

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE REPORTER
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
November 12, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Met in closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter (pending litigation regarding 6814 Connecticut Avenue).

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Approved minutes of the October 14 Executive Session and the minutes of the October 14 Council Meeting with a correction.
- Approved the October 2008 Financial Report.

VARIANCE HEARING

- Approved unanimously the side yard setback variance for Mr. and Mrs. James Hamsher of 7608 Lynn Drive.
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PUBLIC HEARINGS & COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Held a public hearing an ordinance to amend the Town Code to eliminate the requirement that an absentee ballot applicant must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with an application or appear in person at the Town Office to pick up an absentee ballot. No residents spoke. Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance.
- Held a public hearing on ordinance to amend certain provisions of Chapter 4 of the Town code relating to the regulation of signs displayed within Town limits. Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, submitted written comments and provided comments and request for clarification. Sally Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane, asked the Council to consider installing bulletin boards in Town where residents could leave notices. Council voted unanimously to adopt the sign ordinance with changes.

DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Steve Schmal, Chairman of the Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter and co-chairman of the Library Advisory Committee at the library spoke to the Council about a citizen education program that his organizations are undertaking. He also asked to be able to contribute an article to the FORECAST about the two organizations he represents. Council agreed to consider articles for the FORECAST from Mr. Schmal's organizations.
- Vicky Taplin, Chair of the Environment Committee, and Sally Kelly briefed the Council on an idea for a very brief, regular informational column in the FORECAST called "Shades of Green" as part of the Environment Committee's "educate and facilitate" initiative. The column along with green webpages on the Town website would provide links for more information and local and online resources. Council supported adding the column to the FORECAST but advised that disclaimers would be needed and that no recommendations for vendors could be made.
- Vicky Taplin, Chair of the Environment Committee, explained County Councilmember Elrich's Amendments to the Forest Conservation Legislation. The committee recommended sending a letter of support of the amendments. She presented a draft of a letter to be reviewed by the Council. Councilmembers agreed to comment on the letter and send it to the County Council when finalized.
- Pat Burda briefed Councilmembers on meetings she attended regarding the Purple Line. She requested that the Council allocate a maximum additional \$30,000 for

the Town's consultant to attend meetings in the area and to work in concert with the Town's recently retained attorney. Council voted unanimously to approve the additional funding.

- Due to car break-ins that occurred on Sunday night, Council extended the hours of the overnight security service to include every night of the week.
- Ann Wild, Chair of the Community Relations Committee, presented a Proposed Policy for Use of the Town Crier. The Council unanimously adopted the policy with one correction.
- The Mayor reported that there would be a dedication ceremony when the Leland Recreation Center is renamed the Jane Lawton Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Vicky Taplin described public/private partnerships and incentives for planting and maintaining trees on private property. There was discussion about the legality of using Town funds for private property. The Town attorney will look into that issue.

Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.