

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
March 4, 2021

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Cecily Baskir, Mayor  
Joel Rubin, Vice Mayor  
Barney Rush, Treasurer  
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary  
Irene Lane, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager  
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Residents and guests attended by videoconference.

At 5 p.m., the Council met to discuss issues and positions related to County Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-07 (5G/Small Cell Towers) and Thrive Montgomery 2050.

**ZTA 19-07 (5G/Small Cell Towers)**

The Council discussed the application and notification processes for small cell tower deployments. The Council agreed to introduce an ordinance at the March 2021 meeting to amend Chapter 26 (Telecommunications) of the Town Code to clarify language related to small cell applications.

The Council agreed to ask the County to: 1) engage local governments and community leaders in establishing standards for small cell deployments in residential zones; 2) update the regulations that will apply to small cell deployments; and 3) identify which agencies will review small cell deployment applications and what notice will be provided to local jurisdictions during the review process. Councilmember Rush agreed to draft a letter to the County's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee.

**Thrive Montgomery 2050/Missing Middle Housing**

The Council discussed the Town's position on multi-family housing in Town. Councilmembers agreed to consider how to further develop a position on this issue and on the concept of Missing Middle Housing. The Council agreed to proceed with a public forum and educational session on the concept of Missing Middle Housing. The Council also agreed to send a letter to the Montgomery County Planning Board to express concerns with the process the Planning Board has followed to consider Thrive Montgomery since its October 1, 2020 meeting on the working draft.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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