

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Special Meeting – Organization of the Council  
*[Pursuant to Town Charter Section C3-4]*  
Monday, May 9, 2005, 4:00 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

Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Swearing in of new members

Richard A. Day, III, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of the Town Council: Mayor Eugene Ambrogio, Ward II Councilman C. Keith Back, Ward III Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, and Ward IV Councilman Vic E. Newman.

#### Matters of Council Discussion

##### Council Organization

Mayor pro tem: Mayor Ambrogio advised this would be discussed at a later date.

Commission ex-officio members: Mayor Ambrogio advised he had previously spoken to each of the Council members regarding the following assignments:

Councilman Winkler	La Plata Business Association and Historic District Commission
Councilman Back	Planning Commission
Councilwoman Mudd	Parks and Recreation Commission
Councilman Newman	Beautification Commission

##### Meeting schedule

Affirm dates and times: The Council agreed to continue the meeting schedule of regular meetings at 7:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays, and work sessions at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays.

Work session format: Mr. Miller advised that the Town Charter and Code mandate that the Town Council hold a business meeting once per month. He noted that the work

sessions were added for the Town Manager to discuss matters with the Council, and asked if they wished to keep the 7:00 PM meeting on the fourth Tuesday as a business meeting or change it to another work session. Mayor Ambrogio advised this would be discussed at the next work session.

Orientation session

Mr. Miller advised of the need to schedule a half-day orientation session. The Council agreed they would discuss and schedule this at a future date.

Mr. Miller asked that new members fill out and return paperwork provided to them, including the Maryland Municipal League registration form for the convention to be held at the end of June.

Commission appointments (not discussed)

Southern Maryland Municipal Association (SMMA) Slate of Officers

Mr. Miller advised that La Plata is hosting the next meeting of the SMMA, which will be held at Casey Jones on Wednesday, May 18. He further advised that it is La Plata's turn to fill the leadership offices of the SMMA, and that the Council will need to decide who will fill those offices prior to that meeting.

There being no further business, Councilman Back made a motion to adjourn at 4:17 PM. Councilman Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk