

Council of the Town of La Plata
Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland
Work Session
September 20, 2011, 7:01 PM

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Councilman Joseph W. Norris; Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; David M. Jenkins, Director of Planning and Community Development; Theresa Dent, Senior Planner; Robert F. Stahl, Director of Operations.

Guests: Bill Eckman, Consultant

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the work session to order at 7:01 PM.

► **Matters of Council Discussion**

Stormwater Management Facilities Briefing and Discussion

[Description: Briefing and discussion regarding the Town's Stormwater Management Facilities]

Mr. Eckman provided a power point presentation, outlining the EPA requirements, Maryland State Legislation, MDP requirements for local Comprehensive Plans, and MDE requirements, as it relates to the mandates to reduce the amount of nutrients released into the environment.

Town Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to consider funding decisions during the FY13 budget process and to review and evaluate policy.

Ordinance 11-13 NEW ETHICS ORDINANCE (for discussion) – for the purpose of enacting a new ethics ordinance for the Town of La Plata to comply with requirements of Maryland law; to provide for the applicability of the provisions of the ordinance; to define certain terms; to provide for a Town Ethics Commission and to provide that the members of the current Ethics Commission will continue to serve as the new Ethics Commission for a certain duration; providing for the duties, responsibilities and operation of the Commission; to provide regulations relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure by Town elected officials, candidates for elective Town office, and certain Town employees, and lobbying disclosure; to provide for certain exemptions and modifications to certain provisions of the ordinance; providing for enforcement of the terms of the ordinance and penalties for violations; providing for the effective date of this ordinance; and generally relating to the enactment of new regulations intended to ensure ethical conduct by Town officials and employees and appropriate disclosure by candidates for Town elective office.

Mayor Hale briefly described the provisions in the Ethics Ordinance, and requested discussion regarding the requirement for Board and Commission members to submit an annual financial disclosure statement, and which Board and Commissions should be bound by the provisions.

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to include the following amendments for consideration September 27, 2011.

Amendments to Ordinance No. 11-13
New Ethics Ordinance

Amendment No. 1

On page 18, line 738, strike "MEMBERS OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION.", insert, "MEMBERS OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD."

Amendment No. 2

On page 18, line 740, strike "(6) MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION."

Amendment No. 3

On page 18, line 742, strike "(7)", insert new number "(6)".

Amendment No. 4

On page 18, line 744, strike "(8)", insert new number "(7)"

Amendment No. 5

On page 18, line 754, strike "OR" immediately following "TIME", insert "OF", immediately following "TIME".

►Matters of Information

- Leadership Maryland Advertisement

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to place an ad in the Leadership Maryland directory to recognize Daniel J. Mears for his participation.

- Wills Park Maintenance and Upgrades

Council Consensus: Following discussion the Council agreed to consider the replacement of the Wills Park HVAC unit when presented. Staff will monitor cleaning and address the issue of the dumpster.

- La Plata High School Homecoming Parade, Saturday, September 24, 2011.

- Paving is scheduled for Washington Avenue.
- The Charles County Economic Summit is October 26, 2011.

► **Future Work Session Topics**

- Traffic calming and Traffic Study Implementation.

There being no further business, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the work session at 8:47 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley
Town Clerk