

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 2022, 7 p.m.

*All Councilmembers were present.  
The recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- Held a public hearing on, and voted unanimously to adopt, an ordinance to amend the Town's Public Ethics law in response to changes to state law.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed the redevelopment of 7100 Connecticut Avenue (Corso Chevy Chase).
  - Mayor Rush reported that the Town has not received a response from the developers or the Planning Department regarding the "binding elements" that the Town has proposed as conditions for County approval of the developer's rezoning application.
  - Mayor Rush reported that the developers have applied to the County for a Local Map Amendment, and the Town will receive a copy of the application once it has been accepted as complete by the Planning Department.
  - The Council approved Jason Azar as the Town's consulting engineer to engage in stormwater management review related to the development.
- Discussed the Farm Women's Market parks development project.
  - Mayor Rush reported that, due to the resignation of the entire County Planning Board on October 12, the Board's October 13 public hearing on the Parks Department's appropriation of \$2.5 million is delayed. As a result, the project partners are seeking a path to bring this appropriation directly to the County Council.
  - Mayor Rush also reported on his discussions with County officials regarding the separate \$9.25 million appropriation request being prepared by the County Executive's office. All involved with the project are working to provide information on both appropriations to the County Council soon, so that the County Council can review and vote on them prior to the completion of the County Council's term at the end of November. Councilmember Rubin recommended reaching out to state officials to request assistance in this effort.
  - The Council discussed the use of a portion of the Town's ARPA allocation for the project and the timing of Town funding.
  - The Council discussed sources and uses of funds for the project and how the Town's contributions should be allocated among the various project components, with the overall goal of maximizing the Town's financing specifically for the development of the parks. Council also recognized that due to restrictions on allocations from the other parties, some of the Town's contribution will be needed for the garage and undergrounding utilities.
  - The Council discussed the potential for cost overruns, due to the current levels of inflation, and agreed that the percent of Town funding for a particular park

component must not be construed as representing a commitment to meet that percentage for any potential cost overrun on that component.

- Discussed the Purple Line project and a commitment made to the Town by the Maryland Transit Administration related to restricted use of an audible warning device along the alignment adjacent to the Town.
  - Mayor Rush reported that the Town has corresponded and met with MTA officials about this issue, but the MTA is now wavering on its commitment.
  - MTA officials have reported that they are looking at ways to address the Town's concerns while remaining consistent with existing policies and safety standards.
  - The Council agreed to escalate the matter and engage state delegates.
  - The MTA has reconfirmed its commitment to raise the noise wall from 4 to 6 feet along the alignment adjacent to the Town. The Town has already paid 50% of the cost for the higher noise wall and will pay the remaining 50% upon substantial completion of the wall.
- Discussed, revised, and introduced an ordinance to amend the Town's Telecommunications law related to small cell deployments. Agreed to hold a public hearing at the November meeting.
- Discussed a speed hump request on Blackthorn Street. Agreed to hold a public hearing on the request.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.