

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
January 26, 2010

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;
Catherine Flerlage, Director of Planning and Zoning; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development

Guests: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of December minutes

Councilman Winkler moved to approve the minutes of the December 8 work session, December 15 regular meeting, December 15 work session; December 15 closed session, and the *corrected minutes of September 22*. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation – 2009 Christmas Lights Contest Winners

Councilwoman Mudd presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following winners of the 2009 Christmas Lights Contest:

- 1st Place Whimsical Residential; Deborah Washington, 309 Oak Avenue
- 1st Place Traditional Residential; James & Patricia Dugan, 623 Clarks Run Road

Presentation – La Verde Mini Grant

Mayor Hale presented a check for the award of the La Verde Mini Grant to Andrew Bennett, to implement a project to educate the public about the use of LED and CFL bulbs and to collect bulbs for Hospice.

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 December, 2009.

Chief Gittings also reported on the 2009 year end report.

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report –Chief Moore

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

Presentation – Citizen Survey Results

Mr. Mears provided a Power Point presentation regarding the Citizen Survey Results.

Public hearing: Proposed Planned Business Park and Enterprise District

Mayor Hale called the hearing to order and explained that the purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed Planned Business Park and Enterprise District. The Clerk entered into the record the Certification of Publication that the notice of the hearing was properly advertised in the January 8, 2010 edition of the Maryland Independent newspaper.

Mayor Hale asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding the proposed Planned Business Park and Enterprise District. [There were no speakers.]

Mayor Hale asked if anyone has written documents for the record. The Clerk entered into the record a letter dated January 5, 2010, which included a markup of recommended changes to the proposed Planned Business Park and Enterprise District, received from James Whitehead.

There being no speakers, Mayor Hale closed the hearing at 7:39 PM.

Legislation (None)

Unfinished Business (None.)

New Business

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilman Back moved to approve the appointment of Debra Posey to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term until August 26, 2013. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Norris moved to approve the appointment of Henry Payton, as Alternate to the Design Review Board, to fill an unexpired term until September 23, 2010. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Commission Reports

- Councilman Norris reported that the Design Review Board approved the signage and updated building color for Outsource IT, and Awning signage for the South Centennial Street Condos.
- Councilwoman Mudd reported on the business of the Beautification Commission, and that Helen Lucas wished not to be re-appointed as Chairman. The recommendation is to appoint Judy Norris as Chairman when Ms. Lucas' term expires. It was further reported that it is the Commissions desire to hold a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Councilman Back provided a report on the Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District, and the approval of the Site Plan for Panera Bread.
- Councilman Winkler reported on the discussions of the Parks and Recreation Commission pertaining to the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Mudd moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk