

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Special Meeting and Work Session  
April 4, 2006, 4:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Michelle D. Miner, Interim Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Town Treasurer; Frederick C. Sussman, Town Attorney

Minutes:

### Special Meeting

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

### Motion to conduct Closed Session

Councilman Winkler moved to conduct a closed session, pursuant to *Annotated Code of Maryland* Sections 10-508(a)(7) – Consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice; and 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. Councilman Newman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mayor Ambrogio and Councilmen Winkler, Back, Mudd and Newman voted aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no other discussion, Councilman Back moved to adjourn the special meeting at 4:03 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded and it passed by unanimous vote.

### Work Session

### Matters of Council Discussion

### Faison Annexation

*[The Council agreed to consult with legal counsel in open rather than closed session regarding this topic.]*

Prior to consulting with the Town Attorney regarding the annexation agreement, the Town Council acknowledged Donald P. McGuire, Director of Charles County Government Emergency Services Department, who reported that he was asked to represent the County in a meeting with Mr. Wright regarding construction of a 10,000 sq. ft. facility for the Emergency Medical Services Division (EMS) on the south side of Rosewick Road in the area of the proposed business park. Mr. McGuire stated that they were in need of a training facility and that this would house the administrative area for EMS and a location from which to respond to areas north of Rosewick Road. He advised that funding would be provided by the County, and that this use meets the County's definitions to be included in a business park.

Mr. Sussman, Town Attorney, lead a discussion regarding the status of the current annexation agreement and asked for the consensus of the Town Council. He will incorporate any changes the Town Council makes and then send a copy to counsel for Faison. The Council agreed that Mr. Sussman will be the point of contact between the Town and Faison.

Town Council consensus: The Council agreed on the following items for the annexation agreement:

1. For a period of five years, keep CH zoning as consistent with the County's BP zoning uses, on all properties on the south side of Rosewick Road.
2. The maintenance of parking lots, sidewalks and landscaping to be included as requirements in the restrictive covenants, and that the property owners association must have an appropriate funding mechanism to pay for this maintenance.
3. Verification is needed that the concept plan is the most current submitted to the Town. Include in the annexation agreement that they must develop substantially in accordance with that concept plan.

It was also agreed that Councilman Winkler will speak to former Mayor Eckman to obtain an explanation of the special taxing district idea, to provide money to help the businesses in the downtown area, which was discussed with Mr. Cabot, a former representative with Faison.

The Council agreed that Mr. Sussman will provide an approvable annexation agreement by April 25, in order for it to be available for public review prior to the May 2 hearing scheduled before the Planning Commission.

#### Closed Session

The Town Council moved into closed session at 5:19 PM and reconvened the work session at 6:21 PM.

#### General Fund Budget

*Description: Joe Norris will continue presentation of the budget.*

Due to the Planning Commission meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM, the Council agreed to schedule a work session to be held at 6:00 PM, on April 11, 2006, prior to the regular meeting scheduled at 7:00 PM.

#### Matters of Information

Mayor Ambrogio reported that Steve Mote advised him today that he will fit our Public Works facility within his property on Washington Avenue. Councilwoman Mudd advised she would like to save part of the current Public Works facility property for a Boys and Girls Club for children in the Kent Avenue neighborhood to be able to walk to, and asked for permission to tell the Kent Avenue group that the Town may have a plan for this. The Council agreed it may be a good idea but that more discussion is needed.

Future Work Session Topics

- April 25, Joint Work Session with the County Commissioners

There being no other discussion, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM. Councilman Newman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk