



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 12, 2016 Agenda Item 1 - *REVISED*

Revised to change “medic” to “paramedic” and add a whereas clause.

Voting Session

Request for Funding for Paramedic at Takoma Park Fire Station in County's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Recommended Council Action

Consider and adopt a resolution urging the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council to include funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the County's Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Context with Key Issues

The City and County have been engaged for several years in ongoing discussions about funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station, Station #2. The long term plan of the Fire and Rescue Services unit has been to ensure that each fire station within the County is equipped with a paramedic on staff, along with other improvements to be rolled out in phases over several years. Funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station is currently slated for the third and final phase, but that is not expected to occur for several more years.

With the imminent relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to a location six miles outside of the City, the need for a paramedic in Takoma Park has become even more urgent. The Takoma Park Fire Station is one of only two fire stations in the County (out of 35) that does not have a paramedic on staff. In 2015, the Takoma Park Fire Station transported 79% of people in need of paramedical attention to Washington Adventist Hospital, a total of about 2,700 people. We believe this demonstrates a real need for a local, on-staff paramedic as soon as possible, and we encourage the County Executive and County Council to take action to ensure that happens.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive and Service Oriented Government

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

To be determined

Attachments and Links

- Revised draft resolution urging the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council to include funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the County's Fiscal Year 2018 budget

Link to July 6 Council Agenda Item titled “Presentation by Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services Division Chief of Operations”: <https://documents.takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas/2016/council-20160706-4.pdf>

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution No. 2016-

**Resolution Urging the Montgomery County Executive and
Montgomery County Council to Include Funding for a
Paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the County's
Fiscal Year 2018 Budget**

WHEREAS, officials from the City of Takoma Park and Montgomery County have been engaged in discussions for several years about the need for a staff paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station, Station #2; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Fire Station is one of only two County Fire Stations that does not have an on-staff paramedic; and

WHEREAS, the County Fire and Rescue Service has proposed funding in a future year for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station as part of a phased improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Isiah Leggett, in a March 15, 2016 memorandum addressed to Montgomery County Council President Nancy Floreen, stated, "To meet the increasing demands for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, we should ensure a paramedic response capability from every fire and rescue station in the County," with the aim of "enhancing the public safety and health of our residents"; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park residents have benefited by having the Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Department within the community so that residents transported by staff of the Takoma Park Fire Department may receive advanced care within a short time frame; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Fire Department transported 2,700 people to Washington Adventist Hospital in 2015, representing 79% of their total transports for paramedical immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, Washington Adventist Hospital will be relocating to a new site six miles outside of the City, increasing the time that it will take to transport a person in need of urgent paramedical attention to a hospital emergency department and increasing the need for having a paramedic on staff with the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Takoma Park urges the Montgomery County Executive and Montgomery County Council to include funding for a paramedic at the Takoma Park Fire Station in the County's Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Adopted this _____ day of October, 2016.