

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 14, 2025

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

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Newly elected Councilmembers Carlo Colella and Tambra Leonard read the oath of office.
- Voted unanimously to appoint Council officers, as follows:
  - Barney Rush, Mayor
  - Irene Lane, Vice Mayor
  - Carlo Colella, Treasurer
  - Rich Brancato, Secretary
  - Tambra Leonard, Community Liaison
- Voted unanimously to appoint Council liaisons to Town committees, as follows:
  - Climate and Environment: Tambra Leonard
  - Community Relations: Irene Lane
  - Land Use: Carlo Colella
  - Long Range Planning: Barney Rush
  - Public Services: Rich Brancato
- Delegate Jared Solomon reported on the 2025 General Assembly session and answered residents' questions.
- Heard April 2025 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Voted unanimously to approve National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation. Discussed Town event related to gun violence awareness.
- Heard public comments. A number of Bradley Lane residents expressed great concern about speeding and public safety on that road.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on a request for speed humps in the 6900/7000 blocks of Maple Avenue. Voted unanimously to approve the request.
- Held a public hearing on a request for speed humps and a parking restriction in the 4300 block of Stanford Street. Voted unanimously to approve the request. Asked staff to clarify street signage on the block and perform a speed study following completion of the improvements.
- Held a public hearing on a financial contribution, of \$10,000 plus another \$10,000 if matched by other donors, towards an outdoor classroom at Rosemary Hills Elementary School. There was consensus to support the contribution, but the Council deferred a vote pending receipt of a fundraising plan from the sponsors and a phased schedule of improvements if full project funding is not obtained.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed Town authority to operate a speed camera program. Agreed to ask the State Highway Administration (SHA) for preliminary approval for the Town to operate speed cameras on Bradley Lane. Asked staff to consider a policy for a Town-operated speed camera program; to determine staffing/costs related to a

Town-operated speed camera program; and, given the long lead time for acquiring camera equipment, to investigate the possibility of ordering speed cameras for Bradley Lane if the SHA supports such a deployment and while a Town policy is developed.

- Discussed the Public Services Committee's review of a permit parking study in the northwest quadrant of Town. Howard Berkof, Chair of the Public Services Committee (PSC), reported that the PSC reviewed the results of the study and does not recommend changes to the Town's permit parking restrictions at this time. The PSC recommends a communications campaign to encourage residents to respect permit parking restrictions in high-demand areas and asked the staff to increase enforcement of non-permitted vehicles in permit parking zones. The Council agreed with the PSC recommendations and accepted Mr. Berkof's offer for the PSC to develop the suggested communications campaign, working with Councilmember Leonard in her position as Community Liaison. Town Manager Todd Hoffman noted that he has asked the Town's police officers to focus on permit parking violations and noted that parking citations had increased this past month.
- Discussed the Climate and Environment Committee's proposed Resident Awareness Survey. Agreed to provide comments to Vice Mayor Lane on the survey and not to offer incentives to those who complete the survey.
- Discussed the Bethesda Market Park project. Mayor Rush reviewed progress on the various development and funding agreements. He noted that design work is expected to recommence shortly.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.