p>14 the resolution number?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, yeah. I'm sorry.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHHER: And the hearing date?</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: This will be known as</p> <p>19 Resolution 383. The public hearing will be</p> <p>20 held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p>	<p>1 MR. CLARKE: Okay.</p> <p>2 MS. HAYTHE: That was the first one.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Yeah. That we just did.</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: Yeah. The one we just did.</p> <p>5 MR. CLARKE: I'm sorry. My apologies.</p> <p>6 So ultimately, I had the wrong information</p> <p>7 on this one.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: You want my file?</p> <p>9 MR. CLARKE: What's that?</p> <p>10 MR. LESHHER: You want my file here?</p> <p>11 MR. CLARKE: No. That's fine. I grabbed</p> <p>12 the wrong material.</p> <p>13 Well, again, I think from this resolution,</p> <p>14 I think this one is the 44 acres, if I'm not</p> <p>15 mistaken. Is that correct?</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Twenty.</p> <p>17 MR. CLARKE: Twenty acres. Okay. It</p> <p>18 would help if I grabbed the right resolution.</p> <p>19 I apologize.</p> <p>20 Yes. Okay. This one, I'm sorry, this is</p> <p>21 an application that's been made by Eric</p>

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<p>1 Bridges.</p> <p>2 So again, we also have to receive</p> <p>3 information from the Environmental Health</p> <p>4 Office.</p> <p>5 And again, I believe this is also an</p> <p>6 improved lot as well.</p> <p>7 MR. LESHER: And at 20 acres, this one in</p> <p>8 the critical area is not subdividable?</p> <p>9 MR. TARLETON: That's correct. The max</p> <p>10 density is one per 20 acres here.</p> <p>11 To further clarify on the first resolution</p> <p>12 that you had a question about, Commissioner</p> <p>13 Leshner or Council Member Leshner, sorry. That</p> <p>14 one actually does not have any remaining</p> <p>15 development rights.</p> <p>16 That property, even though it is 44 acres</p> <p>17 in size, was subject to a revision plat back in</p> <p>18 2003 that uptook a portion of a reservation of</p> <p>19 development rights of the critical area acreage</p> <p>20 for lot one, which currently sits at about</p> <p>21 four acres in size.</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next one, Madam</p> <p>2 Secretary.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the</p> <p>4 Talbot County comprehensive water and sewer</p> <p>5 plan to reclassify and remap certain real</p> <p>6 property located at 27050 St. Michaels Road,</p> <p>7 Easton, Maryland. Shown on tax map 33, grid 15</p> <p>8 as parcel 49. From S-1, MEBA, to S-1, Region</p> <p>9 II wastewater treatment plant, immediate</p> <p>10 priority status, pursuant to an application</p> <p>11 filed by Lee Brown on behalf of the trustees of</p> <p>12 MEBA Training Plan.</p> <p>13 MR. CLARKE: Council, again, we did</p> <p>14 receive an application from MEBA and Lee Brown</p> <p>15 as well.</p> <p>16 What I will note is that we had reached</p> <p>17 out to MDE as far as connecting this property</p> <p>18 to the Region II wastewater system. We found</p> <p>19 that ultimately, they would be eligible for Bay</p> <p>20 Restoration funds for the extension of sewer</p> <p>21 from the Region II wastewater treatment plant.</p>
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<p>1 So even though it is 44 acres, it contains</p> <p>2 16 acres of reservation of development rights</p> <p>3 to account for the density of that additional</p> <p>4 lot that was previously subdivided.</p> <p>5 So based on my research at this point in</p> <p>6 time, there has been no additional identified</p> <p>7 development rights allocated to this parcel.</p> <p>8 And additionally, for this one being</p> <p>9 20 acres, there's no additional development</p> <p>10 rights in the RC for it.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHER: Thank you.</p> <p>12 MR. TARLETON: Yes.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions</p> <p>14 on this second one here?</p> <p>15 Should we raise our hands to introduce?</p> <p>16 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan,</p> <p>17 Stepp, Leshner, and Haythe.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: This will be known as</p> <p>19 Resolution Number 384, and the public hearing</p> <p>20 will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, at</p> <p>21 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>1 They currently have a two-stage lagoon</p> <p>2 system that ultimately would qualify for being</p> <p>3 upgraded to an ENR facility. However, if they</p> <p>4 prefer to basically be connected to the Region</p> <p>5 II and MDE is willing to work with us in trying</p> <p>6 to secure funding to assist with. So this</p> <p>7 would be bringing them into the Region II</p> <p>8 wastewater system versus basically having a</p> <p>9 standalone wastewater treatment plant with</p> <p>10 spray irrigation.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great. Any</p> <p>12 discussion on this with the MEBA school?</p> <p>13 MS. HAYTHE: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>15 MR. LESHER: By connecting them as opposed</p> <p>16 to the lagoon system with spray irrigation,</p> <p>17 this is presumably going to improve the</p> <p>18 treatment of that?</p> <p>19 MR. CLARKE: Yes.</p> <p>20 MR. LESHER: Water. Remove nitrogen and</p> <p>21 phosphorus before it's discharged into Miles</p>

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<p>1 River at the much higher standard that we have 2 at the St. Michaels plant?</p> <p>3 MR. CLARKE: Yeah. It would basically be 4 very similar. It would be less costly to have 5 them connect to the Region II wastewater 6 treatment plant, versus to build a new ENR 7 facility. So that's the other thing we're 8 looking at as well.</p> <p>9 If they went to ENR standards, they would 10 actually be required to be at the standards 11 that the Region II wastewater treatment plant 12 is at today.</p> <p>13 What I say right now, they currently, the 14 current system they have is a two-stage 15 stabilization lagoon system, which probably has 16 a permit requirement of about 90 milligrams of 17 BOD and maybe 30 milligrams of total suspended 18 solids. And it's not capable of meeting 19 nitrogen in any way, shape, or form.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHER: Thank you.</p>	<p>1 This property is actually 1.25 acres. It 2 is a -- we also have the report from Accurate 3 Environmental indicating that it is a failing 4 septic system. And it is an improved lot with 5 a single family dwelling unit on it.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions on 7 this Council?</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>9 MS. MIELKE: No.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHER: And Mr. Clarke, the Royal 11 Oak, Newcomb force main runs basically right 12 past the driveway of this property?</p> <p>13 MR. CLARKE: Yes. We can go right to 14 them. Yes.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions? 16 Okay. Raise our hands.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHER: This is introduced by 18 Council.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: This will be known as 20 Resolution Number 386. The public hearing will 21 be held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 5:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHER: So show of hands to 3 introduce?</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Raise our hands. 5 Yup.</p> <p>6 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Callahan, 7 Stepp, Lesher, and Haythe.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: This will be known as 9 Resolution Number 385, and the public hearing 10 will be on Tuesday, October 14th, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Last one.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: A resolution to amend the 13 Talbot County comprehensive water and sewer 14 plan to reclassify and remap certain real 15 property located at 26401 Royal Oak Road, 16 Easton, Maryland. Shown on tax map 41, grid 17 two as parcel 57. From unprogrammed to S-1, 18 immediate priority status, pursuant to an 19 application filed by Alexandra Olson.</p> <p>20 MR. CLARKE: Council, we did receive the 21 application from the property owner.</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Sounds good.</p> <p>2 Next on the agenda, Madam Secretary, would 3 be introduction of legislation.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: A bill to enact a new Chapter 5 35 of the Talbot County Code entitled Community 6 Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund 7 for the purposes of establishing a community 8 reinvestment and repair fund to receive monies 9 received from the State Cannabis Community 10 Reinvestment and Repair Fund, established 11 pursuant t section 1-3A-03 of the Alcoholic 12 Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated 13 Code of Maryland and establishing a Talbot 14 County Reinvestment and Repair Commission to 15 administer the same.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam 17 Secretary.</p> <p>18 Mr. Thomas, you want to give us just a few 19 minutes of what this is about.</p> <p>20 MR. THOMAS: Sure. So as the title 21 states, Section 1-3A-03 of the Alcoholic</p>

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<p>1 Beverages and Cannabis Article establishes a 2 community repair and reinvestment fund. This 3 fund consist of sales and use tax revenue from 4 the sale of cannabis, conversion fees for 5 medical licenses that were converted to adult 6 use licenses, and money from other sources, 7 such as donations.</p> <p>8 A percentage of these funds are 9 distributed to each county, and then the 10 counties are required to pass a law 11 establishing the purposes for which those funds 12 will be used.</p> <p>13 Just for an example, right now the county 14 currently has about \$731,000 in the CRF revenue 15 that it's received.</p> <p>16 The statute requires that these funds be 17 used for funding community-based initiatives 18 that are intended to benefit low income 19 communities or serve disproportionately 20 impacted areas, as State law defines. It can 21 also be used for the administrative expenses</p>	<p>1 parties could apply for and receive the funding 2 to use for the purposes stated in the bill.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure, sure. Okay. That 4 sounds great.</p> <p>5 Any other discussion from Council? Is 6 that pretty clear to everybody? Okay.</p> <p>7 So at this stage, a show of hands to 8 introduce it.</p> <p>9 MR. LESHER: Introduced by Council.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: This will be known as Bill 12 Number 1620, and the public hearing will be 13 held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's great. Okay.</p> <p>15 Next on the agenda, we got Resolution 378. 16 And it's eligible for vote.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 378, a 18 resolution to amend the Talbot County 19 comprehensive water and sewer plan to 20 reclassify and remap real property located on 21 Kemp Road, Easton, Maryland. Shown on tax map</p>
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<p>1 the county incurs in administering the fund.</p> <p>2 They can't be used for law enforcement 3 purposes. But some examples for which they can 4 be used for are education and after-school 5 programs, behavioral health, crisis response, 6 and housing and homeless prevention 7 initiatives.</p> <p>8 So this bill implements the county's plan 9 to receive and use that funding. By law, that 10 plan has to be in place before the county can 11 actually use the money that it currently has 12 and the additional money it will receive.</p> <p>13 This bill authorizes the use of the funds 14 for all of the purposes permitted under State 15 law and would establish a commission to 16 administer the funds.</p> <p>17 The membership would consist of the 18 current membership of the Talbot Family 19 Network, and that commission would be 20 responsible for developing and administering a 21 grant application process so that interested</p>	<p>1 24 as parcel 41. From unprogrammed to S-1, 2 immediate priority status, pursuant to an 3 application filed by Back Nine, LLC.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: So I have an amendment to 6 offer with this one.</p> <p>7 When this was reviewed by the Public Works 8 Advisory Board, as you'll see in the memo in 9 the Council packet, members of the board 10 identified a deficiency here where the map in 11 the resolution clearly shows that only a 12 portion of the property, about 16 acres and 13 change, is going to be subject to the change in 14 the sewer tier map.</p> <p>15 There's no language in the resolution 16 itself. And it's, of course, the language of 17 the resolution that has the force of law here.</p> <p>18 And so I've, in response to that, that 19 finding by the Public Works Advisory Board, I'm 20 offering an amendment to add that language as 21 well.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p> <p>1 I'll offer to introduce that amendment.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>3 MR. THOMAS: So just to clarify, as</p> <p>4 Mr. Leshner said, the resolution states that</p> <p>5 it's reclassifying and remapping the entire</p> <p>6 property.</p> <p>7 The entire property is about 40-plus</p> <p>8 acres.</p> <p>9 This is only reclassifying -- it's</p> <p>10 43 acres. It's only reclassifying about</p> <p>11 16 acres. So that's -- the amendment just</p> <p>12 clarifies that, which is shown on the maps</p> <p>13 attached as the Exhibit A.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: And help me understand why</p> <p>15 we're breaking it down like that?</p> <p>16 MR. LESHNER: I believe that this is the</p> <p>17 way the request was preferred in the</p> <p>18 application.</p> <p>19 MR. CLARKE: Yeah. And I can maybe help</p> <p>20 out.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p> <p>1 This property owner basically worked with</p> <p>2 the county, the sanitary district, in providing</p> <p>3 land along Kemp Road to get to about another</p> <p>4 five to six properties that are along the</p> <p>5 water. So that was one of the things, when</p> <p>6 they worked with us, we had said we would help</p> <p>7 support them in an application, a comp water</p> <p>8 and sewer plan application.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: So are you saying that,</p> <p>10 bear with me, farther down Kemp Road, they have</p> <p>11 county sewer there?</p> <p>12 MR. CLARKE: We've extended sewer to I</p> <p>13 believe it is, I think it's five lots that --</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Down farther?</p> <p>15 MR. CLARKE: Down Kemp Road, yes, sir.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Past what they're asking?</p> <p>17 MR. CLARKE: Exactly, exactly.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. CLARKE: So they provided us with that</p> <p>20 easement so we could get sewer down to those</p> <p>21 lots.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p> <p>1 MR. CLARKE: Part of this is when they</p> <p>2 made the request, they actually were looking</p> <p>3 outside the critical areas.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. CLARKE: So the critical boundary, as</p> <p>6 they showed it, they left all the land that was</p> <p>7 inside the critical area as out of the sewer</p> <p>8 service area request. So it kind of has this</p> <p>9 unique scenario.</p> <p>10 But it's roughly 16.993 acres that are</p> <p>11 part of the S-1 area.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. CLARKE: And that's the reason that</p> <p>14 the smaller section.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: And this will be one EDU?</p> <p>16 MR. CLARKE: It's one EDU. That is</p> <p>17 correct. Yes, sir.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Okay. And is this</p> <p>19 just a lot now, nothing is on it?</p> <p>20 MR. CLARKE: There's nothing on this</p> <p>21 parcel at this point in time.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: I got you. I got you.</p> <p>2 Okay.</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: Now, is this being requested</p> <p>4 for the 40 acres?</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: No, no. Just 16.</p> <p>6 MR. CLARKE: This is actually --</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Sixteen.</p> <p>8 MR. CLARKE: Yeah.</p> <p>9 MS. MIELKE: Yeah.</p> <p>10 MR. CLARKE: The total acreage --</p> <p>11 MS. MIELKE: I could see --</p> <p>12 MR. CLARKE: -- says 45 I think acres.</p> <p>13 They're only requesting 16 acres and one EDU</p> <p>14 for those 16 acres.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. That seems fair.</p> <p>16 Okay.</p> <p>17 So this is eligible for vote?</p> <p>18 MR. THOMAS: We need to vote on the</p> <p>19 amendment first.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: We what? Oh, that's right.</p> <p>21 I'm sorry.</p>

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<p>1 MR. THOMAS: We need to vote on the 2 amendment first. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: I'm sorry. Okay. 4 MR. THOMAS: That amendment needs to be 5 introduced and then voted upon and then -- 6 MR. LESHER: You want a show of hands 7 for -- 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes. 9 MR. LESHER: -- introduction of the 10 amendment? 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly. 12 MR. LESHER: Amendment is introduced by 13 Council. 14 You can call the vote on the amendment. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup, yup. Madam Secretary, 16 could you call the vote. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 20 MR. STEPP: Aye. 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p>	<p>1 Appreciate it. Okay. 2 All right. We got Clay's stuff next. 3 We're rolling here. We're rolling. 4 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. 5 Under county manager report this evening, 6 I have several items. Board and committee 7 appointments. 8 The first would be a recommendation 9 Council approve the appointment of Mr. Brian 10 Naranjo to serve on the Bicycle and Pedestrian 11 Advisory Committee. 12 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve the 13 request. 14 MR. LESHER: Second. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 18 MR. STEPP: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 20 MR. LESHER: Aye. 21 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p>
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<p>1 MR. LESHER: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 3 MS. MIELKE: Nay. 4 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 5 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Now we're... 7 MR. THOMAS: Now we need a vote on the 8 resolution as amended. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 10 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 13 MR. STEPP: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 15 MR. LESHER: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 17 MS. MIELKE: Nay. 18 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 19 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Sounds good. All 21 right, then. We're good. Thank you, guys.</p>	<p>1 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 3 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 4 MR. STAMP: And the next, Council, we're 5 asking your approval for the reappointment of 6 Dr. Kristen Lycett to the Parks & Recreation 7 Advisory Board. 8 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve the 9 reappointment. 10 MS. MIELKE: Second. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 12 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 13 vote. 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 17 MR. STEPP: Aye. 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 19 MR. LESHER: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 21 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p>

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<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 2 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 3 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. 4 The next is we're asking Council's 5 approval for the reappointment of Mr. Brian 6 Naranjo to serve as the St. Michaels' 7 representative to the Police Accountability 8 Board. 9 And just to clarify, this is -- 10 Mr. Naranjo has been recommended by the Town of 11 St. Michaels for this reappointment. 12 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve. 13 MR. LESHER: Second. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 15 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 16 vote. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 18 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 20 MR. STEPP: Abstain. 21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 2 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 4 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 5 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. That 6 takes care of the board and committee 7 appointments. 8 Ask Ray Clarke to come up again. Ray is 9 here to request recommendation to award 10 engineer and proposal for the design and 11 structural and mechanical repairs for the 12 Bellevue Ferry landing bridge improvements 13 under Bid 22-08. 14 He will give you details, and I'll add 15 anything as necessary. Ray. 16 MR. CLARKE: Sure thing. Again, Council, 17 this is for the Bellevue Ferry landing. It's 18 bridge maintenance. 19 Typically, every two years, we have funds 20 through the federal aid program to do 21 inspection of all our bridges.</p>
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<p>1 MR. LESHER: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 3 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 5 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 6 MR. STAMP: Finally, Council, asking your 7 consideration for the reappointment of Mr. Jeff 8 Schneider representing hotel and motel, being 9 the hotel and motel representative to the 10 Tourism Board. 11 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve. 12 MR. LESHER: Second. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 14 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 15 vote. 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 19 MR. STEPP: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 21 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p>	<p>1 We had miscellaneous work that was done on 2 all of our other bridges. However, the 3 Bellevue bridge does need some maintenance. 4 It was actually designed by Wallace 5 Montgomery about 20 years ago. And so this is 6 basically to do some improvements to the timber 7 deck and the timber structure of the bridge, as 8 well as mechanical for the I guess loading ramp 9 for the vehicles onto the ferry. 10 Unfortunately, though, it looks as if we 11 don't have enough money at this point in time 12 to cover all the expenses, both the structural 13 as well as the mechanical components. So we're 14 going to work with Wallace Montgomery and their 15 mechanical subcontractor to determine what the 16 cost will be between the two items. And then 17 we'll work to bid out the one item that we can 18 get done within the budget. And then we'll 19 work to bid out the remaining portion of that 20 under the next fiscal year. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good. Okay.</p>


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<p>1 MR. STAMP: So Ray, I'm just reviewing the</p> <p>2 document here. I'm showing Public Works is</p> <p>3 requesting Council approval for two engineering</p> <p>4 proposals received by Wallace Montgomery in the</p> <p>5 total of \$205,536 for the Bellevue Ferry</p> <p>6 landing improvements.</p> <p>7 Sufficient funds in the budget for FY26.</p> <p>8 MR. CLARKE: That is correct. Yeah.</p> <p>9 I think the Council has appropriated</p> <p>10 \$750,000 under Bill, I think we had it here,</p> <p>11 1665. So we do have sufficient funds there to</p> <p>12 cover that cost.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any...</p> <p>14 MR. LESHER: No questions.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: No questions on that?</p> <p>16 MR. LESHER: I'll move approval.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>18 MR. STEPP: Second.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>20 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>21 vote.</p>	<p>1 now.</p> <p>2 MR. STAMP: Yeah.</p> <p>3 MS. GILMER: Yeah.</p> <p>4 MR. THOMAS: And she hit the ground</p> <p>5 running. She's doing a great job.</p> <p>6 And I thought it would be great for her to</p> <p>7 come in and make this ask of you, as it refers</p> <p>8 to planning.</p> <p>9 And so I'm going to just hand it off to</p> <p>10 her and ask you to entertain her request.</p> <p>11 MS. GILMER: So we have the --</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: You want to introduce</p> <p>13 yourself.</p> <p>14 MS. GILMER: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm Emily</p> <p>15 Gilmer, director of Parks and Recreation. I</p> <p>16 have a couple of notes here that I'm going to</p> <p>17 probably read off a little bit.</p> <p>18 So we have the LPPRP coming up, which</p> <p>19 stands for the Land Preservation, Parks, and</p> <p>20 Recreation Plan. It is a statewide planning</p> <p>21 document required every five years. So the</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. STAMP: Thank you, Ray.</p> <p>12 MR. CLARKE: Thank you.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Hey. Thank you, Ray.</p> <p>14 MR. STAMP: Council, I'd like to call up</p> <p>15 your Parks and Recreation director, Emily</p> <p>16 Gilmer.</p> <p>17 Emily has been in this role now how long?</p> <p>18 MS. GILMER: What was that? I'm sorry.</p> <p>19 MR. STAMP: How long have you been in the</p> <p>20 role as director now?</p> <p>21 MS. GILMER: Just a little bit over a year</p>	<p>1 next one is to be submitted in 2027.</p> <p>2 It is to keep Maryland eligible for</p> <p>3 federal land and water conservation fund</p> <p>4 dollars. And it guides land conservation park</p> <p>5 development and recreational planning across</p> <p>6 the State and at the local level in order to</p> <p>7 preserve natural resources, provide</p> <p>8 recreational access, and promote equity.</p> <p>9 The plan pretty much guides outdoor</p> <p>10 recreation and conservation goals, and each</p> <p>11 county submits its own plan to reflect</p> <p>12 community needs. And it justifies and</p> <p>13 prioritizes open space and recreation projects.</p> <p>14 Goal is improving access, preserving resource,</p> <p>15 and supporting underserved areas.</p> <p>16 It also aligns with Talbot County's</p> <p>17 Comprehensive Plan, which is currently being</p> <p>18 updated for 2026.</p> <p>19 Ultimately, the LPPRP serves as a roadmap</p> <p>20 for smart land use, recreation, and</p> <p>21 preservation, ensuring access to funding and</p>

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<p>1 guiding future development in line with the</p> <p>2 State goals.</p> <p>3 And so we use this as kind of a roadmap to</p> <p>4 guide us with what we need to develop, make</p> <p>5 sure that there's playgrounds accessible for</p> <p>6 everybody, make sure there's waterways, and</p> <p>7 just really preserving that land for</p> <p>8 recreational purposes.</p> <p>9 We did -- we are requesting to piggyback</p> <p>10 off of Caroline County's contract with Shore</p> <p>11 Strategies. We used Shore Strategies in 2022</p> <p>12 for the last LPPRP. It was a smooth process,</p> <p>13 and we would like to use them again.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>15 MR. STAMP: And Council, that would be in</p> <p>16 the amount \$39,950. And there are sufficient</p> <p>17 funds budgeted in FY26 budget.</p> <p>18 It will be fully reimbursable through the</p> <p>19 Program Open Space program.</p> <p>20 MS. GILMER: Yes. Correct.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Any questions from Council?</p>	<p>1 everything.</p> <p>2 And, Council, finally, I have a request</p> <p>3 for Council's consideration for proposals for</p> <p>4 State lobbying legislative representation</p> <p>5 services.</p> <p>6 The Council received six bids in response</p> <p>7 to Bid 25-12. Following review of all bids and</p> <p>8 interviews with the top two firms, the</p> <p>9 recommendation is to award Bid Number 25-12 to</p> <p>10 Provident Strategies in the amount of \$48,000.</p> <p>11 There are sufficient funds in the FY26</p> <p>12 budget.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. STEPP: Make a motion to approve.</p> <p>15 MS. HAYTHE: Second.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>17 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>18 vote.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p>
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<p>1 Any discussion?</p> <p>2 MS. HAYTHE: No questions. Motion to</p> <p>3 approve the request.</p> <p>4 MR. STEPP: And a second.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>6 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>7 vote.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>11 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>15 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>17 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Good job.</p> <p>19 MS. GILMER: Thank you very much. Have a</p> <p>20 good night.</p> <p>21 MR. STAMP: Emily, thank you for</p>	<p>1 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>5 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>7 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>8 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council.</p> <p>9 And finally, as an announcement, just want</p> <p>10 to invite the public to attend the</p> <p>11 September 11th commemorative ceremony to be</p> <p>12 held on Thursday, September 11th, at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>13 at the intersection of West and Dover Streets</p> <p>14 in Easton, Maryland.</p> <p>15 And that concludes your county manager</p> <p>16 report for this week. And I thank you for your</p> <p>17 continued support.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>19 MS. MIELKE: Good job.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Good job. Good job. Okay.</p> <p>21 MS. MORRIS: Nobody signed up this</p>

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<p>1 evening.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Nobody signed up.</p> <p>3 My main man, come on up.</p> <p>4 MR. RIGGIN: I never know whether you're</p> <p>5 pointing at me or someone behind me.</p> <p>6 My name is Phil Riggin, 29736 Sullivan</p> <p>7 Drive in Easton is where I live.</p> <p>8 An occasional landmark occurs</p> <p>9 periodically, and one of them, nothing of any</p> <p>10 significance except that it is mine, this is my</p> <p>11 one year anniversary of attending these</p> <p>12 meetings.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Good.</p> <p>14 MR. RIGGIN: So it's been fun, been very</p> <p>15 interesting.</p> <p>16 I wanted to thank you, and I spend a lot</p> <p>17 of time thanking you for lots of different</p> <p>18 things, but I want to thank you for your</p> <p>19 recognition of Constitution and Citizenship</p> <p>20 Week.</p> <p>21 We, I think we have a lot of young people</p>	<p>1 representing you is important because there are</p> <p>2 some issues that are unique to this county</p> <p>3 where additional representation is extremely</p> <p>4 important.</p> <p>5 One of the things I think of is the</p> <p>6 airport. I know it's been on again, off again</p> <p>7 circumstance. I don't know to what extent</p> <p>8 you're being impacted by some cuts that have</p> <p>9 been made in recent months. I do know that to</p> <p>10 the extent that you can enlist and maintain the</p> <p>11 support of Maryland Aviation Administration on</p> <p>12 your behalf, it's a good thing. And to the</p> <p>13 extent a firm representing you could perhaps</p> <p>14 offer that service, it's really a good thing.</p> <p>15 And there are some people at the federal</p> <p>16 level, legislators, who need to be aware of</p> <p>17 your situation, and I assume they are. But we</p> <p>18 have a very senior member of the Senate</p> <p>19 Appropriations Committee who is a Maryland</p> <p>20 federal legislator. So one reaction.</p> <p>21 I, I do appreciate your, and I said this</p>
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<p>1 who are sorely lacking in terms of their</p> <p>2 understanding of the Constitution and how it</p> <p>3 should and does impact us on pretty much a</p> <p>4 daily basis. In any case, again,</p> <p>5 congratulations for recognizing that.</p> <p>6 I have a couple of reactions to what</p> <p>7 things you did here tonight.</p> <p>8 First of all, you have decided to employ a</p> <p>9 lobbyist on your behalf, which I think is a</p> <p>10 good idea. As somebody who spent 30 years</p> <p>11 lobbying for various causes, I can appreciate</p> <p>12 the value of that. And not all lobbyists are</p> <p>13 bad guys. There are a lot of good-guy</p> <p>14 lobbyists, and I count myself among them.</p> <p>15 I do think that -- and I mean I know that</p> <p>16 you are represented generally by organizations</p> <p>17 like MACo, right. But that's a generic kind of</p> <p>18 representation. It doesn't necessarily</p> <p>19 represent you as much as it is all the counties</p> <p>20 in Maryland. And it's worthwhile. But to have</p> <p>21 somebody representing you or a company</p>	<p>1 several times, your continued support, your</p> <p>2 continued interest in bringing properties</p> <p>3 online for public water and sewer. Now, I've</p> <p>4 noticed, not because I did a survey or</p> <p>5 anything, but I've noticed a bunch of the</p> <p>6 people, a bunch of the property owners who want</p> <p>7 those public connections are on the west side</p> <p>8 of the county.</p> <p>9 The west side of the county is where we</p> <p>10 have, as I've mentioned a few times before,</p> <p>11 more access to waterfront and, therefore, more</p> <p>12 opportunities to protect the Bay. And I think</p> <p>13 that's critically important.</p> <p>14 And to the extent that these things do do</p> <p>15 that, and I think they do, it's very important.</p> <p>16 I'm a resident of Easton Club East. And</p> <p>17 our community is pretty focused on issues here</p> <p>18 in the county and in the Town of Easton.</p> <p>19 Tomorrow night we have another event at</p> <p>20 our community clubhouse with presentations to</p> <p>21 be made by the Town Planning Department and the</p>

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<p>1 Town Economic Development Department.</p> <p>2 I expect that -- I realize, again, these</p> <p>3 are not county people, but they are issues that</p> <p>4 are not unique to either the county or the</p> <p>5 town.</p> <p>6 And one of them is an update of the</p> <p>7 Comprehensive Plan. The town's Comprehensive</p> <p>8 Plan has been circulating around. I'm not sure</p> <p>9 where it stands in the legislative process, but</p> <p>10 I can assure you that it's gotten the attention</p> <p>11 of some people at Easton Club East. And so</p> <p>12 there will be a lot of questions being</p> <p>13 submitted and asked.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.</p> <p>15 MR. RIGGIN: Personally to those, to those</p> <p>16 two representatives of the town management.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.</p> <p>18 MR. RIGGIN: I probably have exceeded my</p> <p>19 three minutes. And I thank you for that</p> <p>20 opportunity yet again.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.</p>	<p>1 interested in signing up for various</p> <p>2 newsletters, we have County Connections, where</p> <p>3 we cover the top five things that you need to</p> <p>4 know in the county as well as events.</p> <p>5 We also have the Ready Report, which was</p> <p>6 brought up earlier today for Preparedness</p> <p>7 Month. Every month you receive a letter, a</p> <p>8 newsletter about a different topic.</p> <p>9 We also have two from Parks & Rec. We</p> <p>10 have one called On The Ice, which is specific</p> <p>11 to ice programming at our very unique ice rink</p> <p>12 at the Community Center, as well as Recreation</p> <p>13 Roundup, which is a quarterly newsletter that</p> <p>14 you'll get about different items and</p> <p>15 registration at Parks & Rec.</p> <p>16 We also, of course, have the Talbot 250</p> <p>17 newsletter, which is a short short-term</p> <p>18 newsletter for the next year or so. But every</p> <p>19 month we cover a theme related to history or</p> <p>20 civics.</p> <p>21 And finally, you can also sign up to</p>
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<p>1 Appreciate it. Okay.</p> <p>2 I think we're going to end up with Council</p> <p>3 comments.</p> <p>4 MS. KILMON: I have -- I'm sorry.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Come on up. Okay.</p> <p>6 MS. KILMON: I never sign up.</p> <p>7 Hello, guys. My name is Sarah Kilmon.</p> <p>8 I'm the public information officer for Talbot</p> <p>9 County.</p> <p>10 So in my role, I do a lot to inform the</p> <p>11 public about things that we have upcoming.</p> <p>12 That can be social media, press release,</p> <p>13 website updates, all the things.</p> <p>14 One of the things that we launched at the</p> <p>15 beginning of the year at your request is an</p> <p>16 online newsletter system where we can send</p> <p>17 emails to the public.</p> <p>18 So I did want to call out at this point,</p> <p>19 we have over 1,000 individuals signed up to</p> <p>20 receive emails.</p> <p>21 And I did want to mention that if you are</p>	<p>1 receive press releases as well as Council</p> <p>2 highlights. So if you want to get every single</p> <p>3 thing I send out, you can sign up for that</p> <p>4 list.</p> <p>5 So I did want to say to access all of</p> <p>6 these newsletters, you can go on our website.</p> <p>7 You'll actually receive a pop-up that says sign</p> <p>8 up for the newsletter.</p> <p>9 The other option would be to scroll down</p> <p>10 to the bottom of our website. And there is a</p> <p>11 button that says Stay Connected. And it says</p> <p>12 subscribe to newsletter. If you click that,</p> <p>13 you can sign up for the County Connections as</p> <p>14 well as the other newsletters that I have</p> <p>15 mentioned.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's great.</p> <p>17 MS. MIELKE: Thank you.</p> <p>18 MS. HAYTHE: Good job, Sarah.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Good job.</p> <p>20 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHER: And as a recipient, of</p>

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<p>1 course, of all of these communications, I can</p> <p>2 attest to the public that you will not be</p> <p>3 overwhelmed with these emails but you will be</p> <p>4 better informed.</p> <p>5 MS. KILMON: Thank you. I appreciate</p> <p>6 that. That's the goal.</p> <p>7 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Council comments.</p> <p>9 MR. STEPP: Council comments. Maybe let's</p> <p>10 say I'll choose to end it with pretty much how</p> <p>11 we started.</p> <p>12 We were presented with the flag flown over</p> <p>13 the Capitol. Just thoughts and prayers will go</p> <p>14 out to our country here, especially on</p> <p>15 Thursday, with a special prayer going out to</p> <p>16 those who lost friends or loved ones.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>18 MR. STEPP: On that tragic day 24 years</p> <p>19 ago.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHER: I simply want to announce</p>	<p>1 And we don't want to forget the lives that</p> <p>2 was lost on that day as well.</p> <p>3 And that's all I have.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Okay.</p> <p>5 And I'll just, you know, just sum up what</p> <p>6 Council is saying. We've got five people up</p> <p>7 here that are very passionate about Talbot</p> <p>8 County. We've got five great Council people.</p> <p>9 That's for sure.</p> <p>10 And we've got a great community we're</p> <p>11 living in.</p> <p>12 And as you can see, these meetings, we do</p> <p>13 great things together. I really do. You</p> <p>14 know, we've got the Health Department.</p> <p>15 Gentleman, Dr. Fahmi, really appreciate you</p> <p>16 being in here tonight and really letting the</p> <p>17 public know that we're looking out for their</p> <p>18 safety, their health.</p> <p>19 And there's just so many moving parts with</p> <p>20 this Council. And I think we do a really good</p> <p>21 job. I really do. We look out for everybody.</p>
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<p>1 that I will not be present for the September</p> <p>2 23rd meeting. I am headed off for a</p> <p>3 professional conference.</p> <p>4 I will be on the road that day. I will</p> <p>5 participate by phone if the technology allows.</p> <p>6 I will leave sealed votes for whatever is</p> <p>7 on the agenda, and I don't recall that we have</p> <p>8 any particular items at this point. So just</p> <p>9 wanted to make that announcement.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>11 MS. MIELKE: You'll be missed. Thanks for</p> <p>12 your call in.</p> <p>13 I have nothing further.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>15 MS. HAYTHE: Just to echo what Dave said.</p> <p>16 As we embark upon 9/11 this week and the lives</p> <p>17 that was lost during that time.</p> <p>18 I think all of us probably can remember</p> <p>19 where we were when it happened. And I was</p> <p>20 actually just starting my first job when that</p> <p>21 happened. So I'll never forget that.</p>	<p>1 And you know, like we were saying, you</p> <p>2 know, Thursday is a special day for a lot of</p> <p>3 us. And it's a celebration and a sadness.</p> <p>4 And, you know, we have to always, always,</p> <p>5 always remember that day and those people that</p> <p>6 gave their lives up. And the firefighters, the</p> <p>7 EMS, just thousands and thousands of people</p> <p>8 that, you know, it took to get us through that.</p> <p>9 And there's a lot of young people, you</p> <p>10 know, it's 24 years. So that's a lot of young</p> <p>11 people that don't quite understand that day.</p> <p>12 And it is definitely a special day for all of</p> <p>13 us, where we were, to support the families and</p> <p>14 the thousands of people that were there. So I</p> <p>15 do commend what we do and celebrate this every</p> <p>16 year.</p> <p>17 And I appreciate you helping out with</p> <p>18 that, Mr. Leshner and Dave. We're all going to</p> <p>19 be there. So it's really an honor to be there</p> <p>20 and represent all that stuff.</p> <p>21 So but other than that, I want to tell</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>1 everybody we've had a great summer. We're 2 getting into some good weather now. 3 So I appreciate everything that staff does 4 for us and really appreciate all the help you 5 give us up here and make us look good. That's 6 for sure. Okay. 7 MR. LESHEN: The County Council's next 8 meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 September 23rd, beginning a 5 o'clock p.m. 10 The Council will be convening in open 11 session at 2:30 p.m. for an annual meeting with 12 the president of the Maryland Association of 13 Counties, Board of Directors, and executive 14 director of MACo, which is open to the public. 15 And then adjourning into closed session, 16 as listed on the statement for closing that 17 meeting. 18 On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the County 19 Council will be meeting with representatives of 20 the Maryland Department of Transportation for 21 the annual consolidated transportation plan</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thanks a lot for 2 being here tonight. 3 (Meeting concluded at: 6:32 p.m.) 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 meeting. That meeting will be held at 2 3 o'clock p.m. in the Wye Oak Room at the 3 Talbot County Community Center and is open to 4 the public. 5 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn 6 this meeting and reconvene as noted? 7 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to adjourn. 8 MR. STEPP: And a second. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary, we 10 got a motion and second. 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. Leshen. 17 MR. LESHEN: Aye. 18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 19 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>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. 8 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. 14 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 18th day of September, 2025, at Easton, MD.  Diane Houlihan Notary Public My commission expires September 16, 2025</p>

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