



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – December 5, 2018

Agenda Item 6

Voting Session

Resolution Adopting 2019 Legislative Priorities

Recommended Council Action

Adopt legislative priorities

Context with Key Issues

Each year the Council adopts priorities in preparation for the upcoming legislative session in Annapolis. Priorities identified to date for 2019 include:

- Support for Redevelopment of New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
- Bond bill funding for the expansion and renovation of the Takoma Park Maryland Library
- Legislation prohibiting the Maryland Department of Transportation from spending any funds for the construction of Maryland Route 410 through the City of Takoma Park that would involve the addition of a new through lane for motor vehicles
- Protection of small businesses and housing affordability during and after Purple Line construction
- Legislation mandating coordination and cooperation between utilities, the State Highway Administration, and municipalities in order to minimize impacts on residents and businesses resulting from infrastructure construction and repairs
- Support for expanded opportunities for municipalities to raise revenues without increasing dependence on property taxes
- Support for building community resiliency and mitigating the impacts of climate change
- Montgomery County Public School construction funding

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive and Service Oriented Government; Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

The City Council's established priorities related to environmental sustainability and recommendations of the Committee on the Environment inform the Council's consideration of legislative initiatives and in determining positions on various bills introduced in the General Assembly.

Fiscal Considerations

State legislation may have a positive or negative fiscal impact for the City. The Council can request legislation beneficial to the City and the Takoma Park community. The Council, staff, and legislative advocates monitor legislation to determine potential fiscal impacts.

Racial Equity Considerations

The City Council considered potential racial equity impacts when establishing their legislative priorities. Legislation passed that aligns with several of the priorities could have a positive impact on racial equity in the City. During the course of the session, there may be opportunities for the City to advocate for policies at the State level that are consistent with our commitment to address racial inequities.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2018-
ADOPTING 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council determines legislative priorities in advance of the General Assembly Session in order to focus the resources of Council, staff, and the City's legislative advocate; and

WHEREAS, the following legislative priorities have been identified for 2019:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the City's legislative advocacy in 2019 will focus on the priorities listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT establishment of these legislative priorities does not limit the City's advocacy in support of or opposition to legislation that conforms to positions the Council has taken in the past or new positions to be taken by adoption of a Council resolution.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park this ____ day of _____, 2018.