



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 27, 2022 Agenda Item 1

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Jessica Clarke for Her Service as Deputy City Manager

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolution.

### **Context with Key Issues**

Jessica Clarke joined the City as Deputy City Manager on March 20, 2020, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Clarke will be leaving the City at the end of July to take a new position.

### **Council Priority**

Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government

### **Environmental Considerations**

N/A

### **Fiscal Considerations**

The resolution of appreciation has no fiscal impact.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

N/A

### **Attachments and Links**

Resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2022-  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JESSICA CLARKE  
FOR HER SERVICE AS TAKOMA PARK DEPUTY CITY MANAGER**

- WHEREAS, Jessica Clarke became the Deputy City Manager of the City of Takoma Park on March 20, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke assumed her leadership role as Deputy City Manager during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and was on-boarded virtually due to the closure of City offices and buildings to the public; and
- WHEREAS, as the pandemic continued, Ms. Clarke led many strategic projects and guided the City through various issues that impacted City operations; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke was instrumental in negotiating and working with the County establishing COVID-19 testing sites in the City and then later working with the numerous non-profits to arrange many vaccine clinics allowing residents of the community to receive needed care within the City; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke assisted with the development and implementation of the City's Telework Policy which promoted work-life balance by allowing flexible scheduling options for City staff and the creation of the City's Vaccination Attestation Policy and COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols to lower exposure risk for both staff and residents; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke led many significant projects including the FY22 budget development process, the ARPA spending plan, and the Library redevelopment project; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke led the final negotiations on tax duplication for the City and worked with colleagues across the Montgomery County to come to a resolution with County; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke oversaw the meetings and work with Adventist HealthCare to develop a proposal for primary and behavioral health in Takoma Park; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Clarke took on the duties as City Manager during the transition in leadership in the summer of 2021 and worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth leadership change for staff, the Council, and the public; and
- WHEREAS, thanks to Ms. Clarke's tenacity, steady leadership, and commitment to excellence she helped guide the City into the future during unprecedented times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT great appreciation is given to Jessica Clarke for her over two years of distinguished service to the people, Council and staff of the City of Takoma Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT best wishes are extended to Ms. Clarke in her next professional chapter.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2022.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk