

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
May 22, 2019

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

At 5:30 p.m., in the Town Hall, Councilmember Baskir moved to enter closed session pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more individuals. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Rubin absent. Councilmember Rubin subsequently joined the closed session. The Town Council discussed a personnel matter. The session was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor

Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor

Wicca Davidson, Secretary

Kirk Renaud, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Intergovernmental & Public
Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Residents and Guests

Ann Wild, 7104 Oakridge Avenue

Cathy Wolf, 7624 Lynn Drive

Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane

Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane

Beth Barnett, 4315 Elm Street

Scott Fosler, 4104 Woodbine Street

Jennifer Stein, 4212 Maple Avenue

Maria Pekala, 73014 Maple Avenue

Dan Clohossey, 4212 Thornapple Street

Andrea Chamblee, guest

Jacob Rains, guest

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Rush called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Swearing-In of Newly Elected Council Members

Newly elected Councilmembers Cecily Baskir and Joel Rubin read the oath of office.

D. Appointment of Officers

Councilmember Baskir moved to make the following Council officer appointments: Barney Rush, Mayor; Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor; Kirk Renaud, Treasurer; Wicca Davidson, Secretary; and Joel Rubin, Intergovernmental and Public Liaison. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Rush moved to make the following Committee liaison appointments: Kirk Renaud, Climate and Environment; Wicca Davidson, Community Relations; Barney Rush, Land Use; Joel Rubin, Long Range Planning; and Cecily Baskir, Public Services. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the April 24 Council Meeting and May 7 Annual Meeting. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. Acceptance of Financial Report

Councilmember Rubin presented the April 2019 financial report. The Council discussed and accepted the report.

G. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month.

H. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Consideration of a Resolution to Thank Town Residents and the Town's Community Relations Committee for Support of the Family Justice Center

Councilmember Davidson discussed the contributions of Town residents Cathy Wolf and Ann Wild, and the work of the Town's Community Relations Committee, in support of the Family Justice Center, which presented the Town with a Proclamation of Thanks and installed a plaque in its office honoring the Town.

Mayor Rush moved to approve the Town resolution. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of a Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Councilmember Rubin read and discussed the proposed proclamation. Jennifer Stein, 4212 Maple Terrace, and guest Andrea Chamblee, spoke of the importance of gun violence awareness. Councilmember Rubin moved to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY20 Budget and Tax Rates

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve an ordinance adopting the FY20 budget and tax rates. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018

Town Manager Todd Hoffman briefed the Council on the purpose of the County's hazard mitigation plan and the rationale for Council adoption. Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Zimmerman Park Amenities and Improvements

The Council discussed Zimmerman Park amenities and improvements, including a sustainable garden, a pathway and staircase to East West Highway, and the development of concept master plans for the park. The Council asked that the preliminary plans for the pathway and staircase be presented at the June meeting.

B. Project Updates

1. East West Highway Safety

The Council discussed East West Highway safety, including the status of lane narrowing, crosswalk signalization, and deployment of temporary speed cameras.

2. Bradley Lane Safety Improvements

Councilmember Baskir briefed the Council on the State Highway Administration's recent installation of flexi-posts on Bradley Lane. Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that he spoke with the Town's SHA representative, who agreed to evaluate the recent improvements and determine any necessary remedial actions.

3. East Avenue Traffic Calming

The Council discussed the recent installation of a radar speed board on East Avenue as a temporary traffic calming measure. The Council also reviewed and discussed initial traffic speed and volume data collected by the speed board.

4. Town Traffic Study

The Council discussed the status of preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Town-wide traffic study. The Council asked the Town's engineering consultant to present a draft RFP to the Town's Public Services Committee for review at its June meeting.

5. Permit Parking Program

Councilmember Baskir presented recommendations of the Town's Public Services Committee (PSC) related to the Town's permit parking program. The Council discussed the recommendations and agreed to ask the PSC to perform additional research and analysis.

6. Purple Line Mitigation

Mayor Rush updated the Council on the Town's Purple Line mitigation efforts, including the status of Town funding for a higher noise wall and a request for an updated construction schedule.

7. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation: Farm Women's Market Project and 7000 Wisconsin Avenue Proposed Development

Mayor Rush briefed the Council on issues and efforts related to Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation, including the status of planned development on and around the Farm Women's Market site and at 7000 Wisconsin Avenue. The Council agreed to engage with County Planning staff to call for adherence to the Bethesda Downtown design guidelines.

C. Household Organic Waste Collection Program

Town Manager Todd Hoffman briefed the Council on issues related to the Town's household organic waste collection program. Mr. Hoffman reported that he is in discussions with the service contractor and will report on progress at the June meeting,

III. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Renaud briefed the Council on the work of the Climate and Environment Advisory Group.

Councilmember Renaud discussed increasing the number of dog waste stations in Town. The Council asked Town staff to identify possible additional locations for these waste stations and to report back to the Council with recommendations.

The Council discussed the Town's street repaving and utility repair schedule.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wicca Davidson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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