



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
May 27, 2025, 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Jeannine James
Councilman Paul Guttenberg
Councilman Patrick McCormick
Councilman Gregory Sampson, Jr.
Councilman Tyjon Johnson

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
Donald Cox, Director of Public Works
Lawrence J. Jones Jr, Town Clerk

GUESTS:

1. Call to Order

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

1.1. Call to Order

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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 Guttenberg moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved By: Paul Guttenberg, seconded by Tyjon Johnson.

Ayes: Mayor James, Councilman Guttenberg, Councilman McCormick, Councilman Sampson, Jr., Councilman Johnson

Passed

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from Special Meeting on May 20, 2025

Councilman Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 20, 2025.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

Ayes: Mayor James, Councilman Guttenberg, Councilman McCormick, Councilman Sampson, Jr., Councilman Johnson

Passed

3. Disclosure of Closed Session

3.1. Disclosure of Closed Session on May 20, 2025.

Mayor James read the Disclosure statement for the Closed Session on May 20, 2025.

4. Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Comment

4.1. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Katherine Miles, Barbara Hayes, Alyssa Best, Aleya Best and Nicholas Kegg.

Mayor James also acknowledged receipt of two public comments via email from Shawna Marks and Kiarra Mayon.

4.2. Items of Recognition

Mayor James recognized Chris Wagnon for being a dedicated citizen and helping improve the Town of La Plata.

4.2.1. Proclamation: Small Cities Month

Councilman Johnson read the Small Cities Month Proclamation.

4.2.2. Neighborhood Grants

The Town Council presented neighborhood grants to winners.

4.3. Treasurer's Report

The Town Treasurer answered questions from the Town Council.

5. Legislation

- 5.1. Ordinance 25-04 Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Schedule (2nd Reading; For Consideration of Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Schedule

FOR the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance 25-04 as presented.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

Ayes: Mayor James, Councilman Guttenberg, Councilman Johnson

Nays: Councilman McCormick, Councilman Sampson, Jr.

Passed

- 5.2. Ordinance 25-05 Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan/Budget (2nd Reading; For Consideration of Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan/Budget

FOR the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Financial Plan/Budget; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance 25-05 with the addition of adding a 1.5% bonus for employees and the cost to initiate evaluation for LEOPS, estimated at \$7,300 - \$7,500. The Town Manager, in collaboration with department heads, will determine the best method to distribute bonuses.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Patrick McCormick.

Ayes: Mayor James, Councilman Guttenberg, Councilman McCormick, Councilman Sampson, Jr., Councilman Johnson

Passed

- 5.3. Ordinance 25-06 Fiscal Year Tax Rate (2nd Reading; For Consideration of Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Rate

FOR the purpose of adopting the Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Tax Rate; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance 25-06 as presented.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

Ayes: Mayor James, Councilman Guttenberg, Councilman McCormick, Councilman Sampson, Jr., Councilman Johnson

Passed

6. New Business

6.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

The Town Council gave updates about their contributions to the Town.

7. Adjourn

7.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Submitted by:

Lawrence J. Jones Jr., Town Clerk