



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 19, 2018 Agenda Item 2

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Providing for a Reappointment to the Takoma Park Tree Commission

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolution.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Takoma Park Tree Commission was established to preserve, protect, and promote the urban forest and to hear and rule on appeals of certain tree permit decisions. The Commission is comprised of five members appointed to staggered three-year terms. Current members are: John Russell Barnwell (Ward 2), Carol Hotton (Ward 3); Bruce Levine (Ward 3), Denny May (Ward 1) and Tina Murray (Ward 4).

Terms of Carol Hotton and Denny May will expire on September 30, 2018. Mr. May is not seeking reappointment. Ms. Hotton has applied for reappointment. If reappointed, her term will expire on September 30, 2021. There will be one vacancy on the Commission.

### **Council Priority**

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community

### **Environmental Considerations**

The Tree Commission plays an important role in the environmental sustainability of the City by educating residents on the value of trees in an urban environment and by facilitating the application of the Tree Ordinance.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Currently, there is a lack of diversity on this committee. Council and staff should seek out opportunities to recruit people of color to serve on all boards, commissions, and committees.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2018-  
PROVIDING FOR A REAPPOINTMENT TO THE TREE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission was established to preserve, protect, and promote the urban forest of the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for hearing and ruling on appeals of tree permit decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission is composed of five members appointed by the Council to staggered three-year terms expiring on September 30; and

WHEREAS, two members' terms will expire on September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, only one, Carol Hotton, is seeking reappointment; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered Ms. Hotton's application and desires to reappoint her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT Carol Hotton, resident of Ward 3, is hereby reappointed to the Tree Commission. Her term will expire on September 30, 2021.

Adopted this           , 2018

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk