

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 12, 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.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Swearing-in of Newly Elected Council Members

Newly elected Councilmembers Joel Rubin and Joy White read the oath of office.

C. Election of Council Officer & Committee Liaisons

Councilmember Ericson moved to appoint Council officers, as follows: Barney Rush, Mayor; Irene Lane, Vice Mayor; Joy White, Treasurer; Joel Rubin, Secretary; Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Community Liaison. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilmember Ericson moved to appoint Council liaisons to Town committees, as follows: Climate and Environment, Joy White; Community Relations, Irene Lane; Land Use, Ellen Cornelius Ericson; Long Range Planning, Irene Lane; Public Services, Barney Rush; Racial Justice Special Committee, Joel Rubin; 4-H Center Special Committee, Joel Rubin, with another Councilmember attending as an observer on a rotational basis. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Lane moved to approve meeting minutes. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the April 2021 financial report.

F. Town Manager's Report

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

G. Public Comments

The Council heard public comments.

II. VARIANCE HEARINGS

A. Williams, 7404 Meadow Lane, Driveway Width and Right-of-Way Hedges

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that Emily and Jon Williams, 7404 Meadow Lane, were requesting variances for driveway width and right-of-way hedges.

The applicants described the plan and the need for the variances. Two individuals commented on the variance requests. The Council discussed the requests.

Councilmember White moved to approve the variances, with the condition that a revocable right-of-way usage license/agreement be executed for the hedges. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. 4-H Center Sale

The Council discussed ideas for community outreach and engagement on the redevelopment of the 4-H property. The Council asked the 4-H Center Special Committee to assist with developing questions to pose to residents about this matter.

B. Thrive Montgomery 2050/Coalition Statement

The Council discussed Thrive Montgomery 2050 and expressed support for a proposed coalition letter regarding this issue. Councilmember Lane agreed to distribute the final letter to the Council for review.

C. Discussion of a Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Councilmember Rubin moved to approve a proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Councilmember White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council discussed ideas for Town recognition of this day.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joel Rubin, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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