

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
August 10, 2006, 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Vic E. Newman; Patricia L. Bembe, Assistant Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Frederick C. Sussman, Town Attorney

Minutes:

Mayor Ambrogio called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM. [*Note: Delay of convening meeting due to traffic congestion delaying arrival of Town Attorney.*]

Election reform legislation

Following discussion with the Mr. Sussman, the Town Council agreed to proceed with Draft #1 of Resolution 06-2 Charter Amendment – Elections, with an amendment on line 140, immediately before “odd-numbered year”, add “OTHER”; and as follows.

1. Remove the voter identification requirement from the Town Code. (Sec. 17-15 Identification.)
2. Add text to the Town Code to provide for provisional ballots.
3. Add text to the Town Code to provide for all Council members to be elected together commencing in May 2009, with Ward 1 and Ward 2 Council members being elected for 2 year terms in 2007.
4. Retain the provision in the Town Code that allows for one Council member per ward (residency requirement), but add text to the Town Code to allow for voting at-large.
5. To not include campaign finance legislation in the Town Code.

The election reform legislation is to be on the September 12 agenda. After the legislation is approved, Mr. Sussman will send a courtesy letter to the ACLU regarding removing the voter identification requirement and providing for provisional ballots.

There being no voiced objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk