

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
November 24, 2009

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; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;

Guest: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of October minutes

Councilman Winkler moved to approve the minutes of the October 13 work session; October 13 special meeting; October 20 work session; and October 27 regular meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Hale acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2009

FY09 Audited Financial Statement

Description: Rodney J. Saunders, of McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, to present the FY09 Audited Financial Statement

Mr. Saunders presented the FY09 Audited Financial Statement and briefly explained each aspect of the annual audit.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

La Plata Police Department (LPPD) monthly report – Chief Gittings

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of October, 2009.

Chief Gittings also reported that counterfeit bills have been circulating in Town and arrests have been made, the department will increase patrols during the Holiday Season, and Siren testing is scheduled for December 5, 2009.

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report – Chief Moore

Chief Moore reported on the department's activities during the month of October, 2009.

Public Forum (No speakers.)

Legislation

Ordinance 09-16 Town of La Plata Homestead Property Tax Credit (For Adoption) - For the purpose of adopting the percentage for the Town of La Plata Homestead Property Tax Credit for a certain period of time; and all matters generally relating thereto

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation of the purpose of Ordinance 09-16.

Councilman Back moved to adopt Ordinance 09-16 Town of La Plata Homestead Property Tax Credit. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Emergency Ordinance No. 09-18 Amendment to Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of amending the Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Oliphant provided a briefly described the budget amendments to accept and appropriate Grant funds, as the purpose of Emergency Ordinance 09-18.

Councilman Norris moved to suspend the provisions of Town Charter § C6-4 Ordinances, to adopt this as an emergency ordinance. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 09-18 Amendment to Town of La Plata FY2009-2010 Financial Plan/Budget. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business (None.)

New Business

Commission Reports

Councilman Norris reported on the happenings of the Design Review Board during the month of October, and the approval of the signage for Panera Bread, and the pending approval of the architecture, site plan and landscaping.

Councilwoman Mudd reported that the Beautification Commission plans to decorate on December 1 and the Holiday Lights Contest judging will be December 14.

Councilman Back briefly described the activities of the Planning Commission and review of a conceptual design for Cannery Road, LLC, to be located behind the Port Tobacco Players building, and the review and discussion of the Sign Ordinance and the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District Ordinance.

Mayor Hale reported on the success of the Veteran's Day events and announced the upcoming Holiday events.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilman Norris read the recommendation of appointment to the Design Review Board.

Councilman Norris moved to approve the appointment of Jeanine James to the Design Review Board to fill an unexpired term until February 26, 2012. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk