



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
March 11, 2025, 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting

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

ABSENT: Jeannine James

TOWN STAFF: Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager
Monica Kennedy, Director of Human Resources
Karina Larsen, Town Treasurer
Aaron Mosrie, Director of Inspections (Virtual)
Kelly Phipps, Interim Town Clerk

GUESTS:

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

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In accordance with the Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Section 3-302 (Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that a portion of this meeting will be held in closed session.

Councilman Jenkins assumed the duties of the Acting President of the Council. The Acting President 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

The Acting President led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

Moved By: Evalyne Bryant-Ward, seconded by Matthew Trollinger.

Passed Unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from February 25, 2025, Special Meeting, Closed Session, and Regular Meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 25, 2025, was deferred to the next regular meeting.

Councilman Winkler moved to approve the minutes of the Closed Session and Special Meeting on February 25, 2025.

Moved By: David Winkler, seconded by Matthew Trollinger.

Passed Unanimously

3. Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Comment

3.1. Public Comment

No public speakers were present at this meeting.

4. Matters of Council Discussion

4.1. Direct Services Proposal: Woodvalley Community Strategies (Miner)

The Assistant Town Manager provided additional information on the proposed Direct Services Agreement with Woodvalley Community Strategies.

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

4.2. Auditors' Presentation (Larsen)

Dan Kenney of Mitchell & Titus provided an overview of the auditors' report for Fiscal Year 2024 and answered questions from the Town Council. Mr. Kenney summarized by noting that the Town Council received unmodified opinions on four different areas and that no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted in the internal control report.

4.3. Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Statement Overview (Larsen)

The Town Treasurer provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Statement and answered questions from the Town Council.

4.4. AmRet Presentation (Kennedy)

Edmund Emergson spoke on behalf of AmRet. Paul Troup was present online but did not participate in the discussion. The Town Council will forward questions to AmRet through the Assistant Town Manager.

5. Legislation

- 5.1. Resolution 25-02 Professional Services Agreement -- Woodvalley Community Strategies (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

Professional Services Agreement – Woodvalley Community Strategies

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract agreement for Professional Services for the management of various planning and capital projects in the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Trollinger moved to adopt Resolution 25-02 as presented.

Moved By: Matthew Trollinger, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

6. New Business

6.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

- Councilman Winkler commended the La Plata High School wrestling team for their performance at state-level competition and highlighted the upcoming mulch sale on March 29. The Design Review Board will meet on March 12, 2025.
- Councilman Trollinger had no report.
- Councilwoman Bryant-Ward had no report.
- Councilman Jenkins reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on March 12 at 7:30AM. The agenda includes a presentation of the Pinegrove neighborhood amenity package. Councilman Jenkins commended the Finance Committee for their dedication and professionalism.
- The Assistant Town Manager highlighted the Primary Election scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2025, for Ward II. Voting hours are 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

7. Adjourn

7.1. Adjournment

The Acting President adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk