



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
February 25, 2025, 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
Donald Cox, Director of Public Works
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, Acting Director of Public Works

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.

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

Councilman Winkler moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved By: David Winkler, seconded by David Jenkins.

Passed Unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from meeting on January 28, 2025.

Councilman Jenkins moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved By: David Jenkins, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

3. Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Comment

3.1. Public Comment

No public speakers were present at this meeting.

3.2. Items of Recognition

3.2. Proclamation: Women's History Month

Councilwoman Bryant-Ward read the proclamation for Women's History Month.

3.2. Proclamation: Maryland Day

Councilman Winkler read the proclamation for Maryland Day.

3.3. Department Highlights

3.3. Finance (Larsen)

The Town Treasurer answered questions from the Town Council.

3.3. Human Resources

Director Kennedy was not present.

3.3. Inspections (Mosrie)

Director Mosrie answered questions from the Town Council.

3.3. La Plata Police Department (Schinner)

Chief Schinner answered questions from the Town Council.

3.3. Legislative (Phipps)

Director Phipps answered questions from the Town Council.

3.3. Planning (Miner)

The Town Council had no questions regarding the Planning Department.

3.3. Public Works (Cox/Wood)

The Mayor and Town Council commended Acting Director Wood on his performance during his tenure as Acting Director, and welcomed Donald "DR" Cox as Director of Public Works.

4. Matters of Council Discussion

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

The Assistant Town Manager explained the advantages to the Town of executing a contract for direct services with Woodvalley Community Strategies and answered questions from the Town Council.

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

4.2. La Plata Police Department FARO Laser Scanner Purchase (Schinner)

Chief Schinner and Captain Payne explained the advantages of the purchase of a FARO Focus Laser Scanner. Funds formerly earmarked for license plate scanners would be re-allocated to this purchase. The balance would be covered through the re-allocation of existing capital project funds.

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

4.3. Charles County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Miner)

The Assistant Town Manager explained how adoption of the Charles County Hazard Mitigation Plan would help the Town access federal funding in the event of disasters.

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

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.

Moved By: David Jenkins, seconded by David Winkler.

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

Councilman Trollinger expressed concerns about potential conflicts of interest stemming from Mr. Kendrick's former employment with Mead & Hunt.

Ayes: Mayor James

Nays: Councilman Winkler, Councilman Trollinger, Councilwoman Bryant-Ward, Councilman Jenkins

Abstained: None

Failed

- 5.2. Resolution 25-03 La Plata Police Department – FARO® Focus Laser Scanner Purchase (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

La Plata Police Department – FARO® Focus Laser Scanner Purchase

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract purchase agreement for the purchase of a FARO® Focus Laser Scanner; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilwoman Bryant-Ward moved to adopt Resolution 25-03.

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

Passed Unanimously

- 5.3. Resolution 25-04 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Charles County, Maryland

A RESOLUTION concerning

2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Charles County, Maryland

FOR the purpose of adopting the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Charles County, Maryland; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Trollinger moved to adopt Resolution 25-04.

Moved By: Matthew Trollinger, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

6. New Business

- 6.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

Councilman Winkler had no report.

Councilman Trollinger reported that there is a vacancy in Keep La Plata Beautiful, and that the February meeting was canceled.

Councilwoman Bryant-Ward had no report.

Councilman Jenkins had no report.

Mayor James thanked the team for "weathering the storm" and persevering throughout the inclement winter weather.

7. Adjourn

- 7.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk