

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 14, 2020

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Cecily Baskir, Mayor  
Joel Rubin, Vice Mayor  
Barney Rush, Treasurer  
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary  
Irene Lane, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager  
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Residents and guests attended by videoconference.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Lane moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 regular meeting, September 22, 2020 work session on the Purple Line, and the September 22, 2020 work session on regulating gas-powered blowers. Councilmember Rush seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the September 2020 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

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

E. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on pandemic readiness.

## II. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

### A. Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations

The Council discussed proposed regulations of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and a draft ordinance to implement said regulations. The Council asked the Land Use Committee to clarify language in the proposed ordinance and to further research options for rear setback requirements for ADUs.

### B. Gas-Powered Blower Regulations

The Council discussed proposed regulations of gas-powered blowers, a draft ordinance to implement said regulations, and a proposed subsidy program for the purchase of battery-powered blowers. The Council asked the Climate and Environment Committee to redraft the proposed regulations and the proposed terms of the subsidy program based on Council feedback.

### C. Zimmerman Park Redevelopment

The Council deferred discussion of this issue.

### D. Subdivision Staging Policy

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to the County's Subdivision Staging Policy, including planned outreach to County Council members.

### E. Thrive Montgomery 2050

The Council discussed issued and efforts related to the County's update of its general plan, Thrive Montgomery 2050.

### F. Purple Line

The Council discussed the status of the Purple Line project.

### G. Community-Building Activities

The Council discussed community-building activities and agreed to solicit ideas for and assistance with community activities from residents.

## III. OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was discussed.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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