

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
December 15, 2009 [rescheduled from December 22, 2009]

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd,
Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;
Cathy Flerlage, Director of Planning and Zoning

Guest: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of November minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the November 14 work session, November 17 joint meeting with County Commissioners, and November 24 regular meeting. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Hale acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2009

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

Public Forum (No speakers.)

La Plata Police Department (LPPD) monthly report – Chief Gittings

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of November, 2009.

Chief Gittings also reported that the department now has mobile access to the Motor Vehicle Administration's information.

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report – Chief Moore

Chief Moore reported on the department's activities during the month of November, 2009.

Legislation

Resolution 09-11 Approval of La Plata Manor Project and Project Financing (For Introduction and consideration of Adoption) - For the purpose of expressing approval of the development of housing in the Town of La Plata to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") of the State of Maryland or through the Department's Community Development Administration (the "Administration"); and all matters relating thereto.

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation for the purpose of Resolution 09-11.

Councilman Winkler moved to adopt Resolution 09-11 Approval of La Plata Manor Project and Project Financing. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Emergency Ordinance 09-19 Issuance of General Obligation Bond to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Wastewater System Improvements (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of authorizing and empowering Town of La Plata (the “Town”) to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, a general obligation installment bond in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$792,742.00 to be designated “Town of La Plata Water Quality Bond, Series 2009”, the bond to be issued and sold and the proceeds thereof to be used and applied for the public purpose of financing, reimbursing or refinancing costs of various activities relating to the acquisition, construction, improvement, installation and equipping of a new sewage pumping station and appurtenances, new force main and gravity sewer lines to convey sewage to the La Plata Wastewater Treatment Plant and decommissioning of the Town’s Willow Lane and Phoenix Run pumping stations, related costs and costs of issuance, all to the extent permitted by the Administration;

Mr. Mears followed by Mr. Oliphant provided a briefly described the project financing and purpose of Emergency Ordinance 09-19. It was further explained that the legislation was presented as an emergency ordinance due to the deadline for settlement with the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration.

Councilman Norris moved to suspend the provisions of Town Charter § C6-4 Ordinances, to adopt this as an emergency ordinance. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance 09-19 Emergency Ordinance 09-19 Issuance of General Obligation Bond to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Wastewater System Improvements. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance 09-20 Planned Business Park and Enterprise District (for introduction) – For the purpose of repealing existing I-P Industrial Park District zoning classification criteria and regulations and adopting a new Planned Business Park and Enterprise District zoning classification; specifying substantive and procedural criteria and regulations for the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears briefly described the intent and purpose of Ordinance 09-20, to create more potential for offices and businesses, therefore generating more jobs within the community.

New Business

Councilman Winkler moved to conduct a closed session, pursuant to *Annotated Code of Maryland* Section 10-508(a)(3) – Consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mayor Hale, Councilmen Winkler, Councilwoman Mudd and Councilman Norris voted aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commission Reports

- Design Review Board: Councilman Norris reported that Panera Bread had been reviewed and approved.
- Beautification Commission: Councilwoman Mudd discussed the Christmas Lights Contest Judging
- Parks and Recreation Commission: Councilman Winkler reported on discussions pertaining to the Parks Inventory, and the Town Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- La Plata Business Association: Mayor Hale briefly described the items discussed during the last meeting.

There being no further business, Councilman Norris moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Following a short break, the Council moved into work session.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk