

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2025

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

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

At 6:30 p.m., the Town Council met with MCDOT officials to discuss the latest plans for the Capital Crescent Surface Trail Phase 2 to be constructed along 47th Street and Willow Lane. MCDOT officials reviewed the plans and the construction timeline. The Council expressed the importance of pedestrian safety on the trail and requested that the pathways for pedestrians and cyclists be separated and clearly defined. Mayor Rush requested a meeting among the Town, MCDOT, and Montgomery Parks to discuss this issue. The work session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard May 2025 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments. Residents remarked on the proposed improvements on Ridge Street and West Avenue; the MCPS boundary study; the contribution request from Wonders Early Learning; and the Town's affiliation with the private Town Neighbors listserv.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on a \$10,000 contribution and a \$10,000 maximum matching contribution from non-governmental sources for an outdoor classroom project at Rosemary Hills Elementary School. Voted unanimously to approve the contribution with conditions, including the Town's review and approval of the final project plans and budget; approval of the project by the school district; and securing complete funding of the project by September 2026.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed a contribution request from Wonders Early Learning at the Lawton Center for playground improvements and interior renovations. The Council asked for more details on the proposed improvements before scheduling a public hearing.
- Discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation for use of Town right-of-way for the Capital Crescent Surface Trail Phase 2 project. Approved the terms of the MOU and agreed to delay execution pending further discussions with MCDOT and Montgomery Parks regarding pedestrian safety.
- Discussed proposed improvements to Ridge Street and West Avenue, including a sidewalk extension on Ridge Street and the widening of West Avenue. Councilmember Brancato provided background on development of the concept plans and outlined the consideration process moving forward. The Council agreed to hold an on-site meeting with affected residents to review the concept plans and receive feedback before further consideration of any changes.

- Discussed the MCPS boundary study. Mayor Rush provided background on consideration of this issue and asked the Council to determine the level and substance of the Town's engagement. Agreed to obtain a better understanding of the principles related to the boundary study concepts and to submit comments to the Board of Education before the end of June. Mayor Rush will draft comments for review.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed Bradley Lane safety.
 - The Town met with Delegate Jared Solomon and SHA officials to discuss pedestrian and vehicular safety along Bradley Lane. At this meeting, the SHA committed to complete a study within the next 90 days on improving safety. A field team from the SHA has already performed an on-site visit.
 - Delegate Solomon will facilitate a meeting with MCPD and Councilmember Friedson to discuss speed camera installation on the north side of Bradley Lane.
 - The Council asked Town staff to follow up with the Chevy Chase Club about lowering the retaining wall at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane to improve pedestrian and vehicular sight lines at that intersection.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.