

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting

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

Guests: See Roster

Minutes:

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

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum (No speakers.)
2. Presentation: La Plata Beautification Grant Awards – Beautification Commission

Chairperson Judy Norris, Beautification Commission, presented the grant awards to:

- Lynn Hopkins, Hemlock Court “facelift” project, in the amount of \$500.00
- Jo Ann Worden, Prospect Street screening project, in the amount of \$500.00
- Jim Goldsmith, Washington Square entrance project, in the amount of \$500.00
- Daina Klimanis, Phoenix Run Flowers project, in the amount of \$442.26
- Helen Lucas, on behalf of Caroline Beane, Hawthorne Greene embankment project, in the amount of \$500.00

Mr. Mears briefly described the purpose and intent of the Beautification Commission Grant Program, Mayor Hale expressed gratitude for the applicants participation and Councilwoman Mudd encouraged others to apply.

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

Chief Gittings reported on the department’s activities during the month of April 2011.

Chief Gittings also reported issues with the siren testing, which occurred on May 7, 2011, the Explorers Post, and responded to question on solicitation permits.

4. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report [No report]

► **Legislation**

Resolution 11-4 Ninth Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Local Government Insurance Trust (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – for the purpose of approving and accepting the Ninth Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Local Government Insurance Trust (the “Trust”).

Mr. Mears provided a summary of the a request from Local Government Insurance Trust to approve and accept the Ninth Amended and Restate Trust Agreement.

Councilman Norris moved to adopt Resolution 11-4 Ninth Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Local Government Insurance Trust. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 11-4 Farmers Market (for consideration of adoption) - for the purpose of amending the Code of the Town of La Plata to eliminate reference to the Farmers Market Commission; making other revisions relating to the administration and operation of the Farmers Market in the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears briefly explained Ordinance No. 11-4 Farmers Market, which eliminates the reference to the Farmers market Commission some administrative changes.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Ordinance No. 11-4. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 11-6 Business Options Visa Card Account with PNC Bank, N.A (for introduction) – for the purpose of authorizing the Town of La Plata to enter into a commercial credit card account relationship with PNC Bank, N.A. and appointing Authorized Persons to enter into, execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of La Plata agreements, documents or other instruments to PNC Bank, N.A. regarding the commercial credit card account relationship; and all matters relating to said commercial credit card account relationship with PNC Bank, N.A.

Mr. Mears discussed the replacement of the existing SunTrust commercial credit card account with the PNC Bank, N.A. visa card account.

Ordinance No. 11-7 Town of La Plata FY2011-2012 Financial Plan/Budget (for introduction) – for the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata FY2011-2012 Financial Plan/Budget; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Ordinance No. 11-8 Fee Schedule (for introduction) – for the purpose of adopting the Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears offered to summarize Ordinance No. 11-7 and Ordinance No. 11-8 during the public hearing.

Ordinance No. 11-9 Issuance of General Obligation Bond to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Wastewater System Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) and Capacity Upgrades and Improvements (for introduction)

Mr. Mears described the Ordinance No. 11-9 Issuance of General Obligation Bond to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Wastewater System Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) and Capacity Upgrades and Improvements, 94% State funding, and the Town will borrow \$962,000.

Ordinance No. 11-10 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Automated Water Meter Reading System (for introduction)

Mr. Mears described the contents of Ordinance No. 11-10 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Automated Water Meter Reading System, which is an energy efficiency project and will include a 50% grant match.

Public Hearings:

Hearing : **Ordinance No. 11-7 Town of La Plata FY2011-2012 Financial Plan/Budget** – for the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata FY2011-2012 Financial Plan/Budget; and all matters generally relating thereto, and;

Ordinance No. 11-8 Fee Schedule – for the purpose of adopting the Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto..

Mayor Hale made an announcement to silence cell phones and pagers, and called the hearing to order, and explained that the purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on Ordinance No. 11-7 Town of La Plata FY2011-2012 Financial Plan/Budget, and Ordinance No. 11-8 Fee Schedule and reviewed the Public Hearing Procedures.

Mr. Mears provided a power point presentation to outline the details of the proposed budge.

Following the presentation he Clerk entered into the record the Certification of Publication that the notice of the hearing was properly advertised in the May 6, 2011, edition of the Maryland Independent newspaper.

Mayor Hale called for questions of the Council regarding Ordinance No. 11-7 and/or Ordinance No. 11-8.

Councilman Winkler requested clarification regarding Employee Benefits, including; COLA increases, State Retirement, and Health Insurance, and; Wi-Fi.

Mayor Hale asked if anyone in the audience has written documents for the record, regarding Ordinance No. 11-7 and/or Ordinance No. 11-8. There were no written comments received.

Mayor Hale asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak regarding Ordinance No. 11-7 and/or Ordinance No 11-8. There were no speakers.

Mayor Hale asked for any additional questions of the Council. There were no additional questions.

There being no speakers, Mayor Hale closed the hearing at 7:53 PM.

► **Unfinished Business** [None]

► **New Business**

1. Commission Reports

- Councilman Winkler had no report due to the cancellation of the Parks and Recreation Meeting.
- Councilman Back reported on the Planning Commission discussion regarding the Central Business Transition.
- Councilwoman Mudd reported on the activities of the Beautification Commission, including: Beautification Grant Program; new banners; no meetings July and August, and; the installation of Parks signs.
- Mayor Hale commented on the new Town Boundary signs and reported that the La Plata Business Association did not meet.
- Councilman Norris reported that the the Design Review Board did not have a meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2011.
- Mayor Hale provided information on upcoming events for June.

2. Appointment(s) to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Hale discussed the list of terms on the various Boards and Commissions that have expired or are due to expire, included in a memorandum from Ms. Mandley, dated May 20, 2011, which was included in the meeting packets.

Beautification Commission

Judy Norris	Expiring May 22, 2011
Rose Goldsmith	Expired March, 24, 2011

Board of Appeals

Norman Shelton, Alternate	Expired April 28, 2011
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Design Review Board

David Gallagher	Expiring May 22, 2011
David Gallagher, Vice Chairman	Expiring June 23, 2011
Hank Payton, Alternate appointee)	Resigned, Term expiration, October 26, 2013 (Need

Parks and Recreation Commission

Victoria T. Kelly	Expiring June 19, 2011
Keysha Payton appointee)	Resigned, Term expiration, March 25, 2011 (Need

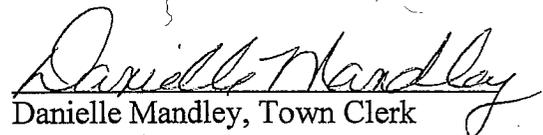
Planning Commission

Mary L. Grant, Alternate	Expiring June 23, 2011
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Councilman Winkler moved to approve re-appointment of the Board and Commission members included on the list dated May 20, 2011. Following discussion Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Winkler motioned to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:


Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

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TEST: 
Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk
Town of La Plata
Date: 10/22/11