

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 2020

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Cecily Baskir, Mayor

Joel Rubin, Vice Mayor

Barney Rush, Treasurer

Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary

Irene Lane, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

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. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Rush moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 work session, June 10, 2020 regular meeting (as amended), and June 11, 2020 work session. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the June 2020 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 following residents commented: Judy McGuire, 4003 Rosemary Street.

F. Special Public Comment Period on Proposed Total Ban of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

The following residents commented : Simma Kupchan, 7105 Beechwood Drive; Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street; Sheila Blum, 6904 Ridgewood Avenue; George Schu, 4306

Stanford Street; Heather Clessuras, 4300 Rosemary Street; Bill McKinnon, 4208 Stanford Street; Jenny Cockburn, 4101 Aspen Street; Paul Magnusson, 4228 Leland Street; Stuart Sessions, 7700 Meadow Lane; Charlie Kupchan, 7105 Beechwood Drive; Ted Kalick, 4311 Stanford Street; and Mike Kelleher, 4004 Thornapple Street.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Limit the Permissible Days of Operation of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

The Council held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The following residents commented: Simma Kupchan, 7105 Beechwood Drive; Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street; Heather Clessuras; 4300 Rosemary Street; Mike Kelleher, 4004 Thornapple Street; Bill McKinnon, 4208 Stanford Street; Stuart Sessions, 7700 Meadow Lane; Kirk Renaud, 3906 Woodbine Street; and Sheila Blum, 6904 Ridgewood Avenue.

The Council discussed the scope and provisions of the ordinance. Mayor Baskir moved to schedule a work session in September to discuss elements of a public education & outreach program; a possible financial/transitional assistance program; a possible expansion of the Town's quiet hours; and a possible seasonal or total ban on gas-powered leaf blowers. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Lane briefed the Council on two community "listening sessions" that she hosted in June.

Councilmember Rush briefed the Council on matters related to Purple Line construction and Farm Women's Market redevelopment.

Councilmember Rubin reported on the first meeting of the Special Committee on Racial & Social Justice.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Cornelius Ericson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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