

Council of the Town of La Plata  
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Work Session  
September 13, 2011, 7:55 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 Planning and Community Development; Frederick C. Sussman, Town Attorney

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the work session to order at 7:55 PM.

### **► Matters of Council Discussion**

- Heritage Green Amenities Package

*[Description: Discussion regarding proposed annexation agreement language as submitted by GP Homes]*

Mr. Mears briefly discussed draft language to amend the Davis Corporation Annexation Agreement, and the proposed parks amenities, the request to replace the golf course with a recreation package.

Mayor Hale outlined what was previously approved, and stated that the Town has changed since adoption and amendment.

Mr. Sussman responded to questions regarding the amendment of annexation agreements in general, and stated that state law is not clear regarding amendments to annexation agreements, and are generally treated using the same hearing requirements as annexations.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to follow the procedures as required when considering an annexation, to make any amendment to the annexation agreement specific regarding the amenities that will replace the golf course, specifically outline the amenities that will be open to the public immediately, include a phasing schedule, identify general purpose description, include enough specificity to be enforceable yet include flexibility with park locations.

- Waste Water Treatment Plant - ENR Upgrade Information

*[Description: Discussion regarding possible enhancements to the WWTP-ENR Upgrade project.]*

Mr. Mears described an ecowash system that would increase efficiency and reduce operation costs once the WWTP ENR Upgrade was complete. The inclusion of the ecowash

system was offered as an additional item during the bid process, however the technology needed to be field tested to gather specific information regarding the effectiveness of the removal of nutrients. The system has proven to be effective in a comparable location and is now recommended to include in the ENR Upgrade project.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to the inclusion of the ecowash system in the ENR Upgrade project.

- Proclamations for October

*[Description: Review and discussion regarding proposed proclamations for the September 27, 2011 agenda]*

Mr. Mears discussed the request from Grace Lutheran Church to recognize their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the annual Trick or Treat proclamations.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to include the proclamations on the September 27, 2011 agenda.

► **Matters of Information** *[None]*

► **Future Work Session Topics**

- Annual Financial Disclosure Statements, as required by the new Ethics Law
- Update on Stormwater Management Facilities
- Southern Maryland Carousel Group Presentation

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the work session at 9:12 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

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Danielle Mandley  
Town Clerk