

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 9, 2021

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Barney Rush, Mayor
Irene Lane, Vice Mayor
Joy White, Treasurer
Joel Rubin, Secretary
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Residents and guests attended by videoconference.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Lane moved to approve meeting minutes. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the May 2021 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month. The Council discussed Town office reopening plans and plans to resume in-person Council meetings. The Council also discussed the deployment of technology to continue to allow remote participation in Council meetings.

E. Public Comments

The Council heard public comments.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. 4-H Center Sale/Development Survey Results

The Council discussed the status of the 4-H Center property sale and reviewed the results of the Town's survey regarding potential redevelopment of the property. The Council agreed to distribute the results of the survey via Town Crier.

B. Farm Women's Market Redevelopment

The Council discussed the status of the Farm Women's Market redevelopment project, noting that the developer and the County have reached agreement on structuring the development and that the developer is now beginning work on preparing a Site Plan to submit to the Planning Board. The project still includes constructing a significant park on the parking lot behind the Market and converting the entire surface parking lot between Leland Street and Walsh Street to a park. The County intends to ask the Town to contribute to the funding of the project. It also will propose decreasing the number of parking spaces in the planned underground garage. The Council discussed the need to engage with residents regarding this project by asking the developer to re-present the plans to the Town and asking the County Department of Transportation to present the plan and rationale for the reduction in the number of underground parking spaces.

C. Purple Line Project

The Council discussed the status of the Purple Line project.

D. Thrive Montgomery 2050/Missing Middle Housing

The Council discussed the Town's response to the County's general plan update (Thrive Montgomery 2050) and the Town's policy position regarding multi-family housing within Town.

E. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Relief Funds

The Council discussed the distribution and use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funds. The Council agreed to develop a list of potential projects that may be eligible for ARPA funding and to seek an opinion from the Town attorney and guidance from the U.S. Treasury to ensure appropriate use of the funds.

F. Zimmerman Park Improvements

The Council discussed Zimmerman Park improvements and agreed to pursue both a short and long-term approach to improvements and activated use of the space.

G. Traffic Study Follow-Up

The Council discussed outstanding considerations related to the Town-wide traffic study. The Council agreed to ask the Town traffic engineer to examine some alternative traffic mitigation and calming measures and to study technologies to increase pedestrian safety and traffic signal compliance.

H. Other Business

The Council agreed to schedule work sessions as needed to discuss and address pressing matters between monthly Council meetings.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Rubin, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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