



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 12, 2021 Agenda Item 5

### **Work Session**

Resolution Approving the Temporary Closure of Laurel Avenue for the Opera Truck on May 28, 2021

### **Recommended Council Action**

Consider the request.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City has received a request from Laura Barclay, Executive Director of the Old Takoma Business Association, to close the west side Laurel Avenue on Friday, May 28, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The closure would enable the Association to host the Washington National Opera's "Opera Truck" for a 30-minute performance. The additional time is needed for set up and breakdown of a mini attached stage.

Ms. Barclay has applied for a letter of approval from the Montgomery County Health Department to ensure that the performance can be accomplished safely under current COVID-19 protocols. The Council's approval would be contingent on the Health Department's response.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All

### **Environmental Considerations**

N/A

### **Fiscal Considerations**

There is minimal fiscal impact for the City.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Laurel Avenue and the Old Town area borders Ward 1 (approximately 12% Black or African American), Ward 3 (approximately 21% Black or African American), and Ward 4 in the District of Columbia (approximately 54.3% Black or African American). Attendees at events in Old Town are drawn from a broader area as well.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Laurel Avenue on May 28
- Email Request from Laura Barclay

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2021-**

**AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LAUREL AVENUE ON MAY 28 FOR  
THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA'S OPERA TRUCK**

- WHEREAS, the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) proposes to close the west side of Laurel Avenue on Friday, May 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to host the Washington National Opera's "Opera Truck;" and
- WHEREAS, the performance would last for 30 minutes but the additional time is needed for set up and breakdown of a mini attached stage; and
- WHEREAS, the other side of Laurel Avenue is closed to accommodate the Takoma Streeterly; and
- WHEREAS, OTBA has submitted the plan for the event to the Montgomery County Health Department to ensure that the performance can be accomplished safely under current COVID-19 protocols.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to close Laurel Avenue on Friday, May 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a performance by the Washington National Opera; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Old Takoma Business Association shall follow the protocols and restrictions from the Montgomery County Department of Health related to COVID-19.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk



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