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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **EASTON TOWN HALL**
5 **14 S HARRISON STREET**
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7 **October 1, 2018**
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9 **PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

10 Mayor Robert C. Willey
11 President of the Council John Ford
12 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
13 Councilmember Pete Leshner
14 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
15 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
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17 Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Don Richardson, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon
18 VanEmburch, Town Engineer Mr. Rick VanEmburch and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.
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20 **MEETING.**

21 At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the regularly scheduled meeting to order.

22 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SILVERSTEIN AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

23 Mr. Silverstein gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING.**

25 Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously minutes of the
26 September 17, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

27 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

28 Mayor Willey stated that there is a possible candidate for the vacancy on Board of Appeals but the
29 Town still needs a member for the Tree Board and Planning and Zoning Commission.

30 Mayor Willey discussed the Town being awarded an EDA grant in the amount of \$2,283,000 for
31 infrastructure for Mistletoe Hall.

32 Mayor Willey stated that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held October 26th at the Tidewater Inn.

33 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

34 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT APPROVAL FOR 48TH ANNUAL WATERFOWL FESTIVAL.**

35 **WATERFOWL CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARGARET ENLOE AND**
36 **ACTING WATERFOWL FESTIVAL BOARD PRESIDENT KEVIN GREANEY PRESENT**
37 **FOR TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FOOD VENDOR APPROVALS.**

38 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public
39 Assembly Event for the 48th Annual Waterfowl Festival, the Transportation Plan and the food vendors
40 were approved.

41 Mr. Richardson recommended that the approval granted be contingent on the use of weighted barrels
42 and not staked due to the recent resurfacing of the parking lot on Harrison Street.

43 Mr. Richardson stated that applications for memorial bricks are still available for the Memorial Walk
44 at West and Dover Streets.

45 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

46 The Town Attorney Mrs. VanEmburch asked for a Closed Session under General Provisions Article §
47 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion,
48 compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials
49 over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one of more
50 specific individuals; and General provisions article § 3-305(b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain
51 legal advice on a legal matter.

52 **MR. KEN KOZEL, PRESIDENT AND CEO, PATTI WILLIS TO GIVE SHORE REGIONAL**
53 **HEALTH UPDATE.**

54 Mr. Kozel was present to discuss the journey for Shore Regional Health Systems over the next few
55 months. Mr. Kozel thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to offer an update.

56 Mr. Kozel stated that healthcare has changed dramatically. He discussed the high level of confidence
57 for care in their facilities. Mr. Kozel discussed the facilities they propose to create. He stated that there
58 are several aging facilities; Chestertown, Cambridge and Easton. He stated that they intend to have a
59 state of the art regional healthcare facility.

60 Mr. Kozel shared the intentions for Dorchester and the relocation of services. He stated that they will
61 offer everything except in-bed. Mr. Kozel stated that they have filed documents with the state to get
62 thru the regulatory agencies.

63 Mr. Kozel discussed the revamping of the Certificate of Need. He discussed moving the beds from
64 Dorchester to Easton and leaving certain departments intact. By summer of 2024, they may open the
65 new hospital in Easton. Mr. Kozel stated that they intend to replace the current facilities to make a
66 state of the art facility. He stated that Chestertown will remain as a hospital until a best solution is
67 reached.

68 Mr. Kozel stated that services in Cadmus will remain where they are. He stated that there is a long
69 term vision to have one campus but they will need to review each of the service lines offered.

70 Mr. Kozel discussed consultations that will include engaging the Town, business partners and board to
71 evaluate options long before decisions are made for a plan and directions for the Cadmus facility.

72 Mr. Kozel stated that they will keep the Mayor and Council posted on all the applications and
73 progress.

74 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

75 Mrs. Cook thanked Easton Utilities for tree planting after their Annual meeting and thanked everyone
76 that helped for the tennis tournament for the Senior Center. She stated that the golf tournament to
77 benefit the Senior Center will be held tomorrow.

78 **CLOSED SESSION.**

79 At 7:27 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
80 President Ford convened into Closed Session under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (1) to
81 discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation,
82 removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this
83 public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one of more specific
84 individuals; and Article § 3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

85 At 7:52 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
86 President Ford convened into the regularly scheduled meeting.

87 Town Manager Mr. Richardson asked for approval to hire two additional employees.

88 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was
89 granted to hire two additional employees.

90 **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.**

91 At 7:53 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously,
92 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk