

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2026

The recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard February 2026 financial report. Councilmember and Treasurer Colella reported that revenue and expenditures are on target for the first 8 months of the fiscal year.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Welcomed the attendance of Julie Yang, candidate for the District 1 County Council seat, who came to observe the meeting.
- Heard public comments. A resident commented on the Public Services Committee's recommendations for Rosemary Street traffic and parking.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed The Starter and Silver Homes Act of 2026, a proposed state housing bill that has been discussed in the Forecast newsletter and in Town email messages. Mayor Rush reported that it appears this bill will not go forward, but that the Town will continue to carefully monitor the bill and other related legislation that could incorporate some provisions of the bill.
- Heard and discussed recommendations from the Town's Public Services Committee (PSC) to address traffic flow, parking, and safety concerns on Rosemary Street between Connecticut Avenue and Rosemary Circle, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times. The recommendations include no parking zones and parking space markings (the PSC report is available [here](#)). The Council agreed to introduce an ordinance at the April meeting, based on the PSC recommendations, and discussed potential changes that could be considered at that meeting. A public hearing and vote on the ordinance will be held at the May Council meeting.
- Heard a report from the Public Services Committee on a resident request to review traffic and cut-through concerns on East Avenue, including potential changes to vehicle entry restrictions. The PSC recommended deferring consideration of entry restriction changes until such time that the Council considers a new comprehensive traffic study to review Town entry restrictions and potential impacts of any changes in total. The Council concurred and agreed to table the issue. It was noted that two speed bumps, approved by the Council in January, will be installed on East Avenue this spring.
- Discussed the proposed redevelopment of 6818 Connecticut Avenue under Montgomery County's Workforce Housing laws. Mayor Rush and Councilmember Colella reviewed the County process for reviewing the development application and opportunities for Town engagement. Mayor Rush also reported that the developer has reached out to the Town to request a meeting. Upon consultation with near neighbors and his Council colleagues, Mayor Rush has responded that the Town would welcome a meeting attended by neighbors as well as Town officials. The Council agreed to send a letter to County Planning officials about the proposed redevelopment.
- Discussed proposed changes to the Town's subdivision standards to reflect the County's Workforce Housing review criteria and its applicability to proposed

subdivisions. The Council will discuss and possibly adopt these changes at the April meeting.

- Discussed a proposed amendment to the Town's front yard hedge regulations to address situations where hedges on properties that sit well below street level technically violate the height limit even though they are not visible from the sidewalk. In practice, the change would allow property owners in these unusual grade conditions to install compliant landscaping without needing to seek a variance. The Council agreed to introduce an ordinance at the April meeting and to hold a public hearing and vote at the May meeting.
- Discussed a funding request from Montgomery Municipal Cable. The Council will continue to discuss the request at the FY27 budget work session on March 25.

III. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Councilmember Colella updated the Council on the status of organizing candidate forums this spring for county elections. A forum with the District 1 County Council candidates will be held April 21; with County Executive candidates, April 26; and with at-large County Council candidates, April 28. All events will be held in the social hall of the Lawton Center.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.