

# TOWN MEETING January 11, 2024 8:00 PM

#### Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

**In attendance: Mayor** Munyeneh, **Council Members** Wade, Watson, Bryner, Dalaker, Garces, Fry

Town Attorney: Jason DeLoach

Staff: Town Administrator Galloway, Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Interim Chief David Morris

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made CM Bryner 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously.

# **Consent Agenda**

• (Town Meeting -12/14/23, Closed meetings 12/20/23 & 1/3/24)

Motion to approve consent agenda with after edits made by CM Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

# **Resident Input-**

# **Sheila Salo – Ward 2 – Coming events:**

Visit the Green Infrastructure table at the American Legion meet & greet 1/20/24. Great Backyard Bird Count 2/16-19/24 – <a href="www.Birdcount.org">www.Birdcount.org</a>



### **Committee Reports**

**Recreation Council** – No report provided.

**Planning Board** – No report provided.

Cheverly Day Committee – CM Watson stated the committee is close to selecting 9/28/24 as the date for Cheverly Day 2024. Still seeking volunteers/ideas. No parade is anticipated.

**Board of Elections** – No report provided.

Charter Amendment - CAR 1-23 — Mayor Munyeneh conducted final reader of charter amendment regarding lowering the voting age to 16-years-old.

- CM Watson stated that this has been heavily debated in ward 2 and there was concern from some of his constituents but overall, most are in favor.
- CM Wade stated that in his ward 1 there was also a divide, but he is in favor of this charter amendment.

 $\frac{Motion\ to\ approve\ charter\ amendment\ CAR\ 1-23\ made\ by\ CM\ Bryner.\ 2^{nd}\ by\ CM\ Dalaker.}{Approved\ Unanimously}$ 

**Council Compensation Schedule -Ordinance – 2023-04** – Mayor Munyeneh conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> reader of the ordinance to update the compensation schedule for the Mayor & Council from quarterly to biweekly to align with staff payroll.

**Resolution R-1-24** – Mayor Munyeneh read the resolution appointing 3 election supervisors for the 2024-2026 terms.

The 3 members are:

- David Thorpe
- Constance Pruitt
- Anne-Claire Frank-Seisay

Motion to adopt Resolution R-1-24 made by CM Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Fry. Approved Unanimously

**Chevery Youth Council** – Mayor and Council presented and approved recommendations for the youth council board.

Motion to appoint the members as stated to the 2024 Cheverly Youth Council made by CM Fry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Garces. Approved unanimously.



# **Town Administrator Report** – Town Administrator provided a monthly report.

- Presented Budget calendar to Mayor & Council
- Mayor & Council retreat will be 1/19-20/2024
- Community Meeting with Home Team 5 and Uban Atlantic will be 1/30/24
- Anticipate providing an update regarding fiscal impact and annexation feasibility to the Mayor & Council at the next town meeting.
- Annual meeting with Boards, Committees and Organizations 1/17/24
- Hospital Hill Survey feedback from Mayor & Council needed to finalize the survey
- Clean Water Partnership will move forward with the easement process the Cheverly Stream Restoration
- Property Tax Assessment Workshops will be held 1/20/24 & 1/23/24 hosted by Susan Pruden
- Shout out to Cheverly Public Works, Police and CERT for response of the recent inclement weather event
- Volunteers will clean ramp at Columbia Park Rd 1/13/24
- Followed up with SHA to receive feasibility study to move forward with advocating for funds for federal funds for bike trail
- Public works removed tires on town property adjacent to national park service land across from 58<sup>th</sup> & Newton Streets.

# **Police Report** – Chief Morris provided a monthly report.

- 2 officers attending comparative compliance class
- 1 officer rehired
- Working with PG PD to establish a mentoring program for police officers
- Waiting for permits from PEPCO to set up cameras set up on Rt. 202
- Soliciting complaints brought to the chief from residents have been addressed
- Fatal Pedestrian incident 1/1/24 on Landover Rd
- Domestic Violence incident on 1/8/24
- Breaking and Entering at the 711 on Columbia Park Rd
- 22 rebates issued for the Camera Rebate Program

### **Public Works Report** – Director Brayman provided a report:

• Response to the recent storms was a team effort with the police department and CERT



- Crestlawn and Parkway Place storm drain project is moving forward with DPIE permits. Expecting work to be completed June 2024
- Received and in process of reviewing the compaction reports from WSSC for task water 101 project.

# Review of January work session agenda and future requests

- SHA
- Auditors
- Redistricting presentation/update
- Site Summary behind homes on Forest Rd
- Revisiting Homestead Tax credit
- Update on Eley Building at either meeting in February
- Discussion on establishing a Vision Zero Plan

### **Mayor and Council Announcements –**

CM Wade – 1/20/24 Cheverly Legion Meet & Greet, Day of Service on MLK Day, Congratulations to members of the Divine Nine & National Pan-Hellenic Council, Wading through Ward 1 is still in effect. Reach out to CM Wade with concerns. Residents are invited to come watch the CBGC basketball games on Saturdays at town hall. Happy Birthday to my wife.

CM Dalaker – January Ward 4<sup>th</sup> Civic Association meeting canceled. Encourage residents to volunteer for the Rt 50 ramp clean up.

CM Watson – Live music event at the Legion 1/13/24

CM Bryner – Condemns the Genocide in Gaza. Encourages everyone to stop at stop signs and drive safe, CPRC will host school fair 1/28/24 at the town hall.

CM Fry – Teens can earn credits to learn to officiate basketball games via CBGC. Happy Birthday to my daughter. Korean American Day 1/13/24, Please be cautious when walking around town for your safety.

Mayor Munyeneh – M&C retreat scheduled 1/19-20/24.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by CM Fry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Garces. Approved unanimously.