

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
December 11, 2007, 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

Letter of Credit

Description: Mr. Norris will provide an explanation of a Letter of Credit from the Town to the County for work to be performed by GP Homes to install a sewer line under Washington Avenue and across County property.

Mr. Norris briefly explained that the Letter of Credit is needed for the utility extension work which is part of the cost-share agreement with GP Homes.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to take action at the December 18 meeting to authorize Mr. Norris to execute and deliver the appropriate documents on behalf of the Town.

Draft Resolution 07-11 Change to Designation of Resident Agent

Description: State law requires the governing body of each political subdivision to file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) a certification naming a resident agent who is designated to accept service of process for the local entity. This resolution is a "housekeeping" item to advise SDAT of a change in resident agent from Douglas R. Miller to Daniel J. Mears. This Resolution will be on the December 18 agenda for adoption.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to act on this Resolution at the December 18 meeting.

Matters of Information

- Councilman Lucas asked that the La Plata Police Department provide briefings at the Town Council business meetings. Mr. Mears advised this would begin at the January meeting. Councilman Goldsmith stated he would like the statistics included in the regular reporting on Council meetings done by the Maryland Independent. Councilwoman Mudd stated she would like information included regarding who has been apprehended for various crimes, where that is appropriate.
- Mr. Mears provided an update on the paving overlay project.

- Councilwoman Mudd led a brief discussion regarding giving Town employees December 24 as a holiday this year, especially since it is on a Monday. Councilman Goldsmith stated he was in support of this, noting it was also a federal and county holiday this year. After brief discussion, it was agreed to act on this at the December 18 meeting.

Future Work Session Topics

- LED display signs – cycle rate (clarification needed as Town Code does not specify the length of time for a message to display.) La Plata Business Association input is to be invited.

Other business

Mr. Mears provided a status report on the National Citizen Survey project.

Following brief discussion, the Town Council agreed they needed to begin developing strategy regarding the hiring of a Town Treasurer. Mr. Mears advised that he and Mr. Norris would begin discussing job duty parameters and other information to be provided to the Town Council.

In response to Mayor Ambrogio, Mr. Mears advised that the December 18 agenda includes acknowledging and thanking Bob Johnston for donating the Blue Spruce tree.

There being no other business, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk