

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2025

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

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard February 2025 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
 - Town staff assisted with several major projects, including the Bethesda Market Park development; analyzing and responding to the County's proposed workforce housing legislation; and tracking proposed clarifications to state law concerning municipal regulatory authority.
 - Staff also met with Corso officials to discuss the redevelopment of 7100 Connecticut Avenue; continued Zimmerman Park renovations; undertook a parking analysis in the northwest quadrant of Town; met with PEPCO officials to discuss street light conversion and ownership; and developed the proposed FY26 budget.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on a variance for driveway width at 4118 Aspen Street. Voted unanimously to approve the variance.
- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to regulate electric vehicle charging stations in the public right-of-way. Voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

III. COUNCIL ACTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed and approved a resolution to adopt standards and restrictions for electric vehicle charging stations in the public right-of-way approved by variance.
- Discussed County's proposed workforce housing legislation. Mayor Lane summarized the legislation and reported that she presented Town testimony at the County Council's March 11 public hearing on this matter. Mayor Lane also noted that she will meet with County Councilmember Andrew Friedson in the next few weeks to discuss the proposed legislation and that Councilmember Friedson will attend a Town public forum on April 14 to discuss the proposed legislation with the community.
- Discussed and approved a draft construction management agreement, as amended, with Corso DC LLC (Corso), the developer of 7100 Connecticut Avenue. Staff will send the draft agreement to Corso for review and comment. The Council will discuss and possibly approve this agreement at its April 16 meeting. Staff will send notice of the April 16 meeting and the draft agreement to residences abutting the Corso property.
- Discussed Bradley Lane pedestrian and vehicular traffic management. Howard Berkoff, chair of the Town's Public Services Committee, presented several recommendations from the committee related to improving safety on Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue. The Council agreed to:
 - Contact the Chevy Chase Club to request relocation or modification of the retaining wall at the southwest corner of Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane to improve crosswalk visibility.

- Research options for a barrier between the sidewalk and roadway along Bradley Lane.
- Communicate with the County's Department of Transportation about signalization improvements to allow more traffic throughput from westbound Bradley Lane onto southbound Wisconsin Avenue.
- Determine status of MCPD investigation into using one speed camera to enforce vehicle speeds in both directions on Bradley Lane.
- Investigate feasibility of installing a speed board on the north side of Bradley Lane to enforce westbound vehicle speeds.
- Determine cost of moving the fire hydrants from the Bradley Lane sidewalk.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed the Bethesda Market Park project. Vice Mayor Rush reviewed progress on the various development and funding agreements for the project.
- Discussed a technical amendment to state law to clarify municipal regulatory authority. Mayor Lane provided an update on the Maryland General Assembly's consideration of the bill and discussed next steps.
- Discussed the Bethesda Downtown Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment. Mayor Lane reported that the Town presented testimony at the County Council's February 26 public hearing on this matter. The Council agreed to provide the same testimony at the County Council's second public hearing on April 1.
- Discussed Zimmerman Park redevelopment status. The Council met in Zimmerman Park on March 9 and agreed to fencing size and location as well as additional landscaping to complete the project.
- Vice Mayor Barney Rush reported that the Town will host an event on April 26 in Zimmerman Park to dedicate the new pathway to former Town Mayor Scott Fosler. This event will be publicized in the April Forecast and in Town Crier announcements.
- Agreed to send a letter to the County Executive and the County's Chief of Police requesting that the MCPD establish an alert system to notify residents of active crime incidents.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.