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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**  
4 **EASTON TOWN HALL**  
5 **14 S HARRISON STREET**  
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7 November 4, 2019  
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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 Donald M. Abbatiello  
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 VanEmburch,  
18 Town Engineer Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Chief of Police David Spencer, Town Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas  
19 and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.  
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21 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. ENGLE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

22 Mr. Engle gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 MEETINGS.**

24 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, minutes of the October  
25 21 meetings were approved.

26 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

27 Mayor Willey stated that the Town is in need of a commissioner for the Historic District Commission,  
28 and an alternate for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Willey stated that there are more expirations  
29 next month.

30 Mayor Willey stated that the dedication for the Buffalo Soldier House on South Street will occur  
31 November 15.

32 Mayor Willey invited everyone to the ROTC Veterans' Ceremony, November 12 at Talbot Auditorium.

33 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

34 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS:**

- 35 ○ Downtown Holiday Shopping Event 12/6/19.  
36 ○ Easton's Olde Tyme Holiday Parade 12/7/19.  
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38 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, the Public Assembly  
39 Events as recommended by staff were approved.  
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41 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

42 Nothing at this time.

43 **ROTARY CLUB TO PRESENT 2021 CENTENNIAL PLANS FOR EASTON POINT PARK.**

44 Members of The Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland:

45 Hugh Dawkins-2021-22 District Governor Nominee-District 7630  
46 Ron Flohr-2017-18 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland  
47 Richie Wheatley-2018-19 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland  
48 Patrick Fitzgerald-2019-20 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland  
49 John Flohr-2020-21 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland  
50 Reza Jafari-2021-22 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland  
51 John Hurt-1992-93 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland & Centennial Chairman  
52 George Hatcher-2004-05 President-Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland & Centennial Secretary  
53 Charlie Fitzgerald-Centennial Treasurer  
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55 Mr. John Hurt discussed Easton Rotary's community involvement programs and plans for Easton Rotary's  
56 Centennial. He discussed being chartered by Rotary International.  
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58 Mr. Hugh Dawkins, representing Rotary International and District 7630 stated that there are presently 1500  
59 members. Mr. Dawkins discussed the impact of service locally and international. He discussed working to

60 end polio. He stated that he has worked on the eastern shore and western shore for 50 years with Rotary  
61 Clubs.

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63 George Hatcher discussed the history of Easton Rotary. He stated that Samuel Shannahan helped Easton  
64 Rotary get started in Easton and they now have 100 years of service to others.

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66 John Hurt, stated that they recognize the past and celebrate the future of Rotary. He stated that they have  
67 recently taken on power washing and painting the Idlewild Pavilion which they donated to the Town of  
68 Easton. Mr. Hurt discussed an endowed scholarship. He stated he is present to announce Easton Rotary  
69 Centennial.  
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## 71 **POLICE BOARD.**

72 Chief David Spencer was present to discuss Easton Police Department activities. Chief Spencer also  
73 noted that Easton Rotary donates with our local program Shop with A Cop.  
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75 Chief Spencer discussed the recent passing of Lt. Harvey Smith. He stated he was a huge part of the lives  
76 of many people in Talbot County and retired from Easton Police Department after 38 years.  
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- 78 ○ Lt. George Paugh graduated from the 277th Session of the FBI National Academy on 9/13/19.
- 79 ○ New K-9 Dietz, our 3rd K-9, is assigned to Ptl. Anthony Cullings. K-9 Dietz is an 18-month-old  
80 German Shepard who will be trained for Narcotics Detection. K-9 Dietz starts training with MSP today  
81 and is expected to complete her training in July 2020.
- 82 ○ Rec. Andrea Kendall started employment on November 1st and will attend the Academy on January  
83 8 through June 15, 2020. Ms. Kendall recently moved to Maryland from Virginia where she was the  
84 head coach of the Women's Basketball Team at Randolph College. Ms. Kendall has a Bachelor of  
85 Science degree from Neuman University and a Master of Science from the United States Sports  
86 Academy.
- 87 ○ We currently have 4 open positions for Police Officer. We are continuing through the hiring process  
88 now for applicants.
- 89 ○ We have 4 applicants still under consideration.

### 90 **Recent Events:**

- 91 ○ Annual Honor Guard Training was held October 9 – 11, 2019 at MEBA. We had 50 officers from 16  
92 agencies participate.  
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### 94 **Up Coming Events:**

- 95 ○ Waterfowl Festival 11/7–11/10/19
- 96 ○ 5K Fund Raiser for Sts. Peter & Paul - 11/16/19
- 97 ○ Turkey Trot 5K – 11/28/19
- 98 ○ Christmas Parade - 12/7/19  
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### 100 **Upcoming Specialized Training:**

- 101 ○ Pfc. Schinault - MSP K9 Training 11/4 - 1/13/20
- 102 ○ Ptl Cullings
- 103 ○ Pfc. Hanson - Interdiction for the Protection of Children 11/12 - 13/19
- 104 ○ Ptl. Claggett - Basic SWAT Training 11/18 - 22/19
- 105 ○ M/Pfc. Maxwell - Digital Photography Crash Investigators 11/19 - 21/19
- 106 ○ Cpl. Orrison - First Line Supervisor 12/02 - 09/19
- 107 ○ Cpl. Kellner
- 108 ○ M/Pfc. Maxwell - PBT Instructor 12/11 - 12/19  
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## 110 **DISCUSSION REGARDING SANITATION COLLECTION AND ADA.**

111 The Town Attorney discussed the American Disability Act. She stated that recent modifications can be  
112 made to programs within reason. Mrs. VanEmburch outlined examples. The Town Attorney gave the  
113 opinion on whether it is legally required.

114 President Ford stated he is aware it is not legally required but should they decide to do it anyway.

115 The Town Attorney discussed requirements that should be considered.

116 Mr. Silverstein discussed his obstacles with trash receptacles. He suggested working with volunteers and  
117 exhausting options. Mr. Silverstein stated that before making policy decisions, he would like to see if  
118 there are organizations that may help.

119 Mrs. Cook suggested Public Works try to accommodate the residents with disabilities.

120 Mr. Abbatiello stated he would like to speak to the Public Works Department and see what this proposal  
121 might entail.

122 President Ford asked for a recommendation to find out how it could be done and what it would cost.

123 Mr. Richardson stated that the staff and Town Attorney did a great job looking at both sides of the  
124 prospective. He stated that he wants to have the opportunity to do a proper study and look at the situation  
125 at an annual budget prospective. He stated that he would like to reach out to other communities and find  
126 out some options. Mr. Richardson asked if the matter can be revisited the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in December.

127 Mayor Willey stated that other services might be asked to be considered such as grass cutting, sidewalk  
128 clearing or having the driveway scraped.

129 President Ford stated that we just need to solve the trash issue right now and get recommendations.

130 Mr. Engle asked for Public Works to switch the resident's can for a smaller size.

131 **RESOLUTION NO. 6109, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING AN**  
132 **AMENDMENT TO THE GROWTH AREAS MAP OF THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE**  
133 **PLAN."**

134 Town Planner, Mr. Thomas discussed the residential component of the request which the Planning &  
135 Zoning Commission recommended against.

136 Mr. Silverstein discussed his concern for workforce housing. He discussed the downtown changing and  
137 his concerns shifting.

138 Mr. Engle stated that Easton is growing and there are no places for workers to live. He discussed  
139 improving the community so tourists will be able to visit on weekends.

140 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by President Ford and carried, Resolution No. 6109 was  
141 approved with Mrs. Cook and President Ford voting no.

142 **7:15 PM PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE NO. 743.**

143 At 8:23 p.m., President Ford opened the 7:15 p.m. scheduled public hearing.

144 President Ford asked for public comment. There was none.

145 At 8:24 p.m., President Ford closed the scheduled public hearing.

146 **ORDINANCE NO. 743, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AUTHORIZING THE**  
147 **TOWN OF EASTON TO PURCHASE 8670 COMMERCE DRIVE IN THE TOWN OF**  
148 **EASTON."**

149 Upon motion by Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, Ordinance No. 743 was  
150 passed following a roll call vote.

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

152 Mr. Engle stated he attended the EPD active shooter training at the Avalon. Mr. Engle stated that  
153 litigation with the Homeowners' Association and the owners of Easton Club is ending.

154 Mrs. Cook invited councilmembers to the East End Neighborhood Association annual meeting at Asbury  
155 Church at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

156 Mr. Thomas announced upcoming Planning and Zoning meetings and stated that there are ongoing  
157 updates of the Zoning Ordinance.

158 Mr. Thomas discussed the RFK Study which his Planning Class at Salisbury University is reviewing  
159 November 14 at 7:00 p.m. for their class project. He stated that it is still relevant but discussion should  
160 occur if it should be altered.

161 **ADJOURNMENT.**

162 At 8:31 p.m., Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,  
163 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled council meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk