

Council of the Town of La Plata  
La Plata Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 23, 2010, 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, 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

Guests: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

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

Approval of October minutes and amended May 25, 2010 minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the October 12 work session, October 19 work session; October 26 regular meeting, and the amended May 25 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum (No speakers.)
2. Presentation by the La Plata Garden Club to the Mayor and Council of a picture of the Star Memorial Garden.

Members of the La Plata Community Garden Club presented a rendition, done by a local artist, of the Star Memorial Garden. The Garden Club thanked the Town for the support to complete and maintain the Garden, and stated that they desire to work with the Town to achieve the goal of using the Firehouse Museum for educational purposes.

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

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of October 2010, emphasizing the community to beware of holiday scams.

Chief Gittings also reported on the Early Warning Siren testing, scheduled for December 11, 2010, at 9:00 AM.

4. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report

Chief Moore reported on the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department activities of October 2010.

Chief Moore also reported on the need for residents to use caution while holiday decorations are on display, due to the dangers of dry trees and faulty lights.

5. Presentation of the FY 2009-2010 Audit Report

*[The following documents were included in the Council meeting packets: Town of La Plata, Maryland Report to the Mayor and Council of La Plata, October 27, 2010; Town of La Plata, Maryland, OMB Circular A-133, supplementary Financial Report, Year Ended June 30, 2010; Town of La Plata, Maryland, Financial Report, June 30, 2010.]*

Mayor Hale introduced Mr. Rodney Saunders of RSM McGladrey to present the FY2009-2010 Audit Report.

Mr. Saunders explained the audit reports and answered questions of the Council.

► **Legislation**

**Emergency Ordinance No. 10-9 Amendment to Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget** (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of amending the Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Oliphant briefly summarized the purpose of amending the Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget.

Councilman Norris moved to suspend the provisions of Town Charter § C6-4 Ordinances, to adopt Ordinance No. 10-9 Amendment to Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget as an emergency ordinance. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Winkler moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 10-9 Amendment to Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

► **Unfinished Business** [None]

► **New Business**

1. Commission Reports

- Councilman Norris reported on the activities of the Design Review Board and the

imminent completion of the amendments to the Commercial Highway Design Guidelines, and the future discussions regarding possible amendments to the Central Business/Central Business Transition District Design Guidelines. Councilman Norris also reported on the approval of new signage for Hunt Ford – Hometown Care and Van Rental.

- Councilwoman Mudd reported on the Beautification Commission's plans to decorate Town Hall on November 29, 2010, and that SMECO should have the street decorations installed early next week.
- Councilman Back reported on the Planning Commission's efforts to review possible amendments to the Central Business Transition District zoning ordinance, and the review and approval of updated Public Hearing Procedures.
- Councilman Winkler reported on the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and Town Council to review and discuss the draft Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan on December 7, 2010.

## 2. Upcoming Events – Mayor Hale

Mayor Hale reported on the Town's upcoming events, to include: Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering, December 5, 2010; Breakfast with Santa, December 11, 2010, and; the success of the Salute to Veterans Parade.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:53 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

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Danielle Mandley  
Town Clerk