

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2024

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

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard August 2024 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on a tree removal appeal for 4422 Walsh Street. Voted unanimously to approve the appeal with the condition that the applicant plant four replacement canopy trees on the property.
- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 (Buildings) to modify regulations related to overgrown vegetation management. Voted unanimously to approve the ordinance, which establishes a general "passable" standard for streets and sidewalks. The Council established a specific standard (ADA accessibility) in a policy adopted in July.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & ACTIONS

- Discussed the Bethesda Market Park project. Vice Mayor Rush reviewed progress on the various development/funding agreements and on park design, which will recommence once the agreements are ratified.
- Discussed a proposed crosswalk at the Meadow Lane/Valley Place intersection. Agreed to ask the Town's Public Services Committee to reevaluate the project.
- Discussed a resolution to adopt the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024, which makes the Town eligible for FEMA disaster mitigation assistance. Voted unanimously to adopt the plan.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed Montgomery Planning Department's Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative (AHSI). Mayor Lane reviewed the prospect of multifamily housing in the Town and the potential impacts. She discussed the schedule for the County Council's consideration of the Planning Department recommendations, which will culminate in proposed zoning changes this fall.
- Discussed a technical amendment to state law to clarify municipal building authority over all residential housing types, not only single-family housing. Reviewed and approved a letter to be sent to the State delegation from affected municipalities for the amendment to be considered during the 2025 General Assembly session.
- Discussed the County's Growth and Infrastructure Policy, which ensures that the County's essential public facilities, especially schools and transportation systems, keep pace with development. Mayor Lane noted that changes to the GIP's metrics and impact tax fees to pay for public facilities will be deliberated and approved by the County Council this fall.

- Discussed the Bethesda Minor Master Plan Amendment (MMPA). Mayor Lane noted that the Planning Department deliberated this summer on whether the development cap in downtown Bethesda should be eliminated or increased. Discussed details of Town testimony to the Planning Board on the proposed MMPA.
- Discussed and approved Town committee priorities for FY25.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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