

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM  
March 25, 2008

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Det./Sgt. William P. Brooks, Jr., La Plata Police Department

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

*A closed session of the Council of the Town of La Plata was held at 8:55 PM, Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 2008, in the La Plata Town Hall.*

*Present: Mayor Ambrogio, Councilmen Goldsmith, Lucas, Mudd and Newman; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer; Robert F. Stahl, Jr., Director of Operations*

*On a motion made by Mayor Ambrogio, seconded by Councilman Goldsmith, and by unanimous consent of the members present, the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Sections 10-508(a)(3) – Consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and 10-508(a)(1)(i) – Discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. Action taken: The Council agreed on a course of action that staff was directed to take regarding acquisition of property and regarding Town Treasurer recruitment. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.*

*A closed session of the Council of the Town of La Plata was held at 6:32 PM, Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 2008, in the La Plata Town Hall.*

*Present: Mayor Ambrogio, Councilmen Goldsmith, Lucas and Mudd; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk*

*On a motion made by Mayor Ambrogio, seconded by Councilman Newman, and by unanimous consent of the members present, the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Sections 10-508(a)(1)(i) – Discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; and 10-508(a)(14) – Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or*

*disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss appointments to boards and commissions and discuss negotiation of a contract. Action taken: (1) The Council agreed on nominees to be appointed to boards and commissions; (2) The Council directed the Town Manager on a course of action to take in the negotiation of a contract. The meeting was suspended at 7:00 PM while the Council conducted the regularly scheduled work session, reconvened at 8:00 PM, and adjourned at 8:57 PM.*

#### Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and asked Bob Jacobs to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approval of February minutes

Councilman Goldsmith moved to approve the minutes of the of the February 5 joint meeting with the County Commissioners and Town of Indian Head, February 12 work session, February 19 special meeting, February 19 work session, February 19 closed session, February 26 regular meeting, and February 26 closed session. Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mayor Ambrogio acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's report dated February 29, 2008.

#### Petitions, Communications, Appearances, and Public Forum

##### Presentation of Town Seal to Robert A. Jacobs

Mayor Ambrogio presented a Town Seal to Robert A. Jacobs, expressing the Town's appreciation of the years he served as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

##### La Plata Police Department monthly report – Chief Gittings

Det./Sgt. William P. Brooks, Jr. reported on the department's activities during the month of February, 2008.

##### Public Forum (None)

#### Legislation

Ordinance 08-2 Appointments to Board of Appeals (For Adoption) – For the purpose of amending the Code of the Town of La Plata to alter the procedure followed to appoint members of the Board of Appeals; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Lucas moved to adopt Ordinance 08-2. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 08-1 Charter Amendment – Appointments to Board of Supervisors of Elections (For Adoption) – For the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of La Plata to alter the procedure followed to appoint members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections; and all matters generally relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Councilman Goldsmith moved to adopt Resolution 08-1. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion. Mayor Ambrogio and Councilmen Goldsmith, Lucas and Mudd voted aye. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance 08-5 School Seat Allocation Policy (For Introduction) – For the purpose of modifying certain criteria for exemption from the Town's school seat allocation policy; providing that the Town may not issue building permits for lots in certain subdivisions that require certain special school seat allocations to be provided to the Town by the Charles County Commissioners until those allocations are provided; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation of the purpose of Ordinance 08-5.

Ordinance 08-6 Heritage Green Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (For Introduction) – For the purpose of approving a certain Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement to apply to the development of the Heritage Green mixed use community; authorizing the Town Manager to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Town; providing that the enactment and taking effect of this Ordinance is contingent upon the enactment and taking effect of certain other legislation; and matters generally related to the development of the Heritage Green community.

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation of the purpose of Ordinance 08-6, advised that this will be referred to the Planning Commission for confirmation of consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, and announced that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

Unfinished Business (None)

New Business

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Ambrogio moved to appoint Margaret Boggs to a 4-year term on the Beautification Commission. Councilman Goldsmith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ambrogio moved to appoint Paul Filardi to a 4-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Presentation of results of Citizen Survey

Mr. Mears provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the final results of the Citizen Survey, and actions being taken by the Town. Mr. Mears noted that the survey report is on the Town's web page and that a summary will be included in the next Town Notes newsletter.

Reschedule June 24, 2008 regular meeting

Mayor Ambrogio moved to reschedule the June 24, 2008 regular meeting to June 17, 2008 in place of the work session. Councilman Goldsmith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Commission Reports

Councilman Goldsmith reported on topics discussed at the Planning Commission's March 4 meeting.

Councilman Lucas reported on topics discussed at the Design Review Board's March 5 and March 19 meetings.

Councilwoman Mudd reported on topics discussed at the Beautification Commission's March 17 meeting and on the plans of the Kent Avenue Partnership group to hold a Nonviolence Day on May 17.

Other business (None)

There being no further business, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk