



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
April 22, 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
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
Lawrence J. Jones Jr, Town Clerk
Mike Payne, Captain of Police
Donald Cox, 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.

1.2. Roll Call

The 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 Trollinger moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved By: Matthew Trollinger, seconded by David Winkler.

Passed Unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on April 8, 2025, and Special Meeting on April 15, 2025

Councilman Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting on April 8, 2025, and Special Meeting on April 15, 2025.

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

3.2.1. Proclamation: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Councilman Jenkins read the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation.

3.2.2. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month

Councilman Jenkins read the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation.

3.2.3. Proclamation: Military Appreciation Month

Madam Mayor James read the Military Appreciation Month Proclamation.

3.2.4. Proclamation: National Stroke Awareness Month

Councilman Trollinger read the National Stroke Awareness Month Proclamation.

3.2.5. Proclamation: Professional Municipal Clerks Week (5/4-10)

Councilman Trollinger read the Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.

3.2.6. Proclamation: National Police Week (5/12-18)

Councilman Winkler read the National Police Week Proclamation.

3.2.7. Proclamation: National Public Works Week (5/18-24)

Councilman Winkler read the National Public Works Proclamation.

3.3. Department Monthly Highlights

3.3.1. Finance (Larsen)

The Town Treasurer answered questions from Town Council.

3.3.2. Human Resources (Kennedy)

Director Kennedy answered questions from Town Council.

3.3.3. Inspections (Mosrie)

Director Mosrie answered questions from Town Council.

3.3.4. La Plata Police Department (Norris)

There were no questions for Captain Payne.

3.3.5. Legislative (Phipps)

Director Phipps introduced Lawrence Jones, Jr., the new Town Clerk, and answered questions from the Town Council.

3.3.6. Public Works (Cox)

Director Cox, answered questions from the Town Council.

4. Matters of Council Discussion

4.1. Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget for the General & Enterprise Fund (Larsen)

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with the budget as presented. Councilman Jenkins expressed an objection to the Dorchester Community Center.

4.2. Stagecoach Agreement Amendment (Miner)

The Town Council reached a consensus regarding the amendment of the Stagecoach Agreement.

4.3. Charles County Public Library Letter of Support (Shannon Bland, Development Manager)

Town Council reached a consensus regarding the letter of support for the Charles County Public Library.

5. New Business

5.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

The Mayor and Town Council reported on current and upcoming events in the town.

6. Motion for a Closed Session

6.1. Statutory Authority to Close Session: § 3-305(b)(7) Consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Topic:

- Magnolia Gardens
- Waste Water Treatment Plant/ Maryland Department of the Environment

Councilman Winkler moved to enter closed session under statutory authority Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Section 3-302 (Open Meetings Act), § 3-305(b)(7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Moved By: David Winkler, seconded by Matthew Trollinger.

Passed Unanimously

7. Adjourn

7.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM.

Submitted by:

Lawrence J. Jones Jr., Town Clerk