

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

TALBOT COUNTY

2011 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. June 28, 2011

Resolution No. 184

Introduced by: Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TALBOT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN (THE "PLAN") TO INCORPORATE INTO THE PLAN PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EASTON UTILITIES WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM, WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON, AS FOLLOWS: (A) TO EXTEND EASTON UTILITIES' WATER SYSTEM TO PROPERTY ANNEXED INTO THE TOWN OF EASTON BY TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5955 FOR THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE HOSPITAL, INCLUDING EXTENSION TO THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER PROPERTY; (B) TO EXTEND EASTON UTILITIES' SEWER SYSTEM TO THE NEWLY ANNEXED HOSPITAL PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY CENTER; AND (C) TO ADD A CROSS-TOWN WATER CONNECTOR. NEW WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE HOSPITAL PROPERTY WILL INCLUDE A NEW ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK AND A NEW FORCE-MAIN PUMP STATION

By the Council: June 28, 2011

Introduced, read the first time, and ordered posted, with Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By order: _____

Susan W. Moran

Susan W. Moran, Secretary

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1 **WHEREAS**, Environment Article § 9-501, *et seq.*, Md. Ann. Code, requires each County to
2 develop and maintain a comprehensive plan for adequately providing throughout the County,
3 including all towns and municipal corporations in the County, water supply systems,
4 sewerage systems, solid waste disposal systems, solid waste acceptance facilities, and
5 systematic collection and disposal of solid waste and litter; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, Environment Article § 9-505, Md. Ann. Code prescribes the contents of each
8 County Plan; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Easton (the "Town") recently annexed the Hospital Property for
11 proposed relocation of the existing hospital from its current location in the Town, and for
12 development of a new regional medical campus expected to serve the mid-shore region; and,
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Town, the County, Easton Utilities, and representatives of the hospital have
15 worked collaboratively to develop plans for extension of municipal water and sewer service
16 from Easton Utilities to the Hospital Property and to Talbot County Community Center; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the County desires to amend the County Plan to incorporate the proposed water
19 and sewer infrastructure into the capital improvement projects tables in the Plan, as set forth
20 herein.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland as
23 follows:
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25 **Section 1.** In accordance with the requirements of Environment Article § 9-506 (a) (1), Md.
26 Ann. Code, the proposed amendment has been or will be submitted to the Talbot County
27 Planning Commission and the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board for review and
28 comment, within a 30 day period, for consistency with planning programs for the area.
29 Pursuant to the requirements set forth in the above State statute, before the County Council

30 may adopt the proposed amendment, the Talbot County Planning Commission must first
31 certify that the amendment is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan prepared under
32 Article 25A, §5 (X), Md. Ann. Code.

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34 **Section 2.** Following appropriate advertisement and conclusion of all public hearing(s),
35 receipt and consideration of certifications and recommendations from the Planning
36 Commission and Public Works Advisory Board, and closure of the public record, the County
37 Council will consider the question, approve findings of fact and conclusions of law, and
38 approve or disapprove the proposed amendment.

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40 **Section 3.** The proposed amendments are as follows:

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42 A. Easton Utilities' Water System -- Hospital Property. A narrative description of the
43 proposed extension of the Easton Utilities' water system to the Hospital Property
44 and Community Center, including an amendment to "*Table 6. Easton Water*
45 *System Capital Improvement Projects*", is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is
46 incorporated by reference herein. A map of the proposed extension is attached
47 hereto as Exhibit "A-1" and is incorporated by reference herein.

48 B. Easton Utilities' Wastewater System -- Hospital Property and Talbot County
49 Community Center. A narrative description of the proposed extension of the
50 Easton Utilities' wastewater system to the Hospital Property and Community
51 Center, including an amendment to "*Table 6. Easton Wastewater System Capital*
52 *Improvement Projects*", is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and is incorporated by
53 reference herein. A map of the proposed extension is attached hereto as Exhibit
54 "B-1" and is incorporated by reference herein.

55 C. Easton Utilities Water System -- Cross Town Water Connector. A narrative
56 description of the proposed addition to the Easton Utilities' water system by a
57 cross town water connector, including an amendment to "*Table 6. Easton Water*
58 *System Capital Improvement Projects*", is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and is
59 incorporated by reference herein. A map of the proposed cross-town water
60 connector is attached hereto as Exhibit "C-1" and is incorporated by reference
61 herein.

62 **Section 4.** Having been duly advertised and public input and comment considered, the
63 foregoing Resolution shall be and is hereby APPROVED.

64 **Section 5.** Adoption of this amendment to the Plan authorizes construction of the
65 infrastructure and improvements in accordance with and subject to the terms of this
66 Resolution, and subject to compliance with applicable design and technical requirements,
67 rules, and regulations of Easton Utilities, and all other local, state, and federal authorities.

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
70 date of passage.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice, time and place of hearing, and title of Resolution No. _____ having been published, a public hearing was held on _____ in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the second time:

Enacted: _____

By Order: _____
Secretary

Bartlett	-
Hollis	-
Pack	-
Price	-
Duncan	-