

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 24, 2019

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., in the Town Hall, Councilmember Davidson moved to enter closed session pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more individuals. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3-0, with Councilmembers Baskir and Rubin absent. Councilmembers Baskir and Rubin subsequently joined the closed session. The Town Council discussed a personnel matter. The session was adjourned at 7 p.m. Councilmember Davidson departed after this session and did not return for the entirety of the meeting. The Council reconvened in closed session at 9:15 p.m., following the regular meeting, to continue discussion of a personnel matter. This session was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor

Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor

Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Joel Rubin, Treasurer

Dave Walton, Permitting Manager

Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Absent

Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison

Residents and Guests

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street

Don MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street

Peggy MacGlashan, 4114 Woodbine Street

Beth Barnett, 4315 Elm Street

Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue

Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane

Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Rush called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the March 13 Council Meeting; March 20 Work Session; April 4 Closed Meeting, as amended; April 4 Work Session; and April 4 Council Meeting. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Acceptance of Financial Report

Councilmember Rubin presented the March 2019 financial report. The Council discussed and accepted the report.

E. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation

Councilmember Renaud moved to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$30,000 to retain an executive search firm to recruit a new Town Manager. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. Town Manager's Report

Permitting Manager Dave Walton reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month.

G. Public Comments

Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane, commented on the need for street tree pruning along Town sidewalks.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Amend the Town's Permit Parking Regulations

The Council held a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Town's permit parking regulations. One resident commented: Beth Barnett, 4315 Elm Street.

The Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the ordinance as amended to clarify language regarding where a guest permit should be displayed in a vehicle. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### III. COUNCIL ACTIONS

#### A. Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY20 Budget and Tax Rates

Councilmember Rubin moved to introduce an ordinance to adopt the FY20 budget and tax rates. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### B. Approval of a Resolution to Designate Permit Parking on Oak Lane between Leland Street and Ridgewood Avenue

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve a resolution to designate permit parking on Oak Lane between Leland Street and Ridgewood Avenue. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

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

The Council discussed an ordinance to amend the Town building code. Councilmember Renaud moved to introduce the ordinance as amended to correct typographical errors. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council agreed to send the proposed ordinance to the Montgomery County Council for review, as required by law.

#### B. Zimmerman Park Amenities and Improvements

The Council discussed Zimmerman Park amenities and improvements, including a sustainable garden, a pathway and staircase to East West Highway, and the development of concept master plans for the park.

Councilmember Baskir moved to appropriate \$10,500 for Phase 1 engineering work related to the development of a feasibility study for the proposed stairway and pathway; and to appropriate \$50,500 for Phase 2 engineering work related to the development of detailed documents for permitting and construction. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### C. Project Updates

##### 1. East West Highway Safety

The Council discussed East West Highway safety, including lane narrowing, crosswalk signalization, and deployment of temporary speed cameras.

2. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Purple Line mitigation.

3. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation.

4. East Avenue Traffic Calming

The Council discussed the status of installing a radar speed board on East Avenue as a temporary traffic calming measure.

5. Town Traffic Study

The Council discussed the status of preparing for a Town-wide traffic study. Councilmember Renaud moved to approve a proposal to authorize the Town's consulting traffic engineer to prepare a Request for Proposal. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Renaud briefed the Council on the work of the Climate and Environment Advisory Group.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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