

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session – 7:00 PM
September 21, 2010

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

Minutes:

Call to Order

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Matters of Council Discussion

Mayor Hale called for a reorganization of the agenda as posted, the scheduled agenda items were discussed in the following order:

1. Draft Proclamation: Municipal Government Works Month, November 2010

Mayor Hale followed by Mr. Mears, briefly described the Maryland Municipal Leagues efforts to educate citizens about the role of the Municipal Government.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to include the Proclamation Municipal Government Works Month, November 2010, as well as the Proclamation Trick or Treat Evening, October 31, 2010, on the September 28, 2010 agenda.

2. Johel Limited Partnership and FCD-Development, LLC
Petition for Annexation and Supplements to Annexation Petition
La Plata Crossing / Walmart Supercenter.

[Description: Discuss Public Comment following the close of the August 31, 2010 Public Hearing record.]

Mayor Hale briefly discussed the Public Comments received for the record prior to the September 14, 2010 close of the record, quoting from a summary memo that he prepared.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to consider the Resolutions pertaining to the annexation at a Special Meeting on October 12, 2010, pending the finalization, and delivery of the Annexation Agreement.

3. Proposed Planned Redevelopment and Infill District (PRID)
Master Site Development Plan Application: Ashraf Medical Clinic – 6 Oak Avenue.
[Description: Discussion regarding the Public Hearing schedule.]

Mr. Mears briefly summarized the Application, the Planning Commission Public Hearing, and the Recommendation for approval with conditions of the Planning Commission, and requested the consensus of the Council pertaining to the tentative Public Hearing Schedule.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to schedule the item for a presentation by the Applicant at a work session in October, and to schedule a Public Hearing for the October 26, 2010 Regular Meeting, pending the submittal of all requested documents by the October 5, 2010 deadline.

4. Citizen's Survey Questions

[The document titled "Website Survey – Question status.doc" was provided to the Council by email.]

Mr. Mears briefly discussed the list of potential Citizen's Survey questions, and those that were previously asked.

Council consensus: Following discussion, the Town Council agreed to ask a variation of a previously asked question regarding right turn only on Charles Street, and to include a question pertaining to the loss of Highway User Revenue.

Matters of Information

- Councilman Norris supplied information regarding Maryland Department of Natural Resources regional meetings for local elected officials and their staff regarding the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and the Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan, scheduled for October 6, 2010.
- The Treasurer was asked to provide information regarding the ratio between the Residential and Commercial properties.
- The Willow Lane Pump Station project is on schedule.
- The work on Rosewick Road / St. Charles Parkway is in anticipation of the La Plata Parkway construction.
- Mr. Mears was invited to participate in "Leadership Maryland".

Future Work Session Topics

- Transportation Study
- Council Retreat

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley

Town Clerk