

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

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

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard August 2025 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments. Residents commented on the Town Neighbors listserv and the Ridge Street/West Avenue improvements.

II. DISCUSSION OF CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

- Discussed a request from the Chevy Chase Fire Department (CCFD) for a contribution towards the department's ongoing operating expenditures and anticipated capital projects. Agreed to hold a public hearing at the October 8 Council meeting on a \$5,000 contribution to the CCFD.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on and discussed variances for rear and side yard setbacks and wall plane length at 7505 Tarrytown Road. Voted unanimously to approve the variances.
- Held a public hearing on and discussed a tree removal appeal by Corso Chevy Chase, 7100 Connecticut Avenue. Voted unanimously to approve the appeal to remove three Town-protected trees with the condition that three replacement trees be planted on the subject property. The species and location of the replacement trees must be approved by the Town arborist.

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed County Subdivision Regulation Amendment (SRA) 25-02, which addresses the consolidation of lots eligible for County workforce housing. Agreed to propose multiple amendments to the SRA related to restricting the maximum consolidated lot size to 18,000 square feet and preventing certain combinations of lots. Approved the substance of a joint municipal letter to the County Council establishing this position.
- Discussed a draft Bradley Lane safety study by the State Highway Administration (SHA). Agreed to solicit feedback from Bradley Lane residents and the Town's Public Services Committee. The Town expects to send comments on the study to the SHA following the October 8 Council meeting. The Town Manager will inform the SHA of this timeline.
- Discussed speed cameras on Bradley Lane. The Town has been attempting to obtain a status update from the Montgomery County Police Department on deploying speed cameras on Bradley Lane and has requested assistance from State Delegate Jared Solomon and County Councilmember Andrew Friedson. The Town has requested that a temporary camera be installed in the short term, before a determination is made on installing a camera on a permanent basis. The Town

Manager has been researching possible speed camera contracts if the Town decides to establish its own program.

- Discussed proposed sidewalk extension on Ridge Street. In response to resident input, the sidewalk will be constructed behind the existing curb. The new sidewalk will be narrower than 4 feet in some locations to accommodate existing site conditions, including established canopy tree roots. Staff reported that plans have been reviewed by the residents who live adjacent to the proposed sidewalk.
 - Agreed to schedule a public hearing at the October 8 Council meeting on the proposed sidewalk extension. Final plans will be provided to residents at least two weeks prior to the public hearing. Directed staff to notify the developers of the two new homes along Ridge Street of the public hearing.
- Discussed proposed measures to improve the safety of West Avenue.
 - Agreed to hold a public hearing on changing the “No Parking” zone to a “No Parking, Stopping or Standing” zone in the 6700 block of West Avenue. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the October 8 Council meeting, pending outreach to the leadership of the Oneness School and St. John’s Church to discuss the planned change.
 - Agreed to delay consideration of widening West Avenue or imposing additional parking restrictions on West Avenue until all affected residents can participate.
 - Agreed to delay consideration of traffic calming measures on West Avenue until the consulting engineer’s study can be evaluated and options can be developed and considered. Agreed to share the engineer’s study with affected residents.
- Discussed Purple Line/Capital Crescent Trail lighting on the ramp between Elm Street Park and the Capital Crescent Trail bridge over the Purple Line. The Town Manager reported that the lighting vendor can provide fixtures with house side shields to prevent light from spilling into residents’ back yards. Agreed to continue to pursue the timeliest means of obtaining these shields, which may depend upon the timing of the County taking ownership of the Capital Crescent Trail.
- Discussed the Climate and Environment Committee’s proposed Resident Awareness Survey. The committee would like the Council to provide feedback on the survey, which is expected to be released in October.
- Discussed an extension of the Town’s gas-powered leaf blower ban exemption for the Town’s leaf collection contractor.
 - The Town Manager explained that if the Town requires its landscape contractor to use only battery-powered blowers, the contractor will need to operate an additional truck with a generator to charge batteries during the leaf collection season.
 - Because of the additional noise and pollution associated with a generator, the Council agreed to consider an extension of the exemption for the landscape contractor.
 - Directed the Town attorney to draft ordinances to extend this exemption. The ordinances will be subject to a public hearing in October and, if approved, would become effective immediately after adoption.
- Discussed overgrown vegetation management. Asked the Town Manager to review sidewalk clearances along Connecticut Avenue and remediate, as necessary.
- Discussed retaining an attorney to track state legislation that may impact the Town. Agreed to discuss the matter with the Town attorney and continue the Council discussion in October.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.