

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting

Present: Mayor Roy G. Hale, Councilman R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman C. Keith Back, Councilwoman Paretta D. Mudd, Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk

Town Staff: Robert W. Oliphant, Treasurer; Cassin B. Gittings, Chief, La Plata Police Department; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development

Guests: See Roster

Minutes:

Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of June Minutes

Councilman Back moved to approve the minutes of the June 12 special meeting, June 12 work session and June 19 business meeting. Councilman Winkler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Forum

1. Public Forum

Michael Runfola, 113 Morris Drive, Town Resident, spoke about surveying Town Residents on controversial issues before the Council, asked for response from each Council member, read portions of recommended procedure for surveying residents that was submitted last month, and asked that the Mayor respond to the question regarding the expenses incurred during the Johel Annexation process.

2. Proclamation – Speed Awareness Month, August 2012

Mayor Hale read the Proclamation, proclaiming August 2012 as Speed Awareness Month.

3. La Plata Police Department (LPPD) monthly report – Chief Gittings

Chief Gittings reported on the department's activities during the month of June 2012.

4. La Plata Volunteer Fire Department monthly report *[No report]*

► Public Hearing

Prior to the hearing, Mr. Mears briefly described the purpose of adopting the 2009 International Code and all related codes.

Ordinance No. 12-14 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2009.

Mayor Hale announced to silence cell phones, opened the hearing and explained that the purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments regarding Ordinance No. 12-14 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2009. The Clerk entered into the record the Certification of Publication that the hearing was properly advertised in the July 6, July 13 and July 20, 2012 editions of the Maryland Independent newspaper.

Mayor Hale called for questions of the Council.

Councilwoman Mudd asked why the 2009 International Code and not 2012. Mr. Mears explained that due to staff turnover the adoption of the most current building code was delayed and that the 2012 has not been adopted by the state.

Mayor Hale asked if any written comments have been received. There were no written comments.

Mayor Hale asked if anyone signed the speakers list.

Michael Peligrino, PAS, 616 Charles Street, questioned why the Town is not considering adoption of the NFPA? Mr. Mears responded that the Town follows the ICC.

Mayor Hale called for additional questions by the Council. There were no additional questions.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Hale closed the hearing at 7:47 p.m..

► Legislation

Ordinance No. 12-07 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Building Code 2009, with certain modifications and additions, as the building code for the Town of La Plata, with certain exceptions; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-08 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings 2009, with certain modifications, as the code for the design and construction of certain one- and two-family

dwelling and townhouses in the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-09 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE NEC 2008 – NFPA 70 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the National Electrical Code NEC 2008 – NFPA 70, with certain modifications, as the code for the regulation, and control of the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of electrical systems in the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-10 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Mechanical Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the mechanical code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-11 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Energy Conservation Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the energy conservation code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-12 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Fuel Gas Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the code for the regulation and control of the design and installation of fuel gas systems and gas-fired appliances in the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-13 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Existing Building Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the code for the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition, and relocation of existing buildings in the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-14 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Fire Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the fire code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-15 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Plumbing Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the plumbing code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance No. 12-16 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2009 (for consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2009, with certain modifications, as the property maintenance code for the Town of La Plata; providing for the administration and enforcement of that code; specifying penalties for violations; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Mr. Mears Ordinance Number 12-07 through 12-16, all relating to consideration of adoption of the 2009 International Building Code.

Councilman Winkler moved to adopt Ordinance No. 12-07, 12-08, 12-09, 12-10, 12-11, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12-15, and 12-16. Councilwoman Mudd seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 12-03 Approval of the “Building Blocks for Success” project by the Center for Children, Inc. (for introduction and consideration of adoption) – For the purpose of expressing approval of the “Building Blocks for Success” project to be undertaken by the Center for Children, Inc. to solicit tax credit donations to be used to provide family support services, parenting skills, mental health counseling, and child abuse prevention and treatment services to at-risk families in Charles County; and all matters relating to said approval.

Mr. Mears briefly described the request for support from the Center for Children for the “Building Blocks for Success” project.

Councilwoman Mudd moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-03. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

► Unfinished Business *[None]*

► New Business

1. Commission Reports

Councilman Winkler reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Commission and that the Commission attended a Council work session to discuss budget concerns.

Councilman Back reported on the Planning Commission’s review of the Residential Districts section of the Town Code.

Councilwoman Mudd reported that the Beautification Commission has been on break for the summer and will resume meeting in September.

Mayor Hale reported on the La Plata Town Center Corporation.

2. Upcoming Events – Mayor Hale

- Summer Concert
Friday July 27th: 7PM to 9PM
Eastern Traditions
- Summer Concert
Friday August 3th: 7PM to 9PM
The Blarney Stones
- National Night Out
Tuesday, August 7th
Meet Your Neighbors
Contact Your HOA For Details
- Summer Concert
Friday August 10th: 7PM to 9PM
Three Sixty Band
- Summer Concert
Friday August 17th: 7PM
US Navy Band Country Current
- Summer Concert
Friday August 24th: 7PM to 9PM
Southern Maryland Concert Band
- Summer Concert
Friday August 31st: 7PM to 9PM
Cover Story Band

There being no other business to discuss, Councilman Winkler moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:24 PM. Councilman Back seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Submitted by:

Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk