

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
July 14, 2009, 7:00 PM

Present: Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, incoming Town Clerk; Judith T. Frazier, outgoing Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development

Minutes:

In the absence of Mayor Hale, Councilwoman Mudd acted as mayor pro tem and called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

Parks Capital Expansion Plan – fee in lieu issue

Description: Discussion will include progress towards adopting the Parks Capital Expansion Plan and will also include the fee in lieu issue.

Mr. Mears provided a brief status report on the Parks Capital Expansion Plan, which was prepared by Jakubiak and Associates, a copy of which was provided to the Town Council. The purpose of the Plan is to identify Parks projects, develop the Town's Fee In Lieu of Parks, and to justify an imposed Impact Fee. Mr. Mears advised that the Plan needs to be more fully developed before a new fee in lieu is adopted.

Draft Resolution 09-5 Charter Amendment - Term of Employment of Town Manager

Description: Discussion of the draft Charter Amendment Resolution to allow the Town Council to appoint a Town Manager for a specified term of employment (5 years maximum each term.) This Charter Amendment Resolution was drafted in-house and reviewed/revised by the Town Attorney. If the Town Council is in agreement regarding this Charter Amendment Resolution it will be introduced at the July 28 regular meeting.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to introduce Resolution 09-05 at the July 28 regular meeting.

Draft Ordinance 09-11 FY 2009-2010 Fee Schedule

Description: Discussion of the draft Ordinance to correct an error in a refuse collection fee in the fee schedule. If the Town Council is in agreement regarding this Ordinance it will be introduced at the July 28 regular meeting.

Mr. Oliphant provided a brief explanation of the need to correct an error in a refuse collection fee in the fee schedule.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to introduce Ordinance 09-11 at the July 28 regular meeting.

Matters of Information

Mr. Mears spoke about the following:

- Update regarding the Special Taxing District loan for Heritage Green/Town Willow Lane sewer projects.
- The pay scale information for all positions was distributed to each employee.
- The Health Insurance benefit renewal took place and there will be an increase to the premium.

Future Work Session Topics

- Reverend James Powell's proposal regarding Boys and Girls Club (Councilwoman Mudd/August)
- Group from Phoenix Run and Kent Square – requesting speed bumps (Councilwoman Mudd/August) [*Note: This item may be handled in-house by Town Staff.*]
- Special Tax District Legislation

Councilwoman Mudd requested that each Council member provide a report at the July 28 regular meeting on the training sessions they attended at the MML Convention.

There being no other business, Councilman Back moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk