

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 10, 2018

Council and Staff

Mary Flynn, Mayor
Barney Rush, Vice Mayor
Cecily Baskir, Secretary
Scott Fosler, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Community Liaison
Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Catherine Cecere, 4503 Leland Street
Fred Cecere, 4503 Leland Street
Julie Cannistra, 7502 Maple Avenue
Joe Rogers, 4111 Stanford Street

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Mary Sheehan, 30 W. Kirke Street
Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street
Jared Solomon, guest

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes, Acceptance of Financial Report, and Town Manager's Report

Councilmember Fosler moved to approve by consent the minutes of the December 13, 2017 Council meeting; the December 2017 financial report; and the Town Manager's report. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Supplemental Appropriation for Town's Centennial Committee

Mayor Flynn moved to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 for the Town's centennial celebration. Councilmember Fosler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on difficulties she experienced in renewing her driver's license.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on a Contribution Request of the Chevy Chase Historical Society

Town resident Julie Cannistra presented a contribution request of the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS). The Council asked several questions of the requestor. Mayor Flynn opened the public hearing. Two residents commented in support of the request: Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, and Fred Cecere, 4503 Leland Street. Mayor Flynn closed the public hearing. Council discussed the request. Councilmember Rush moved to provide a contribution of \$15,000 to the CCHS. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Fosler recusing himself.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Town Ethics Ordinance and Financial Disclosure Statement

The Council discussed revisions to the Town's Ethics Ordinance and financial disclosure statement, as proposed by the Town Ethics Commission due to changes to the State's Ethics Law. Councilmember Fosler moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the Town's public ethics law. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council agreed to direct the Town attorney to work with the Town's Ethics Commission to update the Town's financial disclosure statement.

B. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation Advisory Group Report

Dedun Ingram, Chair of the Town's Land Use Committee, briefed the Council on the first meeting of the Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation Advisory Group. The Council agreed to send a letter to the Montgomery County Planning Board regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Implementation Advisory Group and the Design Advisory Panel. Mayor Flynn announced that she would testify at the public hearing on the sketch plan for 4540 Montgomery Avenue.

C. Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents (CBAR) Membership

The Council discussed membership in the Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents (CBAR) organization. Councilmember Rush moved to approve Town membership in CBAR. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilmember Rush moved to appoint Town resident John Freedman as the Town's representative on the CBAR Board of Directors. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Baskir recusing herself.

D. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Purple Line mitigation, including public safety along East-West Highway; review of stormwater management and civil plans; the Lynn Drive underpass; and the proposed Capital Crescent interim trail. No action was taken.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Baskir announced the Council's building ordinance work session on January 11 and the Town's public forum on resident voting eligibility on February 7.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecily Baskir, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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