

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
June 21, 2005, 4:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Douglas R. Miller, Town Manager; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; B. Gayle Curry, Town Staff; Joseph W. Norris, Town Treasurer

Minutes:

Mr. Miller called the work session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Matters of Council Discussion

Mote Annexation Agreement

Description: The Council will give direction as to what provisions (if any) will be placed in the annexation agreement for the Potomac Investment Group/SHA Annexation.

Mr. Miller provided an overview of the proposed Annexation. He noted that there were some mandatory requirements that Mr. Mote would have to adhere to and Mr. Mote was in agreement with. With most annexations the Town requires a fee of \$200 per required parking space, which the Town puts into an account for off-site road improvements.

Council Consensus: The buildings in the proposed annexation come before the Design Review Board for advice and comments. The signage, Master Sign Plan, must be consistent with Commercial Highway Zone and must go before the Design Review Board for approval. It will be mandatory for him to put in the water and sewer, curb, gutter and sidewalk, upgrading to the Washington Square pump station. He will also have to maintain to the County all right of ways and easements needed for the road expansion. The Town Attorney will also need a title report no later than July 12, 2005 and this will need to be finalized by July 26, 2005.

GP Homes Sewer Options

Description: Dave Cooksey, representing GP Homes, will discuss his recommendations for conveying the sewage from the Heritage Green project to the La Plata sewer plant. GP Homes will want the Town to participate in this project both in implementing it and financially.

Mr. Miller gave an overview of the proposed project and some concerns about the sewer issue and to increase the capacity of the plant to 2.5 million gallons. There was an option to build a new plant down on Catalpa Drive.

Mr. Cooksey and Ed Carroll stated that they would be taking two stations off-line and rerouting them in a different direction with this new project that is proposed before the Town

Council. Mr. Cooksey stated that they would be more than willing to come back with Mr. Lapas and do a formal presentation regarding the cost sharing.

Council consensus: The Council agreed that they will work out the details and are all in favor of the GP Homes sewer options presented to them.

Blue Knights Grant Request

Description: The Council will review a grant request for \$2000 from the La Plata Blue Knights.

Council Consensus: The Council agreed to grant the request of \$2,000.00 to the Blue Knights to refurbish safety equipment. Council agreed to find a source for this request.

ANS Athletic Fields

Description: A concept of sharing an athletic facility with ANS will be reviewed.

Council Consensus: The Council agreed that they are a little uneasy about this at this time.

West Willow Development Group

Description: A developer who wants to build a shopping center next to Pepsi on Rt. 301 to include a food store and home improvement store will give a brief presentation.

Council Consensus: The Council agreed that the project should meet with the various Homeowners Associations and get their feedback before proceeding.

Southern Maryland Carousel Project

Description: The request for funding from the group that wants to build a carousel will be reviewed.

Council Consensus: The Council is willing to invest some funds and is willing to be able to support the Carousel Project. The Council agreed to give a commitment letter of \$7,500.00 by August 9, 2005.

Beautification Commission Request

Description: Kitty Newcomb Clock bequest.

Beautification Commission Chairman Paula Winkler informed the Council that there were not enough funds in what was bequeathed to the Town in order to pay for the clock. Chairman Winkler asked the Council for additional funds so that the bequest for the clock can come to fruition.

Council Consensus: Council agreed that they will help come up with the additional funds or find a funding source to place the order for the clock that was presented to them. Coordinate with the Project Manager at the Police Station to have this delivered and installed all at the same

time. Council also wanted to know if the clock had a maintenance agreement that was for the life of the clock.

Personnel Matters

Description: Two matters will have to be addressed. First, the Council must affirm that the Town Treasurer and the Town Manager are to receive the same cost of living salary increase in FY 06 afforded to the other employees of the Town. Second, the previous Council heard and agreed to an addendum to the Town Manager's employment contract. That addendum must be signed.

Mr. Miller advised he was unable to retrieve his employment contract from his computer. The addendum will be on a future agenda for signature.

Council Consensus: The Council agreed to the cost of living salary increase for the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer.

Adjourn

Submitted by:

B. Gayle Curry