

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2025

*All Councilmembers were in attendance.
The recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard December 2024 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager’s report.
 - Staff reported progress on the Bethesda Market Park development project. The design agreement between the County and developer is almost complete and will allow design of the parks to recommence.
 - Staff assisted with tracking the County’s multifamily housing proposals. The Council discussed assistance from the Town’s Long-Range Planning to determine the impact of the County’s Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative. The Council decided to seek such assistance when the County Council determines the scope of any potential zoning changes.
 - Staff addressed proposed clarifications to state law concerning municipal regulatory authority.
 - Staff continued Zimmerman Park improvements and completed East and Leland intersection improvements.
 - Staff managed street and sidewalk snow removal. The Council discussed community messaging to encourage residents to assist in clearing and treating sidewalks following winter storms.
- Heard public comments.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed regulation of electric vehicle charging stations in Town rights-of-way. Agreed to maintain a variance process for resident requests. Agreed to proceed with consideration of an ordinance to prohibit charging cords and cables in Town rights-of-way, as discussed at the December 2024 Council meeting.
- Discussed permit parking regulations and a data collection effort to guide future decisions about the Town’s permit parking program. Agreed to limit the scope of the effort and asked the Public Services Committee to define the parameters.

III. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Mayor Lane provided an overview of the Bethesda Downtown Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment (MMPA), which would remove the density cap in downtown Bethesda. The MMPA has been transmitted to the County Council by the Planning Board. Mayor Lane will track and report on County Council consideration of the amendment.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.