

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2021-18

EXTENDING THE TASK FORCE ON “REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENSURE RACIAL JUSTICE” AND THE TERMS OF ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2017-45 established the City Council’s goals and priorities for the Takoma Park Police Department including ensuring a culture of transparency, accountability, proactive communication, and responsiveness, both inside and outside of the City government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to review and reform the City’s approach to public safety to ensure racial justice; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-21, established the Task Force on “Reimagining Public Safety to Ensure Racial Justice” (the “Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, since March of 2021, the Task Force has held numerous meetings in pursuit of its goals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-21, the Task Force was required to submit its final report and recommendations concerning public safety to the City Council by June 4, 2021, and the Task Force may be dissolved after its recommendations are presented to the City Council by June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-21 permits the City Council to extend the operative term of the Task Force and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force requires an additional period of time to complete its work pursuant to Resolution 2020-21 and its members’ terms also require extension; and


WHEREAS, to ensure that the Task Force can adequately create a set of recommendations concerning public safety, it is necessary to extend the date extend the operative term of the Task Force and its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND the City Council hereby extends the term of the Task Force and the terms of its members, until no later than October 15, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Task Force on Reimagining Public Safety shall be dissolved, after making and presenting its final recommendations to the City Council, on or before October 15, 2021.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland this 23rd day of June 2021.

Attest:


Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk