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2 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
3 **EASTON TOWN HALL**
4 **14 S HARRISON STREET**
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6 June 3, 2019
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8 **PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 President of the Council John Ford
11 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
12 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
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15 Also present was the Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Manager Mr. Donald
16 Richardson, Councilmember-elect Mr. Donald Abbatiello and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.
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18 **CALL TO ORDER.**

19 At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

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

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

22 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2019 MEETING.**

23 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes of the May 20,
24 2019 meeting were approved.

25 **OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY MS. KATHI DULIN DUVALL, TALBOT**
26 **COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT TO RECENTLY RE-ELECTED MAYOR**
27 **ROBERT C. WILLEY.**

28 Ms. Kathi Dulin Duvall, Talbot County Clerk of the Circuit Court administered the Oath of Office to
29 Mayor Robert C. Willey for his fifth term as Mayor (first elected in 2003).

30 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

31 Mayor Willey stated we are still looking for a member for the Housing Board.

32 Mayor Willey stated that we are delighted to have Group 532 Boy Scouts of America present this
33 evening. Scout leader Eric J. Milhollan introduced members.

34 Mayor Willey thanked everyone who had faith to re-elect him for another four-year term.

35 **ORDINANCE NO. 733, THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.**

36 Mayor Willey discussed the budget and stated that there were \$22 million in requests with only \$19
37 million in funding.

38 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the budget for
39 FY2019/2020 was approved.

40 **ORDINANCE NO. 734, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RAISING BY**
41 **TAXATION THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE**
42 **TOWN OF EASTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE**
43 **VARIOUS BOND ISSUES AND THE REDUCTION OF CERTAIN BONDS AND NOTES**
44 **FOR THE PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS AND SETTING THE INTEREST AND**
45 **PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT BILLS, COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING**
46 **JUNE 30, 2020."**

47 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the Constant Yield Tax
48 Rate Ordinance No. 734 was passed.

49 **RESOLUTION NO. 6103, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REVISING THE**
50 **TOWNS LICENSE, APPLICATION, PERMITS, INSPECTION, CERTIFICATE AND**
51 **OTHER FEES."**

52 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6103
53 was passed.

54 **OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR ROBERT C. WILLEY TO:**

55 Mayor Willey administered the Oath of Office to:
56 Mr. Alan I. Silverstein, Ward I Councilmember for a four-year term; and

57 Mr. Donald M. Abbatiello, Ward II Councilmember for the remainder of a four-year term (2 years);
58 and
59 Mr. Ronald E. Engle, Ward III Councilmember for a four-year term.

60 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

61 **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS.**

- 62 ○ Bluepoint Hospitality Live Music 06/08/19 – 07/27/19.

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65 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, the Public
66 Assembly Events were approved with the caveat to allow the first few so the area can be evaluated for
67 safety and congestion.

- 68 ○ Plein Air Nocturne Paint Out 07/17/19.

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70 Upon motion by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, the Plein Air
71 Nocturne Paint Out was approved.

72 **APPROVAL OF BID FOR TENNIS PRACTICE WALL AT IDLEWILD PARK.**

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75 Mr. Richardson asked for approval for the backboard tennis practice wall replacement bid as
76 recommended from staff from Duncan Masonry in the amount of \$12,000.

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78 Upon motion from Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the bid from
79 Duncan Masonry was approved.

80 **ANNUAL IMPACT FEE REPORT.**

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82 Town Manager, Mr. Donald Richardson discussed the Annual Impact Fee Report. He discussed
83 current projects incurred over the past 12 months and stated that the Town is working again with
84 TischlerBise to update impact fees.

85 President Ford asked that a workshop be scheduled prior to a regularly scheduled council meeting. He
86 stated that he would like to be better educated on the report. Mr. Richardson stated that he will
87 schedule the workshop when TischlerBise can be present.

88 Mr. Richardson stated he has been contacted by Talbot County Public School System regarding a
89 possible location for 100 parking spaces within Moton Park. He stated that they would like to use
90 Moton Park during the elementary school construction. Mr. Richardson stated that the Town Engineer
91 is to review the request.

92 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

93 Nothing at this time.

94 **RESOLUTION NO. 6107, “RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON IN SUPPORT OF**
95 **THE APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF FINANCING FOR A STRATEGIC DEMOLITION**
96 **FUND GRANT. THE PROJECT FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION TO BE**
97 **FINANCED EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND**
98 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (THE “DEPARTMENT”) OF THE STATE OF**
99 **MARYLAND OR THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE**
100 **OF MARYLAND.”**

101 Mr. Willis Scott as well as members of the American Legion Post #77 were present to update on the
102 project. He stated that the construction costs will be approximately \$898,000. He discussed the
103 \$500,000 Community Legacy Grant which will be for construction. Mr. Scott stated that this will
104 enable the construction of the renovated Post to be shovel ready. Due to the recent fire, the kitchen is
105 inoperable. He discussed construction and stated that it will be done in phases with the first phase the
106 meeting room and kitchen.

107 Mr. George Jenkins, Activity Chairman Post #77 displayed a rendering.

108 Mr. Scott stated that they hope to start construction this fall.

109 Upon motion by Mr. Engle, seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 6107
110 was approved.

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

112 Mr. Silverstein stated that former Town Council member, current County Council member Mr. Leshner
113 is in the audience. Mr. Silverstein thanked those that voted for their support.

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115 Mr. Abbatiello thanked everyone for their vote and stated that he looks forward to working with
116 everyone for the next two years.
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118 Mr. Engle thanked everyone for four more years as Town Council councilmember.

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120 Mrs. Cook extended congratulations to Easton High School seniors. Mrs. Cook stated there is
121 excitement at Idlewild and Moton Park with the painting of the basketball courts.
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123 President Ford stated that State Highway Administration is coming back June 17 at 6 pm to update on
124 RT 50 and Lomax Street improvements. He asked that the businesses and residences be notified of the
125 upcoming workshop.
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127 Mayor Willey stated that the Town of Easton gave five scholarships to graduating seniors in the local
128 schools in honor of Harold Baines Induction in to the Hall of Fame.
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130 **ADJOURNMENT.**

131 At 7:43 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
132 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled Council meeting.
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136 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk