

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
August 19, 2008, 7:00 PM

Present: Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

Minutes:

Councilwoman Mudd acted as mayor pro tem and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

### Matters of Council Discussion

#### Johel annexation agreement

*Description: Discussion of Faison response to concerns expressed by the Town Council at previous work sessions.*

Stephen Wenderoth and Steve Scott were present to discuss their response to the list of annexation agreement items as developed during the May 13, 2008 and July 8, 2008 Town Council work sessions.

Following discussion, the Town Council members were in agreement regarding the following annexation agreement items:

- Provide Public Art display either inside or outside each new building entrance, location to be determined at a future date.
- Reduction of water use within the development; require use of water reducing fixtures.
- Explore use of more pervious surfaces, where feasible.
- Citizen safety – assure areas are surveilled, such as by use of high-tech camera system. Town to ask Chief Gittings and Town Attorney to research and provide information regarding framework of what such a system could be. Options are to be provided to Faison; Faison to supply the system, not provide money to the Town to supply the system.
- Geothermal systems – Faison was asked to provide an analysis of long-term benefits, energy efficiency, cost effectiveness, cost recovery term.
- Two 50,000 sq. ft. office buildings-maintained as office buildings: If the development remains in conformance with the previous annexation agreement, the Council may agree to Faison's request to commit to 40,000 sq. ft.
- Require LEED Core and Shell certification standards for the buildings proposed – Faison to include requirement in leasing agreements to require tenants to comply with the standards.

Filling vacancy in the Office of Mayor

*Description: Discussion of options to fill the vacancy in the Office of Mayor.*

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed they would nominate and elect Roy G. Hale to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor at the August 26 meeting. Staff is to prepare a Resolution regarding same.

Matters of Information

- Information is still being developed regarding providing recycling service for commercial customers.
- “Children at Play” signs to be installed on Suffolk Drive, Quailwood Parkway, and Oriole Lane, as requested by residents of those communities.

Future Work Session Topics

- Beautification Commission members have asked to be put on the agenda of the second work session in September, to discuss signage in Town and landscaping around signs and other places. (Councilwoman Mudd)

There being no other business, Councilwoman Mudd moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and it carried. Following a short break, the Council moved into Closed Session.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk