



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 15, 2024 Agenda Item 8

Work Session

Resolution Establishing Policy Objectives Associated with the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Recommended Council Action

Consider the proposed resolution.

Context with Key Issues

Establishing a long-term fiscal sustainability strategy for the City is a priority goal in the City Council's 2023-4 Council priorities. The City is still recovering from the fiscal and other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. City Council has received reports and presentations on a 10-year financial forecast and the City's fiscal health. The City Council, after adopting the FY24 budget, also adopted Resolution 2023-40 identifying some fiscal and budget policy objectives for further review, and created a short-term Council working group to begin exploring them.

The City Council is adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, which the City Manager proposed with an intent to move the City closer to long-term fiscal sustainability. In considering the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, specific capital expenses, policies, and revenue options were once again identified that may have the potential to improve the City's long-term fiscal health.

Council Priority

This resolution will address the City Council's priority for a more fiscally sustainable government.

Environmental Considerations

Broad fiscal policies will affect Takoma Park's budget which may allow for more programs, including the city's ability to implement sustainability, climate, stormwater and other environmental programs.

Fiscal Considerations

The focus of this resolution is fiscal considerations--to review budgeting policies and additional revenue sources that have the potential to improve the City's long-term fiscal health.

Racial Equity Considerations

Broad fiscal policies will affect Takoma Park as a whole, but may also have different effects on lower-income and black and brown residents and business owners. In reviewing the individual policies and revenue options, equity considerations will be considered.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution