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*Report of City Manager*

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- COVID-19 Response and Financial and Staffing Impacts
  - ▶ Assistance to residents and businesses
  - ▶ Monitoring financial impacts
  - ▶ Staff and services



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- City Manager Recruitment
  - ▷ Select executive search firm
  - ▷ Interview candidates; assistance by firm and HR
  - ▷ Select by June
- Heaviest work by Council in December, May and June
- Staff preparation for transition through June

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## Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project

- ▶ Revised plans submitted to Montgomery County
- ▶ City staff are beginning the review, with focus on criteria of Council Resolution and Development Agreement
- ▶ Clause by clause analysis will be prepared and shared with public in late December for review and comment

Heaviest work by Council in January and February; then Planning Board action



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- Minor Master Plan covers area of WAH, WAU, Maple Ave to Community Center
  - ▷ MNCPPC to undertake beginning in January; wants MOU on process with City
  - ▷ WAU has development partner for WAH property; but zoning is only for single family homes so really can't act until Minor Master Plan completed
  - ▷ Involves significant public process; mostly staff intensive at first

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- Other development review work
  - ▷ Likely to be projects coming before Council, including one on New Hampshire Avenue, one at JNA site
  - ▷ Likely to be staff-intensive- difficult to schedule
- Recreation Center project visioning report in March
- Public Space planning
- Thrive Montgomery 2050 before the Planning Board now

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## ■ Council Priority Setting

- ▶ Retreats to be held in January
- ▶ Priorities to be set for 2022 term
- ▶ Provides budget and work plan direction to staff; important for incoming City Manager

## ■ Heaviest work by Council in January

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## ■ Library Project

- ▶ Presentation to Council on Dec 2
- ▶ Review environmental/other options and consider costs
- ▶ Provides direction for going out to bid

■ Consideration by Council in December and when bids come in

■ Staff will need to coordinate relocation of books and services for time of construction

■ Interviews for new Library Director first week of December





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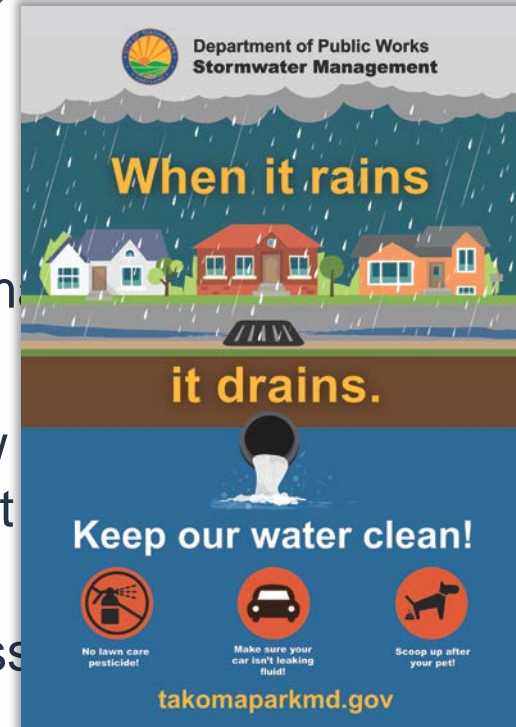
- Legislation and Lobbying
  - ▷ Local hearings already being held on State legislation
  - ▷ Hearings on bills early this year due to pandemic constraints
- Heavy work by Council now through March; also involves a number of staff and our lobbyist
- A number of major issues affect Takoma Park

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- Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
  - ▷ Reviewing proposals for facilitation services now; choice of firm on Dec 2nd
  - ▷ Council to appoint task force members in January
- Heavy staff work on assembly of data, records, policies
- Council to consider interim recommendations in April and receive report in June

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- Finalize new stormwater fee system
  - ▶ Educate residents on proposal and how it may affect them; requires significant staff work
  - ▶ Council to consider Code changes and new system in February so in advance of budget consideration
- Finalize Tree Ordinance regulations and process
- Next steps on climate change response



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- Budget preparation and consideration
  - ▷ Heavy staff work January through March to prepare proposed budget; hard to do while also providing direct service during pandemic
  - ▷ Council consideration will be April and May
- In January, will review “hold” list, fiscal situation
- Property tax credit options to be discussed

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- Council Boards, Committees and Commissions
  - ▷ Council to consider processes, evaluate committees, make appointments by June
  - ▷ Staff to establish violation reporting system
- Some quasi-judicial actions are on hold while court actions are restricted due to pandemic

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- Pandemic could hold more surprises, as could weather impacts due to climate change
- May need to prep for assistance with vaccinations
- Still considering what to do with some City services, particularly child care and financial access
- Funds are needed for residents, businesses, local governments- needs to be a federal priority

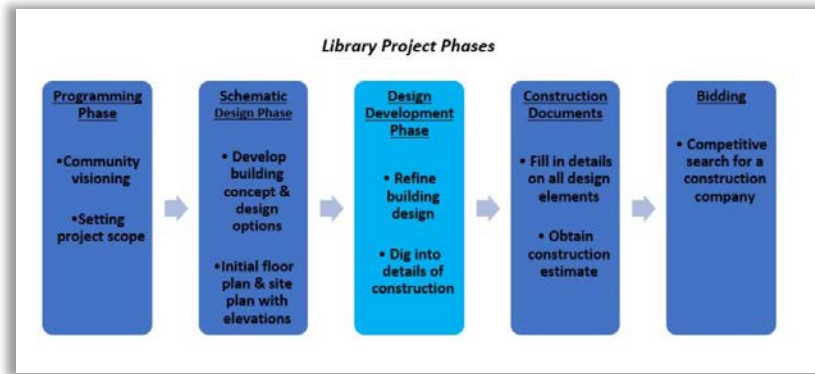
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NOVEMBER and DECEMBER ■ City Manager Search

■ State Legislation

■ Library Project

■ Facilitator for Public Safety Task Force; begin to recruit members



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## JANUARY and FEBRUARY



- Council Priorities Setting
- Takoma Junction Development Review
- Other Development Review
- Legislation
- Stormwater Fee System
- Staff Budget Prep



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## MARCH and APRIL



- Budget Preparation and Council Consideration
- Legislation
- Council Committee Discussions
- Review Library Bids
- Receive Rec Center Report

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## MAY and JUNE



- Approve Final Budget
- Interview Applicants and Select New City Manager
- Appoint Council Committee Members