

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
July 10, 2007, 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gene Ambrogio, Councilman James Goldsmith, Councilman Scot D. Lucas; Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Judith T. Frazier, Town Clerk; Joseph W. Norris, Treasurer

Minutes:

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

### Matters of Council Discussion

#### Well lot next to American Legion

*Description: Bill Rees, representing the American Legion, wishes to discuss the American Legion's request to relocate their memorial monument onto the Town's well lot located next to the American Legion property.*

Bill Rees advised that the American Legion is discussing renovating their existing building versus moving, and that they would be able to expand their parking lot by approximately 10 to 12 spaces if they moved the memorial monument onto the Town's well lot property. Mr. Rees further advised that the American Legion is requesting that the Town donate the well lot property to the American Legion for this purpose. Mr. Norris advised the Council that the well was checked by Maryland Environmental Service, that it is not needed for water production purposes but is needed for monitoring purposes, and that the Town could retain the well head and remove the well house structure. During discussion, Mr. Rees agreed that the American Legion would consider leasing the property for a nominal fee.

Council consensus: The Council directed the Town Manager to negotiate a lease agreement with the American Legion to lease the land for the purpose of relocating the memorial monument.

#### Heritage Green

*Description: GP Homes will present updated information on Heritage Green.*

Harry Lapas, Nicholas Tryfon, Steve Murray and Dan Anderton provided an update on the Heritage Green development. Mr. Lapas advised they will begin construction of the water and sewer lines in September and begin construction of the first dwellings in 2009.

During discussion, Councilman Goldsmith provided a synopsis of the discussion held by the Planning Commission at their July meeting regarding obtaining the rail crossing, and noted he needed to provide an update at the Commission's August meeting on action taken. The Council agreed to have correspondence prepared for the Town Council, County Commissioners and State representatives to express support of the rail crossing, to be sent to CSX. It was further

agreed that display boards of future developments be placed in the atrium during the Governor's visit on July 26, and that the Heritage Green rail crossing be a topic of discussion.

### Matters of Information

Mayor Ambrogio acknowledged the presence of Boy Scout Carlos Montes, who is working on requirements for his citizenship badge.

### Future Work Session Topics

- Kent Avenue Partnership NNO (July 17)

### Other business

Councilman Lucas asked that Chief Gittings provide information regarding department growth plans in general/ staffing requirements; and for information from the fire and rescue departments regarding equipment needs.

In response to Councilman Lucas, Councilman Goldsmith explained the decision by the Planning Commission regarding allowing the left turn from Hawthorne Drive into CVS.

Councilman Goldsmith asked for a listing of all Town donations to various groups.

Councilman Goldsmith expressed interest in amending the Code to require that no property be rezoned without notification being provided to adjoining property owners. Mr. Mears advised that Ms. Bembe was working on a draft ordinance on this topic.

There being no other business, Mayor Ambrogio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Councilman Lucas seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

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Judith T. Frazier  
Town Clerk