

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
March 13, 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

Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue
Emily McCarthy, Town staff
Jacob Bardin, 6905 Ridgewood Avenue
Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue
Mark Montezemolo, 6910 Maple Avenue
Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane

Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane
Matt Hoffman, 7302 Maple Avenue
Bren Lizzio, 4218 Oakridge Lane
Lou Evangelista, 4402 Walsh Street
Andy Berg, 7217 Oakridge Avenue
Katie Berg, 7217 Oakridge Avenue
Susan Zieman, 4202 East West Highway

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 February 2019 Council Meeting. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Acceptance of Financial Report

Councilmember Rubin presented the February 2019 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

Jacob Bardin, 6907 Oakridge Avenue, commented on providing paid holidays to the Town's contractors.

Lou Evangelista, 4402 Walsh Street, commented on the status of the Town's street tree mulching program.

Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane, commented on the Town's native canopy tree planting program.

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on the use of pesticides and herbicides in Town parks.

Andy Berg, 7217 Oakridge Avenue, commented in support of a dog exercise area in Town.

G. Special Public Comment Period on FY20 Budget Priorities

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, suggested Town funding for the upkeep and renovation of the Farm Women's Market.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Discussion of Possible Town Building Code Changes

Town Land Use Committee members Dedun Ingram and Lees Hartman briefed the Council on proposed changes to the Town building code. The Council agreed to hold a work session on March 20 to continue discussion of the proposed changes.

B. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Town Code Regarding Permit Parking Guest Cards

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance to amend the Town's permit parking regulations. Councilmember Cecily Baskir moved to introduce the ordinance and hold a public hearing at the April 24 Council meeting. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Zimmerman Park Amenities and Improvements

The Council discussed Zimmerman Park amenities and improvements, including a sustainable garden, a pathway and staircase to East West Highway, drainage improvements, and a possible dog exercise area.

Councilmember Renaud moved to expend a maximum of \$5,000 to hire a landscape architect to develop two conceptual master plans of proposed improvements to the park, one including a dog exercise area and other amenities suggested by neighbors, and one without a dog exercise area. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Project Updates

1. East West Highway Safety

The Council discussed East West Highway safety, including lane narrowing, construction of a pathway and staircase through Zimmerman Park, and deployment of temporary speed cameras.

2. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation, including proposed development on and around the Farm Women's Market site.

3. East Avenue Traffic Calming

The Council discussed traffic and pedestrian safety on East Avenue. Councilmember Baskir moved to expend a maximum of \$4,000 to acquire a radar speed board as a temporary traffic calming measure on East Avenue. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council agreed to defer consideration of outstanding requests for speed humps on East Avenue until that roadway is repaved and the Town-wide traffic study is completed.

E. Climate and Environment Advisory Group

Councilmember Renaud briefed the Council on the work of the Climate and Environment Advisory Group.

III. NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed the status of: 1) State legislation regarding small cell facilities, 2) County legislation regarding accessory dwelling units, and 3) planning for a Town-wide traffic study.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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