

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 10, 2016

Council and Staff

Al Lang, Mayor
John Bickerman, Vice Mayor
Fred Cecere, Treasurer
Vicky Taplin, Secretary
Kathy Strom, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Chris Quintyne, Management Assistant
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Mary Flynn, 4114 Blackthorn Street
Bill & Linda Glew, 7700 Connecticut Avenue
Richard & Jeanne Clay, 3917 Woodbine Street
Don & Peggy MacGlashan, 4414 Woodbine Street
Deborah Vollmer, 7202, 44th Street
Eric Murtagh, 4111 Leland Street
Julie Stanish, 4307 Elm Street
Tina Coplan, 7003 Meadow Lane
Tricia Daniels, 4504 Elm Street
Susan Blacklow, 6912 Oakridge Avenue
Elizabeth MacDonald, 7113 Ridgewood Avenue
Fran Pitlick, 4420 Stanford Street
Paul Dewey, 4304 Thornapple Street
Jeff Robertson, Guest

MJ Seemann, 3907 Blackthorn Street
James Liles, 3907 Blackthorn Street
B. Rose, 6929 Ridgewood Avenue
Jaclynn Dayse, 7702 Connecticut Avenue
Sally Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane
Cecily Baskir, 4408 Ridge Street
Joe Fontana, 4208 Rosemary Street
Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street
Craig Brooks, 7101 Beechwood Drive
Linda Brant, 3910 Blackthorn Street
Stephan Lawton, 4120 Stanford Street
Carlos Fernandes, 6803 East Avenue
Melanie Manfield, 4322 Leland Street

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lang led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes of January 4 Public Hearing & Work Session, January 6 Work Session, January 11 Work Session, and January 13 Council Meeting

Mayor Lang made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4 Public Hearing & Work Session, January 6 Work Session, January 11 Work Session, and January 13 Council Meeting. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval of January 2016 Financial Report

Councilmember Cecere discussed the January 2016 financial report. Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve the January 2016 financial report. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sally Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane, commented on the proposed urban forest ordinance and asked that more information be provided to residents to help clarify the proposed ordinance.

Cecily Baskir, 4408 Ridge Street, commented on continued advocacy related to the Bethesda Sector Plan.

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on the Bethesda Sector Plan and related surface level parking.

Tricia Daniels, 4504 Elm Street, commented on the proposed urban forest ordinance and suggested that tulip poplars should be removed from the canopy tree list.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on Possible FY16 Budget Expenditure Reductions

Mayor Lang opened the public hearing on possible FY16 budget expenditure reductions.

The following residents made comments: Wicca Davidson, 7600 Connecticut Avenue; Richard Clay, 3917 Woodbine Street; Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street; Susan Blacklow, 6912 Oakridge Avenue; Sally Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane; Joe Fontana, 4208 Rosemary Street; Tricia Daniels, 4504 Elm Street; Craig Brooks, 7101 Beechwood Drive; and Tina Coplan, 7003 Meadow Lane.

Council discussed possible FY16 budget expenditure reductions.

Mayor Lang made a motion to reduce police coverage by one shift per day from March through June. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to direct the Town Manager to reduce overtime and personnel expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. The motion failed for lack of a second.

B. Public Hearing on Proposed Resubdivision of 3905 Blackthorn Street

Mayor Lang opened the public hearing on the proposed resubdivision of 3905 Blackthorn Street.

The following residents made comments: MJ Seemann, 3907 Blackthorn Street; Barbara Mullenex, 3908 Blackthorn Street; Craig Brooks, 7101 Beechwood Drive; Linda Brant, 3910 Blackthorn Street; Mike Brant, 3910 Blackthorn Street; Linda Drew, 7700 Connecticut Avenue; Sally Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane; Joe Fontana, 4208 Rosemary Street; and Phillip Martin, 3908 Blackthorn Street.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to support the minor lot line modification. Councilmember Bickerman withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Taplin made a motion to draft a letter to the Planning Board opposing the proposed resubdivision given concerns about the impact the resubdivision will have on traffic. Councilmember Strom seconded the motion. Councilmember Strom moved to amend the motion to state that the resubdivision is not compatible with the established Blackthorn Street frontage. The motion failed by a vote of 2-3, with Mayor Lang and Councilmembers Bickerman and Cecere opposed.

IV. COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to introduce an ordinance to amend the Town's urban forest ordinance. Councilmember Cecere seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 3-2, with Councilmembers Strom and Taplin opposed.

V. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Bethesda Sector Plan

Council discussed the Bethesda Sector Plan and the Town's related position paper. Councilmember Cecere made a motion to support his written statement to the Planning Board. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Election 2016 Procedures

Council discussed the 2016 election procedures. Mayor Lang made a motion to amend the financial disclosure section of the 2016 election notice document to add the sentence, "Once filed, financial disclosure statements are considered public documents and subject to public inspection." Councilmember Cecere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Snow Removal Operations

Discussion of snow removal operations was tabled for the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Taplin
Secretary

Transcribed by Christopher Quintyne, Management Assistant