

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE REPORTER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL  
September 10, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The Town Council met in closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, State Government Article, section 10-508(a)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The minutes of the July 23 Executive Session were approved. The minutes of the August 6 Executive Session and August 6 Council Meeting were approved with amendments.
- The August 2008 Financial Report was approved.
- Several B-CC students came to the meeting. One of them asked the Council to consider setting aside some open space for a skate park. Steve Keeble, 4414 Walsh Street, requested information about the Town's plan for repaving Walsh Street.

VARIANCE HEARINGS

- The 4.8' rear yard setback variance for Peter Thomas at 3903 Thornapple Street was approved unanimously.
- The 3.3 foot side yard setback variance and 3'9" wall plane length variance for Gabrielle and Joe Fontana of 4208 Rosemary Street was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COUNCIL ACTIONS

- A resolution to ratify and confirm permit parking areas currently existing within the Town was introduced and a public hearing was held. No residents spoke at the public hearing. The Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- A public hearing was held on an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Town Code regarding front yard improvements. Bruce Russell, 7107 Oakridge Avenue, provided comments on the proposed ordinance. The Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.
- A public hearing was held on an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Town Code regarding improvements in the public right-of-way. No residents spoke at the public hearing. The Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.
- A public hearing was held on an ordinance to impose time limits on approved variances. No residents spoke at the public hearing. The Council voted to approve the ordinance 4-1, with Councilmember Lang opposed.
- The Town Council introduced an ordinance to amend certain provisions of Chapter 4 of the Town Code relating to the regulation of signs displayed within town limits. This ordinance will be publicized in the October Forecast, with a public hearing scheduled for the November Council Meeting.

DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- The Town Council voted unanimously to make a \$1,000 contribution to Ellen's Run. The Town will publicize the run in the October Forecast.
- Pat Burda and Bridget Hartman provided a strategic plan update to the Council. Pat and Bridget are pleased with the implementation and progress of the strategic plan. The Council discussed next steps, including a review of the plan to ensure that it is kept current and relevant. The Long Range Planning Committee will provide a report to the Council with recommendations.
- Costis Toregas, Brenda Lizzio, and Hope Pinkerton provided a formal Election Board report to the Council. The Board was pleased with the how the past Council

election was run, specifically with the use of the League of Women Voters. The Board would like to continue to use the League, look for ways to increase voter turnout, and explore options for making the annual candidate's forum available to residents who cannot attend. Mayor Strom informed the members of the board that they had all been reappointed for the upcoming year.

- The Council discussed options for preparing and distributing an updated Community Services Survey. The goal is to have a new survey mailed to Town residents this fall. Town Manager Todd Hoffman will provide a draft of the survey for Council's review at the October Council Meeting.
- The Council discussed options for correcting line-of-sight issues along Bradley Lane. Council agreed to ask residents to prune hedges and shrubs that interfere with intersection visibility, offering help from the Town maintenance crew if necessary. The Council instructed the Town Manager to have the Town's traffic engineer prepare a formal memo relating to the pillars located on private property at the intersection of East Avenue and Bradley Lane.
- The Council agreed to have the Town Manager and the Town's off-duty Montgomery County Police Supervisor develop a more comprehensive patrol plan involving the increased use of foot patrols in addition to the traffic and entry restriction patrols they are already performing.
- The Council agreed to add a Play Commission Task Force as a sub-committee of the Land Use Committee. The sub-committee will work to achieve recognition as a Playful City USA.
- Discussion of parking restrictions in the 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue was deferred.
- The Council discussed the procedure the Town would follow in evaluating the proposed Climate Protection Plan. The Town will post a summary of the plan and the entire draft plan on the Town website. The summary will be included in the October Forecast. The Council scheduled a work session on the plan for November 6 followed by a public hearing on December 10.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Town Manager provided the Council with the updated list of formal complaints.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.