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3 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
4 **EASTON TOWN HALL**
5 **14 S HARRISON STREET**
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7 October 7, 2019

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9 **PRESENT AT CONVENING.**

10 Mayor Robert C. Willey
11 President of the Council John Ford
12 Councilmember Donald M. Abbatiello
13 Councilmember Ron E. Engle
14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
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16 Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Don Richardson and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.
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18 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SILVERSTEIN AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3 AND SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MEETINGS.**

21 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, minutes of the
22 September 3 and September 16, 2019 meetings were approved.

23 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

24 Mayor Willey stated that Moody's Investors Service has issued a financial rating of Aa2 which is
25 favorable and slightly above the median rating for US cities. Mayor Willey stated that very few small
26 towns have that substantial of a rating.

27 Mayor Willey stated that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held October 25 at the Tidewater Inn.

28 Mayor Willey stated that the ROTC Annual Veteran's Ceremony will be held November 12 at EHS
29 Auditorium.

30 Mayor Willey asked for a Closed Session regarding personnel (General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)
31 personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals) following the regularly scheduled
32 meeting.

33 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

34 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT REQUESTS:**

- 35 ○ Christmas Caroling – Festival of Trees (revised time and use of stage on Harrison Street).
36 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein, seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, the
37 Public Assembly Event was approved.
38 ○ Request from Habitat for Humanity for real property tax abatements FY19-20.

39 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the abatements
40 were approved.

41 **RECOMMENDATION FROM PARK BOARD FOR PLACEMENT OF LITTLE FREE**
42 **LIBRARY IN MULBERRY STATION PARK.**

43 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the Placement of
44 the Little Free Library in Mulberry Station Park was approved.
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46 **APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF FULL-SIZE PICKUP TRUCK FOR PARKS &**
47 **RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

48 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, approval was
49 granted for the purchase of an F-150 for \$26,332 through the State contract which is less than the
50 \$30,000 budgeted amount.

51 Town Manager Mr. Richardson stated that Easton Police are with MSP looking at K-9s in Florida.
52 They intend to purchase a shepherd named Dietz with training to commence on November 4.

53 Mayor asked citizens to bring leaves to the curb and not place in storm drains.

54 **RECOMMENDATION AND REQUEST FROM TOWN ENGINEER TO INSTALL**
55 **SIGNAGE TO MAKE BARNETT LANE ONE-WAY AND TO INSTALL SIGNS "NO**
56 **TRUCKS EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERIES."**

57 Mr. VanEmburch discussed making streets one-way in Patriot Square.

58 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, approval was
59 granted to install signage to make Barnett Lane one-way and to install the “No Trucks Except Local
60 Deliveries.”

61 Mr. Silverstein stated that he thinks the town needs to revisit PUDs so this doesn’t continue to
62 happen.

63 **RECOMMENDATION AND REQUEST FROM TOWN ENGINEER TO MAKE THREE**
64 **ALLEYS NEAREST EASTON HIGH SCHOOL ONE-WAY.**

65 Upon motion by Mr. Engle seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, approval was
66 granted to make the three alleys nearest Easton High School (Pine Lane, Preble Lane, and Windmill
67 Lane) one-way.

68 Discussion occurred regarding the need to communicate to residents which side of the alley that trash
69 should be placed in order for pickup.

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

71 Mr. Silverstein stated he is in receipt of an invitation to the Economic Symposium on November 24
72 sponsored by M&T Bank.

73 Mr. Abbatiello stated he will be participating in the National Fallen Fire Fighters Stair Climb on
74 October 26 in Ocean City.

75 Mrs. Cook invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony at Idlewild and Moton Park Friday 1:00
76 p.m. Mrs. Cook thanked the firemen for the Golf Tournament.

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78 **CLOSED SESSION GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE § 3-305(B) PERSONNEL**
79 **MATTER THAT AFFECTS ONE OR MORE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS.**

80 At 7:18 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
81 President Ford convened into Executive Session.

82 At 7:28 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
83 President Ford reconvened into Regular Session.

84 Mayor Willey suggested setting up a meeting with a small group and Gillis Gilkerson to review the
85 Perdue presentation.

86 **ADJOURNMENT.**

87 At 7:30 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously,
88 President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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92 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk