

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2021

This is a summary of the Council's actions at the January 13, 2021 Council meeting. Detailed meeting minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting.

TRAFFIC STUDY PRESENTATION

Reviewed and discussed a Town-wide traffic study and agreed to schedule a resident forum and a Council work session on the study.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mayor Baskir made a statement regarding events of January 6 at the U.S. Capitol.
- Voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes.
- Discussed and accepted December 2020 financial report.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. VARIANCE HEARINGS

- Voted unanimously to approve variances for rear yard setback, side yard setback and wall plane length at 7418 Ridgewood Avenue.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to activate an emergency plan for the 2021 Town Council election. Voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed Zimmerman Park redevelopment plan. Asked the Land Use Committee to review cost estimates for the project and assist with organizing and conducting public engagement on the plan. Directed the consulting engineer to proceed with permit application for the stormwater management concept plan. Asked the Town Manager to explore project management assistance.
- Discussed issues and efforts related to the County's proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 20-07. Agreed to oppose County consideration of the ZTA at this time due to concerns about process and timing. Endorsed a series of questions and discussion points developed by a coalition of potentially affected communities. Agreed to continue outreach to other communities, the County Council, and the Planning Board while developing testimony for upcoming public hearings.
- Discussed publicity for new gas-powered blower regulations and battery-powered blower/equipment rebate program. Asked the Climate and Environment Committee to assist with publicity.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- Asked the Town Manager to explore a cost-sharing arrangement with the State Highway Administration to fund signalized crosswalk improvements on East West Highway at Maple Avenue.
- Agreed to fund a community educational event sponsored by the Special Committee on Racial Justice.
- Discussed other initiatives of the Special Committee on Racial Justice. Agreed to endorse and publicize Mayor Baskir's statement regarding events of January 6 at the U.S. Capitol.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.