

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 9, 2019

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor  
Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor  
Kirk Renaud, Secretary  
Joel Rubin, Treasurer

Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison  
Todd Hoffman, Town Manager  
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tom Kelsey, 7710 Meadow Lane  
Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane  
Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane  
Lauren Boccardi, 4411 Ridge Street  
Vivian Wang, 4405 Ridge Street  
Emily Dean, 4405 Ridge Street  
Annie Inge, 7400 Connecticut Avenue  
Thad Inge, 7400 Connecticut Avenue  
Gary Kessler, 3903 Virgilia Street  
Sarah Kessler, 3903 Virgilia Street  
Irene Lane, 4106 Aspen Street  
Walter Douglas, 3908 Virgilia Street  
Nancy Douglas, 3908 Virgilia Street  
Caroline Blakely, 4409 Elm Street  
Beth Barnett, 4315 Elm Street  
Julie Stanish, 4307 Elm Street  
Nora Muhari, 4403 Elm Street  
Howard Feldman, 4505 Elm Street  
Veronique Kessler, 7204 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jim Roy, 4511 Elm Street  
Julia Randall, 4210 Oakridge Lane  
Daniel Tran, 7309 Maple Avenue  
Jamie Tran, 7309 Maple Avenue  
Anna Holloway, 4313 Elm Street  
Don MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street  
John Fitzgerald, 4502 Elm Street  
Christine Real de Azua, 4502 Elm Street  
Doug Kammerer, 4503 Elm Street

Holly Kammerer, 4503 Elm Street  
Mike Dole, 4224 Oakridge Lane  
Steven Kostant, 7317 Maple Avenue  
Amy Kostant, 7317 Maple Avenue  
Gautam Prakash, 4309 Elm Street  
David Tepper, 4317 Elm Street  
Michael Beriss, 7315 Maple Avenue  
Jean Carlson, 7315 Maple Avenue  
Mark Pekala, 7304 Maple Avenue  
Maria Pekala, 7304 Maple Avenue  
Justin Gray, 7312 Maple Avenue  
Penny Pollard, 7300 Maple Avenue  
Joe Rogers, 4111 Stanford Street  
Lou Evangelista, 4402 Walsh Street  
Jeff Marqusee, 4402 Ridge Street  
Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue  
Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue  
Melanie Manfield, 4322 Leland Street  
Ronni Jolles, 6907 Oakridge Avenue  
Gerald Garfinkel, 7407 Oak Lane  
Ai-His Liu, 4222 Oakridge Lane  
Barry Hager, 4300 Willow Lane  
David Ziegele, 7207 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brian Friel, 7311 Maple Avenue  
Mary-Margaret Lewis, 7311 Maple Avenue  
Asher Kotz, 4227 Oakridge Lane  
Robyn Lieberman, 4227 Oakridge Lane  
Hsiao-Pai Chu, 4222 Oakridge Lane  
Lila Fendrick, guest

## I. GENERAL BUSINESS

### A. Call to Order

Mayor Rush called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

### C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the December 2018 Council Meeting. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### D. Acceptance of December 2018 Financial Report

Councilmember Rubin presented the December 2018 financial report. The Council discussed and accepted the report.

### 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, commented on issues related to downtown Bethesda redevelopment.

## II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Public Hearing on a Supplemental Appropriation to Increase Height of Purple Line Noise Wall

The Council held a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to increase by 2 feet the height of the Purple Line noise wall adjacent to the Town.

The following residents commented: Caroline Blakely, 4409 Elm Street; Beth Barnett, 4315 Elm Street; Julie Stanish, 4307 Elm Street; Nora Muhari, 4403 Elm Street; Howard Feldman, 4505 Elm Street; Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane; Veronique Kessler, 7204 44<sup>th</sup> Street; Jim Roy, 4511 Elm Street; Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street; Julia Randall, 4210 Oakridge Lane; Daniel Tran, 7309 Maple Avenue; Anna Holloway, 4313 Elm Street; Don MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street; John Fitzgerald, 4502 Elm Street; Doug Kammerer, 4503 Elm Street; Holly Kammerer, 4503 Elm Street; Mike Dole, 4224 Oakridge Lane; Steven

Kostant, 7317 Maple Avenue; Gautam Prakash, 4309 Elm Street; and David Tepper, 4317 Elm Street.

The Council discussed the cost and benefits of a higher noise wall.

Mayor Rush moved to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$107,658 to increase by 2 feet the height of the Purple Line noise wall adjacent to the Town. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council agreed to ask the Town's consulting acoustical engineer to analyze the possible benefits of additional noise mitigation technologies.

#### B. Public Hearing on Establishing Permit Parking on the 7300 Block of Maple Avenue

The Council held a public hearing on a request to establish permit parking on the 7300 block of Maple Avenue.

The following residents commented: Michael Beriss, 7315 Maple Avenue; Mark Pekala, 7304 Maple Avenue; Brian Friel, 7311 Maple Avenue; Amy Kostant, 7317 Maple Avenue; Justin Gray, 7312 Maple Avenue; Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane; Penny Pollard, 7300 Maple Avenue; Joe Rogers, 4111 Stanford Street; and Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane.

The Council discussed the request.

Councilmember Baskir moved to establish permit parking on the 7300 block of Maple Avenue. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Rubin absent.

### III. VARIANCE HEARINGS

#### A. Martin, 4019 Rosemary Street, Front Yard Fence

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Bill Martin, 4109 Rosemary Street, was requesting a variance for a front yard fence.

Lila Fendrick, the applicant's landscape architect, described the plan and the need for the variance.

Several residents asked questions and made comments on the variance request: Joe Rogers, 4111 Stanford Street; Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street; Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane; Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane; and Lou Evangelista, 4402 Walsh Street.

The Council discussed the request.

Mayor Rush moved to approve the variance. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Rubin absent.

### IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

#### A. Voting Procedures for Non-U.S. Citizen Residents

The Council discussed proposed Town voting procedures for non-U.S. citizen residents. Councilmember Davidson moved to approve a Non-U.S. Citizen Resident Voter Registration

Application form, as amended, and modifications to the Town's election procedures. Mayor Rush seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Rubin absent.

B. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Regulate Small Cell Facilities

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance to regulate small cell facilities within the Town. Mayor Rush moved to introduce the ordinance and to schedule a public hearing at the February 2019 Council meeting. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Rubin absent.

C. State Legislation re. Municipal Planning/Zoning Authority

Town attorney Ron Bolt briefed the Council on a state bill that would provide additional planning and zoning authority to certain Maryland municipalities. The Council agreed to send a letter in support of this legislation to the State's District 18 delegation.

D. Project Updates

1. East West Highway Safety

The Council discussed several planned or proposed projects related to East West Highway safety, including lane narrowing, crosswalk improvements, and deployment of portable speed cameras and permanent radar speed signs.

2. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

3. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation, including proposed development at 7121 Wisconsin Avenue, the Farm Women's Market, and on the adjacent parking lots. The Council also discussed proposed building illumination at 7316 Wisconsin Avenue and approved a letter to be sent to the Montgomery County Planning Department regarding the same.

4. Dog Exercise Area

Councilmember Renaud briefed the Council on the Land Use Committee's ongoing assessment of possible locations for a dog exercise area. Councilmember Renaud noted that the committee's report will be ready for presentation at the February Council meeting. The Council agreed to hold a work session immediately prior to the regular February Council meeting to discuss the report.

5. Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden/Zimmerman Park Pedestrian Pathway & Staircase

Councilmember Renaud briefed the Council on ongoing development of sketch plans for a sustainable garden and a pathway/staircase in Zimmerman Park. The Council asked the Town Manager to obtain estimates for additional design work for both projects. The Council discussed the Public Services Committee's task to review public parking around Zimmerman Park in anticipation of increased use of the park.

E. Public Services Committee Projects

1. Permit Parking Program

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

2. Town-Wide Traffic Study

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

3. Traffic/Bicycle Safety Signage Improvements

The Council discussed traffic signage improvements to increase bicyclist safety on Town streets. The Council asked the Town Manager to confer with the Town's consulting traffic engineer and the Town's Public Services Committee to provide recommendations on appropriate signage and recommended locations.

4. Meadow Lane/East West Highway Redesign

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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