

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

This is a summary of the Council's actions at the May 13, 2020 Council meeting. Detailed meeting minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Newly elected Councilmembers Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Irene Lane, and Barney Rush read the oath of office.
- Voted 3-2, with Councilmembers Ericson and Lane opposed, to appoint Council officers: Cecily Baskir, Mayor; Joel Rubin, Vice Mayor; Barney Rush, Treasurer; Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary; and Irene Lane, Community Liaison.
- Voted unanimously to appoint Council liaisons to standing committees: Joel Rubin, Climate and Environment; Barney Rush, Community Relations; Irene Lane, Land Use; Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Long Range Planning; and Cecily Baskir, Public Services.
- Voted 3-0-2, with Councilmembers Ericson and Lane abstaining, to approve minutes of April 13 Council Meeting, April 22 Closed Session, April 22 Work Session, and May 5 Annual Meeting.
- Discussed and accepted April 2020 financial report.
- Voted unanimously to approve an appropriation of \$20,000 for additional costs related to the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Voted unanimously to approve a proclamation, as amended, for National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Agreed to provide Town residents with information about gun violence awareness and gun safety.
- Discussed Zimmerman Park redevelopment concept plans. Asked the consulting landscape architect to develop a final proposed concept plan, to engage the Town's consulting engineer to review the proposed grading and drainage plans, and to obtain initial cost estimates for the proposed improvements.
- Discussed the Climate and Environment Committee's proposal for a phased-in ban of gas-powered leaf blowers. Asked the Town attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers on Sundays, effective September 1, 2020, and to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers on weekends and federal holidays, effective January 1, 2021. Agreed to consider introduction of the ordinance at the June Council meeting and to hold a public hearing at the July Council meeting. Agreed to hold a public forum in July to solicit community feedback on a proposed total ban of gas-powered leaf blowers in Town.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Councilmember Rush provided an update on the Purple Line project.
- Councilmember Rush briefed the Council on a resident request to hold a graduation car parade in Town for B-CC students. The Council discussed, and agreed to support, the request. Mayor Baskir mentioned a similar effort being planned in May for the graduating class of CCES.

- Councilmember Rush briefed the Council on the work of Town resident Thornton Matheson in preparing a redevelopment plan for Rosemary Circle and Rosemary Triangle.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.