

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 12, 2018

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

At 6 p.m., in the Town Hall, Mayor Flynn moved to enter closed session pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the Town Manager's performance evaluation and employment agreement. Councilmember Fosler seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Rubin absent. Councilmember Rubin joined the closed session at 6:15 p.m. Council discussed the Town Manager's performance evaluation and employment agreement. The session was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Council and Staff

Mary Flynn, Mayor

Barney Rush, Vice Mayor

Cecily Baskir, Secretary

Scott Fosler, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Dave Walton, Permitting Manager

Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Irene Lane, 4106 Aspen Street

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street

Steuart Thomsen, 7210 Maple Avenue

Joe Rogers, 4111 Stanford Street

Peg MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street

Don MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street

Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Rush moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Council meeting and January 11, 2018 work session. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Acceptance of January 2018 Financial Report

Councilmember Fosler presented the January 2018 financial report. Mayor Flynn moved to accept the financial report. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month.

F. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FY19 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on the need for Purple Line mitigation funding in the next fiscal year.

Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street, commented on the need to increase Town staffing levels.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Climate and Environment Committee

Town resident Irene Lane presented a proposal to establish a Climate and Environment Advisory Group and to hold an annual Town "Green Fair" event as a mechanism for signing on to the Paris Climate Accord. Mayor Flynn moved to allocate \$1,000 for the Green Fair event. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council discussed the possibility of signing on to the Paris Climate Accord and the need to develop specific commitment language that is achievable for the Town.

B. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Town Building Code

Permitting Manager Dave Walton provided an overview of certain building code changes proposed by the Town's Land Use Committee. The Council discussed the proposed changes. Councilmember Rush and Councilmember Baskir proposed several amendments to the ordinance language. Councilmember Rush moved to introduce the ordinance, as amended. Councilmember Fosler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Purple Line mitigation, including establishing an alliance with other local municipalities to address issues of mutual interest; review of stormwater management and civil plans; public safety; the Lynn Drive underpass; and the proposed Capital Crescent interim trail.

D. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to implementation of the Bethesda Downtown Plan, including pending property redevelopments and the need for legal assistance in reviewing and responding to development plans. Council agreed to allocate Town funds for legal assistance and to increase public awareness of redevelopment applications.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecily Baskir, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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