

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW
Work Session on Connecticut Avenue Speed Camera Enforcement

Date: December 16, 2020
Place: Meeting was held via an open conference call
Present: Paula Fudge, Chair; Lisa Fair, Peter Marks, Carlos
Molina and Ron Sherrow, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel for Town
Joseph Toomey, CCV Building Permit Administrator
Julie Sparacino, Moderator
Others Present: Tom McCarty, 4221 Dresden Street
Bruce Hebbard, 4300 Glenridge Street
Catherine Schempp, 4216 Dresden Street
David Goldwyn, 4212 Dresden Street
Todd Eskelsen, 4011 Glenridge Street

Called Meeting to Order: 6:00 p.m. by Paula Fudge, Chair

Council member Ron Sherrow shared highlights of a 2019 National Academies of Science publication: "Pedestrian Safety Relative to Traffic-Speed Management, A Synthesis of Highway Practice." Noting that speed-camera programs are considered ancillary to other traffic-speed management measures, Mr. Sherrow asked council members to consider the merits of adopting additional measures: a 30-mph speed limit on Connecticut Avenue (MD 185); installation of a speed camera on MD 185 south of Saul Road to monitor northbound traffic; having sworn police officers patrol MD 185 until most vehicles travel under 40 mph; and narrowing all MD 185 travel lanes, or replacing curb lanes with a five-foot-wide bike lane and a five-foot-wide buffer, as was recently done on Old Georgetown Road south of the Beltway. Each option has requirements and tasks that the Council would need to carefully consider.

After much discussion, the Council concluded that more information was needed to define the scope of work involved in setting up a speed camera enforcement program in the Town. Further work will include detailing the County and State agencies that would be involved and estimating personnel costs and equipment costs. Ron Sherrow offered to outline these details, present a road map for Council consideration, and gather operational data from agencies with speed-camera programs.

Council members thanked Ron Sherrow for his research and detailed presentation.

Respectfully submitted

Jana Coe, Town Manager