

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
January 22, 2009, 5:30 PM

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Michelle D. Miner, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Robert W. Oliphant, Town Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department; Cathy Flerlage, Director of Planning and Zoning; Jorge Thompson, Director of Inspections; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development; Jo Anne Ellison

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

Budget priority setting – facilitated session (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

Jo Anne Ellison conducted the facilitated session regarding budget priority setting. The Town Council discussed budget priorities for the topics of Community Development – Code Enforcement, Protective Inspection, Planning and Zoning, Development Assistance; and Ideas that Cut Across All Services/General Administration.

Ordinance 08-11 New Irrigation System Installation

Description: Discussion of amendments suggested by the Green Building Committee.
[Note: At the November 25, 2008 meeting, the Town Council deferred consideration of this ordinance until the January 27, 2009 meeting.]

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Council agreed with the amendments suggested by the Green Building Committee and agreed to approve the amendments and adopt Ordinance 08-11 as amended at the January 27 meeting. Further, the Council agreed that Mr. Mears should consult with the Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding overall regulation on restricting irrigation to the hours of 6:00 PM to 10:00 AM.

Matters of Information

The Council briefly discussed current vacancies on boards and commissions.

Future Work Session Topics

- Budget priority setting – facilitated session: Thursday, January 29, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Public Works – Refuse, Road Maintenance, Parks Maintenance, Support

- Water and Wastewater
- Town Management and Council Relations

There being no other business, Councilman Goldsmith moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM. Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk