

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
June 17, 2008

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Michelle D. Miner, Assistant Town Manager

Town Staff: Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

A closed session of the Council of the Town of La Plata was held at 7:37 PM, Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in the La Plata Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Ambrogio, Councilmen Goldsmith, Lucas and Mudd; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

On a motion made by Mayor Ambrogio, seconded by Councilman Goldsmith, and by unanimous consent of the members present, the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article 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. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss candidates for the position of Town Treasurer. Action taken: The Council agreed to (1) interview specific candidates and agreed to schedule a closed session on Saturday, June 28 to conduct the interviews, which will begin at 2:30 PM; (2) readvertise the Treasurer position in a specific publication; and (3) confirmed that the current Treasurer will continue until the position is filled/new person trained. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and asked Stephen Wenderoth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of May minutes

Mayor Ambrogio moved to approve the minutes of the May 4 special meeting, May 4 closed session, May 6 special meeting, May 6 closed session, May 13 special meeting, May 13 work session, May 13 closed session, May 14 special meeting, May 20 special meeting, May 20 work session, May 20 closed session, May 27 regular meeting, and May 27 closed session. Councilman Newman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Ambrogio acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's report dated May 31, 2008.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances, and Public Forum

La Plata Police Department monthly report (No report.)

Public Forum

Donna Harrigan, of Automatic Rain Lawn Sprinklers, 5401 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, Maryland, spoke in opposition to the proposed legislation regarding irrigation systems and offered to work with the Council regarding educating people about irrigation and landscaping. Ms. Harrigan was requested to provide more information for the Town Council to consider during the next two work sessions.

Julia Watson, of Automatic Rain Lawn Sprinklers, 25864 Troy Court, Mechanicsville, Maryland, spoke in opposition to the proposed legislation regarding irrigation systems and encouraged educating the public on other ways to conserve.

Nicholas Tryfon, of GP Homes, 1420 Beverly Road, McClean, Virginia, spoke about the proposed legislation regarding irrigation systems and proposed a study group be formed to research the issue.

Charles Harrigan, of Automatic Rain Lawn Sprinklers, 5401 Bryantown Road, Bryantown, Maryland, questioned how the Town Hall lawn was being irrigated. Mr. Mears explained that potable water was currently being used prior to full installation of the cistern system.

Legislation

Ordinance 08-11 New Irrigation System Installation (For Introduction) – For the purpose of adopting regulations pertaining to installation and operation of new irrigation systems; prohibiting the use of potable water for such systems; requiring permits and inspections for such installations; specifying a fee for such permits; defining certain terms; providing for the enforcement of these regulations and penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally relating thereto

Mayor Ambrogio provided a brief description of Ordinance 08-11 and noted it was scheduled for adoption at the July 22 meeting.

Resolution 08-6 Johel Limited Partnership and FCD-Development, LLC Annexation – 14.11 Acres (For Introduction) – For the purpose of authorizing the annexation of 14.11 acres, more or less, of land into the corporate limits of the Town of La Plata by amending the corporate limits of the Town; establishing certain terms, conditions and circumstances applicable to such land and to the owners thereof; providing for the zoning of such land upon annexation; and all matters relating to the annexation of such 14.11 acres of land, more or less, into the Town of La Plata.

Mr. Mears provided a brief description of Resolution 08-6 and advised that hearings are scheduled before the Planning Commission on July 1 and before the Town Council on August 26.

Unfinished Business (None)

New Business

Budget Transfers

Mr. Mears presented a request for approval of the following budget transfers:

Transfer \$38,850 from account number 001-140-51000-201 – Future Employee Contingency – General Government. Distribute as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>To account number</u>	<u>Name of account</u>	<u>Department</u>
\$100	001-140-51000-004	Unemployment	General Government
\$2,000	001-140-51000-003	Worker's Compensation	General Government
\$6,700	550-500-53000-001	Salaries	Sanitation
\$550	550-500-53000-002	FICA	Sanitation
\$100	550-500-53000-005	Insurance	Sanitation
\$6,700	600-640-53000-001	Salaries	Sewer
\$550	600-640-53000-002	FICA	Sewer
\$100	600-640-53000-005	Insurance	Sewer
\$6,700	650-670-53000-001	Salaries	Water
\$550	650-670-53000-002	FICA	Water
\$100	650-670-53000-005	Insurance	Water
\$6,700	001-620-53000-001	Salaries	Streets & Stormways
\$550	001-620-53000-002	FICA	Streets & Stormways
\$100	001-620-53000-005	Insurance	Streets & Stormways
\$6,700	001-630-53000-001	Salaries	Parks & Recreation
\$550	001-630-53000-002	FICA	Parks & Recreation
\$100	001-630-53000-005	Insurance	Parks & Recreation

Transfer \$4,000 from account number 001-140-51000-201 – Future Employee Contingency – General Government. Distribute as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>To account number</u>	<u>Name of account</u>	<u>Department</u>
\$2,500	001-140-51000-170	Capital Lease Principal	General Government
\$1,500	001-310-52000-170	Capital Lease Principal	Public Safety

Mayor Ambrogio moved to approve the budget transfers as presented. Councilman Newman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Commission Reports

Councilman Goldsmith reported on topics discussed at the Planning Commission's June 3 meeting.

Councilman Lucas reported on topics discussed at the Design Review Board's June 4 meeting, and reported that La Plata Business Association is distributing membership renewal notices and will be donating ice cream for the 4th of July Celebration.

Councilman Newman reported on topics discussed at the Parks and Recreation Commission's meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Councilman Goldsmith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Michelle D. Miner
Assistant Town Manager