

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2022

*All Councilmembers were present. Residents and guests attended by videoconference.
The audio recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

OPEN SESSION TO VOTE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION (5:30 p.m.)

At 5:30 p.m., the Town Council met in open session for the purpose of voting to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on land use issues. Councilmember Lane moved to enter closed session. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council and members of the Town's 4-H Special Committee consulted with the Town's legal counsel regarding land use matters as they relate to redevelopment of the 4-H property. The closed session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Councilmember Rubin was not present for this closed session.

WORK SESSION ON 4-H PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT (6:10 p.m.)

The Town Council, with all members present, met in open session to discuss the Town's response to the concept plan for redevelopment of the 4-H property. The Council agreed to: 1) request that the property owners provide substantial advance notice to the Town of their intent to submit a redevelopment application for a Local Map Amendment to the Planning Department, and 2) submit a set of questions, as discussed during the work session, to the property owners regarding redevelopment of the property. The Council also agreed to develop a proposed set of additional requests to be made to the property owners regarding redevelopment of the property. These proposed requests will be shared with the community for review and feedback, and the Town will host a Town forum to receive additional resident comments and answer residents' questions, prior to finalizing the requests and transmitting them to the property owners.

REGULAR MEETING (7:05 p.m.)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussed and accepted financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.

II. VARIANCE HEARING

- Agreed to continue consideration of a variance request for a front yard fence at 4426 Ridge Street. Advised the applicant to verify height of proposed fence and to consider vegetative screening of the fence. The Council agreed to ask the Town's Land Use Committee to consider changes to the Town code that would allow the installation of certain front yard fences in conjunction with the installation of front yard hedges to shield such fences. This change would provide for residential safety and security while assuring the continued attractiveness of the Town.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Voted unanimously to approve a final redevelopment plan for Zimmerman Park. The Town's landscape architect will proceed with design development and permitting, which will take approximately 9 months.

- Discussed enforcement of the Town's landscaping noise regulations. Agreed to issue warnings for the first two offenses by the same violator. For a third and subsequent offenses, fines will be imposed on an escalating scale, beginning at \$200. Agreed to report landscaping companies to the Better Business Bureau after the third violation of Town noise regulations.
- Reviewed and agreed to conduct a survey of Town residents regarding the new signalization of the crosswalk on East West Highway at Maple Avenue. Results of this survey will be used during further engagement with the State Highway Administration on improving the safety of this crosswalk.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.