



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
March 25, 2025, 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Jeannine James
Councilman David Winkler
Councilman Matthew Trollinger
Councilman David Jenkins

ABSENT: Evalyne Bryant-Ward

TOWN STAFF: Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager
Donald Cox, Director of Public Works
Celia Craze, Planner (Virtual)
Monica Kennedy, Director of Human Resources
Karina Larsen, Town Treasurer
Aaron Mosrie, Director of Inspections
Matt Norris, Acting Chief of Police
Kirk Parks, Wastewater Superintendent
Kelly Phipps, Interim Town Clerk

GUESTS:

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

Mayor James moved that the agenda be approved with a revision removing the Planning Department report, as the Planning Department's highlights had been included with the Inspections Department report.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes and closing statements

1. Minutes of Special Meeting on March 18, 2025, scheduled for 5:15 PM
2. Closing Statement of Closed Session on March 18, 2025, scheduled for 5:15 PM
3. Minutes of Special Meeting on March 18, 2025, scheduled for 6:00 PM
4. Closing Statement of Closed Session on March 18, 2025, immediately following Special Meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM

Councilman Winkler moved to approve the all minutes and closing statements as presented.

Moved By: David Winkler, seconded by David Jenkins.

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

3.2.1. Proclamation: Arbor Day

Councilman Winkler read the proclamation for Arbor Day.

3.2.2. Proclamation: Founding of La Plata

Councilman Trollinger read the proclamation for the Founding of La Plata.

3.2.3. National Volunteer Week

Councilman Jenkins read the proclamation for National Volunteer Week.

3.3. Department Monthly Highlights

3.3.1. Finance (Larsen)

3.3.2. Human Resources (Kennedy)

3.3.3. Inspections (Mosrie)

3.3.4. La Plata Police Department (Norris)

3.3.5. Legislative (Phipps)

3.3.6. Planning (Miner)

This item was removed from the agenda.

3.3.7. Public Works (Cox)

4. Matters of Council Discussion

4.1. Budget Discussion - General Funds (Larsen/Finance Committee)

Mike Gahan, Randy Sotomayor, and Joe Norris spoke on behalf of the Finance Commission.

4.2. Budget Discussion - Enterprise Funds (Larsen)

Discussion and consensus on the General Funds section of the FY26 Financial Plan/Budget was tabled to the Town Council meeting scheduled for April 8, 2025.

4.3. Amendment of Calendar of Events for the Preparation and Adoption of the Town of La Plata Financial Plan/Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

As review of the components of the Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan/Budget took longer than anticipated, the Town Treasurer recommended rescheduling certain elements of the preparation and adoption of the FY26 Financial Plan/Budget. The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

5. Legislation

5.1. Resolution 25-05 Amendment of Calendar of Events for the Preparation and Adoption of the Town of La Plata Financial Plan/Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

Amendment of Calendar of Events for the Preparation and Adoption of the Town of La Plata Financial Plan/Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

FOR the purpose of amending the Calendar of Events for the Preparation and Adoption of the Town of La Plata Financial Plan/Budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Jenkins moved to adopt Resolution 25-05 as presented.

Moved By: David Jenkins, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

6. New Business

6.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

Councilman Winkler reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met on March 21.

Councilman Trollinger reported that the next meeting of Keep La Plata Beautiful will be on April 28 at 3:00 PM.

Councilman Jenkins reported on his participation in the second panel to review the proposed mural to be painted at the intersection of Centennial Street and St. Mary's Avenue.

Mayor James remarked on the 391st anniversary of the founding of Maryland.

7. Adjourn

7.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Submitted by:

Kelly G. Phipps, Interim Town Clerk