

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL
March 12, 2020

This is a summary of the Council's actions at the March 12, 2020 Council meeting. Detailed meeting minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

- Held a work session to discuss a proposed ordinance to regulate detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and a proposed ordinance to clarify side yard setbacks for additions. Deferred action on the ordinance related to ADUs. Introduced the ordinance related to side yard setbacks for additions and scheduled a public hearing for the April 15 meeting.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 Council meeting.
- Discussed and accepted the February 2020 financial report.
- Heard and discussed the Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to establish a special school zone speed limit on West Avenue. Voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.
- Held a public hearing on a resolution to implement a new traffic and parking management plan for West Avenue. Voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- Held a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 (Telecommunications) of the Town Code. The amendments include the addition of permitting and variance procedures for applicants for small cell tower deployments within the Town. Voted 4-0-1, with Councilmember Davidson abstaining, to approve the ordinance.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation, including proposed development on and around the Farm Women's Market site and issues related to converting the existing surface parking lots to parkland.
- Discussed the Climate and Environment Committee's recommendations regarding recycling services. Reviewed recycling options and costs. Voted unanimously to revert to, and accept the increased costs for, a single stream system to include glass. The Town's contractor recently developed a system to accept and process glass.
- Discussed the Town's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Agreed to consider the short-term closure of the Town office and telework by Town staff. Agreed to cancel all Town events through April. Also discussed how volunteerism may be appropriately encouraged to provide safe assistance to neighbors who may be in need. Councilmember Davidson agreed to develop ideas and report back to Council.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.