

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Special Meeting and Work Session
June 20, 2006, 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Michelle D. Miner, Interim Town Manager; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; B. Gayle Curry, Administrative Assistant; Joseph W. Norris, Town Treasurer

Minutes:

Special Meeting

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

New Business

Presentation by Pete Fortin, URS Corporation - recommendation of contractor to perform Willow Lane Sewer Shed Rehabilitation Work

Pete Fortin, URS Corporation, hired as consultant to the Town regarding the sanitary sewer assessment, made a presentation on the Willow Lane Sewer Shed Rehabilitation Work project. Mr. Fortin advised that there were two bids on the project:

M Liner East, Inc. - \$180,842.10
Insituform Technologies, Inc. - \$176,305.70

Mr. Fortin recommended that the Town accept the bid of Insituform Technologies, Inc., pending MDE approval.

Award bid for Willow Lane Sewer Shed Rehabilitation Work

Following discussion, Mayor Ambrogio moved to award the bid to Insituform Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$176,305.70 for the Willow Lane Sewer Shed Rehabilitation Work, contingent on MDE approval. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it 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 passed by unanimous vote.

Work Session

Matters of Council Discussion

Train Station lease

Description: Mr. Norris has prepared a proposed lease for use of the Train Station by the Historical Society of Charles County, and would like the Council's input or suggestions.

Councilman Winkler discussed concerns regarding the lease.

There being no voiced objection, Kaye O'Kelley, President of the Charles County Historical Society, spoke briefly regarding the lease.

Town Council consensus: The Council requested Town staff to make changes in the lease regarding the term of the agreement, payment of the electric bill, and payment of docents during Town events, and to bring the lease back for review and approval at the next regular meeting to be held on July 18.

Presentation by Southern Maryland Carousel Group, Inc.

Description: Upon invitation by the Town Council, Southern Maryland Carousel Group, Inc. will explain and provide an update on fundraising efforts, future projects and general information.

Bob Boyce and Burkey Boggs provided a status report on the Carousel Museum project and asked the Town to adopt a carousel animal.

The Council explained that the Town has a process for requesting a grant and encouraged them to file a grant application.

Pre-annexation conference – Hawthorne Greene, LLC

Description: Presentation of American Legion property for possible consideration of annexation.

Larry Abell, Steve Scott, and Mark Guadagnolia presented information regarding the Hawthorne, LLC/American Legion property annexation.

Town Council consensus: The Council had numerous concerns, including traffic, entrances off Hawthorne Road and Quailwood Parkway, and provision of affordable housing.

Retirement plan and Health Insurance plan

Description: The Town Treasurer wishes to discuss options for both of these plans.

Mr. Norris presented the options for the FY07 employee health insurance plans. He also presented the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System Alternate Contributory Pension Selection Plan, which would provide an enhanced benefit for the employees.

Town Council consensus: The Council agreed to offer the two health plan options to the employees. The Council also agreed to participate in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection Plan and to adopt a resolution regarding same at the July 18 meeting.

Matters of Information

Clarification was provided that the June 29 work session to discuss Ordinance 06-10 is not an advertised public hearing.

There being no other discussion, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Councilman Newman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session.

Submitted by:

B. Gayle Curry
Administrative Assistant