

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2012-30
THANKING WARD 5 CITY COUNCILMEMBER REUBEN SNIPPER
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TAKOMA PARK COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Reuben Snipper was elected to the City Council to represent Ward 5 on January 30, 2007 and took office on February 12, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper was reelected to serve as Ward 5 Councilmember in November 2007, November 2009, and November 2011; and,

WHEREAS, during his time on the City Council, Councilmember Snipper made significant contributions to the City Council's deliberations of broad policy matters; offering his remarks in a thoughtful and constructive manner; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper was a model of civility on the City Council, always respectful of the opinions of others and able to express differences of opinion while maintaining a spirit of collegiality; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper brought a warm sense of humor and an occasional twinkle of the eye to the Council dais, which was appreciated by both his Council colleagues and City staff members; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the City Council, Councilmember Snipper showed a keen interest in transportation related issues, serving on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government Transportation Planning Board and on the Board of Directors of Purple Line Now, as well as advocating for improved Ride On bus service; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper personally demonstrated his commitment to reducing his carbon footprint by riding his bike and taking the bus to work; and;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper showed a strong interest in financial matters during his tenure on the City Council, with particular vigilance paid to the level of unreserved fund balance; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his interest in transportation and financial matters, Councilmember Snipper was a proponent of handicapped accessibility with regard to City infrastructure and the City's website; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper was a strong voice on behalf of his constituents regarding installation of a sidewalk on the east side of Flower Avenue and a champion for the Flower Avenue Green Street Project, which will provide community-wide benefits; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper is relocating to Rome, Italy and resigned his office effective May 22, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Snipper has been both a colleague and a friend who will be missed by his fellow Councilmembers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND hereby recognizes the contributions that Councilmember Reuben Snipper made to the City of Takoma Park during his tenure on the Takoma Park City Council.

Attest: _____
Jessie Carpenter, CMC, City Clerk