

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
February 15, 2005, 4:00 PM

Present: Mayor William F. Eckman, Councilman Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilman Gene Ambrogio, Councilman Roy G. Hale; Douglas R. Miller, Town Manager; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Minutes:

Mayor Eckman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

House Bill 1205

Mr. Miller briefly explained and provided copies of HB 1205, "Local Government – The Commonsense in Development Act – Application of County Adequate Public Facilities Legislation to Municipalities", noting that La Plata will oppose HB 1205. Mr. Miller will send a copy of Ordinance 05-1, School Seat Allocation Policy, to Jim Peck at MML.

Morris Annexation Agreement Amendment

Description: To proceed with the amendment to the Morris Annexation Agreement, we will need to give Fred Sussman some exact information. First we need to limit the number of fast food restaurants, second we have to give broad guidance as to what additional requirements that we will require of Morris, i.e., predominately brick construction.

Council Consensus: Mr. Miller is to advise Mr. Sussman to limit the number to one fast food restaurant, to be constructed predominately of brick.

St. Mary's Avenue Final Design

Description: The final design of St. Mary's Avenue will be available for review and final approval.

Council Consensus:

1. Mr. Miller will discuss with Facchina their building construction schedule at the corner of Centennial Street and St. Mary's Avenue in order to coordinate their schedule with this project.

2. Mr. Miller will check with Mr. Erdman regarding the "parking to be built by others" note and have the sidewalk drawing at the Facchina corner redrawn.

3. The Council agreed the final design would be ready to go to bid after the Facchina sidewalk issue is resolved.

Board of Election Supervisors

Description: We will need to appoint a member of the Board of Election Supervisors.

Council Consensus: Each Council member will first speak to and then will bring one name to the next regular meeting on February 22.

Election Budget Amendment

Description: Per the email sent earlier, we will need a budget amendment in order to conduct this Spring's election with voting machines.

Council Consensus: This will be presented for action at the next regular meeting on February 22.

Matters of Information

Mr. Miller advised that the official draft of the Town's water and wastewater study has been received.

Councilman Winkler advised that the membership of the American Legion would be meeting at 7:00 PM and will be voting on the issue of continuing their contract to sell. He will email vote results to the Town Council.

Motion for Closed Session

Councilman Hale made a motion to conduct a closed session immediately following this meeting, pursuant to *Annotated Code of Maryland* Section 10-508(a)(8) – Consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and Section 10-508(a)(3), to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mayor Eckman and Councilmen Winkler, Back, Ambrogio and Hale voted aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no other discussion, Councilman Winkler made a motion to adjourn at 4:47 PM. Councilman Back seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk