



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes

July 28, 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
Kelly Phipps, Director of Legislative Services
Shelby Pritchett, Town Clerk

GUESTS:

1. Call to Order

1.1. Meeting Attendance and Decorum

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(Calendar Year 2026)

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 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 Guttenberg moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Moved By: Paul Guttenberg, seconded by Patrick McCormick.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent:

Passed

2. Motion for a Closed Session

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

Topic: Maryland Department of the Environment litigation

Reason for Closure: Discussion involves communication regarding litigation, not appropriate for public disclosure

Councilman Guttenberg moved to enter closed session under statutory authority § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Moved By: Paul Guttenberg, seconded by Patrick McCormick.

The Town Clerk conducted a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent:

Passed

3. Adjourn

3.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Submitted by:

Shelby Pritchett, Town Clerk

