

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
January 8, 2020

This is a summary of the Council's actions at the January 8, 2020 Council meeting. Detailed meeting minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Council meeting.
- Discussed and accepted the December 2019 financial report.
- Heard and discussed the Town Manager's report. Discussed issues related to adopting the County's new home builder licensing and warranties regulations.
- Heard public comments.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed County Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-07 regarding the location of telecommunications towers in residential areas.
 - Directed the Town attorney to draft a letter to the County Council with proposed revisions to the rules of procedure for permit review hearings. These revisions would ensure a resident's right to participate early in the County review process and oppose the consolidation of multiple applications (referred to as "batching" in the ZTA).
 - Directed the Town attorney to draft amendments to the Town Code to: 1) require an applicant for a County telecommunications permit to file a permit with the Town within a certain timeframe so that the Town can provide adequate notice to residents who may wish to participate in the County review process; and 2) provide for a variance process that would allow the Town Council to conduct its own hearing if an applicant cannot meet the Town's design criteria for telecommunications facilities.
- Discussed Zimmerman Park amenities and improvements.
 - Voted unanimously to approve a contract for an engineering survey of the park.
 - Voted unanimously to approve a contract for a landscape architect to design improvements to the park. Agreed that the Town will further clarify the design scope through discussions with the contractor and will authorize each phase of the project prior to commencement.
 - Discussed relocation of a sculpture from Elm Street Park to the sustainable garden in Zimmerman Park. Voted unanimously to proceed with public notice and the solicitation of public feedback regarding the proposed relocation. After reviewing and discussing public comments, the Council will decide whether to proceed with moving the sculpture and drafting a Memorandum of Understanding related to the same.
- Discussed traffic and parking management on West Avenue.
 - Agreed to proceed with a meeting with church and school officials to discuss a proposed parking and traffic management plan designed primarily to eliminate double parking on West Avenue.
 - Agreed to schedule a public hearing on the plan at the February Council meeting.

- Discussed parking and traffic enforcement related to the plan and scheduling a work session to review Town enforcement policies, options and costs.
- Discussed Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation, including proposed development on and around the Farm Women's Market site and issues related to undergrounding parking and converting the existing surface parking lots to parkland.
- Discussed the work of the Town's Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee in developing comments regarding the County's general plan. Agreed to review the comments and provide feedback to the LRP Committee by January 13.

III. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.