

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
February 12, 2008, 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Michelle D. Miner, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Robert F. Stahl, Jr., Director of Operations; Jo Anne Ellison

Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

Budget priority setting – facilitated session (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Jo Anne Ellison conducted the facilitated session regarding budget priority setting. The Town Council discussed budget priorities for the topics of Town Management and Council Relations, Water and Wastewater, Public Works – Refuse, Public Works – Road Maintenance, Public Works – Parks Maintenance, Public Works – Support, and Ideas That Cut Across All Services/General Administration.

Mr. Mears provided an update on actions taken on the budget priorities set for FY 2008.

Matters of Information

Mr. Mears provided each Council member with a copy of a letter dated January 22, 2008, written by Stephen C. Shahan, Fire Chief, La Plata Volunteer Fire Department Inc., to Greg Phillips, Transportation Engineer Manager/State Highway Administration, regarding the proposed new traffic signal at the intersection of Crain Highway and Oriole Lane, expressing concern for response of emergency vehicles on Crain Highway.

Mr. Mears acknowledged a flyer regarding the Unity in Our Community event to be held on February 16 at the College of Southern Maryland.

Future Work Session Topics

- Response from SMECO regarding problems with various street lights in Town.
- Legislation to require notification of property owners adjoining a property subject of a comprehensive rezoning.
- August as Speed Awareness Month – include St. Mary's and Calvert Counties; continue expansion.
- Speed and red light cameras.

- Joint meeting of the Town Council and Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan update.
- Presentation by Ed McMahan.

Other business

There being no other business, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM. Councilman Goldsmith seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk