

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 13, 2022

*All Councilmembers were present. Residents and guests attended by videoconference.  
The audio recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION (6:30 p.m.)

At 5:30 p.m., the Town Council met in open session for the purpose of voting to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on land use and planning issues. Mayor Rush moved to enter closed session. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council and members of the Town's 4-H Special Committee consulted with the Town's legal counsel regarding land use and planning matters as they relate to redevelopment of the 4-H property. The closed session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING (7:30 p.m.)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussed and accepted financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.

II. VARIANCE HEARING

- Continued consideration of a variance request for a fence in the front yard and in the right-of-way at 4426 Ridge Street. Voted 4-1, with Councilmember Ericson opposed, to approve the variance request with the condition that the fence be located only on the applicants' property and not in the right-of-way. On a preliminary matter, voted 3-2, with Mayor Rush and Councilmember Ericson opposed, to require the fence to be located only on the applicants' property and not in the right-of-way. Councilmember Ericson expressed her opposition to a fence in the front yard or right-of-way.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed the status of the Farm Women's Market parks creation project and the recent allocation by the Maryland General Assembly of \$3.5 million for the project. Mayor Rush noted that there appears to be progress in obtaining support from the County, but that final decisions have not been made.
- Discussed the results of a resident survey regarding new signalization of the crosswalk on East West Highway at Maple Avenue. Agreed to join the County in engaging the State Highway Administration to improve the safety of this crosswalk.
- Discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) final rule and the ability for certain local governments, including the Town, to accept their entire distribution as a standard allowance for the provision of government services. Voted unanimously to take the standard allowance and to continue to follow the Town policy for the allocation of ARPA funds as established by the Council in September 2021.
- Voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance to adopt the FY23 budget and tax rates.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.