

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 13, 2018

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor
Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor
Kirk Renaud, Secretary
Joel Rubin, Treasurer

Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison
Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Residents and Guests

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Annual Meeting, May 9, 2018 Council Meeting, and May 14, 2018 Town Forum on the Purple Line. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Acceptance of April 2018 Financial Report

The Council discussed the May 2018 financial report. Councilmember Rubin moved to approve the financial report. Mayor Rush 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. The Council asked the Town Manager to provide a schedule for Phase 2 infrastructure repairs.

F. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on the water main replacement project on 44th Street, expansion of Town voting rights, and the redevelopment of the Farm Women's Market and adjacent commercial buildings.

II. VARIANCE HEARINGS

A. Salo, 4111 Rosemary Street, Front Yard Fence

The variance request was withdrawn by the applicants.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Revised Speed Hump Policy (Public Services Committee)

Town Manager Todd Hoffman presented the Public Services Committee's proposed revised speed hump policy. The Council discussed the policy. Councilmember Davidson moved to approve the revised policy. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Neighborhood Watch Program (Public Services Committee)

Town Manger Todd Hoffman presented the Public Services Committee's proposal regarding the Town's Neighborhood Watch Program. The Council discussed the proposal. Mayor Rush moved to discontinue the program, retain the Neighborhood Watch signs within the Town, and encourage residents who served as block captains and others who wish to be block liaisons to maintain and share a current list of residents on their blocks and encourage neighbors to sign up for Town Crier emails. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Council discussed possible cooperative efforts with the Chevy Chase at Home organization to support the Town's elderly and disabled residents. Councilmember Davidson will report back to the Council at its July meeting.

C. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Purple Line mitigation, including progress on retaining an acoustical engineering firm to assist the Town in noise mitigation efforts; the Town's request of SHA to install barriers along the sidewalks on East West Highway; and proposed pedestrian safety improvements in Zimmerman Park.

The Council discussed multiple proposed improvements to Zimmerman Park, including a sustainable community garden, a pathway up to East West highway, and a dog exercise area, and agreed to hold a public hearing on these prospective improvements at the September Council

meeting. The Council asked the Town Manager to identify landscape architects who could assist the Town with designing the improvements and to determine associated costs.

D. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to implementation of the Bethesda Downtown Plan, including the proposed redevelopment of two properties adjacent to the Town as well as the Farm Women's Market.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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