

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
April 13, 2020

- I. GENERAL BUSINESS (5:00-5:15 p.m.)
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 - C. Acceptance of March 2019 Financial Report
 - D. [Town Manager's Report](#)
 - E. Public Comments

- II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS (5:15-6:00 p.m.)
 - A. [Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY21 Budget and Tax Rates](#)
 - B. Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden – Sculpture Relocation
 - C. Climate and Environment Committee – Leaf Blower Noise

- III. ADJOURNMENT (6:00 p.m.)

MEMORANDUM

I-D

TO: Town Council
FR: Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager's Report
DATE: April 13, 2020

This report highlights some of the initiatives undertaken by Town staff over the past month. In the interest of brevity, I have not included ongoing staff functions. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

- Assisted with obtaining information, and responding to resident complaints and inquiries, related to the Purple Line project.
- Assisted the Long-Range Planning Committee with tracking Bethesda redevelopment projects.
- Assisted the Public Services Committee with responding to resident requests and inquiries regarding public safety, traffic and street lighting.
- Prepared the proposed FY21 budget and supporting documents.
- Managed preparations for the 2020 Town Council election and annual meeting.
- Oversaw additional improvements to the sustainable garden in Zimmerman Park.
- Continued oversight of Town-wide traffic study.
- Continued oversight of Zimmerman Park redevelopment project.
- Continued oversight of Washington Gas main replacement work.

**Town of Chevy Chase
Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance**

Resolution No.:
Introduced: April 13, 2020
Adopted:
Effective Date: July 1, 2020

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021 AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, grants to the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in Maryland, including the Town of Chevy Chase, general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, or the public general law, as deemed necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-205, as amended, authorizes the legislative body of each municipal corporation in the State of Maryland to spend money for any public purpose and to affect the safety, health, and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants;

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Tax-Property Article, Section 6-203, as amended, grants authority to municipal corporations to levy a tax on personal property, land, and improvements thereon, within the municipal corporation;

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Town of Chevy Chase Charter authorizes the Town Council to pass ordinances as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare and happiness of the resident(s) of the Town; and for such other police and health matters as it may deem necessary;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 501 of the Town of Chevy Chase Charter, the Town operates on an annual budget;

WHEREAS, Section 503(a) of the Town of Chevy Chase Charter authorizes the Town Council to levy and collect from the owners of real and/or taxable tangible personal property used in a trade or business in the town, tax on the assessed valuation of the real and/or taxable

tangible personal property used in a trade or business within the boundaries of the Town at a rate or rates set by the Town Council;

WHEREAS, the Town Council introduced the following Ordinance in public session assembled on the 13th day of April, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Town Council, after proper notice to the public, considered the following Ordinance at a public hearing held on the ___ day of May, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the ordinance as hereinafter set forth is necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger and destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare and happiness of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council does hereby adopt the foregoing Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this ___ day of May, 2020, by the Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority given it by the Maryland Code and the Town of Chevy Chase Charter, that the attached Budget be and is hereby adopted.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, that the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase, pursuant to the authority granted by the Town Charter and Section 6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Maryland Code, hereby levies a tax at the following rates:

- (i) ninety-eight one-hundredths of a cent (\$0.0098) per One Hundred Dollars of assessable value (fair market value) on real property subject to taxation;
- (ii) zero dollars and zero cents (\$0.00) per One Hundred Dollars of assessed value of assessable business-owned personal property subject to taxation; and
- (iii) zero dollars and sixty-six cents (\$0.66) per One Hundred Dollars of assessed value of assessable utility property subject to taxation.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by the Maryland Code, and the Charter of the Town of Chevy Chase, that:

- (1) That the tax levied hereby be certified to the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland;
- (2) If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(3) This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

Wicca Davidson, Secretary

Barney Rush, Mayor
Town of Chevy Chase