

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, December 21 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
[Rescheduled from the cancelled December 28, 2010 meeting]

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;

Guests: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes:

Mayor Haled called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of November, 2010 minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the November 9 work session, November 16 work session; and, November 23 regular meeting minutes. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum (No speakers.)
2. Presentation and Request for Support: Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Mike Chopp.

Mr. Chopp, Chairman of the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum Committee, provided a presentation of the design plans and vision for the 18,000 square foot museum. The Committee is currently conducting a fund drive to raise the \$5,000,000 required to finalized construction.

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

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of November 2010.

4. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report

Chief Moore reported on the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department activities of November 2010.

► **Legislation**

Resolution 10-19 Utility Mapping Services – Wastewater System Mapping Support (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Town of La Plata, a professional services agreement for utility mapping services and support for the Town’s Wastewater System.

Mr. Mears briefly summarized the utility mapping services for the Town’s Wastewater System, Water System and Stormwater System.

Councilman Winkler moved to adopt Resolution 10-19 Utility Mapping Services – Wastewater System Mapping Support. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 10-20 Utility Mapping Services – Water System Mapping Support (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Town of La Plata, a professional services agreement for utility mapping services and support for the Town’s Water System.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Resolution 10-20 Utility Mapping Services – Water System Mapping Support. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 10-21 Utility Mapping Services – Stormwater System Mapping Support (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Town of La Plata, a professional services agreement for utility mapping services and support for the Town’s Stormwater System.

Councilman Norris moved to adopt Resolution 10-21 Utility Mapping Services – Stormwater System Mapping Support. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

► **Unfinished Business**

Mr. Mears, by request provided an update to the status of the Town’s WiFi project. Mr. Mears explained that the first phase was complete, which spans from Route 301 to the Green Turtle, and from the Library to the Dash-In on Charles Street. The second phase will span across the downtown area to Town Hall.

The Council expressed concern with the siren testing message not including “this is a test”. Chief Gittings explained that Emergency Services has fixed the problem and work will continue to research the feasibility of using a live message announcement.

► New Business

1. Commission Reports

- Councilman Winkler reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission's joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Town Council to review and discuss the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Councilwoman Mudd reported on the Beautification Commission Holiday Lights Contest and that winners are expected to be presented in January.
- Councilman Norris reported on the Design Review Board meeting and the review of an office building at 107 Howard Street, and a façade enhancement for Island Music, both of which will have to return for further review.
- Mayor Hale reported on the La Plata Business Association meeting and the advertisement that was placed in the Maryland Independent.

Mayor Hale briefly spoke regarding the community participation and the success of the Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering and Breakfast with Santa, and wished all those in attendance a Merry Christmans and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:39 PM. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk