

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 10, 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 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the October 2021 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

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

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on a Request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds from Wonders Early Learning and Extended Day

The Council held a public hearing on a request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Wonders Early Learning and Extended Day (“Wonders”). Councilmember White moved to approve an ARPA grant of \$125,000 to Wonders. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearing on a Proposed Financial Contribution to the Farm Women’s Market Parks Creation Project

The Council held a public hearing on a proposed financial contribution to the Farm Women’s Market Parks Creation Project. Councilmember Ericson moved to approve a resolution authorizing the appropriation of up to \$4 million, subject to certain conditions, to create two parks connected to the redevelopment of the Farm Women’s Market site. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Zimmerman Park Redevelopment

The Council discussed plans for the redevelopment of Zimmerman Park. The Council announced two walking tours of Zimmerman Park for Town residents to understand and discuss the extent and location of the proposed improvements, and a public forum on November 29 to answer residents’ questions and receive resident feedback about the planned improvements. The Council agreed to hold a public hearing on the proposed project at the December 8 Council meeting.

B. Town Voting Eligibility and Election Regulations

The Council discussed a hybrid (in-person and by-mail) model for future Town elections. Councilmember Rubin moved to approve a resolution establishing a hybrid model for future Town elections and to direct the Town Manager and Town Attorney to draft revised Town election procedures for future Council approval. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Council discussed the merits and process of lowering the Town voting age to sixteen for Town residents who wish to participate in Town elections. The Council agreed to schedule a public forum on this issue on December 8 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Maple Avenue Traffic Management/Calming

The Council discussed traffic calming and management on Maple Avenue. The Council agreed to schedule a public hearing at its December 8 meeting on a proposed speed hump on Maple Avenue between Aspen Street and Blackthorn Street. The Council agreed to schedule a discussion at its December 8 meeting on removing the entry restriction on Maple Avenue at

Aspen Street in conjunction with other possible traffic calming measures. The Council discussed a request to the State Highway Administration for installation of a barrier on Maple Avenue at East West Highway to prevent illegal vehicular turns from East West Highway onto Maple Avenue.

C. Thrive Montgomery 2050/Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative

The Council discussed the status of the County's general plan update (Thrive Montgomery 2050) and the Planning Board's proposed Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative.

D. ARPA Administration

The Council discussed programmatic allocation of the Town's ARPA funds. Councilmember White agreed to discuss with other Councilmembers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Rubin, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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