

Introduced by: Councilmember Qureshi

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Second Reading: March 23, 2016

Effective Date: March 23, 2016

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12

AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF BREGMAN, BERBERT, SCHWARTZ & GILDAY, LLC TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TAKOMA JUNCTION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park requires legal counsel specialized in development and land use matters to represent the City in the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park solicited and reviewed proposals from development attorneys for legal services for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals and interviewing prospective attorneys, the Council chose the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC to represent the City in the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project for an hourly rate of \$295 per hour for all work completed by the law firm's attorneys; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2015-30 adopted on July 6, 2015, the Council selected the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC as the City's attorneys for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project and authorized an expenditure of up to \$30,000.00 for the law firm's services; and

WHEREAS, this initial expenditure for legal services for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project has been spent and the Council now desires to approve additional funds, in the amount of up to \$50,000.00, to be paid to the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC for legal services related to the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby authorizes up to \$50,000.00 to be paid to the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC, at an hourly rate of \$295 for all attorneys, for additional legal services for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project; specifically, up to \$30,000 to complete a Development Agreement between the City and the developer, Neighborhood Development Company, L.L.C., and up to \$20,000 for a Ground Lease with the Developer for the City-owned property at Takoma Junction.

SECTION 2. The City Manager shall negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City of Takoma Park, a Retainer Agreement with the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday,

LLC authorizing the law firm to provide up to an additional \$50,000.00 of legal services to the City for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,
THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2016, BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

AYE: Mayor Stewart, Councilmember Kovar, Councilmember Qureshi, Councilmember Seamens, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schultz

NAY: Councilmember Male

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None