

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 13, 2023

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

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

At 6:30 p.m., the Town Council met in open session for the purpose of voting to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction. Mayor Lane moved to enter closed session. Councilmember Rush seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council convened in closed session and discussed holiday bonuses for Town staff. The closed session was adjourned at 7 p.m.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard November 2023 financial report.
- Voted unanimously to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000 in the FY24 budget for household organic waste collection.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:30-8:15 p.m.)

- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Chapters 4, 5, and 28 of the Town Code to clarify applicability. Voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed and voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance, as amended, to prohibit the operation of gasoline-powered blowers beginning in 2024, a year earlier than the County's recently enacted ban. The Council amended the ordinance to exempt the Town's leaf collection contractor from the ban in 2024. A public hearing will be held at the January 10 Council meeting.
- Discussed proposed landscaping improvements to Rosemary Triangle Park. Agreed to place a bench adjacent to the park (across from 4109 Rosemary Street) but not to make additional improvements at this time.
- Discussed the final resubmittal of Corso's site plan application and the Town's approval letter that is due to the Planning Department by December 18 in anticipation of a Planning Board hearing on February 1. The Council was asked to review and provide comments on the draft letter.
- Discussed revisions to Town election procedures and regulations to codify current election practices, provide flexibility for the form of future elections, and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Town's Elections Board.
  - Voted unanimously to adopt, as amended, revised Town election procedures. The Council amended the procedures to reorder paragraphs and clarify language.

- Voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance to amend Chapter 8 (Elections) of the Town Code. A public hearing will be held at the January 10 Council meeting.
- Voted unanimously to introduce resolutions to amend Article 4 (Registration, Nomination and Elections) of the Town Charter. A public hearing will be held at the January 10 Council meeting.

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Discussed the Land Use Committee's memorandum regarding the applicability of County legislation within the Town. The Council was asked to review and provide comments and questions to the committee by December 22. Agreed to schedule work sessions to discuss specific LUC recommendations on which County laws should apply in Town.
- Councilmember Rush provided an update on the status of the Bethesda Market Park project, including progress on the funding and development agreements and the anticipated resumption of design work. Councilmember Rush discussed potential methods to address cost overruns for the project.
- Mayor Lane briefed the Council on issues related to the Bethesda Overlay Zone, including the updated public outreach schedule proposed by the Planning Department for a minor Master Plan amendment.
- Councilmember Martz discussed opportunities to sponsor or cosponsor antisemitism and anti-hate educational events and to provide informational resources on the Town website on issues related to antisemitism and anti-hate.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

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