

TAKOMA PARK REIMAGINING
PUBLIC SAFETY
TASK FORCE RESOURCES



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK OVERVIEW

- **City of Takoma Park Overview**
 - City Manager Suzanne Ludlow
- **Overview of Housing and Community Development**
 - Housing Manager Grayce Wiggins
 - Economic Development Manager Samira Cook Gaines
- **Overview of Recreation**
 - Director Gregory Clark
- **Overview of Public Works**
 - Director Daryl Braithwaite
- **Overview of Police Department**
 - Chief Tony DeVaul



City of Takoma Park Structure and Overview

- **City operates under a Council/Manager form of government.** Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a seven member Council (an at-large Mayor and six Ward representatives). The Mayor sets the Council agenda and presides over the meetings, but is otherwise equal to the other six Councilmembers. The Council sets City policy by passing ordinances and resolutions, adopts the City Budget, appoints members to committees and hires the City Manager and the City Attorney.
- The City Manager oversees the day-to-day management of the City, implements the policies of the City Council, and prepares a draft Budget annually for Council consideration. The City Manager takes direction from a majority of Councilmembers (4 of 7), within the parameters of laws and ethics.
- The City government is divided into the departments of General Government, Police, Public Works, Recreation, Housing and Community Development, Communications and Library. The City employs over 200 staff, representing about 172 full time equivalents, to serve just less than 18,000 residents in a town of 2.4 sq. miles. The City budget is about \$31 million annually for all services.



DATA, METRICS, & NUMBERS

- A great deal of City data can be found in the City's Annual Budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). These documents are found on the City's Finance Department webpage in the Financial Documents box at the bottom of the page. The Budget documents are planning tools looking forward, while the CAFR provides after-the-fact audited numbers. It is almost always better to rely on CAFR data for reports.
- Census or American Community Survey data is available but sometimes is less helpful than other data sources. The Census information is restricted to just a few demographic questions every ten years. The American Community Survey, gathers information on more topics but is not sent to all households and so is not as reliable for a small community.



GOALS & INITIATIVES

Council Priorities

- A Livable Community for All
- Fiscally Sustainable Government
- Environmentally Sustainable Community
- Engaged, Responsive, & Service Oriented Government
- Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

Race Equity

Housing and Economic Development Strategic Plan

Climate Emergency Response

Goals and Priorities for Police Department
(Resolution 2017-45)



PUBLIC SAFETY

The City Charter includes this text for the General Powers of the Council:

The Council shall have the power to pass all such ordinances...as it may deem necessary for the good government of the City; for the protection and preservation of the City's property, rights and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of and visitors in the City.



QUESTIONS?

