

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2015-52
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO YOVONDA D. BROOKS
FOR SERVICE AS TAKOMA PARK FINANCE DIRECTOR**

- WHEREAS, Yovonda Brooks became the Finance Director of the City of Takoma Park on May 23, 2005; and
- WHEREAS, when hired, Ms. Brooks assumed management of a department that had been without effective leadership for several years; and
- WHEREAS, at the time Ms. Brooks was hired, the City was late in having its audit completed due to a backlog in bank reconciliations and journal entries; and the reputation of the City in being able to appropriately handle its financial matters was in question by some members of the community; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks acted quickly to address the backlogs so the audit could be completed and, by the next year, the City was prepared for its audit on time and Ms. Brooks even found and corrected errors made by the auditors in their preliminary report; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks organized the Finance Department and kept it running smoothly and meeting deadlines even through times of construction, staff transitions, computer and software changes, and weather emergencies; and
- WHEREAS, in her over ten years of service to the City of Takoma Park, the skills and high standards of Ms. Brooks resulted in the City receiving nine straight Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association; and
- WHEREAS, the efforts of Ms. Brooks have led to many years of high levels of confidence in the City's financial management by the community, Council and staff; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to the respect she has engendered as a fierce protector of taxpayer funds and ethical standards, Ms. Brooks is also a colleague valued by staff; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks will retire on September 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT great appreciation is given to Yovonda D. Brooks for her over ten years of distinguished service to the people, Council and staff of the City of Takoma Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT best wishes are extended to Ms. Brooks upon her retirement.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2015.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk