



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 29, 2025 Agenda Item 2

Work Session

Discussion of City Council Priorities for the 2025-2026 Term

Recommended Council Action

Continue discussion of Council priorities.

Context with Key Issues

The City Council held its first work session discussion on priorities for the 25-26 term on January 15, 2025. This meeting is a continuation of that discussion.

A resolution adopting priorities is tentatively on the agenda for February 5, 2025.

Council Priority

The prior City Council adopted six broad priorities: 1) Advancing a Community of Belonging; 2) Fiscally Sustainable Government; 3) Environmentally Sustainable Community; 4) Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government; 5) Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life.

Environmental Considerations

As the Council is adopting its priorities, environmental considerations will be included in the process.

Fiscal Considerations

The priorities adopted by the City Council will inform consideration of the FY 2026 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

Working Document to be posted.