

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
August 16, 2011, 7:02 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; David M. Jenkins, Director of Planning and Community Development

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the work session to order at 7:02 PM.

► **Matters of Council Discussion**

GP Homes Heritage Green Amenities Package

Mr. Mears briefly discussed the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and that the Plan showed a surplus of golf opportunities in the area.

Mayor Hale invited the Harry Lapas, Steve Murray and Pat Faux representatives of GP Homes to present a power point presentation outlining a proposed amenity package for the Heritage Green Development, and the conversion from a golf course community to a walkable life long community.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to review a draft amendment to the annexation agreement that includes a list of the amenities being proposed.

**DRAFT Ordinance No. 11-13 NEW ETHICS ORDINANCE** - for the purpose of enacting a new ethics ordinance for the Town of La Plata to comply with requirements of Maryland law; to provide for the applicability of the provisions of the ordinance; to define certain terms; to provide for a Town Ethics Commission and to provide that the members of the current Ethics Commission will continue to serve as the new Ethics Commission for a certain duration; providing for the duties, responsibilities and operation of the Commission; to provide regulations relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure by Town elected officials, candidates for elective Town office, and certain Town employees, and lobbying disclosure; to provide for certain exemptions and modifications to certain provisions of the ordinance; providing for enforcement of the terms of the ordinance and penalties for violations; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and generally relating to the enactment of new regulations intended to ensure ethical conduct by Town officials and employees and appropriate disclosure by candidates for Town elective office.

Mr. Mears discussed the state requirement for every jurisdiction to update local Ethics Ordinances, and the creation of a new ethics commission, which is currently the same as the board of elections.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to introduce the legislation, as written, at the August 23, 2011 business meeting.

**DRAFT Ordinance No. 11-14 Refuse Storage Containers and Location of Containers** – for the purpose of revising the Town’s existing Health and Sanitation regulations; altering certain purposes of the regulations; correcting certain terminology; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears reviewed the revisions to the Health and Sanitation Chapter of the Town Code.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to introduce Ordinance No. 11-14 at the August 23, 2011 business meeting.

**►Matters of Information**

Mr. Mears, followed by Stephen H. Scott, representing Johel Ltd, in the matter of a petition for annexation, briefly explained the technical challenge with hearing advertisement on the annexation and the requirement to hold a new hearing.

**►Future Work Session Topics**

- Stormwater Management Facilities
- Traffic Calming Devices

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the work session at 8:51 PM. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

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Danielle Mandley  
Town Clerk