

COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

July 8, 2025; 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Pete Leshner

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Lynn L. Mielke

Dave Stepp

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Let's go ahead and</p> <p>4 get started. I want to welcome everybody</p> <p>5 tonight's meeting.</p> <p>6 And let's go ahead and stand and do the</p> <p>7 prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance of the</p> <p>8 Flag.</p> <p>9 (Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Go ahead and get</p> <p>11 started tonight.</p> <p>12 The Council has looked over the agenda.</p> <p>13 Is there any additions, deletions, or</p> <p>14 corrections to the agenda?</p> <p>15 MS. MIELKE: Nope.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Hearing none, the</p> <p>17 chair moves that the agenda be accepted as</p> <p>18 unanimous consent.</p> <p>19 Next on the agenda is the disbursements of</p> <p>20 July 8th. We've had a chance to take a look at</p> <p>21 that. Is there any additions, deletions, or</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p> <p>2 MR. KITZROW: Absolutely.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: The floor is yours, Andy.</p> <p>4 MR. KITZROW: Thank you. Thank you for</p> <p>5 hosting me and letting me spend a couple of</p> <p>6 minutes chatting with you all.</p> <p>7 As she mentioned, I am from City of</p> <p>8 Salisbury. I spent the last 20 years working</p> <p>9 for Wicomico County, either Recreation and</p> <p>10 Parks or with, the last eight years was with</p> <p>11 the City of Salisbury.</p> <p>12 Great relationships with the county,</p> <p>13 having come from that field. And then just</p> <p>14 working with the county executive and county</p> <p>15 administration, getting to work with Council</p> <p>16 President Cannon and his team.</p> <p>17 So very familiar with the relationships</p> <p>18 that need to happen between the municipality</p> <p>19 and the county and the overlap of</p> <p>20 opportunities.</p> <p>21 So looking forward to, when appropriate,</p>
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<p>1 corrections to that?</p> <p>2 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: No.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Council? Okay. Hearing</p> <p>5 none, the chair moves that the disbursements be</p> <p>6 accepted as unanimous consent. Okay.</p> <p>7 So we got an introduction tonight. If the</p> <p>8 Mayor and Andy want to come on up.</p> <p>9 I want to welcome you guys.</p> <p>10 MAYOR COOK: Thank you so much for</p> <p>11 allowing us to be on your agenda this evening.</p> <p>12 I wanted to take the opportunity to</p> <p>13 introduce Andrew Kitzrow from Salisbury is our</p> <p>14 new town manager. He was sworn in last evening</p> <p>15 by Council President Abbatiello.</p> <p>16 So I know we work closely, the Town of</p> <p>17 Easton and the county together. We look</p> <p>18 forward to keeping those relationships strong.</p> <p>19 And I think it's an opportunity for Andy</p> <p>20 to tell himself, tell you a little bit about</p> <p>21 himself.</p>	<p>1 working with Talbot and the county</p> <p>2 administration and then before the Council when</p> <p>3 we need to be collaborative.</p> <p>4 So glad to be here and can be available</p> <p>5 for any questions.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>7 MR. KITZROW: Thank you.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. Council.</p> <p>9 MR. STEPP: Welcome. One word, welcome.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHER: Well, I, I -- we try to work</p> <p>11 hard at those county municipal relationships.</p> <p>12 We meet with the towns four times a year, but</p> <p>13 we actually try to keep in touch with Easton</p> <p>14 even more than that. Frequent meetings with</p> <p>15 the Mayor and so forth. So I look forward to</p> <p>16 working with you in that capacity.</p> <p>17 I come to this from municipal government</p> <p>18 before I came to county government. In fact, I</p> <p>19 was first elected to the Town of Easton at the</p> <p>20 same time that now Mayor Cook was first elected</p> <p>21 to the Town Council.</p>

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<p>1 So still live in town and really, really</p> <p>2 look to the Town of Easton for its important</p> <p>3 role in the county. Thank you.</p> <p>4 MS. MIELKE: Welcome.</p> <p>5 MS. HAYTHE: Yeah. I echo what my fellow</p> <p>6 Council members said. And welcome to the town.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup, yup. Welcome, Andy.</p> <p>8 You've got a great crew, got a great Mayor.</p> <p>9 And I'm looking forward to working with</p> <p>10 you, and I appreciate you coming in tonight and</p> <p>11 telling us who you are and getting started.</p> <p>12 MR. KITZROW: Thank you.</p> <p>13 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Mayor.</p> <p>15 MAYOR COOK: Thank you. I appreciate your</p> <p>16 time tonight.</p> <p>17 MS. MIELKE: Thank you.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: See you soon. Okay.</p> <p>19 Next on the agenda, we got a proclamation</p> <p>20 of National Parks and Rec Month. Yeah.</p> <p>21 Somebody? Yes, yeah.</p>	<p>1 possible to do what we do.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great. That's good.</p> <p>3 Council.</p> <p>4 MR. LESHER: Well, thanks to your staff</p> <p>5 because what you do touches people in a way</p> <p>6 that makes them feel so proud of what our</p> <p>7 county does and connected to what we -- and</p> <p>8 active, all important things.</p> <p>9 So thanks to your team for what you do.</p> <p>10 MS. GILMER: And thank you, guys, always</p> <p>11 for your support over the years.</p> <p>12 MS. MIELKE: Thank you for making us a</p> <p>13 vibrant and active county. Appreciate all you</p> <p>14 offer.</p> <p>15 MR. STEPP: I get the added blessing of</p> <p>16 seeing some of the sausage making from our</p> <p>17 board meetings, right.</p> <p>18 So it's amazing what you guys do for our</p> <p>19 community.</p> <p>20 And just I mean to see it all come</p> <p>21 together, think about all the things we've</p>
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<p>1 MR. STAMP: That would be Emily.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: How are you doing, Emily?</p> <p>3 MS. GILMER: Hey.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Hey, how are you?</p> <p>5 MS. GILMER: I'm good.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Good. It's your month,</p> <p>7 it's your month.</p> <p>8 MS. GILMER: Yes, it is our month. It's</p> <p>9 hot outside, too.</p> <p>10 So I'm Emily. I'm the director of Parks</p> <p>11 and Recreation. And this month is the National</p> <p>12 Parks and Recreation Month.</p> <p>13 And I brought a decent crowd with me</p> <p>14 today. All of these guys behind me, not all of</p> <p>15 them, but a lot of these guys behind me are</p> <p>16 Parks and Rec staff. And our department would</p> <p>17 not be possible without them. So I had to</p> <p>18 bring them along.</p> <p>19 We've got part-time staff here, we've got</p> <p>20 full-time staff here, ice rink staff, park</p> <p>21 staff. So every one of these people makes it</p>	<p>1 accomplished over these last few years here in</p> <p>2 Talbot County. I mean I don't -- you can't go</p> <p>3 very far without seeing something we've done</p> <p>4 here recently in the county that's just making</p> <p>5 a huge impact.</p> <p>6 So thank you, Emily and all the staff</p> <p>7 that's here and board members and everything.</p> <p>8 So thank you, guys, for all you do.</p> <p>9 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you for being here.</p> <p>10 And I'm glad that we're doing this proclamation</p> <p>11 this month.</p> <p>12 And thank you to all the staff for all the</p> <p>13 hard work that you do out there.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Same thing I want to say</p> <p>15 with my colleagues. Thanks a lot, ladies and</p> <p>16 gentlemen, for all the staff and all that you</p> <p>17 do.</p> <p>18 I mean you cover a lot, from Tilghman to</p> <p>19 Trappe, Cordova. So you do a big job.</p> <p>20 And Emily, you've done a great job in the</p> <p>21 last couple of years bringing things to another</p>

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<p>1 level. You're doing a really good job, and we</p> <p>2 really appreciate that.</p> <p>3 MS. GILMER: Thank you.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: So you guys want to come on</p> <p>5 up?</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: You got to read it.</p> <p>7 MR. LESHER: You want to read the</p> <p>8 proclamation.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. We want to do that</p> <p>10 first. Yup, yup. Sorry about that.</p> <p>11 MR. STEPP: Stand by. You're still</p> <p>12 coming.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Stand by.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Proclamation, Parks and</p> <p>15 Recreation Month, July 2025.</p> <p>16 Whereas, Parks and Recreation promotes</p> <p>17 health and wellness, improving physical and</p> <p>18 mental health and is fundamental to the</p> <p>19 environmental wellbeing of our community.</p> <p>20 And whereas, parks, playgrounds, ball</p> <p>21 fields, natural trails, open spaces, and</p>	<p>1 recreational and leisure activities offered by</p> <p>2 Talbot County Department of Recreation.</p> <p>3 Given under our hands in the great seal of</p> <p>4 Talbot County this 8th day of July in the year</p> <p>5 of our Lord, 2025.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you, Madam Secretary.</p> <p>7 MR. STEPP: I'll make a motion to approve.</p> <p>8 MR. LESHER: Second.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>10 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>11 vote.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>15 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>19 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 recreational facilities are an integral part of</p> <p>2 those recreational activities and leisure</p> <p>3 experiences by providing all age groups with a</p> <p>4 welcome respite from society's fast-paced,</p> <p>5 high-tech lifestyle, in addition to making</p> <p>6 communities more attractive and desirable</p> <p>7 places to visit, live, work, and play.</p> <p>8 And whereas, the community-based parks and</p> <p>9 recreational agencies, which organize, manage,</p> <p>10 and host recreational and leisure activities</p> <p>11 and programs within their communities,</p> <p>12 influence the lives of individuals, families,</p> <p>13 and groups in those communities and positively</p> <p>14 impact the social, economic, health, and</p> <p>15 environmental quality of the surrounding</p> <p>16 community.</p> <p>17 Now, therefore, we, the County Council of</p> <p>18 Talbot County, do hereby proclaim the month of</p> <p>19 July 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month in</p> <p>20 Talbot County and encourage all citizens to</p> <p>21 celebrate by participating in the variety of</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Now we can come on</p> <p>2 up.</p> <p>3 SPEAKER: Short people in the front.</p> <p>4 MS. KILMON: All right, guys. Ready?</p> <p>5 SPEAKER: Suck it in.</p> <p>6 MS. KILMON: All right. One, two, three.</p> <p>7 Very nice.</p> <p>8 MS. GILMER: Thank you, guys, for coming.</p> <p>9 MR. STAMP: Good job, Emily.</p> <p>10 MS. GILMER: Thank you.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda,</p> <p>12 the public hearing isn't quite ready yet at</p> <p>13 5:30.</p> <p>14 So we're going to let Mr. Stamp do his</p> <p>15 thing.</p> <p>16 So Mr. Stamp, you want to go ahead and</p> <p>17 start some of your county manager report.</p> <p>18 MR. STAMP: Yes, sir. Thank you,</p> <p>19 Mr. Council President, Members of the Council.</p> <p>20 Under the county manager report tonight, I</p> <p>21 have several items for you.</p>

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<p>1 Under board and committee appointments, 2 the first would be the Animal Control Board. 3 Requesting the reappointment of Mary Newcomb 4 and Cassandra Vanhooser to that board. 5 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve 6 appointment. 7 MR. LESHER: Second. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 9 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 10 vote, please. 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 14 MR. STEPP: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 16 MR. LESHER: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Good.</p>	<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 2 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council. 3 And the next would be the Ethics 4 Commission. We're requesting the reappointment 5 of Dr. James Bell to serve on the Ethics 6 Commission. 7 MR. LESHER: I move the appointment. 8 MS. HAYTHE: Second. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 10 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 11 vote. 12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 15 MR. STEPP: Aye. 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 17 MR. LESHER: Aye. 18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 19 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 MR. STAMP: Thank you. 2 Council, we're requesting the promotion of 3 Meredith Watters to a full member of the Board 4 of Appeals and the appointment of Elizabeth 5 Connelly as an alternative member of the Board 6 of Appeals as well. 7 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve the 8 appointment. 9 MR. STEPP: Second. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 11 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 12 vote, please. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 16 MR. STEPP: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 18 MR. LESHER: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 20 MS. MIELKE: Abstain. 21 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p>	<p>1 MR. STAMP: And Council, next is Parks and 2 Recreation Advisory Board. Requesting the 3 reappointment of Kurisha Hoffman as the Board 4 of Education representative to serve on that 5 board. 6 MR. STEPP: So moved. 7 MS. HAYTHE: Second. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got motion and 9 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 10 vote. 11 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 14 MR. STEPP: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 16 MR. LESHER: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 21 MR. STAMP: And the next would be the</p>

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<p>1 Tourism Board. Requesting the reappointment of</p> <p>2 Mareen Curry representing the Town of Easton on</p> <p>3 the board as well as Mr. Eric Levinson from the</p> <p>4 Hummingbird Bed and Breakfast to serve on the</p> <p>5 Tourism Board.</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: Motion to approve the</p> <p>7 appointment.</p> <p>8 MR. LESHER: Second.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>10 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>11 vote.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>15 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>19 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p>	<p>1 Just to give credit to Brennan Tarleton</p> <p>2 and Bryce Yelton, they were really the entities</p> <p>3 responsible for working with the citizens.</p> <p>4 We're just helping in the process of bidding</p> <p>5 this project out and overseeing the</p> <p>6 construction.</p> <p>7 Based upon the review that was completed</p> <p>8 by Lane Engineering that's also been hired as</p> <p>9 the construction manager for us, they</p> <p>10 ultimately have made a recommendation that we</p> <p>11 award the project to the lowest responsible</p> <p>12 bidder, which is Unity Landscape Design and</p> <p>13 Build, for \$988,060.</p> <p>14 I recommend that we also proceed with that</p> <p>15 recommendation to go ahead and award it to</p> <p>16 them.</p> <p>17 Again, this would be a conditional award</p> <p>18 until we've received DNR's approval of the</p> <p>19 bids. So once we have DNR's approval, we would</p> <p>20 then work to contract with Unity Landscape</p> <p>21 Design Build, Incorporated.</p>
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<p>1 MR. STAMP: Thank you. That completes</p> <p>2 your board and committee appointments for this</p> <p>3 week.</p> <p>4 And Council, I'd like to ask Ray Clarke,</p> <p>5 the county engineer, to come forward. Ray is</p> <p>6 here this evening to ask for your approval to</p> <p>7 award Bid Number 25-09, Tilghman on the</p> <p>8 Chesapeake Resilient Green Infrastructure</p> <p>9 Project.</p> <p>10 He'll give you the details, and I'll fill</p> <p>11 in where necessary.</p> <p>12 Ray.</p> <p>13 MR. CLARKE: Again, Ray Clarke, county</p> <p>14 engineer.</p> <p>15 Council, we received bids, actually five</p> <p>16 bids on June 20th for the Bid Number 25-09,</p> <p>17 which was the Tilghman on the Chesapeake</p> <p>18 Resilient Green Infrastructure project. This</p> <p>19 is a shoreline project which is receiving</p> <p>20 \$1.4 million worth of grant funding through DNR</p> <p>21 and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.</p>	<p>1 MR. LESHNER: Mr. Clarke, these are State</p> <p>2 and federal funds that are doing this. It's a</p> <p>3 private entity, a private shoreline that's</p> <p>4 doing this.</p> <p>5 Is it that the county is the eligible</p> <p>6 recipient for those State grant funds, it can't</p> <p>7 go directly to the landowner?</p> <p>8 MR. CLARKE: That is correct.</p> <p>9 MR. LESHNER: So we have to be an</p> <p>10 intermediary for this process.</p> <p>11 MR. CLARKE: Yes.</p> <p>12 MR. LESHNER: I think I remember earlier</p> <p>13 stages of this, this process when we were</p> <p>14 putting the bid package out, approving that.</p> <p>15 MR. CLARKE: That is absolutely correct.</p> <p>16 Yes.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHNER: Thank you very much.</p> <p>18 MR. STAMP: So Council, that is the ask.</p> <p>19 I think we've covered it in fullness and seek</p> <p>20 your consideration for approval.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHNER: I'll move approve of Bid</p>

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<p>1 25-09 as recommended by staff.</p> <p>2 MS. MIELKE: Second.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>4 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>5 vote.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>9 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>13 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>15 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>16 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Council.</p> <p>17 Ray is still here. He has another</p> <p>18 request. He's requesting consideration to</p> <p>19 award contract to Easton Utilities for the</p> <p>20 relocation of utility poles on Goldsborough</p> <p>21 Neck Road as part of a road widening project.</p>	<p>1 Goldsborough Neck project, which would be CP</p> <p>2 Street 8581. Again, we have the funding</p> <p>3 available to that.</p> <p>4 We've also awarded work to Verizon, and</p> <p>5 we're working very closely with David A.</p> <p>6 Bramble to get all the utilities relocated and</p> <p>7 hopefully begin the process of potentially</p> <p>8 closing the road within the next two to three</p> <p>9 weeks. So we'll let you all know that in</p> <p>10 advance as well.</p> <p>11 MR. STAMP: The only thing I'd add is this</p> <p>12 is an exciting project, as Council knows.</p> <p>13 This is another step in widening and</p> <p>14 making sure that the secondary means of ingress</p> <p>15 and egress for the Bay Hundred area that's used</p> <p>16 daily, which is Glebe Road to Goldsborough Neck</p> <p>17 Road to Airport to Route 50, will be widened</p> <p>18 and safer for traveling, the traveling public.</p> <p>19 That's the good news.</p> <p>20 The challenging news is there's going to</p> <p>21 have to be a bit of a detour for a while, and</p>
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<p>1 He'll give you the details. I'll fill in</p> <p>2 where necessary.</p> <p>3 MR. CLARKE: Again, this is Goldsborough</p> <p>4 Neck at the culvert down near Villa Road.</p> <p>5 We're widening that culvert.</p> <p>6 The game plan is really from Glebe up to</p> <p>7 the entrance of the Mistletoe Hall Industrial</p> <p>8 Park, is to have 39 feet of pavement with</p> <p>9 ditching, open ditches.</p> <p>10 This is basically to have Easton Utilities</p> <p>11 come in and relocate the poles on the south</p> <p>12 side and then ultimately have those poles kind</p> <p>13 of run up to where I think it's the house</p> <p>14 that's just on the east of the culvert, tying</p> <p>15 in there.</p> <p>16 Again, this is -- we're basically having</p> <p>17 to widen the road. So we're involving Easton</p> <p>18 Utilities right away, thus we're having to move</p> <p>19 their poles.</p> <p>20 Again, the amount that we're looking at is</p> <p>21 \$50,555.22. And this would come out of the</p>	<p>1 we'll make sure the public is aware of that</p> <p>2 well in advance.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.</p> <p>4 MR. LESHNER: I seem to recall that the</p> <p>5 detour involved with this project is a</p> <p>6 relatively short one compared to what we've had</p> <p>7 to do in other cases.</p> <p>8 It simply would detour through the</p> <p>9 Mistletoe Hall Drive?</p> <p>10 MR. CLARKE: It will. And I think the one</p> <p>11 advantage we have is that we have a property</p> <p>12 owner that or I guess just down Goldsborough</p> <p>13 Neck Road just past the culvert on Glebe Road</p> <p>14 or that intersection. So they'll be able to</p> <p>15 exit in and out without being too impacted by</p> <p>16 this project, as much as they were the last</p> <p>17 time we did the work at that intersection.</p> <p>18 So it should be a little bit easier for a</p> <p>19 lot of citizens there, yes. They'll have to</p> <p>20 kind of detour around through the Mistletoe</p> <p>21 Hall Industrial Park.</p>

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<p>1 MR. LESHER: And I seem to recall that on 2 this project, that we're doing the storm water 3 ditch retrofits along the roadway. 4 Can you talk about how the utility pole 5 relocation relates to that ditch retrofit? 6 MR. CLARKE: What is happening with that 7 is because of our ditches, we're having to move 8 those, the poles outside of our ditch line. 9 The poles are getting moved out. 10 We're probably going to be a little 11 narrower where those poles are because of the 12 boon truck's ability to reach. So we had to 13 work with Easton Utilities on that. 14 We were hoping to put them further away. 15 But because the boon truck would not be able to 16 reach, we have to kind of keep them close to 17 that, to the top end of that ditch. We were 18 hoping to move them further away. 19 So we are going to try and do some 20 improvements elsewhere in that area. But 21 probably where the utility poles are being</p>	<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 2 MR. CLARKE: Thank you. 3 MR. STAMP: Thank you, Ray. 4 Council, that completes your county 5 manager report for this evening. Thank you 6 very much for your ongoing support. 7 It was nice seeing Emily here with her 8 team. 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. 10 MR. STAMP: With our 14 different 11 department heads. They all work really hard 12 every day, and it's exciting to see what they 13 do. 14 So thank you again for all your support. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Clay, you could have 16 talked for another seven minutes. You know 17 what I mean? Good. 18 MR. LESHER: We could go to public 19 comments if you want. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. We could. Let's go 21 to public comments.</p>
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<p>1 located, it might be a narrow ditch kind of 2 scenario. 3 MR. LESHER: Okay. Thank you very much. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other... 5 MS. HAYTHE: No. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Discussions or questions 7 for Ray? 8 MR. STEPP: Make a motion to move forward. 9 MS. HAYTHE: Second. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and 11 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the 12 vote. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 16 MR. STEPP: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 18 MR. LESHER: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 20 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 21 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p>	<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: Or proposed text amendment. 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Huh? 3 MS. HAYTHE: The proposed text amendment. 4 We can discuss. 5 MR. STEPP: Concerning the funeral home. 6 We can do that one, item number seven. 7 MS. HAYTHE: Yes. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Let's do that. 9 MR. STEPP: Jumping all over today; aren't 10 we? 11 MR. CALLAHAN: We are. 12 And you said line number what? 13 MS. HAYTHE: Seven, item number seven. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Let's do 15 that one. Madam Secretary. 16 MS. MORRIS: Just read the title. 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. 18 SECRETARY: Council discussion of proposed 19 text amendment to Chapter 190 concerning 20 funeral homes and crematoria. 21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Mr. Thomas.</p>

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<p>1 MR. THOMAS: The county received a request</p> <p>2 from Brendan Mullaney, who is here tonight,</p> <p>3 regarding a proposed zoning text amendment that</p> <p>4 would permit funeral homes and crematoria in</p> <p>5 the AC zoning district. It's already permitted</p> <p>6 by right and I believe by special exception in</p> <p>7 the VM, LC, GC, and LI zoning districts. So</p> <p>8 this would add it as a permitted use in the AC</p> <p>9 district as well and establish some regulations</p> <p>10 around it as well.</p> <p>11 Mr. Mullaney is here and can give you some</p> <p>12 more information.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Okay. Welcome.</p> <p>14 MR. MULLANEY: I thought I'd be at least</p> <p>15 two hours as far down on the list as I was</p> <p>16 tonight.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: You're right here. So</p> <p>18 could you go ahead and explain kind of what we</p> <p>19 want to try to achieve?</p> <p>20 MR. MULLANEY: Sure. Just for the record,</p> <p>21 Brendan Mullaney with McAllister, DeTar,</p>	<p>1 everybody is aware, constructed or are wrapping</p> <p>2 up construction on a new crematoria building.</p> <p>3 And that is deemed by the county as an</p> <p>4 accessory use today under the existing law to</p> <p>5 the on-site cemetery, which is why that is</p> <p>6 permitted.</p> <p>7 We went through that process, site plan</p> <p>8 process and all of the approvals with all of</p> <p>9 the applicable State and county agencies and</p> <p>10 that project has moved forward.</p> <p>11 The county staff was clear that the code</p> <p>12 as it's currently prescribed and drafted does</p> <p>13 not allow funeral homes as a designated use,</p> <p>14 which means that families and groups of people,</p> <p>15 and at some point, unfortunately, everybody</p> <p>16 needs the services that this property owner</p> <p>17 provides and are provided throughout the whole</p> <p>18 world, but groups of people that are meeting to</p> <p>19 bury loved ones and friends on the property</p> <p>20 don't have the ability to gather on the</p> <p>21 property for a funeral service.</p>
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<p>1 Showalter & Walker, 100 North West Street.</p> <p>2 Thank you all for having us this evening.</p> <p>3 I'm here on behalf of the Woodlawn Memorial</p> <p>4 Park, LLC, which is requesting this text</p> <p>5 amendment be considered by the Council, the</p> <p>6 Planning Commission, and then the Council</p> <p>7 again.</p> <p>8 What this request is is I'm sure that</p> <p>9 everybody that's driven up Route 50 is familiar</p> <p>10 with the cemetery on the east side that's known</p> <p>11 generally as Woodlawn. This property owner is</p> <p>12 a Eastern Shore cemetery and funeral home</p> <p>13 operator. And they bought the property in</p> <p>14 2018.</p> <p>15 The issue that they have is it's about a</p> <p>16 45-and-a-half-acre property. It is long</p> <p>17 established since the mid 1960s as a cemetery</p> <p>18 use and has operated, to our knowledge,</p> <p>19 continuously since then.</p> <p>20 There's plenty of space on site to offer</p> <p>21 funeral services. They recently, and I'm sure</p>	<p>1 So anything -- all the cars show up. They</p> <p>2 bury a loved one on site. They have a ceremony</p> <p>3 outside currently on the property.</p> <p>4 And what this would allow is funeral home</p> <p>5 services to be, funeral services to be provided</p> <p>6 otherwise on the property to expand that</p> <p>7 offering.</p> <p>8 What happens right now is that these</p> <p>9 services are held off site. This applicant has</p> <p>10 a building in a funeral home in the Town of</p> <p>11 Easton. So you have these congregations</p> <p>12 elsewhere in the county.</p> <p>13 This proposal would allow services to all</p> <p>14 occur on the same property. So the gathering</p> <p>15 would occur on the property. Traffic would not</p> <p>16 be consolidated as much in downtown Easton or</p> <p>17 other towns where it might currently occur and</p> <p>18 then travel, as we're all familiar with, in</p> <p>19 long caravans to the property.</p> <p>20 What we have proposed is a pretty</p> <p>21 limited -- I know the Council is often</p>

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<p>1 concerned about are we going to have funeral 2 homes pop up all over the county, which 3 certainly wouldn't be appropriate. 4 So what we've proposed is a pretty limited 5 and surgical text amendment, which applies and 6 would allow this use in the AC, agricultural 7 conservation, zoning district only on 8 properties that are at least 40 acres in size 9 that abut State highways. And in Talbot County 10 that includes Route 50, 328, 331, and 662. And 11 on properties that had a cemetery on it prior 12 to January 1st of 2025. 13 So with those limiting factors, we're 14 pretty certain that this wouldn't open up the 15 flood gates to allow new funeral homes 16 throughout the county in the AC zoning 17 district. 18 The property owner has invested well over 19 a million dollars in improving the property and 20 making sure that it's a good service to the 21 community. And their business can continue to</p>	<p>1 MR. MULLANEY: So this would allow the 2 use, the gatherings themselves to occur on this 3 property. 4 This particular property owner, which is 5 Helfenbein, Newnam & Fellows I believe is the 6 name, they do have funeral homes but not on 7 this site. So they have one in Easton, they've 8 got one in Queen Anne's, they have one in 9 Annapolis. 10 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. Thank you. 11 MR. MULLANEY: Yes, ma'am. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other questions, 13 Council? 14 Go ahead, Pete. 15 MR. LESHER: I'm curious how many farms of 16 40 acres or more scattered around this county 17 in the agricultural zones have old family 18 burying grounds. And in the end, because of 19 those that might exist along Route 33, 333, 20 Route 579, all these other State highways, 21 there's quite a lot of State highways actually.</p>
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<p>1 operate and, you know, this would be I think a 2 reasonable text amendment that allows a 3 reasonable use that takes some of the impact 4 off of traffic, public infrastructure elsewhere 5 in the county, and would allow consolidation of 6 these services on larger properties throughout 7 the county. 8 Happy to answer any questions. Ask that 9 the Council recommend this, forward it on to 10 the Planning Commission so that we can have the 11 discussion with them, and then come back to 12 talk to you. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 14 MS. HAYTHE: So I have one question. 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure. 16 MR. MULLANEY: Yes, ma'am. 17 MS. HAYTHE: So does the current property 18 owner have an existing funeral home right now 19 or is this a new funeral home or for other 20 funeral homes to use this property or have the 21 funeral on site?</p>	<p>1 Longwoods Road. How many opportunities we 2 might be actually opening up. 3 And you represent this is narrowly 4 written, but I wonder. 5 MR. MULLANEY: Understood. I'll look into 6 that. 7 My brief research said that there are 8 about 58 based on online databases known 9 cemeteries in all of Talbot County, that the 10 vast majority of those are likely small family 11 plots. 12 But I recognize the concern and will 13 confirm that this list of defined State 14 highways is accurate. And if it isn't, that I 15 come back to you with an exact list of those 16 State highways and identify which 40-acre 17 tracts abut State highways and would meet the 18 criteria that one of those 58, assuming, again, 19 that that number is accurate, one of those 58 20 cemeteries on it. 21 MR. LESHER: Dover Road, Matthewstown</p>

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<p>1 Road. A lot of State highways.</p> <p>2 MR. MULLANEY: I think those are two of</p> <p>3 these numbers. Matthewstown, for instance, is</p> <p>4 328.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: Yeah.</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: And then one more question.</p> <p>7 So isn't the funeral home, this particular</p> <p>8 funeral home has purchased the old Sun Trust</p> <p>9 building and is doing a funeral home expansion</p> <p>10 there?</p> <p>11 MR. MULLANEY: No, ma'am.</p> <p>12 MS. HAYTHE: Or is that incorrect?</p> <p>13 MR. MULLANEY: That's a different company.</p> <p>14 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>15 MR. MULLANEY: Not affiliated with this</p> <p>16 property owner.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Council, any other</p> <p>18 questions?</p> <p>19 MS. HAYTHE: No. That's all I had.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. THOMAS: (Indiscernible) referred to</p>	<p>1 Appreciate your time.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Okay. So now we'll</p> <p>3 go ahead and get organized here for a few</p> <p>4 minutes on the public hearing. Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. STEPP: Your time is up, Chuck.</p> <p>6 MR. STAMP: If this was an actual</p> <p>7 emergency, you would be instructed to leave,</p> <p>8 but it's not.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary, you</p> <p>10 want to go ahead and get started on Resolution</p> <p>11 378.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 378. A</p> <p>13 resolution to amend the Talbot County</p> <p>14 comprehensive water and sewer plan to</p> <p>15 reclassify and remap certain real property</p> <p>16 located on Kemp Road, Easton, Maryland. Shown</p> <p>17 on tax map 24 as parcel 41. From unprogrammed</p> <p>18 to S-1, immediate priority status. Pursuant to</p> <p>19 an application filed by Back Nine, LLC.</p> <p>20 MR. CLARKE: Thank you, Council. Ray</p> <p>21 Clarke, county engineer.</p>
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<p>1 the Planning Commission.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Is there a motion to</p> <p>3 send this to the Planning Commission?</p> <p>4 MR. STEPP: I'll make a motion.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Is there a second?</p> <p>6 MS. MIELKE: Second.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>8 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>9 vote.</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: Nay.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>17 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>19 MS. HAYTHE: Abstain.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. MULLANEY: Understood. Thank you all.</p>	<p>1 On June 20th, we met with the Public Works</p> <p>2 Advisory Board. And they reviewed Resolution</p> <p>3 378. They made a recommendation to table</p> <p>4 Resolution 378. There are seeking some</p> <p>5 additional information from the property owner.</p> <p>6 One of the questions I think is that they</p> <p>7 have actually 16 acres that have been</p> <p>8 identified in the sewer service area. The</p> <p>9 board had requested to really kind of specify</p> <p>10 where they would actually do the structure, the</p> <p>11 residential structure. So that was the request</p> <p>12 of the board, to get more information on that,</p> <p>13 and also see how we would tie them into the</p> <p>14 sewer line.</p> <p>15 So I forwarded an email to the agent for</p> <p>16 the property owner, and I've not heard back</p> <p>17 from them. But hopefully we will before the</p> <p>18 July meeting for the board.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right.</p> <p>20 MR. TARLETON: Good evening, Council.</p> <p>21 Brennan Tarleton, planning director, for the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 record.</p> <p>2 The Planning Commission reviewed this at</p> <p>3 their July 2nd meeting and voted to table it as</p> <p>4 well for the additional information that was</p> <p>5 requested by the Public Works Advisory Board,</p> <p>6 noting that they'd like to see those changes</p> <p>7 and an explanation provided for the future</p> <p>8 development potential for the property as a</p> <p>9 whole.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right, then. So</p> <p>11 I'm assuming, so that it's put on hold for the</p> <p>12 time being. We just have no action at this</p> <p>13 time or do we open it up to people coming up?</p> <p>14 We can open it up? Okay.</p> <p>15 So at this time, we'll go ahead and open</p> <p>16 it up on 378 for anybody who would like to come</p> <p>17 on up and talk about 378. Please come on up.</p> <p>18 Okay.</p> <p>19 So we'll go ahead and leave that open.</p> <p>20 Okay.</p> <p>21 Madam Secretary, you want to go ahead and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 service. So that was included in this.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>3 MR. TARLETON: And on July 2nd, the</p> <p>4 Planning Commission reviewed Resolution 379.</p> <p>5 And a motion was made and past via a 4-0 vote</p> <p>6 finding it consistent with the county</p> <p>7 Comprehensive Plan, as well as the seven</p> <p>8 relevant standards in accordance with</p> <p>9 Environmental Article 9-506A1.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHER: And because this property is</p> <p>12 less than five acres, it cannot be subdivided,</p> <p>13 it can only support, under county zoning, the</p> <p>14 one dwelling unit that already exists there?</p> <p>15 MR. TARLETON: That's correct. We did do</p> <p>16 the deed research and a plat research on the</p> <p>17 property and confirmed that there's no</p> <p>18 additional development rights available to this</p> <p>19 property.</p> <p>20 So the one that is currently utilized by</p> <p>21 the existing dwelling is the only one available</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 the next resolution, 379.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 379, a</p> <p>3 resolution to amend the Talbot County</p> <p>4 comprehensive water and sewer plan to</p> <p>5 reclassify and remap certain real property</p> <p>6 located at 8294 Bozman Neavitt Road,</p> <p>7 St. Michaels, Maryland, shown on tax map 31,</p> <p>8 grid ten, as parcel 333, lot one. From</p> <p>9 unprogrammed to S-1, immediate priority status.</p> <p>10 Pursuant to an application filed by Barbara</p> <p>11 Portnoy Levine Spector.</p> <p>12 MR. CLARKE: Again, Council, thank you.</p> <p>13 The Public Works Advisory Board, at their</p> <p>14 June 20th, meeting reviewed the Resolution 378</p> <p>15 (sic.) as well as the application. They made a</p> <p>16 recommendation to the Council to approve</p> <p>17 Resolution 379 via a four to zero vote.</p> <p>18 Again, this was an improved parcel. We</p> <p>19 also discussed that this is also one of the</p> <p>20 lots as part of Resolution 250 that has been</p> <p>21 identified as a future area for providing sewer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 to the property.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHER: Thank you.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other</p> <p>4 discussion?</p> <p>5 MS. HAYTHE: No. That was the question I</p> <p>6 had.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. So I'll go ahead and</p> <p>8 open it up to the public. Anybody that wants</p> <p>9 to come up here and talk about 379, please come</p> <p>10 on up. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>11 I'll give you three minutes for</p> <p>12 individuals. And if you're representing</p> <p>13 somebody, you can have five.</p> <p>14 MS. SPECTOR: Okay. No. It's my husband</p> <p>15 and myself.</p> <p>16 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes, ma'am. Okay.</p> <p>17 MS. SPECTOR: We own the property at 8294</p> <p>18 Bozman Neavitt Road. Thank you. And we</p> <p>19 appreciate --</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Could you tell us who you</p> <p>21 are?</p>

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<p>1 MS. SPECTOR: Sure. Barbara Portnoy 2 Levine Spector. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. 4 MS. SPECTOR: And we would appreciate 5 being included in the sewer access. 6 And we -- actually our immediate neighbors 7 were approved the last time that this was 8 considered. And we share a driveway with them. 9 So hopefully that would make it easier for the 10 access to be granted to our property. 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you . 12 MS. SPECTOR: That's it. Thank you. 13 MR. LESHER: And you're currently served 14 by septic? 15 MS. SPECTOR: Yes. 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Anybody else want to 17 come up here and talk about Resolution 379? 18 You're welcome to come up. Okay. 19 So 379 is eligible for vote tonight. So 20 I'm going to close the public hearing on 379. 21 So Madam Secretary, you want to call the</p>	<p>1 Daniel Ball. 2 MR. CLARKE: Again, Ray Clarke, county 3 engineer. 4 The Public Works Advisory Board met on 5 June 20th. Again, they reviewed Resolution 380 6 along with the application. They made a motion 7 and passed that motion four to zero 8 recommending the County Council adopt 9 Resolution 380. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 11 MR. YELTON: Council, thank you. Bryce 12 Yelton, Talbot County Planning & Zoning. 13 On July 2, 2025, the Planning Commission 14 reviewed Resolution 380. A motion was made by 15 the Planning Commission to certify Resolution 16 380 that it was consistent with the 2016 Talbot 17 County Comprehensive Plan and the seven 18 relevant standards in accordance with 19 Environmental Article 9506A1 of the Maryland 20 Annotated Code. They voted four to zero to 21 approve that motion.</p>
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<p>1 vote. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 5 MR. STEPP: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 7 MR. LESHNER: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 9 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 11 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Great. 13 Next resolution, 380. 14 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 380. A 15 resolution to amend the Talbot County 16 comprehensive water and sewer plan to 17 reclassify and remap certain real property 18 located at 7874 Bozman Neavitt Road, Bozman, 19 Maryland. Shown on tax map 31 as parcel 21. 20 From unprogrammed to S-1, immediate priority 21 status. Pursuant to an application filed by</p>	<p>1 This is another relatively small lot. 2 It's 4.083 acres with no remaining development 3 rights. 4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions or 5 discussions with Council? 6 MR. STEPP: None here. 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. So all right. So 8 I'll open it up to the public on Resolution 9 380. Anybody like to come up and discuss that, 10 come on up. 11 MS. DIANICH: Good evening. Hi. I'm 12 Lauren Dianich, Atelier 11 architecture firm. 13 And we're representing Dan Ball as he wasn't 14 able to be here tonight. 15 Just because of the size of the property, 16 the neighbors are already included. And he has 17 high water level and most likely a failing 18 30-year-old septic system. He'd like to be 19 included. 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions or 21 discussions?</p>

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<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>2 MS. MIELKE: No.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Anybody else like to</p> <p>4 come up and discuss 380, Resolution 380? Okay.</p> <p>5 Hearing none, I'll go ahead and close that</p> <p>6 public hearing for 380.</p> <p>7 It's eligible for vote. Madam Secretary,</p> <p>8 could you call the vote.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>12 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>16 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>18 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda</p> <p>20 is Resolution 381.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Resolution 381. A resolution</p>	<p>1 Talbot County Planning & Zoning.</p> <p>2 On July 2nd, the Planning Commission</p> <p>3 reviewed this resolution and a motion was made</p> <p>4 to find it consistent with the Comprehensive</p> <p>5 Plan and the seven relevant standards. That</p> <p>6 motion was passed four to zero.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's great.</p> <p>8 All right, Council. Any other discussion</p> <p>9 or questions?</p> <p>10 Hearing none, I'll go ahead and open the</p> <p>11 public hearing on Resolution 381. Anybody</p> <p>12 would like to come up, please come up.</p> <p>13 All right. With that, I'll go ahead and</p> <p>14 close Resolution 381.</p> <p>15 And it's eligible for vote. Madam</p> <p>16 Secretary, could you call the vote on that,</p> <p>17 please.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>21 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 to amend the Talbot County comprehensive water</p> <p>2 and sewer plan to reclassify and remap certain</p> <p>3 real property located at 7930 Church Neck Road,</p> <p>4 St. Michaels, Maryland. Shown on tax map 32,</p> <p>5 grid 13 as parcel 154, lot B. From</p> <p>6 unprogrammed to S-1, immediate priority status.</p> <p>7 Pursuant to an application filed by Jill and</p> <p>8 Jon Olmstead.</p> <p>9 MR. CLARKE: Okay. Ray Clarke, county</p> <p>10 engineer again.</p> <p>11 The Public Works Advisory Board on</p> <p>12 June 20th reviewed Resolution 381. They did</p> <p>13 pass a motion via a four to zero vote</p> <p>14 recommending the County Council adopt</p> <p>15 Resolution 381.</p> <p>16 I'll just note again as we -- for all the</p> <p>17 resolutions that we're talking about today, it</p> <p>18 is feasible to extend sewer to these</p> <p>19 properties.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. YELTON: Thank you. Bryce Yelton,</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>4 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next, Madam</p> <p>8 Secretary is 382.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Resolution Number 382. A</p> <p>10 resolution to amend the Talbot County</p> <p>11 comprehensive water and sewer plan to</p> <p>12 reclassify and remap certain real property</p> <p>13 located at 6163 Long Point Road, Neavitt,</p> <p>14 Maryland. Shown on tax map 39 as parcel 66,</p> <p>15 lot 17. From unprogrammed to S-1, immediate</p> <p>16 priority status. Pursuant to an application</p> <p>17 filed by William and Karen King.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. CLARKE: The Public Works Advisory</p> <p>20 Board on June 20th did review Resolution 382</p> <p>21 along with the application and ultimately</p>

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<p>1 presented a motion to basically recommend the</p> <p>2 County Council adopt Resolution 382. And that</p> <p>3 motion passed 4-0.</p> <p>4 And again, this is also feasible to extend</p> <p>5 sewer to this parcel.</p> <p>6 MR. YELTON: Council, thank you.</p> <p>7 On July 2nd, the Planning Commission</p> <p>8 reviewed Resolution 382. A motion was made and</p> <p>9 voted four to zero to approve the motion to</p> <p>10 find it consistent with the 2016 Comprehensive</p> <p>11 Plan and the seven relevant standards.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHER: And Mr. Yelton, this one also</p> <p>14 is roughly 7.6 acres. So no further</p> <p>15 development rights?</p> <p>16 MR. YELTON: That is correct.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other</p> <p>18 discussion?</p> <p>19 MS. MIELKE: So it's only one EDU and no</p> <p>20 further EDUs by amendment or anything else?</p> <p>21 MR. CLARKE: No.</p>	<p>1 How are you?</p> <p>2 MS. SPARKS: Good evening, Council.</p> <p>3 Martha Sparks, financial director for Talbot</p> <p>4 County.</p> <p>5 As you get ready to go through 31 public</p> <p>6 hearings on the next 31 bills that are related</p> <p>7 to capital improvement projects, I thought this</p> <p>8 would be a good time to remind our citizens</p> <p>9 what these are and why we do this.</p> <p>10 And I'm going to read what I did when we</p> <p>11 introduced them.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.</p> <p>13 MS. SPARKS: So on May 27, 2025, Council</p> <p>14 passed Bill 1585, an act to establish the</p> <p>15 2025-2026 annual budget and appropriation</p> <p>16 ordinance.</p> <p>17 Per Section 603 to 607 of the Talbot</p> <p>18 County Charter, the budget consists of the</p> <p>19 current expense budget, the capital project,</p> <p>20 and capital program, which includes an itemized</p> <p>21 list of the capital projects which an agency</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Any other questions?</p> <p>2 Okay. At this time, I'll go ahead and</p> <p>3 open the public hearing for Resolution 382.</p> <p>4 Would anybody like to come up and talk about</p> <p>5 382?</p> <p>6 Okay. I'll go ahead and close the public</p> <p>7 hearing on 382.</p> <p>8 And it's eligible for vote. Madam</p> <p>9 Secretary, could you call the vote.</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. All right. Now we</p> <p>21 come to the good stuff now.</p>	<p>1 proposes to undertake in the ensuing fiscal</p> <p>2 year.</p> <p>3 While the budget and funding sources of</p> <p>4 these projects were approved in the budget</p> <p>5 ordinance bill, Number 1585, the county also</p> <p>6 creates capital enabling legislation for each</p> <p>7 capital improvement project per Section 612,</p> <p>8 and each bill is subject to the referendum</p> <p>9 provisions of Section 217 of the Charter and,</p> <p>10 thus, why we have a public hearing for each</p> <p>11 separate bill.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHNER: You're going to ask the clerk</p> <p>14 to read all the titles?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: I sure am.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: All at one time?</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: I meant each one?</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes, yes.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Okie-doke.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p>

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<p>1 MR. LESHHER: Just for the capital enabling</p> <p>2 legislation, not the ones that follow.</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: It seems to me it would be</p> <p>4 better if she read it and we voted.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHHER: Well, this way we can have</p> <p>6 one public hearing for the full batch.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: For all of them.</p> <p>9 MS. MIELKE: All right.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHHER: We'll still have to vote on</p> <p>11 them individually.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1586, a bill to</p> <p>13 amend Bill Numbers 1549, 1479, and 1244 for the</p> <p>14 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>15 replacement and improvement of roofs of</p> <p>16 buildings and structures owned by Talbot</p> <p>17 County.</p> <p>18 Bill Number 1587, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>19 Numbers 1558 and 1391 for the purpose of</p> <p>20 amending the appropriation for the replacement</p> <p>21 and improvement of HVAC systems at facilities</p>	<p>1 Bill Number 1592, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>2 Numbers 1560, 1537, 1509, and 1484 for the</p> <p>3 purpose of amending the appropriation for a</p> <p>4 capital project for the construction of</p> <p>5 emergency medical services stations.</p> <p>6 Bill Number 1593, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>7 Numbers 1563, 1542, and 1505 for the purpose of</p> <p>8 amending the appropriation for replacement and</p> <p>9 improvement of 911 division technologies and</p> <p>10 the 911 division computer aided dispatch, CAD,</p> <p>11 system.</p> <p>12 Bill Number 1594, a bill to authorize the</p> <p>13 replacement and improvement of the greens at</p> <p>14 the Talbot County Hog Neck Golf Course.</p> <p>15 Bill Number 1595, a bill to authorize the</p> <p>16 replacement and improvement of the cart paths</p> <p>17 and paved areas at the Talbot County Hog Neck</p> <p>18 Golf Course.</p> <p>19 Bill Number 1596, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>20 Number 1571 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>21 appropriation for replacement of dehumidifiers</p>
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<p>1 owned by Talbot County.</p> <p>2 Bill Number 1588, a bill to authorize</p> <p>3 Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA,</p> <p>4 improvements to buildings and properties owned</p> <p>5 by Talbot County.</p> <p>6 Bill Number 1589, a bill to authorize the</p> <p>7 replacement and improvement of the Talbot</p> <p>8 County-owned building and property located at</p> <p>9 100 South Hanson Street in Easton, Maryland.</p> <p>10 Bill Number 1590, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>11 Numbers 1554 and 1427 for the purpose of</p> <p>12 amending the appropriation for the construction</p> <p>13 of new recycling stations in Talbot County.</p> <p>14 Bill Number 1591, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>15 Numbers 1559, 1536, and 1187 for the purpose of</p> <p>16 amending the appropriation for extension of</p> <p>17 water and sewer lines to the Talbot County</p> <p>18 Community Center and the proposed University of</p> <p>19 Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center hospital</p> <p>20 site located between Longwoods Road, Maryland</p> <p>21 Route 662, and US Route 50 in Easton, Maryland.</p>	<p>1 at the Talbot County Community Center.</p> <p>2 Bill Number 1597, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>3 Numbers 1556 and 1533 for the purpose of</p> <p>4 amending the appropriation for improvements to</p> <p>5 the Talbot County Detention Center.</p> <p>6 Bill Number 1598, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>7 Numbers 1555, 1532, 1516 for the purpose of</p> <p>8 amending the appropriation for improvements to</p> <p>9 and expansion of the St. Michaels branch of</p> <p>10 the Talbot County Free Library.</p> <p>11 1599, a bill to amend Bill Numbers 1557,</p> <p>12 1534, 1486, and 1424 for the purpose of</p> <p>13 amending the appropriation to purchase improved</p> <p>14 or unimproved real property for future county</p> <p>15 purposes.</p> <p>16 Bill Number 1600, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>17 Numbers 1368 and 1343 for the purpose of</p> <p>18 amending the appropriation for security</p> <p>19 enhancements to county facilities.</p> <p>20 Bill Number 1601, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>21 Number 1546 for the purpose of amending the</p>

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<p>1 appropriation for a feasibility study for and</p> <p>2 possible future construction of a Talbot County</p> <p>3 Visitors Center.</p> <p>4 Bill Number 1602, a bill to authorize the</p> <p>5 acquisition and/or construction of and</p> <p>6 improvements to county storage facilities.</p> <p>7 Bill Number 1603, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>8 Numbers 1567, 1541, and 1506 for the purpose of</p> <p>9 amending the appropriation for improvements to</p> <p>10 county roads.</p> <p>11 Bill Number 1604, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>12 Numbers 1518, 1285, and 1082 for the purpose of</p> <p>13 amending the appropriation for improvements to</p> <p>14 the Tunis Mills Bridge.</p> <p>15 Bill Number 1605, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>16 Numbers 1507, 1361, 1332, 1307, and 1267 for</p> <p>17 the purpose of amending the appropriation for</p> <p>18 the mapping, evaluation, and rehabilitation or</p> <p>19 replacement of county culverts.</p> <p>20 Bill Number 1506, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>21 Number 1569 for the purpose of amending the</p>	<p>1 Numbers 1502 and 1418 for the purpose of</p> <p>2 amending the appropriation for the connection</p> <p>3 of the Bar Neck and Fairbank communities to the</p> <p>4 Region V Tilghman wastewater treatment plant.</p> <p>5 Bill Number 1612, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>6 Number 1431 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>7 appropriation for improvements to the Region V</p> <p>8 Tilghman wastewater treatment plant pump</p> <p>9 stations, collection systems, and enhanced</p> <p>10 nutrient removal, ENR, technology.</p> <p>11 Bill Number 1613, a bill to authorize the</p> <p>12 sewer system extension to the Marine</p> <p>13 Engineering Beneficial Association, MEBA,</p> <p>14 engineering school off of St. Michaels Road in</p> <p>15 Talbot County.</p> <p>16 Bill Number 1614, a bill to authorize</p> <p>17 replacements and improvements to pump stations</p> <p>18 and surrounding property in Region I of the</p> <p>19 Talbot County sanitary district.</p> <p>20 Bill Number 1615, a bill to authorize</p> <p>21 replacements and improvements to pump stations</p>
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<p>1 appropriation for the construction of and</p> <p>2 improvements to the concession stand at the</p> <p>3 Talbot County Community Sports Complex.</p> <p>4 Bill Number 1607, a bill to authorize the</p> <p>5 replacements and improvements of county</p> <p>6 community pools and associated property.</p> <p>7 Bill Number 1608, a bill to authorize</p> <p>8 replacement and improvement of stadium lighting</p> <p>9 at St. Michaels Middle and High School.</p> <p>10 Bill Number 1609, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>11 Numbers 1364 and 1341 for the purpose of</p> <p>12 amending the appropriation for the watershed</p> <p>13 improvement plan for the east and northeast</p> <p>14 areas of the Region II St. Michaels wastewater</p> <p>15 treatment plant area.</p> <p>16 Bill Number 1610, a bill to amend Bill</p> <p>17 Number 1429 for the purpose of amending the</p> <p>18 appropriation for the watershed improvement</p> <p>19 plan for the west area of the Region II</p> <p>20 St. Michaels wastewater treatment plant area.</p> <p>21 Bill Number 1611, a bill to amend Bill</p>	<p>1 and surrounding property in the Royal Oak,</p> <p>2 Newcomb, and Bellevue areas in Region II of the</p> <p>3 Talbot County sanitary district.</p> <p>4 And Bill Number 1616, a bill to authorize</p> <p>5 replacements and improvements to pump stations</p> <p>6 and surrounding property of the St. Michaels</p> <p>7 area in Region II of the Talbot County sanitary</p> <p>8 district.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Great job. Okay.</p> <p>10 All right.</p> <p>11 So we'll go ahead, open this up to the</p> <p>12 public.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHER: Mr. Callahan, just one quick</p> <p>14 thing. I'd love to address a question.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHER: For Ms. Sparks.</p> <p>17 That we I believe, if I remember</p> <p>18 correctly, we received correspondence after we</p> <p>19 introduced Bill 1588.</p> <p>20 This is the one about introducing ADA</p> <p>21 improvements to buildings in Talbot County.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 Now, I believe Ms. Brown asked us or</p> <p>2 expressed caution about moving ahead with such</p> <p>3 a project until we had a plan to specifically</p> <p>4 do this.</p> <p>5 Could you talk about the process at which</p> <p>6 this puts us and simply enables us to do that?</p> <p>7 That this is, as we understand it, not final</p> <p>8 approval for such --</p> <p>9 MS. SPARKS: Sure.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHER: -- improvements?</p> <p>11 MS. SPARKS: Sure. This doesn't</p> <p>12 include -- this provides the funding for the</p> <p>13 project. But also, as part of that project,</p> <p>14 there would be, there would be a process where</p> <p>15 a plan would be created.</p> <p>16 So there's no plan in place at this time.</p> <p>17 This just provides a level of funding for that</p> <p>18 specific project for that to move forward.</p> <p>19 Because you really can't move forward with the</p> <p>20 planning process if you don't have the funds</p> <p>21 available to spend on the planning.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 This is going to allow us to step back to</p> <p>2 analyze all of our properties, come up with a</p> <p>3 plan, and then move forward in executing a plan</p> <p>4 to make sure that we're in compliance as we</p> <p>5 should be.</p> <p>6 MR. LESHER: Thank you very much.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any other questions?</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Or concerns? Okay.</p> <p>10 So we'll go ahead now and open the public</p> <p>11 hearing on the range of bills from 1586 to</p> <p>12 1616.</p> <p>13 So if anybody would like to come on up</p> <p>14 here and talk about these bills.</p> <p>15 Yes, sir. You want to come up. And let</p> <p>16 us know which bill you're...</p> <p>17 MR. RIGGIN: Sorry?</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Make sure when you come up</p> <p>19 here, you tell me which bill you're up here</p> <p>20 for.</p> <p>21 MR. RIGGIN: I intend to do that.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 MR. LESHER: Thank you. I wanted that</p> <p>2 explanation on the public record. And that</p> <p>3 explanation pertains to all of these --</p> <p>4 MS. SPARKS: Correct.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: -- capital enabling items?</p> <p>6 MS. SPARKS: Correct. There still, you</p> <p>7 still must go through, even though these are</p> <p>8 funds that have been approved in the budget by</p> <p>9 Council and these are projects obviously</p> <p>10 approved by Council, when we go through that</p> <p>11 process, we have, we have to follow the county</p> <p>12 procurement process. And that really helps --</p> <p>13 is our major guardrails for any, moving forward</p> <p>14 with any of these projects.</p> <p>15 MR. STAMP: So I just would confirm that</p> <p>16 our intent, staff's intent is to continue a</p> <p>17 process of addressing handicapped issues with</p> <p>18 some of the projects we've been working on, and</p> <p>19 some in consultation with Ms. Brown at the</p> <p>20 Community Center. We've addressed issues</p> <p>21 there. The Health Department.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Nice.</p> <p>2 MR. RIGGIN: Phil Riggins, 29736 Sullivan</p> <p>3 Drive, Easton.</p> <p>4 Specifically the bill that I wanted to ask</p> <p>5 about, which is actually primarily a question,</p> <p>6 Bill Number 1599.</p> <p>7 It talks about purchasing improved or</p> <p>8 unimproved real property for future county</p> <p>9 purposes.</p> <p>10 Are they specifically designated</p> <p>11 properties that you folks already have in mind</p> <p>12 or is this an open-ended authorization to</p> <p>13 purchase properties as they might come</p> <p>14 available?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Mr. Stamp.</p> <p>16 MR. STAMP: So the bill authorizes the</p> <p>17 county to acquire future land purchases that</p> <p>18 may become necessary as they deem so.</p> <p>19 It does not specify parcels of property at</p> <p>20 this time.</p> <p>21 MR. RIGGIN: Okay, okay. Obviously a lot</p>

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<p>1 of these issues -- that was the only bill in 2 particular but another question. 3 A lot of these items I remember seeing in 4 the budget as it was approved for fiscal year 5 26. And I'm assuming that these individual 6 pieces of legislation, I don't know whether 7 they're going to be passed as individual pieces 8 of legislation or a piece of blanket 9 legislation because -- but in any case, that's 10 not my issue, it's yours. 11 So there is money in the budget for 2026 12 to move forward on these respective 13 initiatives? 14 MR. STAMP: That is correct. So the money 15 was included in the budget. 16 However, authorization to spend that money 17 has to go through the process that we're going 18 through here, the passage of the legislation 19 for each of the projects. 20 MR. RIGGIN: Okay. Learning a little bit 21 more about your legislative process is very</p>	<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: Martha has something. 2 MR. STAMP: Martha has... 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Martha might have something 4 else for us. 5 MS. SPARKS: Unless Council has a reason 6 to postpone it to the next meeting, we've 7 generally in the past, Council has voted on 8 these capital enabling bills. 9 Once that happens, there's still the 10 process where it is open and they are not 11 effective until I think September 6th. So 12 there still is the ability for someone to bring 13 this to go to referendum, which I don't know if 14 that's ever happened. 15 But unless there's a reason for the delay, 16 the reason we introduce these bills earlier is 17 to get them effective earlier because there are 18 projects that are waiting for this funding. So 19 it would delay those by two weeks. So that's 20 the implication, which to some is not. But to 21 some that are waiting for it, they'd like it</p>
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<p>1 educational. Thank you. 2 MS. MIELKE: Thank you. 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Thank you. Okay. 4 Anybody else would like to come up here 5 and discuss any of the bills that we've brought 6 up tonight so far? Okay. 7 All right. So we'll go ahead and close 8 the public hearing on these 32 bills. 9 So Madam Secretary, do you want to go 10 ahead. We got to approve each one of them. 11 MR. LESHAR: Only if we choose to move 12 them to third reader because these are bills 13 that have not been moved to third reader. 14 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 15 MR. LESHAR: So regular order would have 16 these up at the next meeting. So I guess the 17 question for staff is is there a reason to move 18 forward now on these? 19 MR. STAMP: I think we would -- we don't 20 see a need to move quicker than the process, 21 unless Council wants to move them forward.</p>	<p>1 now, but they have to wait. 2 MR. LESHAR: Hearing that, that 3 impassioned and reasoned plea from Ms. Sparks, 4 I will move Bills 1586 through 1616 to third 5 reader. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. 7 MS. MIELKE: Could you say those numbers 8 again, please? 9 MR. LESHAR: 1586 through 1616. 10 MR. CALLAHAN: 1616. Yup. 11 MS. MIELKE: Thank you. 12 MR. STEPP: I'll second that motion. 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a -- 14 MS. HAYTHE: Dave second. 15 MR. LESHAR: We have a motion and second. 16 We need to vote to move it to third reader. 17 MS. MIELKE: Then we do each one 18 individually, right? 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, we got a motion and 20 second to move it to third reader. Madam 21 Secretary.</p>

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<p>1 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1586 --</p> <p>2 MS. MORRIS: The vote.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Okay.</p> <p>5 MS. MORRIS: This is just the motion and</p> <p>6 second to --</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Sorry.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. That's okay.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>12 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>16 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>18 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>20 MR. LESHNER: And now she can individually</p> <p>21 read the title and we can vote down the list.</p>	<p>1 the use of those funds as well as other</p> <p>2 factors.</p> <p>3 MS. HAYTHE: Thank you.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Ready, Madam</p> <p>5 Secretary? Go ahead.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1586, a bill to</p> <p>7 amend Bill Numbers 1549, 1479, and 1244 for the</p> <p>8 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>9 replacement and improvement of roofs of</p> <p>10 buildings and structures owned by Talbot</p> <p>11 County.</p> <p>12 MR. LESHNER: Call the vote.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>17 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>19 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>21 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly.</p> <p>2 MS. HAYTHE: I have a question.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHNER: And if anybody is still awake</p> <p>4 at the end of this process...</p> <p>5 MS. HAYTHE: Given Mr. Riggin's question,</p> <p>6 for the public do you want to mention the fact</p> <p>7 of the county having a study done on</p> <p>8 county-owned property to determine best and</p> <p>9 highest use of properties, because that would</p> <p>10 go with his question when he asked about</p> <p>11 properties?</p> <p>12 MR. STAMP: Sure. So Council Member</p> <p>13 Haythe is discussing the piece of legislation</p> <p>14 that authorizes Council to obtain property when</p> <p>15 they deem necessary.</p> <p>16 The county has put together a group to</p> <p>17 analyze, which is made up of staff and Council</p> <p>18 representation, to analyze our current space</p> <p>19 needs and to project into the future what</p> <p>20 additional space we might require for</p> <p>21 government services. And that will help inform</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>2 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1587, a bill to</p> <p>4 amend Bill Numbers 1558 and 1391 for the</p> <p>5 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>6 replacement and improvement of HVAC systems at</p> <p>7 facilities owned by Talbot County.</p> <p>8 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 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1588, a bill to</p> <p>19 authorize Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA,</p> <p>20 improvements to buildings and properties owned</p> <p>21 by Talbot County.</p>

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<p>1 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. LESHER: 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 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1589, a bill to</p> <p>12 authorize the replacement and improvement of</p> <p>13 the Talbot County-owned building and property</p> <p>14 located at 100 South Hanson Street in Easton,</p> <p>15 Maryland.</p> <p>16 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>19 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p>	<p>1 So what this bill does is put some money</p> <p>2 aside.</p> <p>3 And the capital improvement dollars are</p> <p>4 eligible for use for three years if not used.</p> <p>5 It could be extended.</p> <p>6 So this \$100,000 is to give Council</p> <p>7 flexibility as it determines the future use of</p> <p>8 that facility.</p> <p>9 So initially, it's to maintain the</p> <p>10 facility, which obviously we want to be good</p> <p>11 neighbors with the property and keep it in good</p> <p>12 condition.</p> <p>13 We are currently using it for storage at</p> <p>14 this time. And a group will be working to look</p> <p>15 at whether there are future needs for the</p> <p>16 county services in the facility or any</p> <p>17 recommendation to do anything different.</p> <p>18 I don't know if that helps or that, but</p> <p>19 that was our thinking in drafting the</p> <p>20 legislation.</p> <p>21 MS. HAYTHE: So it does. But the bill, in</p>
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<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>2 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: I have a question regarding</p> <p>5 this bill.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>7 MS. HAYTHE: So where it talks about</p> <p>8 replacement and improvement, isn't the goal to</p> <p>9 just maintain it, just maintenance regarding</p> <p>10 this particular property?</p> <p>11 I guess I'm just hung up on replacement</p> <p>12 and improvement.</p> <p>13 Are we talking about the structure itself?</p> <p>14 MR. STAMP: So the original purpose of</p> <p>15 this bill was to give us, give Council</p> <p>16 flexibility moving forward with the</p> <p>17 determination for future use of the property.</p> <p>18 So currently, it will be maintained until</p> <p>19 such time Council decides what they would do</p> <p>20 with the building, whether it's to reuse it,</p> <p>21 repurpose it, to surplus the property, sell it.</p>	<p>1 the bill, it doesn't mention anything about</p> <p>2 maintenance.</p> <p>3 MR. STAMP: I'm sorry?</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: Replacement and improvement.</p> <p>5 Replacement and improvement. There's no</p> <p>6 mention of maintaining or maintenance of the</p> <p>7 building.</p> <p>8 So is that an assumption or does it have</p> <p>9 to be in the wording of the bill?</p> <p>10 MS. SPARKS: So I think I can add</p> <p>11 something here of value for you.</p> <p>12 So when we -- finance does the initial</p> <p>13 draft of the legislation for all of these</p> <p>14 bills.</p> <p>15 When we meet with the department heads and</p> <p>16 the county manager and staff, you know, we find</p> <p>17 out what they need to do and what they want to</p> <p>18 do. And we create that initial draft.</p> <p>19 And we found in reviewing some of the</p> <p>20 older legislation that had been written,</p> <p>21 everything was very narrow. And we tried to</p>

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<p>1 make sure that there was -- it was -- there was</p> <p>2 enough specificity in there but not something</p> <p>3 that would box us in.</p> <p>4 We had a capital enabling legislation that</p> <p>5 said there was a replacement of the roof on the</p> <p>6 courthouse. Well, then when we wanted -- when</p> <p>7 we had savings from that, we needed to use that</p> <p>8 on the south wing of the courthouse, but the</p> <p>9 capital legislation was very narrow.</p> <p>10 So we tried to build the flexibility in</p> <p>11 the wording of the bill.</p> <p>12 MR. STAMP: So just, and I'll try to add a</p> <p>13 little bit of clarity.</p> <p>14 So I think, Council, as the group works</p> <p>15 with Council to determine best use of</p> <p>16 properties, spacing needs, and what have you</p> <p>17 and that building is analyzed, it's fair to say</p> <p>18 that we put money in a budget to either improve</p> <p>19 or...</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Replace.</p> <p>21 MR. STAMP: I'm sorry?</p>	<p>1 for improvement or the removal of the facility.</p> <p>2 And so if we're spending money on that</p> <p>3 building, it's either to improve it or to</p> <p>4 remove it under the funds that are attached to</p> <p>5 this bill --</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: So I'm just asking the</p> <p>7 question --</p> <p>8 MR. STAMP: -- electric bills, for --</p> <p>9 MS. HAYTHE: Maintenance is a part of this</p> <p>10 is my question?</p> <p>11 MS. SPARKS: No. Maintenance is not a</p> <p>12 part of this.</p> <p>13 Maintenance is a part of a county</p> <p>14 buildings, the county buildings operating</p> <p>15 budget.</p> <p>16 So the county facilities budget includes</p> <p>17 maintenance on that building. So it will still</p> <p>18 be maintained. We'll still be paying electric.</p> <p>19 I think the trash service was just removed, but</p> <p>20 that's part of the operating budget,</p> <p>21 maintenance costs --</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Or replace.</p> <p>2 MR. STAMP: Right, exactly.</p> <p>3 So I mean in the next three years, the</p> <p>4 intent is to work with Council to have a</p> <p>5 determination whether we're going to improve</p> <p>6 that building for another use or to remove the</p> <p>7 building.</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: I guess my point is that</p> <p>9 maintenance isn't in there, but what I'm</p> <p>10 hearing is maintenance is part of the equation.</p> <p>11 MS. MIELKE: But it does say...</p> <p>12 MS. HAYTHE: Improve.</p> <p>13 MS. MIELKE: Including, but not limited</p> <p>14 to, which sort of opens the door that there</p> <p>15 could be other things that are not specified,</p> <p>16 such as maintenance, that the funds could be</p> <p>17 used for.</p> <p>18 Is that correct?</p> <p>19 MR. STAMP: Well, I think, I think the</p> <p>20 bill is clear. And this is what we would</p> <p>21 adhere to. And the dollars could only be spent</p>	<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: Okay. So no part of the</p> <p>2 capital?</p> <p>3 MS. SPARKS: Correct.</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: Got it. That was my...</p> <p>5 MS. MIELKE: Good question.</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: That is what I was trying to</p> <p>7 get to. Thank you, Martha.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Did you need...</p> <p>9 MR. STEPP: Keasha, you still need to vote</p> <p>10 on that one I believe.</p> <p>11 MS. HAYTHE: Hum?</p> <p>12 MR. STEPP: I think you still need to vote</p> <p>13 on that one. She already voted?</p> <p>14 MR. STAMP: You held your vote.</p> <p>15 MS. HAYTHE: Oh, yes.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: She voted yes. Do you want to</p> <p>17 change it?</p> <p>18 MS. HAYTHE: No.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1590, a bill to</p> <p>21 amend Bill Numbers 1554 and 1427 for the</p>

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<p>1 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>2 construction of new recycling stations in</p> <p>3 Talbot County.</p> <p>4 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>7 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>9 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>11 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>13 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1591, a bill to</p> <p>15 amend Bill Numbers 1559, 1536, and 1187 for the</p> <p>16 purpose of amending the appropriation for</p> <p>17 extension of water and sewer lines to the</p> <p>18 Talbot County Community Center and the --</p> <p>19 MR. LESHNER: I ask that so much be</p> <p>20 considered a reading.</p> <p>21 Without objection, we can vote.</p>	<p>1 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>5 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1593, a bill to</p> <p>7 amend Bill Numbers 1561, 1542, and 1505 for the</p> <p>8 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>9 replacement and improvement of 911 division</p> <p>10 technologies and the 911 division computer</p> <p>11 aided dispatch, CAD, system.</p> <p>12 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>15 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>19 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>21 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: We can vote.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>5 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>7 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>9 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>11 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1592, a bill to</p> <p>13 amend Bill Numbers 1560, 1537, 1509, and 1484</p> <p>14 for the purpose of amending the appropriation</p> <p>15 for a capital project for the construction of</p> <p>16 emergency medical services stations.</p> <p>17 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>20 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1594, a bill to</p> <p>2 authorize the replacement and improvement of</p> <p>3 the greens at the Talbot County Hog Neck Golf</p> <p>4 Course.</p> <p>5 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>8 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>10 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>12 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>14 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1595, a bill to</p> <p>16 authorize the replacement and improvement of</p> <p>17 the cart paths and paved areas at the Talbot</p> <p>18 County Hog Neck Golf Course.</p> <p>19 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p>

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<p>1 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>3 MR. LESHER: 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 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1596, a bill to</p> <p>9 amend Bill Number 1571 for the purpose of</p> <p>10 amending the appropriation for replacement of</p> <p>11 dehumidifiers at the Talbot County Community</p> <p>12 Center.</p> <p>13 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>16 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>20 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p>	<p>1 Library.</p> <p>2 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 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1599, a bill to</p> <p>13 amend Bill Numbers 1557, 1534, 1486, and 1424</p> <p>14 for the purpose of amending the appropriation</p> <p>15 to purchase improved or unimproved real</p> <p>16 property for future county uses.</p> <p>17 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>20 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p>
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<p>1 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1597, a bill to</p> <p>3 amend Bill Numbers 1556 and 1533 for the</p> <p>4 purpose of amending the appropriation for</p> <p>5 improvements to the Talbot County Detention</p> <p>6 Center.</p> <p>7 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>10 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>12 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>14 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>16 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1598, a bill to</p> <p>18 amend Bill Numbers 1555, 1532, and 1516 for the</p> <p>19 purpose of amending the appropriation for</p> <p>20 improvements to and expansion of the</p> <p>21 St. Michaels branch of the Talbot County Free</p>	<p>1 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>3 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>5 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1600, a bill to</p> <p>7 amend Bill Numbers 1368 and 1343 for the</p> <p>8 purpose of amending the appropriation for</p> <p>9 security enhancements to county facilities.</p> <p>10 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. LESHER: 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 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1601, a bill to</p> <p>21 amend Bill Number 1546 for the purpose of</p>

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<p>1 amending the appropriation for a feasibility 2 study for and possible future construction of a 3 Talbot County Visitors Center. 4 Mr. Callahan. 5 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 7 MR. STEPP: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 9 MR. LESHER: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 11 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 12 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 13 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 14 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1602, a bill to 15 authorize the acquisition and/or construction 16 of and improvements to county storage 17 facilities. 18 Mr. Callahan. 19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 20 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 21 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p>	<p>1 amend Bill Numbers 1518, 1285, and 1082 for the 2 purpose of amending the appropriation for 3 improvements to the Tunis Mills bridge. 4 5 Mr. Callahan. 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 8 MR. STEPP: Aye. 9 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 10 MR. LESHER: Aye. 11 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 12 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 14 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1605, a bill to 16 amend Bill Numbers 1507, 1361, 1332, 1307, and 17 1267 for the purpose of amending the 18 appropriation for the mapping, evaluation, and 19 rehabilitation or replacement of county 20 culverts. 21 Mr. Callahan.</p>
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<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 2 MR. LESHER: Aye. 3 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 4 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 5 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 6 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 7 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1603, a bill to 8 amend Bill Number 1567, 1541, and 1506 for the 9 purpose of amending the appropriation for 10 improvements to county roads. 11 Mr. Callahan. 12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 14 MR. STEPP: Aye. 15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 16 MR. LESHER: Aye. 17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 18 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 21 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1604, a bill to</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye. 2 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp. 3 MR. STEPP: Aye. 4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner. 5 MR. LESHER: Aye. 6 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke. 7 MS. MIELKE: Aye. 8 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe. 9 MS. HAYTHE: Aye. 10 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1606, a bill to 11 amend Bill Number 1569 for the purpose of 12 amending the appropriation for the construction 13 of and improvements to the concession stand at 14 the Talbot County Community Sports Complex. 15 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 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>3 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1607, a bill to</p> <p>5 authorize the replacements and improvements of</p> <p>6 county community pools and associated property.</p> <p>7 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>9 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>10 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>12 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>14 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>16 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1608, a bill to</p> <p>18 authorize replacement and improvement of</p> <p>19 stadium lighting at St. Michaels Middle and</p> <p>20 High School.</p> <p>21 Mr. Callahan.</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>2 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1610, a bill to</p> <p>6 amend Bill Number 1429 for the purpose of</p> <p>7 amending the appropriation for the watershed</p> <p>8 improvement plan for the west area of the</p> <p>9 Region II St. Michaels wastewater treatment</p> <p>10 plant area.</p> <p>11 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>14 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>16 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>18 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>20 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1611, a bill to</p>
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<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>3 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>7 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>9 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1609, a bill to</p> <p>11 amend Bill Numbers 1364 and 1341 for the</p> <p>12 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>13 watershed improvement plan for the east and</p> <p>14 northeast area of the Region II St. Michaels</p> <p>15 wastewater treatment plant area.</p> <p>16 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>19 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>21 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p>	<p>1 amend Bill Numbers 1502 and 1418 for the</p> <p>2 purpose of amending the appropriation for the</p> <p>3 connection of the Bar Neck and Fairbank</p> <p>4 communities to the Region V Tilghman wastewater</p> <p>5 treatment plant.</p> <p>6 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>9 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>11 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>13 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>14 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>15 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>16 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1612, a bill to</p> <p>17 amend Bill Number 1431 for the purpose of</p> <p>18 amending the appropriation for improvements to</p> <p>19 the Region V Tilghman wastewater treatment</p> <p>20 plant, pump stations, collection systems, and</p> <p>21 enhanced nutrient removal, ENR, technology.</p>

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<p>1 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>2 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>4 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1614, a bill to</p> <p>6 authorize replacements and improvements to pump</p> <p>7 stations and surrounding property in Region I</p> <p>8 of the Talbot County sanitary district.</p> <p>9 Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>11 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>12 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHNER: Aye.</p> <p>15 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>16 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>17 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>18 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>19 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1615, a bill to</p> <p>20 authorize replacements and improvements to pump</p> <p>21 stations and surrounding property in the Royal</p>	<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: All right. Good job.</p> <p>10 Okay.</p> <p>11 Next on the agenda is Bill 1617.</p> <p>12 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1617, a bill to</p> <p>13 amend Chapter 190, zoning, subdivision, and</p> <p>14 land development, of the Talbot County Code for</p> <p>15 the purposes of enacting regulations regarding</p> <p>16 dissolved air flotation, DAF, residuals, food</p> <p>17 processing residuals, and liquid organic soil</p> <p>18 amendments, providing that the storage of such</p> <p>19 materials is a permitted use in the</p> <p>20 agricultural conservation, AC, countryside</p> <p>21 preservation, CP, western rural conservation,</p>

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<p>1 WRC, and rural conservation, RC, zoning 2 districts and defining terms associated 3 therewith.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. I'll go ahead, and 5 we still have the public hearing going on.</p> <p>6 So Brennan, you want to come up here and 7 Bryce. Just kind of help the public understand 8 what this is about.</p> <p>9 MR. YELTON: Council, thank you. Bryce 10 Yelton, Talbot County Planning & Zoning.</p> <p>11 This is a text amendment that was brought 12 forth and introduced by the Planning Commission 13 initially.</p> <p>14 The Planning Commission initiated this 15 from hearing from some of our local 16 agricultural users in the county as well as our 17 farmers. And I believe that there was an issue 18 a couple of years ago that went before the Ag 19 Resolution Board related to DAF materials. And 20 this is the subsequent follow-up hoping to 21 resolve any future DAF residuals have in the</p>	<p>1 The State has also taken up legislation in 2 2024 that relates to restriction of those 3 materials with the State chemist and the 4 Department of Agriculture. But it does not 5 relate to the land use section of that. That's 6 left up to the local jurisdiction on where 7 these are allowed and how they're allowed. And 8 that's why we're here today.</p> <p>9 So open for any questions. I can clarify 10 anything if you need to.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Any questions, 12 Council?</p> <p>13 Okay. Appreciate it, guys.</p> <p>14 MR. TARLETON: Absolutely.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. I'll go ahead 16 and open it on the floor right now. If you 17 have any questions about 1617, please come on 18 up here, any concerns.</p> <p>19 Okay. Hearing none, I'll go ahead and 20 keep it open. It's eligible for vote on the 21 22nd. Okay.</p>
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<p>1 county.</p> <p>2 DAF residuals, kind of a short version of 3 it, are wastewater materials. So they're used 4 in industrial waste. So think of things like 5 agricultural processing where you have solids 6 left over from processing of whatever. It 7 could be chicken, it could be, you know, 8 seafood, any like that.</p> <p>9 Those particulates go into a wastewater 10 management treatment system called DAF. It 11 then combines in a scientific way and 12 essentially it produces a sludge.</p> <p>13 So that sludge is then high in nutrients 14 and it gets placed on farms in the county.</p> <p>15 Some of our other local municipalities, 16 mainly Dorchester and Caroline County, have had 17 moratoriums and other subsequent text 18 amendments locally. And so we just want to 19 make sure that we're on top of this and make 20 sure that we're not unregulated in this 21 process.</p>	<p>1 Madam Secretary, you want to go ahead and 2 move on to 1618.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Bill Number 1618, a bill to 4 amend Chapter 190, zoning, subdivision, and 5 land development, of the Talbot County Code for 6 purposes of providing that cannabis growing and 7 the processing of cannabis grown on site shall 8 be permitted uses in the agricultural 9 conservation, AC, countryside preservation, CP, 10 and western rural conservation, WRC, zoning 11 districts. Providing that the processing of 12 cannabis not grown on site shall be permitted 13 by special exception in the AC, CP, and WRC 14 zoning districts, and providing that cannabis 15 dispensaries shall be permitted by special 16 exception in the limited commercial, LC, 17 general commercial, GC, and limited industrial, 18 LI, zoning districts. Each subject to certain 19 conditions and defining terms associated 20 therewith.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam</p>

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<p>1 Secretary.</p> <p>2 Would you guys come on up one more time,</p> <p>3 please. Try to help the public understand, you</p> <p>4 know, find a solution for this situation. Yup.</p> <p>5 Would be great.</p> <p>6 MR. TARLETON: Just for the record again,</p> <p>7 Brennan Tarleton with the Department of</p> <p>8 Planning & Zoning.</p> <p>9 The draft zoning regulations regarding</p> <p>10 cannabis were originally initiated by you all.</p> <p>11 You gave direction to the planning staff to</p> <p>12 draft cannabis legislation that addresses all</p> <p>13 facets of the operational standards of that</p> <p>14 based on the State's requirements and the</p> <p>15 legalization of that product to be grown,</p> <p>16 processed, and sold in the State of Maryland.</p> <p>17 Many of our neighboring jurisdictions have</p> <p>18 already enacted legislation. We took a look at</p> <p>19 a lot of what our neighboring jurisdictions did</p> <p>20 when drafting this legislation, forwarded a</p> <p>21 draft copy of this legislation to the Planning</p>	<p>1 we're compliant with the requirements of the</p> <p>2 State as well.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. That's good.</p> <p>4 appreciate it.</p> <p>5 Okay. At this time, I'll go ahead and</p> <p>6 open it to the public. And anybody that would</p> <p>7 like to come up here on 1618, please come on</p> <p>8 up.</p> <p>9 Yes, ma'am. How are you?</p> <p>10 MS. YATES: Hi.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Good, good.</p> <p>12 MS. YATES: My name is Lori Yates. I'm a</p> <p>13 long-term resident of Easton and Talbot County.</p> <p>14 I think I've met some of you.</p> <p>15 And I think you may already have a letter</p> <p>16 that was submitted to the Council.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes, ma'am, we do.</p> <p>18 MS. YATES: So I wasn't going to read it</p> <p>19 word for word.</p> <p>20 But just wanted to put a face to this</p> <p>21 person, who, me, who has received a cannabis</p>
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<p>1 Commission. They reviewed it.</p> <p>2 From there, the Planning Commission held a</p> <p>3 work session with you all to discuss those</p> <p>4 revisions and to get some further direction on</p> <p>5 where you all were leaning as far as additional</p> <p>6 bulk requirements and standards related to each</p> <p>7 of these individual uses.</p> <p>8 From there, we've provided you with a copy</p> <p>9 of the finalized and recommended version from</p> <p>10 the Planning Commission of a draft cannabis</p> <p>11 legislation that addresses the growing,</p> <p>12 processing, and the dispensary aspect of that</p> <p>13 licensing process.</p> <p>14 And I believe the bill clearly articulates</p> <p>15 what districts that's approved under and the</p> <p>16 additional bulk requirements that coincide with</p> <p>17 them. We went over them in the last meeting as</p> <p>18 well.</p> <p>19 So this is essentially in front of you to</p> <p>20 address a new land use classification, so to</p> <p>21 speak, in the State of Maryland to ensure that</p>	<p>1 license for cultivation from the State MCA.</p> <p>2 And let you know as a long-term resident, I</p> <p>3 care a lot about our community and have been</p> <p>4 involved in numerous nonprofit organizational</p> <p>5 efforts through my own employment and, also,</p> <p>6 peripherally, the health care industry here.</p> <p>7 One of my positions was with Susan G.</p> <p>8 Komen, and I worked with a lot of the cancer</p> <p>9 care providers in the community who we provided</p> <p>10 grant funding to.</p> <p>11 And as a cancer survivor myself, was part</p> <p>12 of the motivation for applying for this</p> <p>13 license.</p> <p>14 We'd like to see a good, a good program</p> <p>15 brought to Talbot County for cultivation of</p> <p>16 cannabis done in a very carefully thought out</p> <p>17 way that integrated into the community and as a</p> <p>18 reputable business here in Talbot County.</p> <p>19 So I just wanted to introduce myself and</p> <p>20 put a face to that initially.</p> <p>21 And one of the things we've been pursuing</p>

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<p>1 over -- it's really been a two-year period that</p> <p>2 we've been working with the MCA. There have</p> <p>3 been a lot of delays at the State level,</p> <p>4 decisions that have been made. There have been</p> <p>5 some back and forth things that have occurred</p> <p>6 that have really delayed the process before</p> <p>7 it's come to the county level even.</p> <p>8 So we've tried to do what we could to kind</p> <p>9 of step forward and do some preliminary work</p> <p>10 around that, securing financing for a project</p> <p>11 and also looking at real estate.</p> <p>12 So we found a property that we feel is</p> <p>13 particularly beneficial for this project, and</p> <p>14 we wanted to -- it's a plus-30-acre property.</p> <p>15 You may be familiar with it. It used to be</p> <p>16 called Triple Creek Winery. It's off the</p> <p>17 Cordova Road. It meets a number of the</p> <p>18 requirements that are already in place</p> <p>19 regarding zoning.</p> <p>20 But one of the things that we're very</p> <p>21 concerned about is the potential for this</p>	<p>1 our agricultural area.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>3 We're about out of time.</p> <p>4 MS. YATES: Okay. I'm sorry.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: That's okay, that's okay.</p> <p>6 Any final thoughts?</p> <p>7 MS. YATES: All right. Thank you very</p> <p>8 much.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>10 Good evening.</p> <p>11 MR. FERRARIS: Hello. Thanks for having</p> <p>12 us.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>14 MR. FERRARIS: My name is Dave Ferraris,</p> <p>15 owner of Lady Grace. Also, an award -- not</p> <p>16 award winner but a license winner from the</p> <p>17 State of Maryland MCA for processing. We've</p> <p>18 submitted a letter to you folks.</p> <p>19 Just want to reiterate what Lori just</p> <p>20 said, our concerns about the restrictions that</p> <p>21 are proposed. Would really make it detrimental</p>
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<p>1 500-foot setback. If that was put into place,</p> <p>2 it really would pull the rug out from us trying</p> <p>3 to work with the current owners and go ahead</p> <p>4 with the purchase of that property.</p> <p>5 It's not been purchased yet because we're</p> <p>6 waiting on the final approval.</p> <p>7 But such a restriction would make it</p> <p>8 impossible for us to move forward with that</p> <p>9 property, and we've really put a lot of time</p> <p>10 and effort into it. It has a lot of things</p> <p>11 already that would make it easier for us to</p> <p>12 step forward and do an effective project and</p> <p>13 meet all the criteria that's required.</p> <p>14 So I'm just coming here before you to talk</p> <p>15 a little bit about that.</p> <p>16 And our suggestion would be to revise that</p> <p>17 setback requirement if possible. We suggest a</p> <p>18 200-foot setback. We feel that that's still</p> <p>19 within a good plan to have it off of the public</p> <p>20 access road and really don't expect that that</p> <p>21 would present any problems within that part of</p>	<p>1 to the last year and a half work that we've put</p> <p>2 in trying to research and find an appropriate</p> <p>3 property for our business.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>5 MR. FERRARIS: I've written down a few</p> <p>6 words I'm going to read just because it's sort</p> <p>7 of put my thoughts together.</p> <p>8 Cannabis cultivation is now one of the</p> <p>9 most tightly regulated industries in Maryland,</p> <p>10 as we know, with odor controls, security plans,</p> <p>11 State inspections. It's not the wild west.</p> <p>12 It's agriculture with oversight.</p> <p>13 These operations bring local jobs, tax</p> <p>14 revenue, and long-term investment. And one of</p> <p>15 the things I think is the biggest benefit is</p> <p>16 without the traffic or noise of retail or</p> <p>17 manufacturing.</p> <p>18 I understand and respect the concerns of</p> <p>19 residents and you elected representatives here.</p> <p>20 It's an important decision for the community</p> <p>21 and it's important that we get it right. I</p>

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<p>1 feel strongly about that as well. Lived here 2 for about 18 years now. And I have two kids in 3 the public school system.</p> <p>4 But with at least two of the proposed 5 amendments in Bill 1618, specifically the 6 minimal setbacks and the no odors clauses, 7 Talbot County will realistically and 8 effectively be disqualified from participating 9 in cannabis processing and growing endeavors.</p> <p>10 Some level of odor I don't think should 11 prohibit these businesses. With sealed 12 buildings and carbon filtration systems, a 13 level of smell can be mitigated, just as we've 14 seen in town with the crab processing on South 15 Aurora Street.</p> <p>16 I also want to speak to the character of 17 some of the people involved. We're not 18 outsiders looking to exploit our town. We're 19 long-time residents, small business owners. I, 20 myself, have worked a nonprofit for years. And 21 we're neighbors who care deeply about the</p>	<p>1 law, and our neighbors. We're not asking for a 2 blank check. We're just asking for a fair 3 chance. I'd like us to work together to set 4 conditions that protect neighbors while also 5 allowing our farm to grow responsibly.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. Thank you. 7 MR. FERRARIS: Thanks a lot. 8 MR. CALLAHAN: Appreciate it. Thank you. 9 Okay. Anybody else like to come up here 10 and talk about 1618?</p> <p>11 So Brennan, can you come up here for a 12 second, you and Bryce. Just for a second. 13 So, you know, it seems like these 14 applicants have, you know, reached out. And I 15 think you've talked to them a little bit.</p> <p>16 Is this something that maybe you can kind 17 of work with them to help them guide them a 18 little bit for some of the concerns on some of 19 the legislation we've done?</p> <p>20 Is there an avenue that we can do a text 21 amendment of some sort to see if we can help</p>
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<p>1 community. We volunteered on local boards, 2 coached Little League teams, supported food 3 drives and school fundraisers.</p> <p>4 This isn't just about growing a plant. 5 It's about growing an opportunity responsibly 6 and transparently.</p> <p>7 I believe that bringing a well-run, 8 professional cannabis operation to Talbot 9 County can enhance the community, not harm it. 10 It creates well-paying jobs for local people, 11 supports agricultural innovation, provides a 12 regulated alternative to unlicensed underground 13 activity.</p> <p>14 Just like wineries, breweries, other 15 specialty farms have added new dimensions to 16 rural economies. A cannabis processor, a grow 17 operation with the right oversight and 18 community partnership can do the same.</p> <p>19 And, again, the people proposing this are 20 not strangers. We're committed to doing this 21 the right way with respect for the land, the</p>	<p>1 them out?</p> <p>2 MR. TARLETON: Well, I think the main 3 concerns that I heard, based on the testimony 4 here, were the minimum setback requirement.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.</p> <p>6 MR. TARLETON: Which as it's written right 7 now, we have a 500-foot setback for any lot 8 line of a property containing preexisting 9 residential uses, unless consent is obtained 10 from all owners of residential properties 11 within 500 feet to reduce that setback to 200 12 feet.</p> <p>13 So there's the option built in for a 14 further reduced setback providing that the 15 neighboring property owners within that radius 16 are consenting.</p> <p>17 But I think the understanding and the 18 expressed concern here is a reduction to 19 200 feet. And I think we originally spoke 20 about that at the work session with the County 21 Council and the Planning Commission, that</p>

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<p>1 several of our other agricultural type uses or</p> <p>2 classified uses within the county adhere to and</p> <p>3 require a 200-foot setback. Agricultural</p> <p>4 processing is one of them. Commercial feed</p> <p>5 lots and lagoons for poultry and hog houses is</p> <p>6 another.</p> <p>7 So 200 feet isn't a, you know, pie in the</p> <p>8 sky idea.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure.</p> <p>10 MR. TARLETON: Setback. It's certainly</p> <p>11 one that we've utilized and come to realize is</p> <p>12 effective for other land uses as well.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. TARLETON: So I mean that's certainly</p> <p>15 something for the Council to consider.</p> <p>16 But the way the language is written now,</p> <p>17 you can get down to that 200 feet. It just</p> <p>18 requires an additional step of approval or</p> <p>19 consent from neighboring property owners.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: I see. So the consent</p> <p>21 would be we don't have to do anything, we just</p>	<p>1 language directly mirrors what's in the Town of</p> <p>2 Easton's ordinance now for cannabis.</p> <p>3 The only difference in our regulations</p> <p>4 from theirs with respect to this language is</p> <p>5 that I believe the Town of Easton restricted</p> <p>6 the growing capabilities for cannabis to</p> <p>7 strictly indoor, which obviously this language</p> <p>8 is more applicable there.</p> <p>9 However, we have the cannabis growing</p> <p>10 operation as an indoor or an outdoor</p> <p>11 opportunity here, which, you know, just</p> <p>12 thinking about it logically, that may present</p> <p>13 some issues as far as actual odor mitigation</p> <p>14 when you're talking about open air growing.</p> <p>15 So there's obviously the opportunity if</p> <p>16 the Council would want to discuss possibly</p> <p>17 exempting outdoor facilities from the odor</p> <p>18 mitigation requirements, realizing that there's</p> <p>19 no way to capture that odor within the business</p> <p>20 operation if it is, in fact, open air grown,</p> <p>21 not undercover.</p>
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<p>1 need consent from the property owner?</p> <p>2 MR. TARLETON: Yes. You'd have to,</p> <p>3 essentially what you would do is create a</p> <p>4 radius around the property lines, see who falls</p> <p>5 within that 500-foot setback. And if all of</p> <p>6 those neighbors are willing and consenting to</p> <p>7 that setback reduction, whatever they</p> <p>8 requested, that it can go no lower than 200</p> <p>9 feet.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: I see.</p> <p>11 MR. TARLETON: Based on the way the code</p> <p>12 is currently written.</p> <p>13 And obviously, they're requesting to</p> <p>14 reduce it further to just 200 feet across the</p> <p>15 board and not have the property owner consent</p> <p>16 portion of that.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>18 MR. TARLETON: And then the others related</p> <p>19 to odor. I think the language that we included</p> <p>20 for odor was duplicated through the cannabis</p> <p>21 grower, processor, and the dispensaries. The</p>	<p>1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHER: Question for Mr. Thomas on</p> <p>3 procedure.</p> <p>4 If we were to introduce an amendment at</p> <p>5 the next meeting altering this language on</p> <p>6 minimum setbacks, possibly odors related to</p> <p>7 outdoor growing, those amendments would not</p> <p>8 necessarily go back to the Planning Commission.</p> <p>9 Is that correct?</p> <p>10 MR. THOMAS: That is correct. And I think</p> <p>11 in this instance, if we're talking about a</p> <p>12 change in setbacks and the odor control, the</p> <p>13 Planning Commission has already reviewed this</p> <p>14 and made recommendations.</p> <p>15 This doesn't -- you know, we're not</p> <p>16 throwing in something completely different that</p> <p>17 I think substantially alters the bill. So I</p> <p>18 think you could propose an amendment along</p> <p>19 those lines.</p> <p>20 And the bill expires on August 14th. So I</p> <p>21 think that leaves us two more meetings to</p>

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<p>1 tackle this.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHHER: So we could put it to the</p> <p>3 August 12th meeting?</p> <p>4 MR. THOMAS: That is correct. So we could</p> <p>5 theoretically introduce an amendment at the</p> <p>6 next meeting and then vote on it at the August</p> <p>7 meeting and proceed from there.</p> <p>8 That might even give the Planning</p> <p>9 Commission a little bit of time to take a look</p> <p>10 at it and offer some additional</p> <p>11 recommendations, even though I don't know that</p> <p>12 they're required to under the zoning code.</p> <p>13 MR. LESHHER: Right. We could, on</p> <p>14 introducing an amendment, refer to them for</p> <p>15 their opinion at their August meeting.</p> <p>16 MR. THOMAS: Yes. Does that, Brennan,</p> <p>17 does that leave you enough time?</p> <p>18 MR. TARLETON: If it's on the 22nd, we can</p> <p>19 certainly hold a tentative space on the agenda</p> <p>20 for additional discussion related to the</p> <p>21 cannabis legislation. So we'll just put that</p>	<p>1 up, public comment? Come on up, Phil.</p> <p>2 You've been very patient back there, you</p> <p>3 know.</p> <p>4 MR. STARKEY: That's okay. I didn't sign</p> <p>5 up to come up here. I thought I'd come here in</p> <p>6 the public comments.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>8 MR. STARKEY: I wasn't sure if I was going</p> <p>9 to make it tonight or not.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>11 MR. STARKEY: Phil Starkey, Talbot County</p> <p>12 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.</p> <p>13 Just wanted to thank the Council and Clay.</p> <p>14 Our board switched in this past month in June.</p> <p>15 So I'm no longer president of the association.</p> <p>16 Jimmy Easton from Cordova is.</p> <p>17 It's not a bad thing. I'm back in as vice</p> <p>18 president. Our bylaws state I can only stay in</p> <p>19 for two years at a time. So hopefully I'll be</p> <p>20 back the following year.</p> <p>21 But I just wanted to thank you guys for</p>
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<p>1 as a general discussion item.</p> <p>2 And then obviously if the choice of the</p> <p>3 Council is to move forward with proposing that</p> <p>4 amendment, referring it to the Planning</p> <p>5 Commission, we'll just report back to you all</p> <p>6 at the following meeting in August on their</p> <p>7 review and comments of any proposed changes.</p> <p>8 MR. LESHHER: Thank you. That's very</p> <p>9 helpful.</p> <p>10 MR. CALLAHAN: That would be great. Okay.</p> <p>11 Any other questions, Council?</p> <p>12 Okay. Thank you, guys. I appreciate it.</p> <p>13 MR. TARLETON: Absolutely.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. I guess we're</p> <p>15 down to...</p> <p>16 MR. LESHHER: Public comments.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Public comment.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHHER: Nobody has signed up in</p> <p>19 advance. So you can open the floor to those</p> <p>20 present.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes. Anybody like to come</p>	<p>1 all your help and stuff that we did in the past</p> <p>2 couple of years.</p> <p>3 I'd like to highlight a couple of things,</p> <p>4 if you got a few minutes.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup, yup.</p> <p>6 MR. STARKEY: I know it's a long meeting.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Yup.</p> <p>8 MR. STARKEY: So there's a couple of</p> <p>9 things coming up this year, next year. We've</p> <p>10 got three fire companies. Trappe is</p> <p>11 celebrating their 100th. So you guys might</p> <p>12 want to keep an eye out for theirs. And</p> <p>13 Cordova and Oxford will be celebrating their</p> <p>14 100th anniversaries next year, along with the</p> <p>15 association will be celebrating their 100th</p> <p>16 anniversary.</p> <p>17 So there's some things coming down the</p> <p>18 pike that you guys might want to keep an eye</p> <p>19 out.</p> <p>20 I know most of the time we see you and</p> <p>21 praise at election times. But you know, the</p>

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<p>1 fire companies like to have you guys come out 2 and...</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: That's right.</p> <p>4 MR. STARKEY: A couple of other things I 5 wanted to talk about. It's been a busy year. 6 Last year, things have been kind of rolling 7 around.</p> <p>8 I want to thank you guys for the support 9 over the years. We've been doing a lot of 10 testing. We even added it to the budget, hose 11 testing, pump testing, ladder testing.</p> <p>12 So this year, with the help of Clay and 13 Martha, we were able to purchase a fit testing 14 machine, which is a device that fits on our air 15 masks that test the mask to make sure that 16 they're fitting properly, that the firefighters 17 don't stand a chance of getting any kind of 18 smoke in their mask.</p> <p>19 So the machine was pretty expensive. So 20 we had to, we pulled some money together out of 21 our budget that was reserved. So it was a good</p>	<p>1 the firefighters that were eligible in the 2 county out of the training money to register. 3 We did it two months ago. We had 26 people 4 showed up for the registration. 111 5 certifications were implemented.</p> <p>6 There are different categories. The Pro 7 Boarding people said we were the largest county 8 to sit down at one time to do this event.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great. That's good.</p> <p>10 MR. STARKEY: And they were really 11 pleased.</p> <p>12 We had nine others that they came. There 13 was some things that they couldn't do. So we 14 had to come back.</p> <p>15 So we're going to make this an annual 16 event for the departments, because it does cost 17 the firefighters, if you go do it on your own, 18 it cost them 15 bucks just for the 19 certification.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>21 MR. STARKEY: That was another good thing</p>
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<p>1 purchase.</p> <p>2 The DES is also going to utilize it 3 because they have N95 masks that they can use 4 it on.</p> <p>5 And I've also talked to Sheriff Gamble for 6 his SWAT team. None of their guys have ever 7 been tested on their gas masks. So they're 8 going to use it to certify to make sure that 9 all their members on the SWAT team are being, 10 you know...</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.</p> <p>12 MR. STARKEY: Have the right mask. And if 13 they need to order something different that fit 14 them.</p> <p>15 We also -- I'll try to explain this real 16 quick. There's a national registration for 17 fire departments, for firefighters. It's 18 called Pro Boarding, and it's recognized in 48 19 states. So depending on the level of training 20 that you have, you can register for this.</p> <p>21 We took it upon ourselves to pay for all</p>	<p>1 that happened.</p> <p>2 R&R. We've had six people take advantage 3 of the education and reimbursement program that 4 we put in place. We've had -- we're working on 5 new flyers. We've always done a single flyer 6 for the county.</p> <p>7 So we decided to do seven different flyers 8 because every department has different stuff. 9 So we're doing seven different flyers. They're 10 currently being printed. So you'll see them 11 out and about here shortly.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.</p> <p>13 MR. STARKEY: The LOSEP (sic.) program 14 that we got approved this past budget, we've 15 got a lot of good feedback. We haven't sat 16 down with (indiscernible) department yet to get 17 it all implemented, but we're all good. The 18 feedback that we're getting from the members 19 that are eligible and stuff, we got great 20 feedback from the departments.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great.</p>

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<p>1 MR. STARKEY: We also, we attended the</p> <p>2 two-day event at the Hog Neck Arena. It was</p> <p>3 put on for the high school students.</p> <p>4 Myself and Sonny Jones and another</p> <p>5 gentleman from Easton, we set up there. Great</p> <p>6 day. We had a ball with the high school</p> <p>7 students, putting them in gear. We had them</p> <p>8 running around the arena up there with air</p> <p>9 packs on and stuff.</p> <p>10 I think Easton ended up getting like four</p> <p>11 people that joined. Cordova got two I think</p> <p>12 that end up signing up, juniors from the high</p> <p>13 school. So they'll be in the vo-tech program</p> <p>14 next year.</p> <p>15 So we're planning on doing that again year</p> <p>16 when they have it there.</p> <p>17 We're going to try to work with the School</p> <p>18 Board. We're going to try to get into the</p> <p>19 middle schools. We're finding that the seventh</p> <p>20 and eighth graders is a better place to start</p> <p>21 hitting them because they're already on their</p>	<p>1 sit down hopefully when Easton's school, when</p> <p>2 Easton's training center comes on board. We're</p> <p>3 going to sit down with them.</p> <p>4 MFRI is willing to train vo-tech kids at</p> <p>5 Easton's new training facility, which will make</p> <p>6 it great for the St. Michaels students.</p> <p>7 They'll do it in the afternoons. There will be</p> <p>8 an afternoon program. So it will be they have</p> <p>9 instructors that are willing to come to Easton.</p> <p>10 So we're going to look into that once the</p> <p>11 training grounds gets up and operational.</p> <p>12 And Easton Fire Company is okay with that.</p> <p>13 They've already talked to MFRI about doing some</p> <p>14 programs there anyhow.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.</p> <p>16 MR. STARKEY: So we're going to hopefully</p> <p>17 have that come about. Because we're getting</p> <p>18 some response.</p> <p>19 They had 19 kids last year in the vo-tech</p> <p>20 program, total in the three counties. So the</p> <p>21 largest, largest group they've had. So there</p>
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<p>1 career path by the time they get to the high</p> <p>2 school.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.</p> <p>4 MR. STARKEY: So if we can try to get in</p> <p>5 there early and try to, you know, get them</p> <p>6 interested.</p> <p>7 A lot of our stations now have junior</p> <p>8 cadet programs. So it could be a good time.</p> <p>9 They can usually join at 12, a junior cadet.</p> <p>10 So we'll get them in there.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. You got to get them</p> <p>12 to ride the fire truck.</p> <p>13 MR. STARKEY: Right. Yup, yup.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly right.</p> <p>15 MR. STEPP: Reel them in good.</p> <p>16 MR. STARKEY: So speaking of vo-tech, you</p> <p>17 know the Easton's building their -- they've got</p> <p>18 a training center coming up.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Right.</p> <p>20 MR. STARKEY: I met with the MFRI director</p> <p>21 up here at the Eastern Shore. We're going to</p>	<p>1 is interest, it's there.</p> <p>2 MR. CALLAHAN: That's great.</p> <p>3 MR. STARKEY: And then other than that, I</p> <p>4 just wanted to thank you guys for supporting</p> <p>5 that north station because, you know, hopefully</p> <p>6 we'll do a ribbon cutting in the spring.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: That's good.</p> <p>8 MR. STARKEY: But other than that, thank</p> <p>9 you, guys, for your support. And I just wanted</p> <p>10 to come up here. We don't get to see much of</p> <p>11 anybody anymore except when we go to the</p> <p>12 banquets.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: We definitely appreciate</p> <p>14 you and all the work you're doing. That's for</p> <p>15 sure. You're very, very important.</p> <p>16 And anything that we can do, Sarah takes</p> <p>17 care of our advertising and stuff, with the</p> <p>18 celebrations and all that stuff. So maybe</p> <p>19 Mr. Stamp can help you along with that.</p> <p>20 MR. STARKEY: Right.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: We can put that out there</p>


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<p>1 for everybody to try to help you guys out.</p> <p>2 MR. STARKEY: Yup.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. And that's a big</p> <p>4 thing, that training, what you were just</p> <p>5 saying.</p> <p>6 MR. STARKEY: Yes.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: With MFRI helping out.</p> <p>8 Yeah. That's big. That's pretty huge.</p> <p>9 MR. STARKEY: Yeah. I was surprised when</p> <p>10 I mentioned it to them.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p> <p>12 MR. STARKEY: I guess there had been some</p> <p>13 little bit of talks because of the Easton</p> <p>14 training grounds.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup.</p> <p>16 MR. STARKEY: And they said they had some</p> <p>17 instructors that are willing to come down and</p> <p>18 teach vo-tech kids, you know, if we can get</p> <p>19 enough.</p> <p>20 It will probably benefit Dorchester</p> <p>21 County, too, being this close. That's the</p>	<p>1 One. Given that there is a thunderstorm</p> <p>2 outside, you may have received a Talbot County</p> <p>3 alert.</p> <p>4 And if you didn't, make sure you are</p> <p>5 signed up. That's the best way to learn about</p> <p>6 storms that we can literally hear right outside</p> <p>7 right now.</p> <p>8 It is talbotalerts.com. And you will need</p> <p>9 to add your name. And then you can sign up to</p> <p>10 receive texts, phone, or email, or all of the</p> <p>11 above messages about weather-related alerts as</p> <p>12 well as other emergencies in the county.</p> <p>13 They do use it sparingly, but you do</p> <p>14 receive it if we have anything coming into our</p> <p>15 area, such as a severe thunderstorm. That's</p> <p>16 the first update.</p> <p>17 Second update for Talbot 250. We just</p> <p>18 completed our second quarterly report, which</p> <p>19 will be given to Council this week.</p> <p>20 For this, Council, we were excited to be</p> <p>21 supporting several projects and initiatives.</p>
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<p>1 biggest thing, is the drive time back and forth</p> <p>2 to the training school. That's what kills,</p> <p>3 kills the vo-tech for some of these kids.</p> <p>4 MR. CALLAHAN: Well, I'm sure that</p> <p>5 Mr. Stamp could help out during the evenings</p> <p>6 and stuff.</p> <p>7 MR. STARKEY: Yeah, yeah. I'm sure we can</p> <p>8 get him out there.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah. We get him out</p> <p>10 there.</p> <p>11 MR. STARKEY: So that's all I got. Thank</p> <p>12 you, guys.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. I</p> <p>14 appreciate it.</p> <p>15 MR. STAMP: Thank you.</p> <p>16 MS. KILMON: I have an update.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: You got an update. Yeah.</p> <p>18 Come on.</p> <p>19 MS. KILMON: Hello. Sarah Kilmon, timer</p> <p>20 coordinator and communication manager for</p> <p>21 Talbot County. I have two things.</p>	<p>1 We, of course, had Talbot Treasures a few</p> <p>2 weeks back.</p> <p>3 But one of these projects just launched</p> <p>4 last week. The first episode of Voices of</p> <p>5 Talbot aired on WHCP, which is 91.7. And new</p> <p>6 episodes will air each Friday during Val</p> <p>7 Cavalari's Shore Stories. Episodes can also be</p> <p>8 found online after airing at</p> <p>9 talbot250.org/voices.</p> <p>10 Talbot 250 will also be joining the</p> <p>11 celebration of our agricultural community this</p> <p>12 month. The commission will be out at the</p> <p>13 Talbot County Fair this Saturday, July 12th,</p> <p>14 and encourage everyone to come out and stop by</p> <p>15 the table to get a special prize.</p> <p>16 We'd also like to give a shout out to the</p> <p>17 Tuckahoe Steam & Gas Show, which is occurring</p> <p>18 this weekend as well. And that is what a way</p> <p>19 to step back in time if you've ever been. It</p> <p>20 is very cool to see.</p> <p>21 For all updates, events, projects, and</p>

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<p>1 stories, check out our website at</p> <p>2 talbot250.org. And you can sign up for our</p> <p>3 newsletter and follow us on FaceBook and</p> <p>4 Instagram.</p> <p>5 MR. CALLAHAN: Sounds great.</p> <p>6 Any questions? Okay. All right.</p> <p>7 MR. STEPP: I got one quick point. I got</p> <p>8 my phone call, my text, and my email today.</p> <p>9 For everyone, what Sarah just said, it works</p> <p>10 and it works well.</p> <p>11 MR. STAMP: Council, I just want to double</p> <p>12 down on that and say, first, you know, we all</p> <p>13 want to keep oh, so many families in prayer</p> <p>14 right now who lost so many people from flash</p> <p>15 flooding in Texas.</p> <p>16 But it's a reminder. It's a reminder</p> <p>17 that, you know, there are systems that are out</p> <p>18 there. Day in and day out, the National</p> <p>19 Weather Service sends out watches and warnings.</p> <p>20 But if people don't have ability to receive</p> <p>21 them, at nighttime when they're sleeping or</p>	<p>1 Frederick Douglass, What to the Slave is the</p> <p>2 Fourth of July this past Saturday.</p> <p>3 I heard from a number of participants and</p> <p>4 others in attendance noting the power and</p> <p>5 relevance of those words today.</p> <p>6 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>7 MS. MIELKE: Nope.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: No.</p> <p>9 MS. HAYTHE: I was trying to beat the</p> <p>10 rain.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Were you? You can go.</p> <p>12 MS. HAYTHE: No umbrella. So I guess I'm</p> <p>13 stuck inside.</p> <p>14 MS. MIELKE: Raincoat. It's in the car.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: All right. Let's get ready</p> <p>16 and go. So Mr. Leshner, you want to.</p> <p>17 MR. LESHNER: The County Council's next</p> <p>18 meeting will be held on Tuesday, May (sic.)</p> <p>19 22nd beginning at 5 o'clock. The Council will</p> <p>20 be convening in open session at 3:30 p.m. and</p> <p>21 then adjourning into closed session, as listed</p>
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<p>1 whatever, then it's all for naught. Right?</p> <p>2 But we have embraced technology here, and</p> <p>3 we have a tool here.</p> <p>4 Most of us go to sleep and our cell phones</p> <p>5 are on the table. Right? So people, we really</p> <p>6 need people to sign up for those so that they</p> <p>7 can get those alerts in advance.</p> <p>8 MR. CALLAHAN: Very important.</p> <p>9 MR. STAMP: So that was really good that</p> <p>10 Sarah brought that up. Thank you.</p> <p>11 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Thank you.</p> <p>12 Okay. I guess is that about it?</p> <p>13 MR. LESHNER: Council comments.</p> <p>14 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah, Council comments.</p> <p>15 Sorry. Okay. Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>16 MR. STEPP: I'm good.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Good. Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>18 MR. LESHNER: I had the honor of</p> <p>19 participating on the front lawn of the</p> <p>20 courthouse in the reading of the powerful words</p> <p>21 of Talbot County's most famous native son,</p>	<p>1 on the statement for closing that meeting.</p> <p>2 On Tuesday, July 15th, the County Council</p> <p>3 will be meeting with the Board of Education at</p> <p>4 5 o'clock p.m. at the Talbot County Free</p> <p>5 Library Easton branch. The meeting is open to</p> <p>6 the public.</p> <p>7 Therefore, is there a motion to adjourn</p> <p>8 this meeting and reconvene as noted?</p> <p>9 MS. HAYTHE: So moved.</p> <p>10 MR. STEPP: Before I'd like to make a</p> <p>11 motion, you said May, that was our next</p> <p>12 meeting. I think it was just a typo.</p> <p>13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.</p> <p>14 MR. LESHNER: Tuesday, July 22nd.</p> <p>15 MR. STAMP: There we go.</p> <p>16 MR. STEPP: So Keasha made a motion. I'll</p> <p>17 second that.</p> <p>18 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>19 second. Madam Secretary, could you call the</p> <p>20 vote.</p> <p>21 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p>

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.
2 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.
3 MR. STEPP: Aye.
4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.
5 MR. LESHER: Aye.
6 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.
7 MS. MIELKE: Aye.
8 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.
9 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.
10 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Have a great
11 evening. Thanks for coming.
12 MS. MIELKE: Stay safe.
13 (Meeting concluded at: 6:57 p.m.)
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2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and
3 for the State of Maryland, County of Baltimore City,
4 do hereby certify that the within named, Talbot
5 County Council Audio, personally appeared before me
6 at the time and place herein set according to law,
7 was interrogated by counsel.
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9 I further certify that the examination was
10 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed
11 from my stenographic notes to the within printed
12 matter by means of computer-assisted transcription
13 in a true and accurate manner.
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15 I further certify that the stipulations
16 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my
17 presence.
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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 15th
day of July, 2025, at Easton, MD.

Diane Houlihan
Notary Public
My commission expires September 16, 2025

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