

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Special Meeting and Work Session
November 21, 2006, 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Joseph W. Norris, Acting Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Frederick C. Sussman, Town Attorney; Carol L. Rollins, Development Coordinator; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department

Minutes:

Special Meeting

Mayor Ambrogio called the special meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Motion to Conduct Closed Session

Mayor Ambrogio moved to conduct a closed session, pursuant to *Annotated Code of Maryland* Section 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 Section 10-508(a)(7) – Consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mayor Ambrogio and Councilmen Winkler and Newman voted aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 6:03 PM.

Mayor Ambrogio reconvened the special meeting at 6:35 PM.

Approve selection of executive search firm

Mayor Ambrogio moved to accept the bid from Slavin Management Consultants to conduct a search for the next Town Manager for the Town of La Plata. Councilman Newman seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no other discussion, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn the special meeting at 6:38 PM. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it carried.

Work Session

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

Ordinance 06-22 Regulation of Smoking and Tobacco Products – Private Clubs

Description: The Council will further discuss exempting private clubs from the smoking ban regulations.

Council consensus: Following discussion of the examples of how other jurisdictions address this issue, the Town Council agreed to have Mr. Sussman prepare a document based on the

Philadelphia example, tailored to fit La Plata, and to place this on the December 12, 2006 agenda for adoption. Mr. Sussman will email the draft to Mr. Norris on November 22, 2006.

Draft ordinance – fee in lieu

Description: The Council will discuss requiring that multi-family dwelling unit residential developments be subject to the fee in lieu requirements, and will discuss a 2-tier system of fees in lieu.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed that Mr. Norris and Mr. Sussman should meet and discuss the fee in lieu and how it is applied, after which Mr. Sussman will prepare a draft ordinance for the Council's review.

Presentation by Paul J. Filardi and Tom O'Farrell

Description: Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation for a dog park at Silver Linden Park.

Council consensus: Following discussion with Mr. O'Farrell and Mr. Filardi, the Town Council agreed that a letter be sent from the Town to the property owners most affected by the location of the proposed dog park, to get their opinion of the proposed dog park. The Town Council also requested that the Clarks Run Citizens Association send a letter to the Town expressing their support of the proposed dog park.

Civista Medical Center building signage

Description: Discussion of a revised design for the building signage and request for reconsideration of an exemption as allowed under Chapter 191-64T of the Code.

Council consensus: Following discussion with Carolyn Core, of Civista, and Carol Rollins, Town Staff, the Town Council agreed to allow the 103.5 sq. ft. sign and directed that Resolution 05-8 be redrafted and placed on the December 12, 2006 agenda for adoption.

Town Notes redesign

Description: The Council will review and discuss the latest proposed redesign of the Town newsletter and pricing information, prepared by Linemark Printing, the publisher of the newsletter.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to the proposed redesign and directed Town Staff to provide the photographs to Linemark for use in the new masthead.

Matters of Information

Mr. Norris reported the following items:

- The newly elected officials will be sworn in on December 5, at 4:00 PM.
- The retreat tentatively scheduled for January 24 and 25, 2007, has been postponed due to the newly elected sheriff indicating he will not be ready.
- A new section of sidewalk was added south of Glen Albin Drive, on the east side of St. Mary's Avenue, as part of the streetscape project.
- Well #8 pump house bid request was advertised on November 20, a pre-bid conference is scheduled for December 7, and bids are due December 21.

In response to Councilman Newman's question regarding any discussions having been held with Civista regarding repairs to Garrett Avenue needed due to the construction project, Mr. Norris advised that such had not been done.

Following a discussion lead by Mayor Ambrogio, with the participation of Paula Winkler, chairman of the Beautification Commission, and Tom O'Farrell, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, it was agreed that the Beautification Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission would hold a joint facilitated session after the Town Council's facilitated session on Beautification and Parks and Recreation topics. Mr. Norris was directed to contact Jo Anne Ellison to arrange the additional facilitated session.

There being no other business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. Councilman Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk