

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Regular Meeting – 7:00 PM
September 22, 2009

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department;

Guest: Jason Moore, Chief La Plata Volunteer Fire Department
[Due to an unexpected event Chief Moore was unable to attend]

Pursuant to the requirement of Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-509(c)(2), this statement is included in these minutes:

A closed session of the Council of the Town of La Plata was held at 9:08 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2009, in the La Plata Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Michelle M. Miner, Assistant Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

On a motion made by Councilman Norris, seconded by Councilman Winkler, 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 the Town Manager Contract Terms. Following discussion the Town Council agreed to Amend Section 3, terms, of the Town Manager Contract. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of August minutes

Councilman Norris moved to approve the minutes of the August 5 meeting with State Highway Administration, August 11 special meeting, August 11 work session, August 18 work session, and August 25 regular meeting. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report [not available at this time]

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

La Plata Police Department (LPPD) monthly report – Chief Gittings

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of August, 2009, and provided information on the advertisement that will be placed in the paper for the new Police Officer to be hired in the spring. Councilman Winkler asked the La Plata Police Department to research if Charles County would approve the use of the pedestrian crossing flags for Washington Avenue, near the Court House.

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report – Chief Moore
[Due to an unexpected event Chief Moore was unable to attend]

Proclamation – Trick or Treat Evening

Mayor Hale read the Proclamation declaring Friday, October 31, 2009, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, as Trick or Treat Evening in the Town of La Plata.

Public Forum (No speakers.)

Legislation

Ordinance 09-13 2009 Comprehensive Plan (For Adoption) – For the purpose of adopting a new comprehensive plan for the Town of La Plata; and all matters relating to said plan.

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation of the purpose of Ordinance 09-13, and the steps that were taken to reach the final version.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Ordinance 09-13. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance 09-14 2009 Comprehensive Rezoning Map (For Adoption) – For the purpose of adopting a new comprehensive rezoning map for the Town of La Plata; and all matters relating to said map.

Mr. Mears provided a brief explanation of the purpose of Ordinance 09-14.

Councilman Winkler moved to adopt Ordinance 09-14. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 09-8, Heritage Green Special Taxing District (For Adoption) – For the purpose of creating a special taxing district in the Town to be known as the “Heritage Green Special Taxing District” (the “District”).

Mr. Mears briefly described the purpose of Resolution 09-8, and the use of the Special Tax revenue to install and/or upgrade infrastructure within the Town.

Councilman Norris moved to adopt Resolution 09-8. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance 09-15, Issuance of Bonds Relating to the Heritage Green Special Taxing District (For Adoption) – For the purpose of issuing by the Town of one or more series of bonds, notes or other similar instruments. Authorization of MWQFA note not expected to exceed \$6,000,000.

Mr. Mears briefly described the purpose of Ordinance 09-15, Issuance of Bonds Relating to the Heritage Green Special Taxing District.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt ordinance 09-15. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution 09-9 Debt Policy (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata Debt Policy; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Mr. Mears explained the purpose of Resolution 09-9 Debt Policy, as required by the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Councilman Winkler moved to adopt Resolution 09-9. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business (None.)

New Business

Commission Reports

Councilman Norris reported on the discussions of the Design Review Board.

Councilwoman Mudd reported on the projects of the Beautification Commission.

Councilman Winkler gave a report of the items discussed on the Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda, and the appointment of a new Chairman, Jim Goldsmith.

Mayor Hale announced that the Town has several upcoming events; 2 more concerts, Fall Festival, Citizens Academy and the Chili Cook-off was a success.

There being no further business, Councilman Norris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk