



Town Council Regular Meeting

September 8, 2026, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne St.
La Plata MD

Agenda

1. Call to Order

1.1. Meeting Attendance and Decorum

Attendees, please use meeting courtesy. Virtual attendees are asked to mute microphones when joining the meeting. Participants may be muted by the Town Clerk and meetings will be recorded.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to view/listen to the discussion only. At their discretion, the Town Council may allow participants to voice questions or provide comments on the topics under discussion. Written comments may be submitted via email to Legislative@townoflaplata.org. Individuals wishing to address the Town Council may sign up in advance on the Town's website ([Public Communications](#)) or on the meeting sign-up sheet.

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(Calendar Year 2026)

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

1.4. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

2. Public Hearing - Charter Amendment

2.1. Call to Order (Presiding Officer)

- 2.2. Review of Public Notices (Town Clerk)
- 2.3. Summary of Town Staff Report and Recommendation
- 2.4. Questions by the Town Council to Town Staff
- 2.5. Written Documents Entered into the Record (Town Clerk)
- 2.6. Speakers from the Public
- 2.7. Additional Questions by the Town Council
- 2.8. Closing of Public Hearing

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1. Adoption of Resolution 26-57, "Lawn and Landscaping Services Agreement Renewal – Melwood Enterprises"
- 3.2. Adoption of Resolution 26-58, "Wills Memorial Park Court Resurfacing – Beltway Striping & Traffic Control"
- 3.3. Adoption of Resolution 26-59, "Wastewater Treatment Plant Fiscal Year 2027 Vehicle Purchase"
- 3.4. Adoption and Approval of Municipal Stormwater Permit Design and Consulting Services Contracts
 - Resolution 26-60, "Municipal Stormwater Permit Design and Consulting Services Contract - BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc."
 - Resolution 26-61, "Municipal Stormwater Permit Design and Consulting Services Contract - Century Engineering, A Kleinfelder Company"
 - Resolution 26-62, "Municipal Stormwater Permit Design and Consulting Services Contract - EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC"
 - Resolution 26-63, "Municipal Stormwater Permit Design and Consulting Services Contract – KCI Technologies, Inc."
 - Resolution 26-64, "Municipal Stormwater Permit Design and Consulting Services Contract - Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP"
- 3.5. Adoption of Resolution 26-65, "Technical Review of Design-Build Services for the Dorchester Community Center – CDM Smith, Inc."
- 3.6. Adoption of Resolution 26-66, "Town Sidewalk Survey – Agreement for Services - Citylogix"
- 3.7. Adoption of Resolution 26-67, "Stormwater Drainage Repair – Ratification of Contract – Austins Dirtworks, LLC"

4. Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Comment

- 4.1. Public Comment

4.2. Proclamation: National POW/MIA Recognition Day (September 18, 2026)

5. Matters of Council Discussion

5.1. Agenda Item Request: Election Process Improvements

5.2. MD Route 6 Streetscape Improvement Project — SHA Option Contracts for Acquisition of Town-Owned Property Rights

6. Legislation

6.1. Ordinance 26-19, "Chapter 13 - Council" (Second Reading; For Consideration of Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Chapter 13 - Council

FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the Town of La Plata to define the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Council Chair, and the method by which a temporary presiding officer shall be elected in the absence of the Council Chair; and all matters generally relating thereto.

6.2. Ordinance 26-20, "Chapter 191 – Zoning Ordinance for the Town of La Plata, Maryland – Accessory Dwelling Units" (Second Reading; For Consideration of Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Chapter 191 – Zoning Ordinance for the Town of La Plata, Maryland – Accessory Dwelling Units

FOR the purpose of amending Section 191-53(B) of Chapter 191 - Zoning of the La Plata Municipal Code pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to ensure compliance with recent changes to Maryland law governing accessory dwelling units; and all matters generally relating thereto.

6.3. Ordinance 26-21, "Amendment to Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2027 Fee Schedule" (Second Reading; For Consideration of Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Amendment to Town of La Plata Fiscal Year 2027 Fee Schedule

FOR the purpose of amending the Fiscal Year 2027 Fee Schedule, dealing with fees set by the Town of La Plata; and all matters generally relating thereto.

6.4. Resolution 26-50, "Charter Amendment - Powers and Duties of the Mayor of the Town of La Plata" (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION concerning

Charter Amendment – Powers and Duties of the Mayor of the Town of La Plata

FOR the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of La Plata to eliminate language authorizing the Mayor to call a special meeting, that the Mayor shall serve as President of the Council, and the process by which an Acting President of the Council shall be appointed in the absence of the Mayor.

- 6.5. Resolution 26-53, "Revision of Town Council Rules of Procedure – Council Chair" (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

Revision of Town Council Rules of Procedure – Council Chair

FOR the purpose of revising the rules and guidelines by which the Council of the Town of La Plata (Town Council) operates; and all matters related thereto.

- 6.6. Resolution 26-54, "Initial Election of Council Chair" (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

Initial Election of Council Chair

FOR the purpose of conducting a special election of the Council Chair.

- 6.7. Resolution 26-68, "Maryland State Highway Administration – Maryland Route 6 (Charles Street) Streetscaping Project – Contract for Acquisition of Town-Owned Property Rights (SHA Item 122415, Project CH248B31)"

A RESOLUTION concerning

Maryland State Highway Administration – Maryland Route 6 (Charles Street) Streetscaping Project – Contract for Acquisition of Town-Owned Property Rights (SHA Item 122415, Project CH248B31)

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Standard Option Contract with the Maryland State Highway Administration ("SHA"), granting SHA the option to acquire the land, easements, and construction rights related to improvements along Maryland Route 6 (Charles Street) from US Route 301 to Willow Lane described therein; and all matters generally relating thereto.

- 6.8. Resolution 26-69, "Maryland State Highway Administration – Maryland Route 6 (Charles Street) Streetscaping Project – Contract for Acquisition of Town-Owned Property Rights (SHA Item 121558, Project CH248B31)"

A RESOLUTION concerning

Maryland State Highway Administration – Maryland Route 6 (Charles Street) Streetscaping Project – Contract for Acquisition of Town-Owned Property Rights (SHA Item 121558, Project CH248B31)

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to execute a Temporary Easement Option Contract with the Maryland State Highway Administration (“SHA”), granting SHA a temporary construction easement related to improvements along Maryland Route 6 (Charles Street) from US Route 301 to Willow Lane described therein; and all matters generally relating thereto.

7. New Business

7.1. Town Manager's Operational Report (Written Only)

7.2. Treasurer's Report (Written Only)

7.3. Cash Disbursement Report (Written Only)

7.4. Reports from the Town Council

7.5. Future Agenda Forecast (Written Only)

8. Adjourn

8.1. Adjournment