

**TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2023**

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

At 6 p.m., the Town Council met with Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich. Discussions focused on the County Executive's priorities for the Bethesda area; the Bethesda Market Park project; the Purple Line; plans for economic development and private sector job growth; and affordable housing.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard August 2023 financial report.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager's report.
 - Discussed potential enhancements to Rosemary Triangle limited to the removal of a persistent weed in one garden bed of the park. Asked staff to provide a planting plan for the garden bed and identify potential appropriate locations for benches along the existing sidewalks surrounding the park.
- Heard public comments.

II. PUBLIC/VARIANCE HEARINGS

- Voted unanimously to approve a speed hump in the 3900/4000 block of Thornapple Street.
- Voted unanimously to approve a variance for a front yard fence at 4100 Aspen Street.
- Voted unanimously to approve a variance for a front yard retaining wall and driveway width at 6812 Meadow Lane.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed Corso Chevy Chase redevelopment.
 - Discussed Corso's site access study and a site access plan developed by Chevy Chase Section 3. Agreed not to endorse any particular site access plan but to continue to support a plan that prevents additional cut through traffic in the Town and traffic backups on Connecticut Avenue. Agreed to request that the Town be included in all future site access discussions between Corso and the State Highway Administration.
 - Reviewed Town consultant's comments on Corso's stormwater management concept plan and report. Agreed to transmit consultant's comments to the County's Department of Permitting Services.
- Discussed Bethesda Market Park development project. Town Manager Hoffman and Councilmember Rush briefed the Council on the tour of Metropolitan Park in Arlington, VA. Councilmember Rush also discussed the status of the interim and project funding agreements. Discussed the need for outreach to County Councilmembers about the importance of the project and the need for the County to expedite progress on the funding agreements.
- Discussed gas-powered leaf blower ban and enforcement issues. Noted that the County Executive expects the County Council to approve a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers this fall. Discussed a full year ban in the Town, possible exceptions to

the ban, and a renewed rebate program for residents and businesses to purchase battery or electric-powered blowers. Noted that the Town Council will hold a work session on September 27 to discuss enforcement of the ban.

- Discussed proposed real estate disclosure forms that identify the Town as an independent municipality with distinctive building, water drainage, urban forest and noise control laws. Agreed to pursue the implementation of such forms, with proposed amendments, and codify the requirement for such forms.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed Councilmember White's involvement in the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) Legislative Committee and MML's 2024 legislative priorities.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.