

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
October 8, 2014

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

At 6 p.m., upon the unanimous vote of the Town Council, the Council met in open session for the purpose of voting to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding issues related to the Bethesda Downtown Plan.

Discussion followed. No action was taken by the Council.

Present were Kathy Strom, Mayor; Pat Burda, Vice Mayor; Vicky Taplin, Treasurer; Al Lang, Secretary; John Bickerman, Community Liaison; Todd Hoffman, Town Manager; and Rebecca Walker of the law firm of Miles and Stockbridge.

REGULAR MEETING

Council and Staff

Kathy Strom, Mayor
Pat Burda, Vice Mayor
Vicky Taplin, Treasurer
Al Lang, Secretary
John Bickerman, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Joel Happy, Town Clerk & Finance
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street
John Fitzgerald, 4502 Elm Street
Jennifer Mitchell, 4213 Leland Street
Brooke Davies, 7604 Lynn Drive
Julia Craighill, 6911 Maple Avenue
Tina Coplan, 7003 Meadow Lane
Barry Hager, 4300 Willow Lane

Mary Flynn, 4114 Blackthorn Street
Christine Real De Azua, 4502 Elm Street
Jim Roy, 4511 Elm Street
Sarah Brophy, 4226 Leland Street
Mier Wolf, 7622 Lynn Drive
Heather Viera, 7203 Maple Avenue
Elizabeth Cavanagh, 7105 Meadow Lane

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Strom led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, asked the Town to purchase lids for recycling bins.

Barry Hager, 4300 Willow Lane, commented on the Lawton Center traffic study.

Sarah Brophy, 4226 Leland Street, commented on the recent Trash and Treasures event and suggested better street lighting and park improvements in the Town.

Mary Flynn, 4114 Blackthorn Street, commented on street lighting.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on a Resolution to Regulate Parking on Curtis Road

Town Manager Todd Hoffman presented a proposed Resolution to Regulate Parking on Curtis Road.

Council held a public hearing on the resolution. There was no one present who wanted to comment.

Council discussed the provisions of the resolution.

Councilmember Burda made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearing on a Contribution Request from CCES PTA

Mayor Strom presented a contribution request from Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA for \$1,195 for an event at the CCES fall festival. She suggested that the Council consider co-sponsoring the event.

Council discussed the request.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve co-sponsoring the event. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Contribution Requests

Jennifer Mitchell, 4213 Leland Street, presented a contribution request of Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA for \$9,000. Council discussed the request. Mayor Strom made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the request in November. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jim Roy, 4511 Elm Street, presented a contribution request of Friends of Capital Crescent Trail for \$25,388. Council discussed the request. Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the request in November. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Burda recusing herself.

Brooke Davies, 7604 Lynn Drive, presented a contribution request of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad for \$132,000. Council discussed the request. Councilmember Lang made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the request in November. Councilmember Bickerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mier Wolf, 7622 Lynn Drive, presented a contribution request of The Writer's Center for \$100,000. Council discussed the request. Councilmember Lang made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the request in November. Councilmember Burda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Rainscapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program

Council heard and discussed a Climate and Environment Committee proposal for a Rainscapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program.

Mayor Strom made a motion to approve the proposed program, as amended by Council, and to budget \$100,000 for fiscal year 2015. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bickerman moved to amend Mayor Strom's motion to remove the driveway replacement rebate from the program. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 3-2, with Mayor Strom and Councilmember Taplin opposed.

Councilmember Bickerman made a second motion to amend Mayor Strom's motion to prevent Councilmembers and Climate and Environment Committee members from participating in the program. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it failed by a vote of 1-4, with Mayor Strom and Councilmembers Burda, Taplin and Lang opposed.

Mayor Strom made a motion to prevent Councilmembers only from participating in the program if approved, and it passed by a vote of 4-0, with Mayor Strom abstaining.

Council voted on Mayor Strom's original motion to approve the program, as amended by Council, and it passed unanimously.

C. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Lawton Center Traffic Study

Council discussed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Lawton Center Traffic Study. Councilmember Lang made a motion to approve the RFP, as amended by Council. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

D. Town Investment Policy

Council discussed proposed amendments to the Town investment policy. Councilmember Lang made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to prepare a resolution to adopt the amended policy and to transmit the policy to the State Treasurer for review. Councilmember Burda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial Advisory Services

Council discussed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial Advisory Services. Councilmember Taplin made a motion to approve the RFP. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

F. East-West Highway Sidewalk Lighting Project

Council discussed an East-West Highway sidewalk lighting project. Council directed staff to coordinate a meeting of the Public Services Committee and residents on East-West Highway to discuss the project.

IV. GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2014 Council Meeting and Executive Session

Councilmember Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 Council meeting and executive session, as amended. Councilmember Bickerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Approval of September 2014 Financial Report

Councilmember Lang made a motion to approve the September 2014 financial report. Councilmember Burda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval of 2014-2015 Committee Tasks & Special Projects

Councilmember Taplin made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Committee tasks and special projects. Councilmember Burda seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Bickerman abstaining.

D. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month.

E. New Business

Mayor Strom made a motion to approve \$1,000 for the purchase of a table at the Committee for Montgomery Annual Legislative Breakfast. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lang
Secretary

Transcribed by Joel Happy, Town Clerk