

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session – 7:00 PM
June 8, 2010

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development

Minutes:

Call to Order

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

- 2011 Legislative Action Requests

Mr. Mears briefly described items of concern that were not actively sponsored by Maryland Municipal League during the 2010 Session of the General Assembly.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to submit the following 2011 Legislative Action Requests to the Maryland Municipal League.

- Bay Restoration Fees: To allow the use of Bay Restoration Fee Funds for connection to public sewer systems for households experiencing the impact of failing septic systems.
- Municipal Gas Tax: To allow Municipalities the option of increasing the gas tax to replace lost revenues, as a result of the 90% cut in State Highway User Revenue.

- State Highway Mowing Contract Prices
[The document “301 Median Maintenance” was included in the meeting packets.]

Mr. Mears briefly discussed the Council's concerns regarding the mowing of the State Highway Administration's right-of-ways, and possible solutions.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to take no action at the present time, and to discuss at a later date if the issue persists.

- Citizen Notification – FY2010-2011 Rates.

Mr. Mears discussed the letter that was mailed to Citizens in FY 2009-2010, concerning the rate increase for water and sewer.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to use the Town website, and Town Notes as tools to notify Citizens of the FY2010-2011 rate increases.

Matters of Information

Mr. Mears provided updates on the following items:

- The owners of the vacant Exxon station have been given a deadline for action on the removal of the signage.
- Code Enforcement is actively working to require the owner to cut the grass, on a property near the Town well on Washington Avenue.
- The Wi-Fi equipment has been ordered.

Future Work Session Topics

- June 15, 2010
 - Presentation: Johel Limited Partnership and FCD-Development, LLC. Supplement to Annexation Petition – La Plata Crossing: Revised Conceptual Site Plan, Walmart Supercenter.
 - La Plata Community Foundation project update
- June 22, 2010 – Discussion: Johel Limited Partnership and FCD-Development, LLC. Supplement to Annexation Petition – La Plata Crossing: Revised Conceptual Site Plan, Walmart Supercenter.

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk