

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session – 7:08 PM
June 14, 2011

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; Bobby Stahl, Director of Operations

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the work session to order at 7:08 PM.

► **Matters of Council Discussion**

- Operations Acquisition: Vac Trailer

[Description: Discussion regarding the acquisition and contract for the purchase of a Vac Trailer.]

Mr. Stahl provided information regarding the request for the acquisition of a Vac Trailer, which is included in the FY2010-2011 Budget. The purpose of the acquisition is to increase response time in the event of an emergency.

Council consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to consider a Resolution to authorize the acquisition at the June 21, 2011 business meeting.

- **Ordinance No. 11-3 Central Business Transition District and Single-Family Attached Dwelling Units** – For the purpose of comprehensively revising zoning regulations relating to the Town's existing Central Business Transition District and single family attached dwelling units.

[Description: Continuation of review of public comments from the April 26, 2011 Public Hearing.]

Mr. Mears, followed by Mr. Jenkins briefly described the public comments received during the public hearing process. Additional discussion occurred regarding the details of the proposed changes contained in the ordinance.

Council consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to move forward with consideration of adoption, as scheduled for June 21, 2011.

- Recommendation from the Design Review Board to introduce and adopt the revised Community Design Guidelines

Mr. Jenkins, followed by Councilman Norris presented the recommendation from the Design Review Board for the introduction and adoption of the updated Community Design Guidelines. Councilman Norris thanked Robert Turgeon, Chairman, Design Review Board for his thorough review and revision of the text contained in the updated Community Design Guidelines.

Council consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to introduce an ordinance at the June 21, 2011 business meeting and schedule a work session to review the Guideline with the Chairman of the Design Review Board.

- Legislative Action Request(s)

_____ Mr. Mears advised the Council of the Maryland Municipal League legislative action request (LAR), July 9, 2011 deadline for submission, and provided information regarding previous requests.

Council consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to not make submit a LAR at this time.

►Matters of Information

- Tax Differential

Mayor Hale briefly discussed the County Commission's expected approval of an 8 ½ % Tax Differential, which will result in a reduction of approximately \$329,000 in funds that can not be used to provide services to La Plata residents.

- Automatic Trash Collection System – Container Selection

Mr. Mears and Mr. Stahl presented the Schaefer Systems product color chart, for the purpose of selecting the container color for use with the new Automatic Trash Collection System.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to choose the dark green color as represented on the color selection chart.

►Future Work Session Topics

Councilwoman Mudd requested discussion regarding a "Mayor's Summer Job Program:, and consideration regarding including \$10,000 in next fiscal year's budget.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the work session at 8:01 PM. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk