

**TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 14, 2021**

*This is a summary of the Council's actions at the July 14, 2021 Council meeting. Detailed meeting minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting.*

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

- Heard and discussed the Climate and Environment Committee's recommendations related to modifying the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance and adopting the County's Healthy Lawns Act. Agreed to the committee's recommendations and asked the Town attorney to draft ordinances for introduction at the September meeting.

**I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Approved meeting minutes.
- Discussed financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

**II. VARIANCE HEARINGS**

- Voted 3-2, with Councilmembers Ericson and Lane opposed, to approve a variance, with conditions, for accessory building rear yard lot coverage at 7400 Connecticut Avenue.

**III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS**

- Heard a presentation by the station manager at Montgomery Municipal Cable Television (MMCTV). Discussed mutual support opportunities. Asked the Town Manager to research options for providing audio/visual support for Town meetings and events.
- Discussed the distribution and use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funds. Councilmembers Ericson and White agreed to work with the Town Manager and Town Attorney to prepare for a subsequent discussion of this issue.
- Discussed the Town's response to County Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-07 related to small cell tower deployments. Agreed to reassess the Town's telecommunications regulations once the ZTA is approved by the County Council.
- Discussed Zimmerman Park improvements. Councilmembers Ericson and Lane agreed to assist the Town Manager is reviewing proposals for project management support. Discussed planning for periodic off-leash dog events in Zimmerman Park. Asked the Town Manager to report back at the July 29 work session.
- Discussed the status of, and the community coalition's response to, the County's general plan update (Thrive Montgomery 2050) and the Planning Board's proposed Attainable Housing Strategies.
- Discussed Town election and voting eligibility regulations. Asked the Election Board to review Town election procedures vis-à-vis a universal vote-by-mail system. Councilmember Ericson agreed to lead the effort to study whether to lower the voting age in Town to 16 years old.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.