



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 11, 2023 Agenda Item 4

Work Session

Review of Council Priorities

Recommended Council Action

Conduct the review to guide preparation of the FY 2025 budget and the Council's focus for the remainder of its term.

Context with Key Issues

The City Council is nearly halfway through its two-year term and is considering the calendar for preparation, review, and adoption of the FY 2025 budget. The Council Priorities for 2023-2024 were adopted on April 12, 2023. At this work session, the Council will review the priorities to determine its focus for the next year and to inform preparation of the budget.

Council Priorities

Advancing a Community of Belonging; Fiscally Sustainable Government; Environmentally Sustainable Community; Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government; Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life.

Environmental Considerations

Environmental considerations are included in Council priorities.

Fiscal Considerations

The priorities inform preparation and consideration of the FY 2025 budget.

Racial Equity Considerations

The City of Takoma Park has adopted a racial equity initiative with four main goals: 1) Apply a racial equity lens in a systematic way in decision-making processes with the goal of continuing to build an inclusive, equitable community for all Takoma Park residents; 2) Examine seemingly neutral policies and practices to determine whether they are contributing to racial inequity; 3) Engage in open and honest dialogue with experts on the subject of racial equity; and 4) Explore and institute methods that have worked in cities around the country to improve government policies, practices, and programs and address racial disparities.

Attachments and Links

- Council Priorities for 2023-2024