

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2015-4**

**THANKING BRIAN KENNER  
FOR HIS SERVICE AS CITY MANAGER**

- WHEREAS,** Brian Kenner became the City Manager of the City of Takoma Park in June 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** He brought to the position significant experience in the area of economic development, strategic planning, budget and finance, leadership, and community engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kenner sustained staff morale from day one by delegating authority and remaining accessible to staff; and
- WHEREAS,** He listened to the concerns of the community by meeting with residents and groups at the Community Center, on site at various other locations, and even in their homes to learn about issues affecting them; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Kenner demonstrated great skill in framing issues and facilitating City Council discussions; and
- WHEREAS,** During his tenure, Mr. Kenner:
- Oversaw the issuance of a request for proposals for redevelopment of the City lot in Takoma Junction to revitalize the area,
  - Instituted a budget goal-setting retreat for Council and improved the Council review process for the budget, making the budgeting process more transparent and the budget document more understandable,
  - Initiated planning for a dog park in the City,
  - Established a youth employment program that was piloted by the Recreation Department in the summer of 2014,
  - Facilitated the implementation of historic legislation adopted by the Council during his tenure, including expansion of voting to 16 and 17 year olds and convicted felons who are no longer incarcerated, Safe Grow, and the banning of polystyrene food-service ware; and
- WHEREAS,** He believed in “one” Takoma Park, ensuring resources were distributed equally to all wards; and
- WHEREAS,** Brian Kenner has resigned from the City of Takoma Park effective January 31, 2015 to take a position as Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development in the District of Columbia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND** hereby recognizes the contributions that Brian Kenner has made to the City during his tenure and wishes him well as he moves on to his new post in Washington, D.C.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Bruce R. Williams  
Mayor