

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
December 8, 2009, 7:00 PM

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

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development; William Brooks, Investigations Commander, La Plata Police Department;

Guests: Judy Melvin, Crime Watch Council; Mary Beth Chandler, Resident Anne Arundel Hills Development

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

#### Matters of Council Discussion

- Pedestrian Access on Anne Arundel Avenue  
*Description: Discussions pertaining to Pedestrian Access issues on Anne Arundel Avenue. [Invited guests by request of Councilwoman Mudd: Judy Melvin, Crime Watch Council; Dana Harty, Program Director, Lifestyles of MD; Steuart Bowling*

Mr. Mears briefly described the past and present issues concerning trespassing and, pedestrian access on Anne Arundel Avenue, and asked for comments and suggestions from the Council and invited guests.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to a temporary solution by repairing the existing fence, posting a sign stating “No Access to Charles Street”, and to encourage all affected property owners to post “No Trespassing” signs. It was further agreed that if the issue persists the Council may determine the need to open pedestrian access on the Town right-of-way, giving pedestrian access to Anne Arundel Avenue.

- Issuance of General Obligation Bond to Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for Wastewater System Improvements  
*Description: Discussions regarding the MWQFA Loan Agreement and Draft Ordinance.*

Mr. Mears and Mr. Oliphant provided information regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Bond to the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration for wastewater system improvements, draft Ordinance, and the proposed loan agreement. It was further explained that the apportionment is consistent with the “Utility Cost Sharing Agreement”, with GP Homes.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to Introduce the Ordinance as Emergency Legislation at a Special Meeting, scheduled for December 15, 2009.

- La Plata Manor Apartments [*This item was discussed out of Agenda order by request of Mayor Hale*].  
*Description: Discussion regarding a request from Sharon Knuth for the Council to provide a letter and Resolution in support of their "HUD Green Retrofit Funding". [A copy of the letter from 2008 is included].*

Mr. Mears briefly described the letter received from Sharon Knuth, requesting a letter and Resolution of support for the La Plata Manor Apartments, "HUD Green Retrofit Funding".

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to provide a letter in support of the La Plata Manor Apartments, "HUD Green Retrofit Funding", and to introduce and consider a Resolution of support at the Special Meeting, scheduled for December 15, 2009.

- Planned Business Park and Enterprise District  
*Description: Discussion and review of the proposed PBPE Draft Ordinance, as recommended by the Planning Commission.*

Mr. Mears and Mr. Jenkins described the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District draft Ordinance and further explained that the draft was part of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, has been through Legal review and was recommended for introduction by the Planning Commission, at the December 1, 2009 meeting.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to introduce the Planned Business Park and Enterprise District Ordinance as written at the Special Meeting, scheduled for December 15, 2009.

#### Matters of Information

Mr. Mears described the need for the Contractor to postpone putting the final coat of paint on the Wills Park Water Tower, until spring of 2010.

#### Future Work Session Topics (none discussed)

#### Other business

Mayor Hale briefly described the past practice to cancel the December regular meeting, and asked the Council if the meeting should be held.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to cancel the December 22, 2009, regular meeting.

There being no other business, Councilman Back moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

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Danielle Mandley  
Town Clerk