

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
November 13, 2013  
MINUTES

Council and staff:

Patricia Burda, Mayor  
Kathy Strom, Vice Mayor  
David Lublin, Treasurer  
John Bickerman, Community Liaison  
Al Lang, Secretary  
Todd Hoffman, Town Manager  
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., Councilmember Lang moved that the Council meet in executive session pursuant to Maryland Code, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(8) to consult with staff and consultants about potential litigation; and pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(1) to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Strom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Council obtained legal advice; consulted with staff and consultants about potential litigation; and discussed a personnel matter.

Councilmember Lang made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Bickerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lang  
Secretary

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 13, 2013

Council and staff:

Patricia Burda, Mayor	Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Kathy Strom, Vice Mayor	Joel Happy, Town Clerk
David Lublin, Treasurer	Ron Bolt, Town Attorney
Al Lang, Secretary	
John Bickerman, Community Liaison	

Residents and guests:

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44 <sup>th</sup> Street	Audrey Yen, 7706 Chatman Road
Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street	Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue
Ann and James Jablon, 4110 Sycamore St.	Amanda LaForge, 3915 Woodbine Street

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to order

Mayor Burda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Burda led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Approval of Minutes of October 2013 Council Meeting and Executive Session

Councilmember Lublin made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2013 Council meeting and executive session. Councilmember Strom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

D. Approval of October 2013 Financial Report

Councilmember Lublin presented the financial report for October 2013. Councilmember Lublin made a motion to approve the report. Councilmember Strom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Supplemental Appropriations

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve supplemental appropriations for street and sidewalk repairs and for new recycling carts. Councilmember Lublin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### E. Town Manager's Report

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

#### F. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street, made a comment regarding trash collection.

### II. VARIANCE HEARING

All scheduled variance hearings were cancelled.

### III. PUBLIC HEARINGS & COUNCIL ACTIONS

#### A. Public Hearing on CCES Educational Foundation Contribution Request

Amanda LaForge, 3915 Woodbine Street, presented a contribution request from the CCES Educational Foundation for \$10,000 towards playground upgrades.

Council received public testimony and discussed the request.

Councilmember Strom made a motion to approve a \$10,000 donation. Councilmember Lublin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### B. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Amend the Public Ethics Law

Mayor Burda provided an overview of an Ordinance to Amend the Public Ethics Law.

Council discussed the ordinance.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Lublin seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 4 in favor, with Councilmember Lang abstaining.

#### C. Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Town Code to Eliminate the Permitting Requirements and Height Restrictions for Front Yard Hedges

Councilmember Lang made a motion to introduce an Ordinance to Amend the Town Code to Eliminate the Permitting Requirements and Height Restrictions for Front Yard Hedges. Councilmember Lublin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013

Town Manager Todd Hoffman provided an overview of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013.

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

IV. DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Meeting on Undergrounding Utility Lines (Format & Questions)

Council discussed the format and discussion items for the upcoming Public Meeting on Undergrounding Utility Lines. Council advised staff to modify and distribute the letter to participants and to include an article in the December Forecast.

B. Town Issue Management Plan

Council discussed a Town issue management plan. Councilmember Lublin made a motion for staff to maintain paper records related to the Town's involvement in external issues. Councilmember Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Lang  
Secretary

Transcribed by Joel Happy, Town Clerk