

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 13, 2020

Council & Staff (via videoconference)

Barney Rush, Mayor

Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor

Wicca Davidson, Secretary

Kirk Renaud, Treasurer

Joel Rubin, Intergovernmental & Public Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Residents and Guests

Several individuals attended by videoconference.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Rush called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the Council's March meetings. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Acceptance of Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the March 2020 financial report.

D. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month. Mr. Hoffman briefed the Council on the status of the Town-wide traffic study and the Zimmerman Park improvement project. The Council discussed whether to produce a May Forecast newsletter or an information mailer. The Council also discussed how to reach the largest number of residents using available communication tools.

E. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

A. Discussion and Possible Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY21 Budget and Tax Rates

The Council discussed an ordinance to adopt the FY21 budget and tax rates. The Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rates at the May 5 annual meeting. Councilmember Renaud moved to introduce the ordinance. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council discussed plans for the annual meeting and for the budget presentation and public hearing.

B. Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden – Sculpture Relocation

The Council discussed the proposed relocation of a sculpture from Elm Street Park to the new sustainable garden in Zimmerman Park. The Council agreed to discontinue consideration of the relocation due to lack of public support as well as cost and logistic concerns.

C. Climate and Environment Committee – Leaf Blower Noise

The Council discussed the Climate and Environment Committee’s work on reducing leaf blower noise.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

The Council agreed to publicize the number of confirmed coronavirus cases in the Chevy Chase ZIP Code, as compiled by the State of Maryland.

Mayor Rush requested that the Town Manager produce an employee succession plan.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wicca Davidson, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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