

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting [*Rescheduled from June 26, 2012*]

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, 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;

Guests: See Roster

Pursuant to the requirement of Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-509(c)(2), these statements are included in these minutes:

A closed session of the Council of the Town of La Plata was held at 8:40 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in the La Plata Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Michelle D. Miner.

On a motion made by Councilman Back, seconded by Councilwoman Mudd. Roll call vote on the motion: Mayor Hale, Councilman Back, Councilwoman Mudd and Councilman Norris voted aye, Councilman Winkler was absent, and by unanimous vote, the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-508(a)(8) Consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a pending or potential appeal in the case of Faison-Rosewick, LLC, Petition for Judicial Review of Decision of the Town of La Plata. Action: None taken. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

A closed session of the Council of the Town of La Plata was held at 8:49 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012, in the La Plata Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman Back, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Michelle D. Miner.

On a motion made by Councilman Back, seconded by Councilman Norris. Roll call vote on the motion: Mayor Hale, Councilman Back, Councilwoman Mudd and Councilman Norris voted aye, Councilman Winkler was absent, and by unanimous vote, the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-508(a)(3) Consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the acquisition of property for Municipal Facilities. Action: Motion passed unanimously to

approve an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) for an appraisal. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes:

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

Approval of May Minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the May 8 special meeting, May 8 work session, May 8 closed session, May 15 work session, May 22 business meeting and May 22 closed sessions (1) and (2). Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum

Michael Runfola, 113 Morris Drive, Town resident, spoke regarding the Johel Annexation and asked where the Annotated Code states that a referendum happens before the vote. Additionally, there were questions about conducting votes of residents by ward on issues before the Council, and spoke about why meetings are poorly attended.

Mayor Hale responded by stating that we will provide Maryland Code, discussed why the Council does not send all Annexations to Referendum, and spoke regarding the Representative form of government, and that resident opinions are requested in several forms. The Council is reviewing ways to gather Resident opinion on various issues and topics.

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

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of May 2012, and spoke about the child safety seat inspection program.

Councilman Winkler asked if the bike patrol was well received by the community and about traffic counters that were installed on Washington Avenue.

Chief Gittings spoke regarding the positive relationships that have been established in the community, in part due to contact by the bike patrol officers, and that the traffic counters on Washington Avenue were a County project.

► Legislation

Ordinance No. 12-15 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE 2009 (for introduction) – For the purpose of adopting the International Plumbing Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the plumbing code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration

and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-16 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2009 (for introduction) – For the purpose of adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the property maintenance code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Mr. Mears briefly discussed Ordinance No. 12-15 and Ordinance No. 12-16.

Consideration of Adoption Rescheduled

Mr. Mears announced the Ordinances introduced by the Town Council on May 22, 2012, and scheduled for consideration of adoption on June 19, 2012. Per Section 13-19 D., an ordinance must be considered no more than sixty (60) days after introduction, or rescheduled to a specified future date. The scheduled date for consideration is July 24, 2012.

Ordinance No. 12-07 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2009

Ordinance No. 12-08 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS 2009

Ordinance No. 12-09 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE NEC 2008 – NFPA 70

Ordinance No. 12-10 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2009

Ordinance No. 12-11 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE 2009

Ordinance No. 12-12 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE 2009

Ordinance No. 12-13 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE 2009

Ordinance No. 12-14 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2009

► Unfinished Business *[None]*

► New Business

Councilman Winkler asked about the Code books and the need for those that are no longer being updated to be returned.

Mayor asked for a volunteer to carry the flag during the Maryland Municipal League Convention Parade of Flags. Councilman Winkler volunteered to carry the flag.

Councilwoman Mudd announced that the car seat safety check is schedule for June 22, 2012 at Civista Medical Center.

1. Commission Reports

Councilman Winkler reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the frustration with not having funds in the budget to implement any of the recommendations contained in the Parks Plan, and the upcoming joint work session.

Councilwoman Mudd reported on the Beautification Commission's planned summer break and the award of grant funds to all applicants.

Councilman Norris reported on the Design Review Board review and approval of the La Plata Village Square parapet wall treatment to cover the rooftop utilities, and the review and approval of the Rosewick Crossing Master Sign Plan, which includes a new LED changeable copy sign.

2. Upcoming Events – Mayor Hale

Mayor Hale briefly described the upcoming Town Events.

June 22 – Summer Concert, R&R – 7 to 9PM

June 29 – Summer Concert, US Air Force Band – 7 to 9PM

July 4 – Watermelon Bash, 11AM to 2PM

July 5 – Summer Concert, US Naval Academy Band Electric Brigade, 7 to 9PM

July 13 – Summer Concert, Roadhouse, 7 to 9PM

July 14 – Community Yard Sale, 8AM to 12 Noon

July 27 – Summer Concert, Eastern Traditions, 7 to 9PM

Mayor announced that the June 26, 2012 was rescheduled to June 19, 2012 to allow the Council the opportunity to attend the Maryland Municipal League Convention.

Councilwoman Mudd spoke regarding the desire to obtain an Art Community designation.

There being no other business to discuss, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:37 p.m. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk