



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
December 17, 2024, 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Jeannine James
Councilman David Winkler
Councilman Matthew Trollinger
Councilwoman Evalyne Bryant-Ward
Councilman David Jenkins

ABSENT:

TOWN STAFF: Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager
Monica Kennedy, Director of Human Resources
Karina Larsen, Town Treasurer
Aaron Mosrie, Director of Inspections
Kirk Parks, Wastewater Superintendent
Kelly Phipps, Director of Legislative Services
Carl Schinner, Chief of Police
Danny Wood, Director of Public Works
Michael Payne, Lieutenant, La Plata Police Department
Martha Tennison, Accounting Manager

GUESTS: See Roster

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

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Mayor James called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1.2. Roll Call

The Interim Town Clerk conducted Roll Call.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor James led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Councilwoman, Ward III Bryant-Ward moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Moved By: Evalyne Bryant-Ward, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting and Closed Session on December 10, 2024.

Councilwoman Bryant-Ward noted that the draft Closing Statement from the Closed Session of December 10, 2024, showed that the Town Attorney was present. The Town Attorney was not present, nor had he been expected to attend.

Councilwoman, Ward III Bryant-Ward moved to approve Regular Meeting minutes from December 10, 2024, as presented.

Moved By: Evalyne Bryant-Ward, seconded by David Jenkins.

Passed Unanimously

Councilwoman, Ward III Bryant-Ward moved to approve the Closing Statement from the Closed Session of December 10, 2024, with amendments.

Moved By: Evalyne Bryant-Ward, seconded by David Jenkins.

Passed Unanimously

3. Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Comment

3.1. Public Comment

There were no speakers from the public.

3.2. Department Updates

3.2. Finance (Larsen)

The Town Treasurer answered questions from the Town Council.

3.2. Human Resources (Kennedy)

Director Kennedy answered questions from the Town Council.

3.2. Inspections and Permits (Mosrie)

Director Mosrie answered questions from the Town Council.

3.2. La Plata Police Department (Schinner)

Chief Schinner answered questions from the Town Council.

3.2. Legislative Services (Phipps)

The Town Council had no questions for Director Phipps.

3.2. Planning (Craze)

The Assistant Town Manager answered questions from the Town Council on behalf of the Planning Department.

3.2. Public Works (Wood)

Director Wood answered questions from the Town Council.

4. Matters of Council Discussion

4.1. Pension Plan Update (Kennedy)

Director Kennedy answered questions from the Town Council regarding the development of the proposed pension plan to date and requested that the Town Council forward any further questions regarding the proposals from AmRET and USI via email. Questions from the Town Council will be consolidated and forwarded to the relevant party.

5. New Business

5.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

- Ward 1: Councilman Winkler reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met with a local architect to develop a statement of work for the transition of the [old Firehouse] to a museum open to the public.
- Ward 2: Councilman Trollinger had no report.
- Ward 3: Councilwoman Bryant-Ward reported that the documents required to bring the Dorchester Community Center back into good standing have been completed. Additional administrative processes will follow.
- Ward 4: Councilman Jenkins had no report but will report on the Tri-County Council meeting in January.
- Mayor: Mayor James reported on the neighborhood event at Washington Square and delivered an end-of-year address.

6. Adjourn

6.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk