TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2025

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTION

- Held a public hearing on a $5,000 contribution to the Chevy Chase Fire Department (CCFD) for ongoing operating expenditures and anticipated capital projects. Voted unanimously to approve the contribution.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard September 2025 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments. Residents commented on Bradley Lane safety improvements, Rosemary Street traffic and safety, and the Town Neighbors listserv.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on a proposed sidewalk installation on Ridge Street. Voted unanimously to approve the project, subject to additional design modifications to address affected driveways and retaining walls. Councilmembers also expressed appreciation for the input and cooperation of nearby and affected residents in reaching a consensus solution to enhance safety.
- Held a public hearing on a resolution to change the "No Parking" zone to a "No Stopping or Standing" zone on the 6700 Block of West Avenue. Voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- Held a public hearing on an emergency ordinance to 1) extend through 2025 the exemption for Town contractors from the Town's ban on gasoline-powered blowers, and 2) to temporarily exempt the Town from application of County Code Section 31B-9 (Noise Control/Leaf Removal Equipment). Voted unanimously to approve the ordinance, which takes effect immediately.

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed the draft Bradley Lane safety study by the State Highway Administration (SHA) and feedback from Bradley Lane residents and the Town's Public Services Committee (PSC). The Council thanked the residents and the PSC for their thoughtful work and review of the study. The Council reviewed the Town's proposed list of prioritized improvements to be undertaken by the SHA and the Town. Mayor Rush asked Councilmembers to review the list of improvements and provide feedback by October 9. The list will then be provided to Bradley Lane residents and the PSC for review and comment. The Town expects to send a letter and the list of prioritized improvements to the SHA by October 17.
- Discussed an ordinance to authorize the use of speed monitoring systems in the Town and a resolution to install speed cameras on Bradley Lane initially. Voted unanimously to introduce the ordinance, which will be subject to a public hearing at the November 19 meeting. The resolution will be considered at the same meeting.
- Discussed County Subdivision Regulation Amendment (SRA) 25-02, which addresses the consolidation of lots eligible for County workforce housing. Vice

Mayor Lane reviewed community engagement on this issue to date. A joint municipal letter to the County Council proposed restricting the maximum consolidated lot size to 18,000 square feet. The County Council's Planning, Housing and Parks Committee met on September 29 to discuss the SRA and recommended increasing the maximum consolidated lot size to 23,400 square feet. Vice Mayor Lane noted that this increase would affect only a small number of lots along the Town's boundaries and that the other municipalities signing the joint letter did not consider the impact of this expansion to be significant for their communities. The Council agreed that there was no value in further intervention with the County Council on this matter and that the result will be a substantial reduction in the potential size of consolidated lots, compared to the initial version of the SRA. The County Council is expected to discuss and vote on the SRA on October 14.

- Discussed tracking state legislation that may impact the Town. Agreed to ask the Town attorney to track state legislation rather than relying on outside counsel.
- Discussed the proposed redevelopment of properties (including the OneLife Fitness building) along Montgomery Avenue. Councilmembers Colella and Leonard attended a meeting to review the development sketch plan and reported on preliminary plans for the proposed development and some initial concerns expressed by Town residents. The Town will send a Town Crier with information on the preliminary sketch plan.
- Mayor Rush reported that the new MCPS boundary study was just released and that none of the four new articulation options move any Town students into new school districts, unlike the initial study. The Council agreed to send a letter to MCPS leadership expressing support for the new options.
- Mayor Rush reported that he, Councilmember Brancato, and Town Manager Todd Hoffman will meet with Pepco officials on October 9 to discuss storm response, prioritization of restoration efforts, and communications related to last summer's major power outage in Town.
- Mayor Rush reported on progress of constructing the Purple Line adjacent to the Town. The tracks behind Town homes have been put in place, several of the poles to support the overhead wires have been installed, and the Capital Crescent Trail is paved and largely fenced. Hence, major civil work adjacent to the Town is substantially complete. MTA's Purple Line Project Manager, Ray Biggs, continues to state that the Capital Crescent Trail will be opened by the spring or summer of 2026. Mayor Rush added that the Town is continuing to address lighting and screening of the project from nearby homes. Mayor Rush also provided an update on construction of the Capital Crescent Trail, which will be built along 47th Street and Elm Street Park. This work will begin soon and should be completed by spring of next year, in time for the prospective opening of the trail.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.