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2 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
3 **EASTON TOWN HALL**
4 **14 S HARRISON STREET**
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6 **March 2, 2020**
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8 **PRESENT AT CONVENING.**
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10 Mayor Robert C. Willey
11 Councilmember Alan I. Silverstein
12 Councilmember Donald M. Abbatiello
13 Acting President of the Council Ronald E. Engle
14 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
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16 Also present was the Town Manager Mr. Don Richardson, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon
17 VanEmburch and for Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf, Lorraine Gould.
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19 **CALL TO ORDER.**

20 At 7:00 p.m., Acting President of the Council Mr. Engle called the meeting to order.

21 **OPENING REMARKS BY MR. ABBATIELLO AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MEETING.**

24 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried unanimously, minutes
25 of the February 17, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

26 **PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION TO CHESAPEAKE CENTER FOR**
27 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**
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29 Ms. Jackie Davis from Chesapeake Center, Inc. was present to receive the Proclamation for
30 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Ms. Davis discussed upcoming events.

31 **ITEMS BY THE MAYOR.**

32 Mayor Willey stated that the budget meetings are starting with Department heads tomorrow.
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34 Mayor Willey stated he enjoyed read a Dr. Seuss book to a group of 2nd Graders this morning.

35 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

36 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS:**
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38 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Potato Race – 3/17/20 (with no peddlers or transient business
39 licenses to be issued per EPD).

40 Easton Church of God Easter Eggstravaganza – 4/4/20.

41 Easton Farmer's Market 4/11 – 12/20.

42 Easton Church of God Prayer Walk – 4/12/20.

43 EVFD 5k Run – 4/25/20.

44 Knights of Columbus 5k Run/Walk – 5/25/20.
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46 Upon motion by Mr. Abbatiello seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the Public
47 Assembly Events were approved as recommended by staff.
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49 **ITEMS BY TOWN ATTORNEY.**
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51 The Town Attorney, Mrs. VanEmburch added an item to the Closed Session at the end of the
52 meeting:

- 53 • General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other
54 individuals about pending or potential litigation.

55 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$775,970.33.**

56 Upon motion by Mrs. Cook seconded by Mr. Silverstein and carried unanimously, invoices
57 totaling \$775,970.33 were reviewed for payment.

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

59 Mr. Silverstein discussed his recent kidney transplant. He encouraged donations of organs. He
60 thanked everyone for well wishes.

61 Mr. Abbatiello stated that Scout Troop 532 is collecting canned goods. He stated that there will
62 be a collection bag at the Town office.

63 Mrs. Cook stated that it is good to have Mr. Silverstein back.

64 **CLOSED SESSION:**

65 At 7:14 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously,
66 Acting President Engle convened into Closed Session for:

- 67 • General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a
68 public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and
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- 70 • General provisions article § 3-305(b)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal
71 for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain the state.
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- 73 • General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other
74 individuals about pending or potential litigation.

75 At 7:34 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Abbatiello seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously,
76 Acting President Engle re-convened into Open Session.

77 **ADJOURNMENT.**

78 At 7:35 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mr. Abbatiello and carried
79 unanimously, Acting President Engle adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk