



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 28, 2016 Agenda Item 3 – Additional Information

Work Session

Discussion of Legislative Priorities

Recommended Council Action

Discuss initiatives and priorities and give direction to staff.

Context with Key Issues

The City contracts with a legislative advocate to advance the Council's priorities in the General Assembly. Michele Douglas of Public Policy Partners will attend the work session to discuss the Council's legislative priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Council Priority

Livable Community for All; Advance Economic Development Efforts; Fiscally Sustainable Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Attachments and Links

Legislative Priorities – City of Takoma Park, Maryland Municipal League, MML Montgomery Chapter

[Maryland General Assembly Website](#)

[Montgomery County Delegation Website](#)

2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

September 28, 2016

City Council Legislative Priorities Identified to Date:

- Bond bills for the Library renovation and for an aquatic center on the WAH campus
- Continued pursuit of better communication, coordination, and mandated time frames for utility work in rights of way (see MML priorities)
- Economic development assistance
- Monitor freestanding medical facility (freestanding emergency room) regulations

Maryland Municipal League Proposed Legislative Priorities:

- Restoration of highway user revenues to municipal governments
- Where a municipality imposes a stormwater management fee, mandating that all governmental entities pay the municipal stormwater fee on all governmental properties and facilities located within municipal boundaries
- Ensuring better communication and coordination among all parties in scheduling and undertaking projects by public utilities and other governmental agencies in municipal rights of way and on other municipally-owned properties.
- The Legislative Committee also voted to continue to work on two strategic initiatives adopted by MML last year. They include (1) developing protocols for the use of police body cameras and the dissemination of video footage captured by body cameras under the Maryland Public Information Act and (2) dealing with foreclosed properties that lead to blight in municipalities around the State.

MML Montgomery Chapter Priorities:

- Amending state law to give municipalities permitting authority over WSSC
- Doing something to improve reporting, enforcement, and consistency of Personal Property Tax
- Reviving efforts to amend legal notice requirements