

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
PRESENTATION, VOTING SESSION, AND WORK SESSION**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

**MINUTES**

*Draft minutes of March 16, 2022*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

**Present:** Mayor Stewart, Councilmember Kovar, Councilmember Dyballa, Councilmember Kostiuk, Councilmember Seamens, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Searcy

**Also Present:** City Manager Fox, Deputy City Manager Clarke, City Clerk Carpenter, Public Works Director Braithwaite, Finance Director Cheung, Police Chief DeVaul, Deputy Chief Powell, Planning Manager Grigsby, Planner Alex Freedman

**PRESENTATION**

**1. Presentation of a Community Science Fellow Project – Assessing How to Prioritize Stormwater Infrastructure Under a Changing Climate**

Gustavo Coelho, a PhD student in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Infrastructure Engineering at George Mason University, presented results of his study. (Presentation attached.)

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA / AGENDA SCHEDULING UPDATE**

Ms. Stewart provided an update.

**FOR THE RECORD: Proclamation of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (attached)**

Mayor Stewart read the proclamation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeffrey Noel Nosbaum, Ward 6, reiterated his opposition to the redistricting plan selected by the Council.

Sean Hendley, President of AFSCME Local 3399, commented on the Covid-19 vaccine mandate. He remarked that the religious exemptions that had been requested were all denied and felt

that it was bad faith. He asked the City Manager to provide information on the practices of other cities.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Suhani Chitalia, Public Policy Partners, provided the update.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ms. Kostiuk shared information from the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference. She reported on a recent Transportation Planning Board meeting. She urged SHA to take action at the Lincoln and Carroll Avenue intersection.

Ms. Dyballa reported on her attendance at the NLC Conference.

Mr. Smith reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities conference. He requested that Lunch and Learn again be included in the budget. He announced an upcoming Ward 5 virtual meeting.

Mr. Kovar announced a meeting regarding sidewalk construction on the east side of Maple from Tulip to Valley View Avenue. He reported on his attendance at the NLC conference.

Ms. Stewart reported out on a Mayors Innovation Project meeting she attended.

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

## **VOTING SESSION**

### **2. Second Reading Ordinance Adopting a Redistricting Plan**

Mr. Seamens moved the ordinance; second by Mr. Kovar.

There was clarification that representation does not change until the new City Council is sworn in.

The ordinance was adopted (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Seamens, Smith; VOTING NO: Kostiuk, Searcy).

### **Ordinance 2022-7 (attached)**

### **3. Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs**

Mr. Smith moved adoption of the resolution. Mr. Seamens seconded the motion.

The resolution was adopted unanimously (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy).

### **Resolution 2022-6 (attached)**

#### **WORK SESSION**

#### **4. Presentation of Pavement Condition Report**

Ms. Braithwaite presented the report (attached).

#### **5. Procurement Items**

##### **A. Tree Canopy Analysis Sole Source Designation**

Ms. Braithwaite explained the reason for the recommendation to contract again with the University of Vermont to conduct the tree canopy analysis.

##### **B. Red Light Camera Contract**

Chief DeVaul noted that the proposal to contract for red light cameras is about public safety. Locations are evaluated, staff makes recommendations, and the State must approve any location before a camera can be installed. Nothing is recorded unless there is a violation.

##### **C. Contract for Public Space Management Plan**

City Planner Freedman explained staff's recommendation to contract with a firm to complete the Public Space Management Plan. (Presentation attached.)

#### **6. Presentation on General Fiscal Health of the City**

Finance Director Cheung made the presentation (attached).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 PM.