



TOWN MEETING

March 9, 2023

8:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:14 pm

In attendance: Mayor Munyeneh, Vice Mayor Fry, Council Members Nettles, Watson, McCann, Dalaker, Garces

Town Attorney: Jason Deloach

Staff: Assistant to the Town Administrator -Priscilla Matthews, Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Chief Carl Miller, Town Clerk Giselle Richards,

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: by CM McCann seconded by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve consent agenda by Cm Fry. 2nd CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

Resident Input-

- Fred Price – Ward 4 – In honor of Women’s History Month the rec council and hand dancers will be celebrating Pinkey Oden’s Golden Circle 3/16/23 at the American Legion
- Marlon Prioleau - Ward 4- concerns:
 - Requests that Columbia Park Bridge to be made more pedestrian friendly.
 - Requests that the timing on the lights at Cheverly Ave and Columbia Park Rd be reduced in half.
 - Are there grants subsidies to assist residents with removing/trimming older trees?
 - Foul odor in Ward 4. Probably from the Amazon reservoir
 - Trees at sidewalk near metro needs to be improved.
 - Concerned about vibration at his residence.



- Evelyn Johnson – PG County – Kilmer Street residents outside town limits are interested in being annexed by the town.

Committee Reports

- Recreation Council – Mayor thanks Barbara Pejocovich for her years of service.
- Green Infrastructure Committee – Sheila Salo –
 - Invites residents join and to support water quality monitoring of local streams and Anacostia River
 - Tips for native plants in March newsletter, onsite visits from Cheverly Native Planting project or National Audubon Society. Don't forget the Garden Club plant sale 5/13/23.
 - Red Maple Run- Crayfish spotted in stream, indicating that the quality of water is good. Visit Red Maple Run Facebook group.
- Cheverly Day Committee – CM Watson – Cheverly Day 2023 will be Saturday, Sept. 30. Monthly meetings will resume soon.
- Planning Board – Amie Olivo – Two new prospective members.
 - CM Fry planning board still accepting members. Meetings are 1st Tuesdays of the month.
 - CM Dalaker nominates Steven Johnson in Ward 4
 - Motion to accept nomination of Steven Johnson to the Planning Board made by CM Dalaker. 2nd by CM Nettles Simpson. Approved unanimously.
 - CM Nettles-Simpson nominates Christopher Wade from Ward 1.
 - Motion to accept nomination of Christopher Wade to the Planning Board made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd by CM Fry. Approved unanimously.
- Board of Elections – Robin Kay-
 - Deadline to submit candidate petitions is March 17.
 - Deadline to register as a voter with the state is April 1
 - No deadline to register with the town's registry.
 - Next registration drive is March 25th at Boyd Park
 - Dates to be determine for 2 more drives in April.
 - Mail in ballot forms are on the website and at town hall, Fillable online version will be available soon.
 - Next meeting is 3/17 where candidate petitions will be certified.
- **2300 Craftsman Circle** – Attorney André J. Gingles – Pictures of the development will be shared with the council via email.
 - Tear down of older building withing the town. Construction is currently taking place for 180,000 sq ft building. Expected to be completed by end of May. First



tenant expected 1st quarter of 2024. Most of the likely tenants will be warehouse services.

- CM Watson asked what the impact to the neighbors will be. Requests that there is an open meeting with planning committee and also a site walk.
 - Have been in communication with the town and have been responsive.
 - Have been consistent with the town's covenants.
 - There is a cap on the trip traffic allowed for construction.
 - Site visit can happen post construction after May.
 - Ensuring that lights are not pointed towards residential areas.
 - Parking is onsite and don't foresee additional off-site parking.
 - Will be in contact with town administrator around April.
- **2nd Reader of Traffic Monitoring Ordinance 2023-01** - Mayor Munyeneh read Ordinance 2023-01 which has been amended to include a 5-year review of the compensation by the town administrator.
- **Town Administrator Report –**
 - Updates to 63rd & Joslyn to add stop signs will be done.
 - Unable to provide a recommendation to the council until a meeting that will happened within 2 weeks between Radiant Valley and Tropicana owner to with the hopes of reaching an agreement.
 - Please let town administrator if there are issues with the work to hold the contractors liable for repairs done by a WSSC contractor.
 - Ernest Williams with the Redevelopment Authority will no longer be there after tomorrow. He has been the town's point of contact there.
 - CSX Route 50 over pass- A request by the town has been made for CSX and SHA to remove graffiti.
 - There will be a meeting with the county and SHA to sync stop lights at Cheverly Ave and Columbia Park Rd.
 - Town applied for three earmarks thru the US Senate's office:
 - Stormwater management
 - Public Works Building
 - Accessible Town Park
 - Town administrator will schedule an audit presentation in the April town meeting.
 - Open Gym Teen Night 3/14/23
 - Resident Appreciation Day 3/17/23
 - Coffee with the Chief 3/10/23
 - Narcan 3/28/23
 - State of Cheverly Address 3/27/23



- Booms Noise meeting 3/29-23
- 21st Century Policing Forum will be 3/13/23.
- Striping will be performed in spring.
- **Police Report** – Chief Miller gave monthly report.
 - 13 reported crimes
 - **5** Thefts (**4** Theft from Auto **1** Stolen Vehicle), **2** Assaults **1** Property Damage
 - There was a total of **2** arrests.
 - **5** adult arrests (**4** Warrant service, **1** DUI.)
 - The department responded to **319** calls for service, **46** premise checks, **6** elder watch checks, and wrote **23** case reports and **9** accident/collision reports.
 - The department made **93** traffic stops, **101** citations, **51** warnings, **3** (ESERO),
 - Increased surveillance on Oak Street
 - MOU with METRO has been established for Cheverly officers to patrol Cheverly Metro Station
 - Working with Major Keleti with PG County Division 1
 - Policing hours increased to 4am

CM Nettles-Simpson request more surveillance on Lake Ave.
CM Fry requests better lighting on Oak St

- **Public Works Report** – Director Brayman provided an update on the Department of Public Works.
 - Gast Park water main brake has been repaired by WSSC.
 - Sink hole at Gast Park has been evaluated by the county and LIDC. A storm drain has been identified as possible reason for sink hole around a residence. The county is responsible for that water drain and is aware of the problem.
 - Working with DPIE to acquire grading permit for public works building.
 - Due to the pending construction, there is limited space for mulch available. Seeking alternative to store mulch for future use.

Review of March work session agenda and future requests

- 4601 Lydell Rd Development
- 2023-03 Grass Ordinance
- *3rd Reader of Ordinance 2023-02
- Update from Chief Advisory Board
- Water task force update



- Move to direct the Town Attorney Deloach and Town Administrator to draft language for a charter amendment to lower the voting age from 18 to 16-year old in the Town of Cheverly to be applied in the next election made by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd by CM Dalaker. 3-3
 - Yes - CM Nettles-Simpson with explanation due to push from residents who are active and have done the work to support.
 - Yes - CM Dalaker- Received input from residents on both sides.
 - Yes - CM Fry – To see legislation drafted to allow and support young citizens.
 - No - CM Watson- Hoping to be persuaded during reading process. Based on feedback from Ward 2 residents.
 - No - CM McCann
 - No - CM Garces
- Due to 3-3 tie, Mayor Munyeneh has to vote.
- Yes- Mayor Munyeneh – Does not want to disenfranchise others.
- CM McCann is concerned that this topic was not advertised on the agenda. Prefers this to be a referendum.
- CM Watson clarifies that the motion is to give direction to the attorney to draft a charter amendment.
- CM Fry asked if there will be a need to hold a public hearing for the charter amendment? – Yes, there needs to be a hearing held for the charter amendment.
- CM Dalaker is in favor due to previous public hearing which made him move in favor to lower the voting age.

Mayor and Council Announcements –

- CM Fry-
 - Bill passed in the county for Rent stabilization and will be in effect April 1st. Residents are encouraged to report landlords who try to deny the new bill.
 - Acknowledge CBGC for another great basketball season. All Star game will be held 3/11-23.
 - Joe Ruddy Jr. was acknowledged for his 4 decades of service in the Boys and Girls Club.
 - Baseball registration is open.
 - Acknowledge Mr. Larry for going above and beyond during the games.
- CM Dalaker –
 - Acknowledgement of passing of Judith Heumann who was an American disability rights activist. Heumann was a lifelong civil rights advocate



for people with disabilities and instrumental to equality for people with disabilities in the United States.

- Encourages Ward 4 residents to attend Forth Ward Civic Association meet every 3rd Mondays.
- CM Watson – American Legion 108 will have a concert on 3/11/23 at 6pm
- CM McCann –
 - Thank you to Larry Fry for his work a
 - Fish Fry at St Ambrose 3/24/23
- CM Nettles-Simpson – Excited for progress on Vote 16 efforts
- Mayor Munyeneh –
 - Shot out to Barbara Pejocovich and
 - Shot out to CBGC coaches.
 - Thank you to Joe Ruddy Jr. for his dedication to bring women to the CBGC
 - State of Cheverly Address is an opportunity to share more information to residents.
 - Encourage residents to come to 21st Century Panel

Adjourn motion to adjourn at 10:06 pm by CM Nettles-Simpson. 2nd CM McCann.
Approved unanimously.