



TOWN OF LA PLATA
Town Council Minutes
June 17, 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: Chuck Stevens, Town Manager
Michelle Miner, Assistant Town Manager
Karina Larsen, Town Treasurer
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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Mayor James called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Johnson moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

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

Passed

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on June 10, 2025

Mayor James moved to amend the minutes to include the disclosure of the Open Meetings Act Violation.

Moved By: Jeannine James, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

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

Passed

3. Petitions, Communications, Appearances and Public Comment

3.1. Public Comment

No public speakers were present at this meeting.

4. Matters of Council Discussion

4.1. Renewal of Melwood Contract

The Town Manager provided an overview of the existing contract with Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc., for landscaping services, and justification for renewal of the contract.

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

4.2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Vehicle Purchase

The Town Manager provided an overview of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's need to purchase new vehicles.

The Town Council reached a consensus to proceed with legislation.

4.3. Goal-Setting Retreat

The Town Manager spoke about holding a Town Council Goal-Setting Retreat within the upcoming months. The Town Council agreed.

Councilman McCormick made a motion to institute time limits on members while Town Council priorities were discussed in this work session.

Moved By: Patrick McCormick, seconded by Tyjon Johnson.

Ayes: Councilman McCormick

Nays: Mayor James, Councilman Guttenberg, Councilman Sampson, Jr., Councilman Johnson

Abstained: None

Absent:

Failed

5. Legislation

- 5.1. Resolution 25-09 Landscaping Services Agreement Renewal (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

Landscaping Services Agreement Renewal

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc., for Landscaping Services; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 25-09, Landscaping Services Agreement Renewal.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Paul Guttenberg.

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

Passed

- 5.2. Resolution 25-10 Wastewater Treatment Plant Vehicle Purchase (For Introduction and Consideration of Adoption)

A RESOLUTION concerning

Wastewater Treatment Plant Vehicle Purchase

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract purchase agreement for the purchase of two new vehicles; and all matters generally relating thereto.

Councilman Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 25-10, Wastewater Treatment Plant Vehicle Purchase.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Patrick McCormick.

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

Passed

6. New Business

- 6.1. Reports from the Mayor and Town Council

Councilman Guttenberg moved to appoint Kyle Miller as a Regular Member of the Planning Commission.

Moved By: Paul Guttenberg, seconded by Patrick McCormick.

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

Passed

Councilman Johnson moved to appoint Beatrice Johnson and Rashonda Williams to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Moved By: Tyjon Johnson, seconded by Gregory Sampson, Jr.

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

Passed

Mayor James moved to appoint Chelsea Williams as a Regular Member of the Ethics Commission.

Moved By: Jeannine James, seconded by Tyjon Johnson

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

Passed

7. Adjourn

7.1. Adjournment

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Lawrence J. Jones Jr., Town Clerk