

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2012-50**

**THANKING BARBARA B. MATTHEWS
FOR HER SERVICE AS CITY MANAGER**

- WHEREAS,** Barbara Matthews became the City Manager of the City of Takoma Park on July 12, 2004; and,
- WHEREAS,** she brought an extensive knowledge of financial and budget management and the principles and practices of public administration and leadership to the City; and,
- WHEREAS,** her deep sense of ethics, fairness, fiscal responsibility, and commitment to all members of the community pervaded every action and set a high moral standard for all who served with her; and,
- WHEREAS,** she ensured that organizational and resource decisions were consistent with the goals and objectives of the City Council even when crises or new issues demanded attention; and,
- WHEREAS,** her eight years of service to the City of Takoma Park has been notable for her many accomplishments and contributions, including:
- Correcting construction and financial problems with the Community Center construction project, and establishing processes that allowed for successful renovation of the Auditorium and Public Works facilities,
 - Helping lead the effort to receive fair payment for municipal tax duplication and the Takoma Park Police rebate leading to hundreds of thousands of dollars for the City of Takoma Park that the Montgomery County Executive wished not to pay,
 - Making the difficult decision to rethink services, cut staff and freeze wages when the recession forced the State and County to cut expected payments to the City of Takoma Park, and handling the needed layoffs in a sensitive way that was greatly appreciated by staff and the Council,
 - Ensuring great strides in the community's public safety through improvements in police methods and staffing,
 - Helping expand recreational services by adding programming and staff support for seniors and teens, instituting online registration, and filling the new Community Center with programs for all ages,
 - Encouraging a wonderful blossoming of arts and humanities events and installations throughout Takoma Park, through the Arts and Humanities Commission, We are Takoma programs in the Auditorium, the Library mosaic, poetry readings and more,
 - Serving on boards, commissions and tasks forces, including the Joint Task Force on Municipal Tax Duplication and Revenue Sharing, the International City/County Management Association Sustainability Task Force, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chief Administrative Officers Committee, the Maryland City/County Management Association (where she served as President), and the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors; and,
- WHEREAS,** Barbara Matthews has resigned from the City of Takoma Park effective September 7, 2012 to be the City Manager of the City of Rockville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND hereby recognizes the contributions that Barbara B. Matthews has made to the City of Takoma Park and to the Takoma Park community during her tenure with the City and wishes her the best for the future.

Adopted this 4th day of September, 2012.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk