

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES
March 23, 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
Joel Happy, Finance Officer

Residents and Guests

Don & Peg MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street	Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44 th Street
Barney Rush, 6917 Maple Avenue	Mona Sarfaty, 4501 Leland Street
Jane Axelrad & Martin Malsch, 4417 Ridge Street	James Fitzpatrick, 7203 46 th Street
Michael & Tina Coplan, 7003 Meadow Lane	Melanie Manfield, 4322 Leland Street
Lou Evangelista, 4111 Rosemary Street	John Murtagh, 7002 Maple Avenue
Steve Seidel, 4426 Stanford Street	John Freedman, 4408 Ridge Street
Scott Fosler, 4104 Woodbine Street	Mary Flynn, 4114 Blackthorn Street
Craig Brooks, 7101 Beechwood Drive	Jean Shorett, 7107 Oakridge Avenue
Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Drive	Ernest Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane
Chris and Holly Wright, 7101 Ridgewood Avenue	Tim Eden, Guest

Work Session on Bethesda Sector Plan

Council discussed efforts to date on the Bethesda Sector Plan. Council also discussed future efforts and possible policy options for future consideration.

Council agreed to advertise a request for proposal to retain an attorney for legal assistance related to the Bethesda Sector Plan.

Council also agreed to revise the Town's Bethesda Sector Plan position paper.

Work Session on FY17 Budget

Town Manager Todd Hoffman presented the proposed FY17 budget to Council.

Mayor Lang made a motion to propose a one cent property tax. Councilmember Bickerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to include a 1.4% cost of living adjustment for non-contractual Town staff. Councilmember Strom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to maintain sixteen hour per day Town police coverage. Councilmember Strom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to adopt the proposed budget, as amended. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Town Survey

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion that the Town conduct a survey with the assistance of Town resident Rosie Sood. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 3-2, with Councilmembers Strom and Taplin opposed.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion, to amend his previous motion, to specify that the survey results will not be made available to any Councilmember until after the Town election is held. Mayor Lang seconded the amended motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Strom opposed.

Open Session to Vote to Enter Closed Session

At 9:23 pm, in the Town Hall, Council member Bickerman moved to enter closed session pursuant to General Provisions Article, Sec. 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the employment and performance evaluation of the Town Manager; pursuant to Sec. 3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose; and pursuant to Sec. 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on issues related to the Bethesda Sector Plan and the Town's authority over the public rights-of-way. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Town Attorney Ron Bolt attended the session. Town Manager Todd Hoffman attended that part of the session that did not concern his employment and performance evaluation. The Council directed the Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend the Town Code with respect to permit applications for curb entrances. No other action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Taplin
Secretary

Transcribed by Chris Quintyne, Management Assistant