

Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 17, 2019 Agenda Item 3

Work Session State Legislative Advocate's Report on the 2019 Legislative Session

Recommended Council Action

Hear Public Policy Partners' report

Context with Key Issues

The City contracts with a legislative advocate, Public Policy Partners (PPP), to advance the Council's priorities in the Maryland General Assembly. Alice Wilkerson, PPP's Government Relations Associate, will attend tonight's work session to present a report on the 2019 legislative session.

Council Priority

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

Environmental Considerations

The City's sustainability priorities and recommendations of the Committee on the Environment assist the Council in their consideration of legislative initiatives to pursue and in determining positions on various bills introduced in the Maryland General Assembly.

Fiscal Considerations

State legislation may have positive or negative fiscal impacts on the City. The Council can request or support legislation that is beneficial, or oppose legislation that is not. The Council, staff and legislative advocates monitor legislation to determine fiscal impacts and make decisions as appropriate.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Council considers potential impacts of legislation on racial equity as they develop legislative priorities or consider legislation.

Attachments and Links

- <u>Maryland General Assembly Website</u>
- <u>Montgomery County Delegation Website</u>
- Takoma Park City Council Legislative Advocacy Web Page