

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION & MEETING
MINUTES
March 10, 2021

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Cecily Baskir, Mayor
Joel Rubin, Vice Mayor
Barney Rush, Treasurer
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary
Irene Lane, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Dave Walton, Permitting Manager
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Residents and guests attended by videoconference.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Town resident Beverly Hudnut presented the Racial Justice Special Committee's proposed policing initiative. The Town Council discussed the initiative and endorsed next steps, including conducting a community survey on Town policing, hosting public forums on racial justice, and publicizing additional information about the Town's public safety/police services. The Town Council asked the committee to provide more information on these efforts for the Council's review and approval.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Baskir moved to approve meeting minutes. Councilmember Rush seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the February 2021 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

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

E. Public Comments

The Council heard public comments.

F. Special Public Comment Period on FY22 Budget Priorities

There were no public comments.

II. VARIANCE HEARINGS

A. Jarvi/Schagrin, 3911 Bradley Lane, Front Yard Fence and Walls

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Haley Jarvi and Roger Schagrin, 3911 Bradley Lane, were requesting variances for front yard fences and walls.

The applicants described the plan and the need for the variances. There were no public comments on the variance requests. The Council discussed the requests.

Councilmember Rubin moved to approve the variances. Councilmember Rush seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Moore, 3901 Blackthorn Street, Front Yard Wall and Hedge

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Meredith and Joseph Moore, 3901 Blackthorn Street, were requesting variances for a front yard wall and hedge.

The applicants described the plan and the need for the variances. One resident commented on the variance requests. The Council discussed the requests.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve the front yard wall. Councilmember Rush seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilmember Rush moved to approve the front yard hedge. Councilmember Ericson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 (Telecommunications) of the Town Code to Clarify Language Related to Small Cell Applications

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 26 (Telecommunications) of the Town Code to clarify language related to small cell applications. Councilmember Lane moved to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Ericson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on April 14, 2021.

B. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15 of the Town Code (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) to Reduce the Town-Wide Speed Limit to 20 Miles Per Hour

The Council discussed an ordinance to amend Chapter 15 of the Town Code (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) to reduce the Town-wide speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Councilmember Ericson moved to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on April 14, 2021.

C. Speed Hump Policy and Traffic Calming Devices

The Council discussed the Town's speed hump policy and traffic calming devices. The Council asked the Town's Public Services Committee and Town staff to draft a revised policy for speed hump requests and a new policy for radar speed sign requests. The Council discussed proposed terms of the policies and agreed to hold a public hearing on the policies at the April 14 meeting.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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