

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Budget Work Session – 6:00 PM
April 22, 2010

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; Robert F. Stahl, Director of Operations

Minutes:

Call to Order

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Mayor Hale briefly discussed the Southern Maryland Municipal Association (SMMA), and asked Councilman Back to serve as President, Councilman Norris to serve as Vice President, and Ms. Mandley to serve as Secretary. All agreed to serve in the positions, and Mayor Hale stated he would motion for each appointment at the next meeting.

Matters of Council Discussion

- Budget Discussions on Enterprise Funds
 - Sewer and Water Rates

Mr. Mears, followed by Mr. Oliphant described the revenues and expenditures pertaining to Sewer and Water, explaining that the expenditures are higher than revenues.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to continue with the three (3) tier rate structure. It was further agreed that Sewer rates would increase by 11.18%, and Water rates would increase by 3%, in anticipation of covering 100% of the yearly deficit amount.

- Storm Water Rates

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to keep the Storm Water Rate at the current level.

- Major Facility Fee – time of collection

Mr. Mears briefly described the staff recommendation to collect the Major Facility Fee at the time that the Occupancy Permit is issued. The intent is to allow the building community to apply for permits without incurring major upfront expenses.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to change the fee schedule to allow for collection of Major Facility Fee's at the time of Occupancy Permit issuance.

- Fee Schedule
[The Document FY11 Proposed Fee Schedule, dated April 20, 2010 was included in the meeting packets, and used during discussion.]

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to introduce the fee schedule, using option #2, as presented on the FY11 Proposed Fee Schedule, dated April 20, 2010.

- General Fund Proposed Expenditures

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to remove and /or reduce the budgeted amount of several proposed items from the FY11 Budget Development Worksheets, including:

- Community Calendar
- Council Chamber furniture replacement
- Little paint project
- Little places project
- Speed awareness program – reduced
- Attorney Fees (contingent) – reduced
- Street Sweeping – reduced
- Police vehicle replacement - reduced

Matters of Information [None]

Future Work Session Topics [None]

There being no further business, Mayor Hale moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk