



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 24, 2018 Agenda Item 4

Work Session

Amendments to Title 8, Business, Chapter 8.36, Commercial Management Districts And Authorities, of the Takoma Park Code, regarding the composition and operation of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority.

Recommended Council Action

Consider the proposed Code amendments.

Context with Key Issues

Chapter 8.36 of the Takoma Park Code establishes the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (CDA) and prescribes terms for its organization and operation. The CDA wishes to amend its bylaws to improve efficiency and better reflect its composition and operations. Because the proposed amendments to the bylaws conflict with existing provisions of Chapter 8.36, the Council must enact Code amendments to allow the CDA to amend its bylaws.

The necessary Code amendments include the following:

1. Eliminating the requirement that the President and Vice President of the CDA Board of Directors be selected from the at-large Directors;
2. Eliminating ex officio Board positions for representatives of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and designees of the City of Takoma Park City Manager and the County Executives of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties; and
3. Requiring bimonthly, rather than quarterly, meetings of the Board of Directors.

Council Priority

Community development for an improved and equitable quality of life.

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

The proposed amendments will have no fiscal impact.

Racial Equity Considerations

The proposed amendments will facilitate the operation of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, the purpose of which is to promote businesses in the Crossroads area and provide security, maintenance, and amenities. There are many minority-owned businesses in the Crossroads and it is a popular shopping destination for minority and non-minority residents of the City.

Attachments and Links

- Text of proposed amendments.

Proposed Amendments to the Takoma Park Code to Reflect Intended Changes to the Bylaws of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority

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Title 8 BUSINESS

Chapter 8.36 COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND AUTHORITIES

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8.36.080 Board of Directors—Officers.

- A. The Authority shall be directed and administered by a Board of Directors elected by the voting members of the Authority in accordance with the bylaws.
- B. The Board shall consist of not more than 11 voting members.
- C. There shall be two types of Directors: at-large Directors and area Directors. Directors shall be equivalent in all respects and shall have the same rights, privileges, obligations and responsibilities.
- D. There shall be not more than six at-large Directors elected to the Board; ~~one of which shall be elected as President of the Authority, and second shall be elected as the Vice President of the Authority.~~
- E. There shall be not more than a total of five area Directors representing each of the areas described in Section 8.36.040, elected by the members in those areas as provided for in the bylaws.
- F. The Board shall also include, as a nonvoting ex officio member, ~~up to five nonvoting Directors:~~
 - ~~1.—The Ward 6 City Councilmember, in whose Council Ward(s) the Takoma/Langley Commercial Management District is located, or a designee;~~
 - ~~2.—A representative of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development;~~
 - ~~3.—A representative of the City of Takoma Park designated by the City Manager;~~
 - ~~4.—A representative of Prince George's County designated by the County Executive; and~~
 - ~~5.—A representative of Montgomery County designated by the County Executive.~~

G. In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair who are elected at large, the Directors shall elect two Directors as Secretary and Treasurer. These four Directors shall constitute the officers of the Authority.

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8.36.120 Meetings.

- A. The Board shall meet at least ~~quarterly~~bimonthly. The Authority shall meet at least once a year.
- B. All meetings shall be open to the public, except for executive sessions as provided for in the bylaws.