



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

City Manager Comments

Report for City Council Meeting of January 22, 2020

Information to Share

Proposed Changes to Parking Meters - Comment Period Extended

A proposal to make changes to the parking meters and spaces along the 7300 block of Carroll Avenue and adjacent areas on Grant and Lee Avenues was advertised in the January issue of the Newsletter and signs were posted on the block. Unfortunately, the proposal was not described clearly and there is confusion over what was being considered. The three components are to change one-hour meters to two-hour meters, remove several meters to allow short term (15 minute) deliveries, drop off or customer use near the bus stop and on Grant Avenue, and identifying two accessible spaces for handicapped use (one on Grant Avenue and one on Carroll Avenue near Lee Avenue). The delivery/short term spaces were not to be exclusively for delivery trucks, but also for patrons dropping off cleaning or packages, picking up rolls and coffee, dropping off students for the music school etc. This was not clear in the materials. The time limit for public comments is being extended until February 12 and a meeting with the businesses is being scheduled.

HR Updates

The City recently brought on several new members of the Police Department. Charles Earle joined the team on December 23rd, as a lateral police officer. This week, we also brought on two more lateral police officers, Teresa Bolanos and Shakira Hopkins. Four police recruits began this week, and are starting at the Montgomery County Police Academy today: Dylan Wolking, Manny Gaitan, Victor Argueta, and Emanuel Ayala. Two dispatchers also joined the team this week, Shadjah Hunt and Armani Keys.

Public Works also gained an experienced mechanic, Kevin Frye, who started on January 6th.

We are in the process of hiring several more positions, including: Budget & Accounting Manager and Landlord Tenant Mediator. Recruitments are well underway for several other positions, including Deputy City Manager.

Pictured below, from left to right are Shadjah Hunt, Shakira Hopkins, Teresa Bolanos, Victor Argueta, Armani Keys, Emanuel Ayala, Dylan Wolking, and Manny Gaitan.



Pictured below with Chief DeVaul and Mayor Stewart is Charles Earle who was sworn in on January 3.



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