

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2024

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

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the Town Council met in open session for the purpose of voting to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on Town building code administration. Mayor Lane moved to enter closed session. Councilmember Rush seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Town Council convened in closed session to consult with counsel on the administration of the Town's building code. The closed session was adjourned at 7 p.m.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard December 2023 financial report.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager's report.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Chapter 16 (Noise Control) of the Town Code to enact a full year ban on gas-powered leaf blowers. Voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance.
- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Chapter 8 (Elections) of the Town Code. Voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance.
- Held a public hearing on resolutions to amend Article 4 (Registration, Nomination and Elections) of the Town Charter. Voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed potential improvements on Bradley Lane, including widening at Wisconsin Avenue, vegetation management, and speed cameras requested by Bradley Lane residents. Agreed to write a letter to the Montgomery County Police Department in support of speed cameras.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed Corso Chevy Chase. Noted that the Town had submitted a letter of support for the Planning Board's conditional approval of the site plan application. Discussed Town testimony to be given at the February 1 Planning Board public hearing on the application.
- Councilmember Rush provided an update on the status of the Bethesda Market Park project, including progress on the funding and development agreements. Councilmember Rush discussed opportunities for private funding for some park improvements.
- Discussed municipal regulatory authority. Mayor Lane reviewed discussions and outreach on this matter to date and the prospect of a technical amendment to clarify municipal regulatory authority during the Maryland General Assembly's 2025 legislative session. Mayor Lane also discussed a County zoning text amendment related to faith-based housing that will be introduced next week.

- Mayor Lane reviewed legislation of interest to the Town that is to be considered during the Maryland General Assembly's 2024 legislative session, including legislation related to highway user revenue, speed cameras, and additional revenue generating opportunities for municipalities. Mayor Lane also discussed several housing bills that will be introduced on behalf of Governor Moore during the 2024 General Assembly session. Mayor Lane noted that she is seeking more information about the bill related to housing expansion and affordability.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.