

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 16, 2019

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor
Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor
Wicca Davidson, Secretary
Kirk Renaud, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Intergovernmental & Public Liaison
Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Julie Trocchio, 4123 Leland Street
Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane
Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane
Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue

Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue
Richard English, 7212 Maple Avenue
Chris Files, 7212 Maple Avenue
Stuart Sessions, 770 Meadow Lane

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 June 12, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Acceptance of Financial Report

Councilmember Renaud presented the June 2019 financial report. The Council discussed and accepted the report.

E. Town Manager's Report

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

F. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, commented on the Town's solicitation regulations.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Extend the Quiet Hours for Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers

The Council held a public hearing on an ordinance to extend the quiet hours for gasoline-powered leaf blowers.

Several residents commented: Stuart Sessions, 7700 Meadow Lane; Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue; Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street; Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane; and Chris Files, 7212 Maple Avenue.

The Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Renaud moved to approve the ordinance, as amended. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Council discussed a public education campaign to explain the new regulations and encourage use of electrical landscaping equipment. The Council expressed support for funding an educational event, as proposed by Councilmember Renaud, on landscape equipment noise and pollution.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Capital Crescent Surface Trail

Montgomery County Department of Transportation officials Tim Cupples and Matt Johnson briefed the Council on the latest concept plan for the Capital Crescent Surface Trail, including proposed use of the Town right-of-way along 47th Street and Willow Lane. The Council expressed support for the concept plan and asked Town staff to begin negotiations with the County on an agreement for use of the Town right-of-way.

B. Zimmerman Park Amenities & Improvements

The Council discussed Zimmerman Park amenities and improvements. The Council agreed to the final construction materials for the pathway and staircase and authorized the Town Manager to proceed to the design phase for these improvements.

C. Permit Parking

The Council discussed the Town's permit parking program and agreed to ask the Town's Public Services Committee to study the issue of Town-wide permit parking and

to report back to the Council in the fall. The Council discussed the need to collect empirical data on parking volumes and locations to inform future discussions.

D. Traffic Study

The Council discussed the scope and schedule for a Town-wide traffic study. Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the content and issuance of the Request for Proposal for the study. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Bethesda Downtown plan Implementation

The Council discussed Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation, including proposed development on and around the Farm Women's Market site and at 7000 Wisconsin Avenue. The Council expressed support for Mayor Rush to testify before the Montgomery County Planning Board on the 7000 Wisconsin Avenue project.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The Council asked the Town Manager to provide additional data from the radar speed board on East Avenue.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Wicca Davidson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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