

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
September 8, 2009, 7:00 PM

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: David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development;

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

### Matters of Council Discussion

#### Heritage Green Special Taxing District

*Description:* – For the purpose of creating a special taxing district in the Town to be known as the “Heritage Green Special Taxing District” (the “District”). The proposed District encompasses approximately 1,037 acres of land located approximately 2,400 linear feet east of U.S. Route 301 and generally bordered by Aggregate Industries property to the northwest and Rosewick Road property to the northeast, CSXT railroad tracks to the west, and the residential communities of Hickory Ridge and Agricopia, La Plata High School, Charles County maintenance facilities and the Fraternal Order of Police to the east, but excluding the area of Rosewick Road. MD Route 6 (Charles Street) is located approximately 1,200 linear feet south of the southern border of the proposed District and properties of Stehr & Gibson, the Town, Guthrie, Michael & Welch and Phoenix Run are located south of the southern border of the District. Pursuant to the authority of Section 44A of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “Act”), in anticipation of the issuance from time to time of one or more series of the “Special Tax Obligations” in order to finance, reimburse or refinance the cost of the Public Improvements within the District or the Town or outside the Town if reasonably related to other infrastructure improvements within the District.

Mr. Mears gave a detailed description of the purpose for the Heritage Green Special Taxing District.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to put this on the September 15, 2009 agenda for introduction.

#### Issuance of Bonds Relating to the Heritage Green Special Taxing District

*Description:* – For the purpose of issuing by the Town of one or more series of bonds, notes or other similar instruments from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 and bearing interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 12% per annum to finance, reimburse or refinance the cost of certain infrastructure improvements within the proposed Heritage Green Special Taxing District (the “District”) or the Town or outside the Town if reasonably related to other infrastructure improvements within the District and other costs permitted under the Act as described below. Such

*actions will be taken pursuant to Section 44A of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act").*

Mr. Mears gave a detailed description of the purpose for the Issuance of Bonds Relating to the Heritage Green Special Taxing District

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to put this on the September 15, 2009 agenda for introduction.

#### Citizen Survey Policy Questions

Mr. Mears briefly described the importance of the Citizens Survey questions to receive public comment on various topics to assist in establishing Council priorities. *[A document containing example questions was included in the Council packets].*

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to include question 32, and 28, in the Citizen Survey.

#### Matters of Information

Mr. Mears advised the Council that the Legislative action requests that were submitted in June were not accepted by Maryland Municipal League.

Mayor Hale announced that he, Councilman Norris and Mr. Eckman will attend the Southern Maryland Municipal Association.

#### Future Work Session Topics

- Traffic Calming
- Kent Square

#### Other business [none]

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

Submitted by:

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Danielle Mandley  
Town Clerk