

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
October 13, 2021

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Barney Rush, Mayor

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Irene Lane, Vice Mayor

Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Joy White, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Secretary

Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Community Liaison

Residents and Guests

Residents and guests attended by videoconference.

WORK SESSION ON ZIMMERMAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT (5:30 p.m.)

The Town Council met with its consulting civil engineer to review and discuss concept plans for the redevelopment of Zimmerman Park. The Council asked the consultant to develop a master concept plan based on Council feedback.

REGULAR MEETING (7 p.m.)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve meeting minutes. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the September 2021 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on staff initiatives over the past month.

E. Public Comments

The Council heard public comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Amend the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance

The Council discussed and held a public hearing on an amendment to the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance to add 11 trees to the Town's protected tree list. Councilmember Ericson moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Adopt the County's Pesticides Law

The Council discussed and held a public hearing on an ordinance to adopt the County's Pesticides Law, which prohibits homeowners and contractors from using synthetic pesticides for cosmetic purposes on lawns. Councilmember Lane moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Ericson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Public Hearing on a Speed Hump Request for the 7500 Block of Maple Avenue

The Council discussed and held a public hearing on a speed hump request for the 7500 block of Maple Avenue. Councilmember White moved to approve the request. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Request for ARPA Funds from Wonders Early Learning at Leland

The Council heard and discussed a request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Wonders Early Learning and Extended Day. The Council asked for updated financial information from Wonders and agreed to schedule a public hearing on the request at the November 10 Council meeting.

B. Financial Support for Farm Women's Market Redevelopment

The Council discussed a possible financial contribution to the parks creation project on the Farm Women's Market site. The Council unanimously agreed to provide preliminary support for contributing 25% of the funds needed from general public sources, up to a maximum of \$4 million. The Council discussed proposed conditions related to the contribution, including the commitment of funds by all parties to build both parks in their entirety; establishment of the parks in perpetuity; a community engagement process by the developers and the Parks Department on park amenities; Town involvement in ongoing decisions regarding the regulations and programming of the parks; and County/Parks Department responsibility for

ongoing maintenance of the parks. The Council agreed to communicate this proposal to Town residents, invite further public comment during the next month, and hold a public hearing on the proposal at the November 10 Council meeting.

C. Thrive Montgomery 2050/Attainable Housing Strategies

The Council discussed the status of the County's general plan update (Thrive Montgomery 2050) and the Planning Board's proposed Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative. The Council agreed to discuss these initiatives and the Town's response thereto at subsequent Council meetings.

D. Traffic Control Signage (Public Services Committee)

The Council discussed a proposal from the Town's Public Services Committee for a pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness of LED Enhanced Stop Signs at several locations within the Town. Mayor Rush moved to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000 for the pilot project. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council asked the Town Manager to implement the project

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Rubin, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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