

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Special Meeting
March 31, 2009, 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Legislation

Emergency Ordinance 09-5 Extension of Temporary Moratorium on Enforcement of Certain Sign and Fee Regulations (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption) – For the purpose of extending temporary moratoria, for a certain duration of time, upon the enforcement of certain regulations regarding the placement, location and duration of certain temporary signs in the CB, CBT and CH zoning districts, and upon the payment of certain fees for the issuance of certain sign permits; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance and the termination of the moratoria established by this Ordinance; and all matters generally related to the extension of a temporary moratorium upon the enforcement of certain regulations relating to certain temporary signs in the Town of La Plata.

Mayor Hale read the purpose clause of Emergency Ordinance 09-5.

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation of the procedural flaw in the March 24, 2009 adoption of Ordinance 09-4 as an emergency ordinance – that the necessary motion was not first adopted to suspend the provisions of Town Charter § C6-4 *Ordinances*, in order to adopt Ordinance 09-4 as an emergency ordinance, which necessitated the need to follow the correct procedure to adopt this Ordinance 09-5 as an emergency ordinance.

Councilman Lucas stated he was the owner of two small businesses in La Plata, and then recused himself from the discussion and the vote.

Councilman Goldsmith moved to suspend the provisions of Town Charter § C6-4 *Ordinances*, to adopt this as an emergency ordinance. Councilman Newman seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Mayor Hale and Councilmen Goldsmith, Mudd and Newman voted aye; Councilman Lucas did not vote. The motion carried.

Councilman Newman moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance 09-5. Councilman Goldsmith seconded the motion. Vote on the motion: Mayor Hale and Councilmen Goldsmith, Mudd and Newman voted aye; Councilman Lucas did not vote. The motion carried.

Mayor Hale reported briefly that the first Vision Plan meeting was held this morning at 8:00 AM, at the Town Hall.

There being no other discussion, Councilman Lucas moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:04 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

Judith T. Frazier
Town Clerk