

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 25, 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; Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;

Guests: Doug Hutchins, Assistant 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.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Hale acknowledged receipt of the May 2010 Treasurer's Report.

Presentations: Oath of Office – Glen Plater

Mayor Hale administered the taking of the Oath of Office by Glen Plater, Police Officer of the Town of La Plata. Chief Gittings presented Officer Plater with his badge and identification card.

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 May 2010.

Chief Gittings also reported on arrest made in the Target armed robbery case.

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report –Asst. Chief Hutchins

Mayor Hale acknowledged receipt of the May 2010 La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 10-7 Senior Living Communities (for introduction) – For the purpose of revising the Town’s existing senior living communities regulations; defining and altering the definition of certain terms; altering certain purposes of the regulations; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears briefly described the proposed changes to 191-46.2 Senior Living Communities, of the Town code.

Resolution No. 10-10 Authorization for Town Manager to Enter into a Contract for Uniform Rental & Related Services for the Town’s Department of Public Works and Its Employees (For Introduction and consideration of Adoption) - For the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Town of La Plata, a contract for Uniform Rental & Related Services for the Town’s Department of Public Works and Its Employees.

Mr. Mears described the Contract for Uniform Rental & Related Services for the Town’s Department of Public Works and Its Employees.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Resolution 10-10 Authorization for Town Manager to Enter into a Contract for Uniform Rental & Related Services for the Town’s Department of Public Works and Its Employees. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 10-1 Revision of Sign Regulations (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of comprehensively revising the Town’s existing sign regulations; defining and altering the definition of certain terms; altering certain purposes of the regulations; altering provisions relating to the computation of sign area and height; altering provisions relating to prohibited signs and devices, altering signs exempt from sign permit requirements; altering provisions relating to sign design, construction and maintenance standards; altering provisions relating to non-conforming signs and devices; altering provisions relating to master sign plans; altering provisions relating to temporary sign permits; altering regulations relating to attached and detached signs in certain zoning districts in the Town; and generally related to the comprehensive revision of the Town’s sign regulations.

Mr. Mears briefly discussed the proposed Revision of Sign Regulations.

Councilman Norris move to adopt Ordinance 10-1. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 10-5 Town of La Plata FY2010-2011 Financial Plan/Budget (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata FY2010-2011 Financial Plan/Budget; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Oliphant summarized the FY2010-2011 Financial Plan/Budget and the amendment to Ordinance 10-5, to read as follows.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 10-5

Intent: To change the title of Attachment 1 to Ordinance 10-5, and to replace Attachment 1, which was part of Ordinance 10-5 when it was introduced on May 18, 2010 with Amended Attachment 1 to Ordinance 10-5.

On page 1, line 11, immediately before "Town" insert AMENDED, to read as follows:

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA THAT the Financial Plan for the Town of La Plata for fiscal year beginning 1 July 2010 and ending 30 June 2011, attached hereto as Attachment 1 and incorporated herein by reference, and entitled, "AMENDED Town of La Plata FY2010-2011 Financial Plan/Budget", and which reflects the FY09-10 budget amendments, is adopted and for all purposes shall be considered the FY2010-2011 Financial Plan/Budget for the Town of La Plata.

Councilman Winkler move to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 10-5. _Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Councilman Winkler move to adopt Ordinance 10-5, as amended. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 10-6 Fee Schedule (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Oliphant discussed the FY2010-2011 Fee Schedule and the amendment to Ordinance 10-6, to read as follows.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 10-6

Intent: To correct the stormwater management fee to reflect no increase to the amount collected quarterly.

101-16. Stormwater management fee.

There shall be a storm water management fee in the amount of three dollars and ~~((seventy-five))~~ ~~NINETY~~ cents ~~(((\$3.75)))~~ ~~(\$3.90)~~ collected quarterly from each utility account. The purpose of the fee is to fund the inspection and maintenance of Town stormwater management facilities.

Councilman Norris move to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance 10 -6. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Mudd move to adopt Ordinance 10-6, as amended. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business (None.)

New Business

- Commission Reports

Councilman Norris reported on the Design Review board meeting of May 19, 2010, and the review of the Valvoline Service Station.

Councilwoman Mudd reported that the Beautification did not meet in May, the next meeting is scheduled for June 3, and annual flowers are scheduled planting before Memorial Day.

Councilman Back reported on the Planning Commission, which met on May 4, and discussed the Dairy Queen & Valvoline recommendation for Special Exception, reviewed and approved the final site development plan for a mixed use building next to the Chick-fil-A, and provided comments on the proposed changes to the Senior Living Community, section of the Town Code.

Councilman Winkler reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is currently working on an inventory list as part of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Study.

- Motion for a Closed Session

Councilman Back move to conduct a closed session, pursuant to *Annotated Code of Maryland* Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) Discuss: The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, Subject: Town Manager annual employment evaluation. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call vote Mayor Hale; Councilman Winkler; Councilman Back; Councilwoman Mudd; Councilman Norris voted aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Michelle D. Miner
Assistant Town Manager