

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
October 25, 2005, 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Douglas R. Miller, Town Manager; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Town Treasurer

Minutes:

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### Matters of Council Discussion

#### Town Investment Policy

*Description: The Town Treasurer will review the updated investment policy.*

Mr. Norris handed out copies of “Investment Policy Changes”, which he described for the Town Council

#### Robert’s Rules and other Chapter 13 amendments

*Description: The Council will discuss the formal adoption of Robert’s Rules for conducting the Council Business Meetings, as well as any other desired changes to Chapter 13 of the Code.*

Council consensus: The Town Council agreed to have Town staff review Chapter 13 and prepare a recommendation for amending the Code.

#### Presentation of Police Study by Institute for Governmental Service (IGS)

*Description: Jeanne Bilanin will discuss the results of the police study that the Town commissioned IGS to do.*

Ms. Bilanin presented the policy study and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

#### Faison Annexation Update

*Description: Representatives from Faison will discuss portions of a possible annexation agreement. Specifically, potential development guidelines will be reviewed.*

*[Councilman Winkler recused himself from participating in the discussion and left the Council table until the discussion concluded.]*

Roger Wright and Pat Faux went over the standards contained in “Rosewick Crossing Annexation Design Standards, October 24, 2005.”

Location of the Public Works facility

*Description: The Council has had several discussions regarding moving the Public Works facility away from the Kent Avenue corridor. The merits of different sites will be discussed.*

Council consensus: The Town Council agreed to obtain appraisals of the Town's property and the Mote property for comparison purposes, obtain the opinion of the Public Works staff and possibly have Mr. Mote make a presentation to them. Mr. Miller noted this would be discussed at the next work session.

Sign Ordinance Amendments

*Description: Several requests for amendments to the sign ordinance will be discussed.*

Council consensus: The Town Council agreed they want the list of concerns that the La Plata Business Association (LPBA) has in advance of a work session which they want to have the LPBA attend to discuss those concerns.

Executive Session [Held immediately following the work session.]

Consult with counsel to obtain legal advice: (1) Requiring identification to vote in Town elections; (2) Acquisition of property.

Matters of Information

SMMA Legislative Dinner, December 7, 2005  
Commission Reception, January 31, 2006

There being no other discussion, Councilman Back made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Councilman Winkler seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk