

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 13, 2016

Open Session to Vote to Enter Closed Session

At 6:15 pm, in the Town Hall, Mayor Lang 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 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. Councilmember Cecere seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Town Attorney, Ron Bolt attended the meeting. Town Manager, Todd Hoffman attended part of the meeting. The Council directed Councilmembers Bickerman and Taplin to present an offer for continued employment to the Town Manager, by a vote of 4-0-1, with Mayor Lang abstaining. No other action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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

Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street
Andrea & Harvey Maisel, 7105 45th Street
John Freedman, 4408 Ridge Street
Stuart Sessions, 7700 Meadow Lane
Edward Shapland, 4329 Leland Street
Tom and Kathleen Fingleton, 7106 44th Street
Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Aaron Presnall, 3903 Leland Street
Tom Rose, Guest

Lou Evangelista, 4111 Rosemary Street
Mary Flynn, 4114 Blackthorn Street
Lance Hoffman, 7104 44th Street
Kristin Burka, 7107 45th Street
Maryanne Courtney, 4329 Leland Street
Susan Lang, 4008 Underwood Street
Wicca Davidson, 7600 Connecticut Avenue
Susan Blacklow, 6912 Oakridge Avenue
Rob Gurney, Guest

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. Approval of Minutes of March 9 Council Meeting and March 23 Work Session

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9 Council meeting and the March 23 work session. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval of March 2016 Financial Report

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

D. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month. Council directed the Town Manager to schedule a public meeting within the next two weeks related to the upcoming utility work.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Freedman, 4408 Ridge Street, commented on strengthening regulations on street curb entrances.

Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street, asked for an update on the most recent Purple Line Mitigation Ad Hoc committee meeting and commented on floating zones.

Stuart Sessions, 7700 Meadow Lane, commented on floating zones and the Land Use committee report to the Town Council.

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on the status of surface parking lots 10 and 24 and proposed conducting a survey of residents on their use.

III. VARIANCE HEARINGS

A. Variance Request, 6912 Oakridge Avenue, Front Yard Setback

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Susan Blacklow, 6912 Oakridge Avenue, was requesting a variance to install a generator at her home.

The applicant described the plan and the need for the variance.

One resident asked a question: Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street.

Council discussed the request.

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve the variance. Councilmember Cecere seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Variance Request, 7105 45th Street, Rear Yard Setback

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Harvey Maisel and Andrea Boyarsky-Maisel, 7105 45th Street, were requesting a variance to install a generator at their home.

The applicants described the plan and the need for the variance.

Several residents made comments: Tom Fingleton, 7106 44th Street; Lance Hoffman, 7104 44th Street; Kristin Burka, 7107 45th Street; and Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street.

Council discussed the request.

Mayor Lang made a motion to approve the variance with the condition that the generator not exceed a noise limit of 50 decibels at the nearest receiving property line. Councilmember Cecere seconded the motion. Mayor Lang moved to amend the motion to include that the applicants will supply expert data to confirm the noise limit. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

C. Variance Request, 4329 Leland Street, Side Yard Setback

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Edward Shapland and Maryanne Courtney, 4329 Leland Street, were requesting a variance to construct a screened porch, with an enclosed storage area beneath, at their home.

The applicants described the plan and the need for the variance.

There were no comments from residents.

Council discussed the request.

Mayor Lang made a motion to approve the variance. Councilmember Bickerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & ACTIONS

A. Approval of Proposed FY17 Budget and Tax Rates

Mayor Lang made a motion to approve the proposed FY17 budget and tax rates. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Introduction of FY17 Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to introduce the FY17 budget and tax rate ordinance. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Agreement with Montgomery County to Implement the Comcast Cable Franchise

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve the agreement with Montgomery County to implement the Comcast cable franchise. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Amended Agreement with Montgomery County to Implement the Verizon Cable Franchise

Councilmember Bickerman made a motion to approve the amended agreement with Montgomery County to implement the Verizon cable franchise. Mayor Lang seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Cecere made a motion to introduce an ordinance regarding curb entrance permit applications and appeals. Councilmember Taplin seconded the motion. Councilmember Strom moved to amend the motion to include that the ordinance will be publicized in the Forecast newsletter and scheduled for a public hearing. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Taplin
Secretary

Transcribed by Christopher Quintyne, Management Assistant