

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2024

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

WORK SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the Town Council met to discuss the applicability of County laws within the Town. The Council directed the Town attorney to draft amendments to the Town Code that would clarify language related to this matter and make certain chapters of the County Code applicable within the Town. A discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance to adopt these changes will be scheduled for the March 20 Council meeting. The work session was adjourned at 7 p.m.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard January 2024 financial report.
- Accepted Town Manager's report.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed provisions and impact of Governor Moore's Housing Expansion and Affordability Act bill. The Council agreed to engage the Town's state delegation and the Maryland Municipal League to propose amendments to the bill that would clarify a municipality's authority to impose reasonable and equitable development regulations on multi-family housing.
- Discussed the Bethesda Market Park project. Councilmember Rush provided an update on the status of the project, including progress on the funding and development agreements. Mr. Rush discussed current planning for park amenities. He noted that the County Parks Department is developing a plan that includes core amenities, which are within the established budget for the project, and supplemental amenities, including the cost of each. For the supplemental amenities, the Town can consider possible additional funding from the Town or other public and private sources.
- Discussed Zimmerman Park improvements. Mayor Lane reported several issues that impact proceeding with park improvements, including a recent land subsidence within the park as well as the age and condition of utilities under the park. The Council agreed to ask the Town's consulting engineer to attend the March 20 meeting to discuss these issues and options for proceeding with the project.

III. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed Corso Chevy Chase. Mayor Lane noted that she will deliver testimony at the February 8 Planning Board public hearing on the site plan application.
- Mayor Lane and Councilmember White reviewed legislation of interest to the Town in the Maryland General Assembly's 2024 legislative session.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.