

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
February 11, 2010, 7:00 PM

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; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and led the Council and all attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matters of Council Discussion

- EnerNOC, Inc Power Shed Program

Description: Information regarding participation in an electricity demand load shedding program.

Mr. Mears, followed by Mr. Oliphant described the proposal from EnerNOC, Inc. for participation in an electricity demand load shedding program. The purpose of which is to reduce the power grid load during high demand times, to lower the chance of Blackouts, by turning off the power to participating locations. Advanced notice would be given, requesting Town Staff to shut down the power at any of the Town Wells and Pump Stations. The Town Wells and Pump Stations would subsequently run using generators for a maximum of six (6) hours.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to Introduce the Resolution, authorizing the Town Manager to execute and deliver an agreement with EnerNOC, Inc.

- Revision of Sign Regulations

Description: Discussions pertaining to the proposed Revisions to the Sign Regulations and the recommendation for introduction by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Mears briefly described the Planning Commission recommendation for Introduction of the proposed Sign Regulations.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to introduce the Sign Regulations Ordinance at the February 23, 2010, regular meeting.

- Planned Redevelopment and Infill District (PRID) Overlay Zone

Description: Discussions pertaining to the proposed PRID Overlay Zone and the recommendation for introduction by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Mears briefly described the Planning Commission recommendation for Introduction of the proposed Planned Redevelopment and Infill District (PRID) Overlay Zone. The zoning classification was included as proposed zoning in the Comprehensive Plan.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to introduce the Planned Redevelopment and Infill District (PRID) Overlay Zone Ordinance at the February 23, 2010 regular meeting.

Matters of Information

Mr. Mears provided a report on the recent snowstorms; explaining the need to contract the use of three (3) large loaders to help with snow removal, which enabled the crews to plow the main thoroughfares with increased frequency. The Town currently has enough salt in reserve for another snow event, with a delivery scheduled. The Safeway, and the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department temporarily closed due to concerns with the snow load on the roofs, until they were cleared to reopen by a Structural Engineer, and the roof of a storage outbuilding located at Mitchell's Building Supply collapsed under the snow load.

Mr. Mears also reported on the effect the recent snow storms had on trash pickup. Due to the Landfill remaining closed on Wednesday, and opening late on Thursday, all effected Trash Routes would be re-done. The recycling was effected, with Waste Management cancelling pickup until the following week, without notification to the Town.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to direct staff to request a pro-rated refund from Waste Management for the missed day of service.

Future Work Session Topics [none discussed]

Other business [none]

There being no other business, Councilwoman Mudd moved to adjourn the work session at 7:52 PM. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it carried. The Council moved in to the Special Meeting.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk