

**TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL  
January 13, 2016**

*This is a summary of the Council's actions at the January 13, 2016 Council meeting. Detailed meeting minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting. An audio recording of the meeting is available on the Town website ([www.townofchevyCHASE.org](http://www.townofchevyCHASE.org)) approximately one week following the meeting.*

**I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Approved minutes of December 9, 2015 Council meeting.
- Approved December 2015 financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

**II. VARIANCE HEARINGS**

- Voted unanimously to approve front yard porch roof setback variance at 7207 Maple Avenue.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Consented unanimously to adopt an ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to Comcast of Potomac, LLC for the operation of a cable communications system.
- Voted 4-0-1, with Councilmember Cecere abstaining, to adopt an ordinance, as amended, to amend the Town's public ethics and election laws to require a write-in candidate to file a certificate of candidacy and financial disclosure statement no later than 7 days prior to a Town election.

**IV. COUNCIL ACTIONS**

- Agreed to continue review of proposed changes to Town's Urban Forest Ordinance and to schedule possible introduction at February Council meeting.
- Voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance to expand the list of construction projects that are eligible for administrative variances and to allow certain retaining walls to be constructed without a variance. Agreed to send ordinance to County Council for review and to schedule public hearing at the March Council meeting.

**V. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS**

- Discussed possible FY16 budget expenditure reductions. Agreed to schedule a public hearing at the February Council meeting.
- Agreed to issue Requests for Proposals for legal and engineering assistance related to Town's Purple Line mitigation efforts.
- Discussed Bethesda Sector Plan and Town's related position paper. Agreed to incorporate Council comments into position paper and redistribute for public review and comment.
- Discussed developing a new citizen satisfaction survey.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Heard public comments.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Voted 4-0-1, with Councilmember Bickerman abstaining, to ask Planning Board staff to postpone consideration of the proposed resubdivision of 3905

Blackthorn Street until the Town Council holds a public hearing on the resubdivision and submits comments to the Planning Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.