

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 9, 2021

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Barney Rush, Mayor

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Irene Lane, Vice Mayor

Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Joy White, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Secretary

Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Community Liaison

Residents and Guests

Residents and guests attended by videoconference.

4-H REDEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION (6 p.m.)

The contract purchasers of the 4-H property, Galerie Living and Community Three, made a presentation to the Town Council and Town residents to introduce themselves, explain their partnership and respective organizations, review projects that they have previously developed, and discuss their anticipated timeline for development. The contract purchasers answered residents' questions as posed by the Town Manager.

REGULAR MEETING (7 p.m.)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve meeting minutes. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the August 2021 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

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

E. Public Comments

The Council heard public comments.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance to amend the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance. Councilmember Lane moved to introduce the ordinance and schedule a public hearing at the Council's October meeting. Councilmember Ericson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the County's Healthy Lawns Act

The Council discussed a proposed ordinance to adopt the County's Healthy Lawns Act. Councilmember Lane moved to introduce the ordinance and schedule a public hearing at the Council's October meeting. Councilmember Ericson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Farm Women's Market Redevelopment

The Council discussed the status of the Farm Women's Market redevelopment project, including a request from the County for the Town to contribute financially to this project. Mayor Rush announced the September 20 community presentation by the developers.

D. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Relief Funds

The Council discussed the distribution and use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funds. The Council agreed to retain the funds and discussed the process for determining how to allocate the funds. Councilmembers Ericson and White agreed to draft a policy for the allocation of the funds. The Council discussed a request for ARPA funds from Wonders Early Learning at Leland and agreed to schedule a discussion about this request at the October Council meeting.

E. Public Safety/Crime Statistics

The Council discussed public safety and crime statistics. The Council asked the Town Manager to identify any crime hot spots and to increase police presence at these locations. The

Council also asked the Town Manager to work with the Public Services Committee to promote messages encouraging residents to lock their cars.

F. Organizational Assessment/Executive Recruitment

The Council discussed organizational assessment and executive recruitment needs. The Council authorized the Town Manager to hire an Assistant Town Manager and agreed to perform an organizational assessment after the placement.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Rubin, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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