

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**August 27, 2019**  
**WALTER WARD – MAYOR**  
**EBBIE LOVER – MAYOR PRO TEM**  
**JANEEN LUCAS – COUNCIL MEMBER**  
**SHEARON COLEMAN-COUNCIL MEMBER**  
**LATOYYA WRIGHT-YOUNG-COUNCIL MEMBER**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Walter Ward called meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

**B. PRAYER**

Prayer was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Ebbie Lover

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge was led by Mayor Walter Ward

**D. Roll Call- Precious Wafer, City Secretary**

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**A quorum was present**

Rule for Public Comment(s).....City Secretary, Precious Wafer

- a. Sign up forms will be available at all Regular and Special meetings for registering the names of members of the Public who wish to either:
  - speak on an agenda item, provided such items have not been the subject of a prior public hearing; or
  - make a general comments related to the Commission business.

*These forms will be given to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting so that the person's name can be called to address the Commission at the appropriate time.*

- b. Public Comments on agenda items will be made at the time an agenda item appears in the Order of Business and before the Commission's consideration of that item.
- c. Public Comments of a general nature shall be made at the time designated by the Order of Business.
- d. All public comments shall be limited to four (4) minutes per speaker with extensions of two (2) minute increments as approved by a majority vote of Commission members present.
- e. Public Comment at Workshop meetings will be allowed at the discretion of the Chair. Any comments will be limited as described in Article IV Sec 8.
- f. Comments from the Audience: Citizens who desire to address the City Council regarding matters on the Consent or Special Call Agenda will be received now. Each speaker is limited to two (2) minutes.

*It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**OPEN MEETING (9:32 PM)**

Reconvene in General Council meeting and announce any items from Executive Session requiring Board action.....Mayor Walter Ward

- Mayor Walter Ward declared Position #3 be vacant based on section 21.025 Public Official Misconduct.
  - Mayor Ward brought motion to the floor

- Mayor Pro-Tem-Ebbie Lover Seconded the Motion
- Shearon Coleman announced she would not vote on item
- Janeene Lucas announced she would not vote on item
- Mayor Ward opened the floor for nominations for Position #5
  - Mayor Pro-Tem Ebbie Lover seconded the motion
  - Majority vote yes
- Mayor Ward asked the council to nominate from the table
- Nomination for Gloria Luna
  - 1 vote in favor
- Nomination for Mr. Starling
  - 2 voted in favor- Majority Ruled
- Mayor Ward swore in Earnest Starling to serve in Position #5
- Mayor Ward reiterated the importance of serving on the board to serve the City of Easton in a lawful way, based on TML standards and regulations and not per friendship or relationship.

### **AGENDA**

Council will discuss, consider and if appropriate, take actions on the items listed below. All agenda items are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member, mayor, city administrator, city attorney or city secretary so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

#### **City Council will discuss the following items:**

##### **Review and/or approve the following:**

##### **1. 2019-2020 Tax Rate**

##### **Review and/or approve the following:**

##### **2. 2019-2020 Budget**

##### **Review and/or approve the following:**

##### **3. Ayanna Merchant- Accounting Contract**

##### **Review and/or approve the following:**

City Secretary, Precious made a proposal to accept the proposed tax rate of: 25 cents on \$1.00 without changes to previous year's rate (2018-2019), Proposed 2019-2020 Budget & Accountant Agreement

Motion to accept tax rate: Mayor Ward

Seconded By: Latoya Wright-Young, Council Member

Majority Voted Yes

##### **4. City Administrator Ordinance**

##### **Review and/or approve the following:**

##### **5. Hiring City Clerk-**

##### **Review and/or approve the following:**

##### **6. Georgina Ybarra-Consultant Contract**

##### **Review and/or approve**

Motion to accept ordinance: Mayor Pro-Tem, Ebbie Lover

Seconded By: Shearon Coleman, Council Member

**Majority Did not vote-NO ACTION on items 4, 5, & 6**

Discussion: Precious Wafer explained the role of the position as Administrative Ordinance, seeking funding and growth analysis.

Latoya Wright-Young, Council Member objected to the growth of the City of Easton

**Adjournment**

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Ward made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

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