

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

MINUTES

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

Also present: City Manager Fox, Deputy City Manager Clarke, and City Clerk Carpenter

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council convened at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA / AGENDA SCHEDULING UPDATE

Ms. Stewart provided an update on future agendas.

FOR THE RECORD

Ms. Stewart read the National Public Health Week and Arbor Day Proclamations

Attached: Arbor Day Proclamation

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Ms. Searcy moved the adoption of the January 12, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seamens. The motion carried (VOTING FOR: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Suhani Chitalia, Public Policy Partners, provided the update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Gibson, Ward 3 and member of Climate Action Coffee, commented on community civic activism and public green space. He expressed concern about the requirements to arrange to volunteer in Dorothy's Woods.

Arthur David Olson, Hancock Ave., commented on the redistricting plan. He made suggestions for the Council to consider for future redistricting.

Paul Huebner, Ward 3, commented on the FY23 budget.

Mary Jane Muchui, Ward 2, urged the Council to provide more assistance for people with special needs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Kostiuk thanked the residents for their comments. She noted that she attended the New Hampshire Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Community Access Committee meeting. She said that it looks like a stop sign will be installed at Lincoln and Carroll Avenues, at least for the short term.

Ms. Dyballa thanked Public Works for the meeting on Belford Avenue sidewalks. She noted attendance at the Montgomery County Climate Energy Summit.

Ms. Searcy reported that she is attending the City's Community Police Academy. She noted the upcoming Summer Mercado in the Crossroads. The Farmers Market in the Crossroads is scheduled to open on April 27.

Mr. Smith thanked Wayne Sherwood for giving City Councilmembers a copy of Bruce Johnson's book, *Surviving Deep Water*. He noted that Bruce Johnson passed away last week.

Ms. Stewart reported that she attended the Maryland Mayors Association meeting in Annapolis and testified on bills there. She noted that commented on a meeting attended. She noted that the Governor announced the Highway User Revenue amount. She thanked Ms. Smith for his and his MML colleagues work on the issue. She asked Mr. Fox to review the application process for volunteers in City parks.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Fox commented on the volunteer application requirement. Seven days are needed to review the applications but requests could be expedited if need be.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Task Force on Sustainable Banking and Investments

Ms. Clarke introduced the task force members and noted the report submitted. Victor Thuronyi, Rachel Lyngaas, Will Girardo, and Lesley Hunter presented the report. (Report attached).

Ms. Stewart said that there was a lot of interest and agreement with most of the recommendations presented. She recommended that the Council draft and adopt a resolution affirming and agreeing to move forward with some of the recommendation made.

Task Force member Paul Gunter, and member of the Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, addressed some of the concerns expressed about the Committee and stressed its importance. commented on the importance of the Committee.

Ms. Stewart asked the Council working group on committees to review the status of the Nuclear-Free Committee and to make a recommendation.

2. City Manager's Recommended FY 2023 Budget

Mr. Fox presented the FY23 Budget. (Presentation attached.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned for the evening at 10:34 PM.