

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, March 22, 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: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;

Guests: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department; Mike Zabko, CEO, Southern Maryland
Red Cross

Minutes:

Mayor Hale, Councilman called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

► Approval of February minutes

Wayne moved to approve the minutes of the February 8 work session, February 15 work session, and February 22 business meeting. Joe seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

► Treasurer Report

Mayor Hale acknowledged receipt of the February 2011 treasurer's report.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum

Thomas S. Fenner, 308 Prince Georges Street, La Plata, Maryland, spoke in opposition of the removal of bollards at the end of Prince Georges Street, and requested information regarding vehicle counters and the results of the study.

Mike Runfola, 113 Morris Drive, La Plata, Maryland, spoke regarding the Davis Annexation (Hawthorne Green), (1) opposed to the proposed replacement of the golf course feature (2) referenced errors in the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of February 2011

Chief Gittings also reported recent incidents of theft from autos, and the new Explorers Post to start April 6, 7:00 PM.

3. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report

Chief Moore reported on the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department activities of February 2011.

Chief Moore also reported on the life saving efforts of three of the volunteers.

4. Presentation: Tim Ailsworth, Local Government Insurance Trust – Training Grant Award

Mr. Ailsworth presented the Local Government Insurance Trust Training Grant to the Mayor and Council, and Mr. Stahl, for the purpose of providing training to the public works staff, and specifically thank Bobby Stahl for applying for the grant.

5. Proclamation: American Red Cross Month, March 2011

Mayor Hale read the Proclamation, recognizing March 2011 as American Red Cross Month, and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Zabko.

► Legislation

Ordinance No. 11-2 FY 2010-2011 Fee Schedule (for consideration of adoption) - For the purpose of adding a certain fee in lieu of on-site stormwater management, and a convenience fee for credit and debit card transactions in the FY2010-2011 Fee Schedule; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears explained the purpose of the addition of a fee in lieu of on-site stormwater management, and a convenience fee for credit and debit card transactions.

Councilman Norris moved to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2 FY 2010-2011 Fee Schedule. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

► Unfinished Business *[None]*

► New Business

1. Commission Reports

Councilman Winkler reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was canceled in March.

Councilman Back reported on the actions of Planning Commission, including: Review and approval of Steeplechase Phase 1, Lots 175-185; a two story structure within the Charles County Nursing Home site; and the site plan for La Plata Village Square.

Councilwoman Mudd reported that the Beautification Commission meeting was cancelled in March.

Councilman Norris reported on the actions of the Design Review Board, including: Courtesy review of the Charles County Nursing Home two story building; review and approval for a sculpture for Island Music; review and approval of a Master Sign Plan for Southern Maryland Bank Building; courtesy review of the Tilghman Lake Restroom Facility, and; the ongoing review of the Design Guidelines.

Mayor Hale reported on the La Plata Business Association meeting and the information provided by Outsource IT regarding Disaster Management, and the upcoming Town Events, including Celebrate La Plata.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:40 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk