



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
April 14, 2026, 5:00 PM
Special Meeting
Council Chambers, La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne St.
La Plata MD

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

ABSENT:

TOWN STAFF: Chuck Stevens, Town Manager
Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager
Todd Pounds, Town Attorney
Kelly Phipps, Director of Legislative Services
Karina Larsen, Town Treasurer
Matt Norris, Chief of Police (virtual)
Shelby Pritchett, Town Clerk

GUESTS: Jacob Dyer, Director, Charles County Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services

1. Call to Order

1.1. Meeting Attendance and Decorum

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Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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 McCormick moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Moved By: Patrick McCormick, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent:

Passed

2. Matters of Council Discussion

2.1. Charles County Tax Differential

Jacob Dyer, Director, Charles County Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services, provided the Town Council with a brief overview of the projected tax differential for Town of La Plata residents and answered questions from the Council. The Town Council reached a consensus to have the Town Manager & Town Treasurer officially represent in support of the .118 proposed tax differential for the Town of La Plata at the Charles County Board of Commissioners Meeting on April 29, 2026, to address the Tax Differential. Mayor James and Councilman McCormick stated their intent to attend.

3. Adjourn

3.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 5:46 PM.

Submitted by:

Shelby Pritchett, Town Clerk