



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 18, 2022 Agenda Item 5

Voting Session

Resolution Approving the Closure of Anne Street for the Summer Mercado

Recommended Council Action

Approve the temporary closure of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard East on Saturday, June 25, 2022 in support of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc (TLCDA) Summer Mercado event.

Context with Key Issues

The TLCDA hosts an annual Summer Mercado to draw residents and customers to the Takoma/Langley Crossroads corridor. The Mercado features approximately 20 vendors, live music, and is free to the public. To support the Mercado, TLCDA requests the closure of one block of Anne Street from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All, Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

Events held on City streets will encourage increased foot traffic in commercial areas, likely decreasing reliance on automobiles and other less environmentally-friendly modes of transportation.

Fiscal Considerations

TLCDA will hire outside security for the event at no cost to the City. TLCDA will work with the Public Works Department to identify refuse and recycling collection methods that require the least amount of potential City overtime costs. The cost of any additional City services surrounding the event will be discussed with TLCDA and the City may request reimbursement for any unexpected City expenses.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Summer Mercado and similar events present opportunities for all residents of Takoma Park to share experiences across lines of difference.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ANNE STREET IN SUPPORT
OF THE 2022 TAKOMA/LANGLEY CROSSROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
SUMMER MERCADO**

WHEREAS, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc. (TLCDA) has been organizing events in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads area to enliven the area and highlight local businesses; and

WHEREAS, TLCDA has proposed the closure of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard East on June 25, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the annual Summer Mercado event (“Event”); and

WHEREAS, TLCDA has received all permits and permissions to operate the event; and

WHEREAS, TLCDA will properly notify all impacted residents and stakeholders of the street closure at least one (1) week in advance of the closure in writing, and

WHEREAS, TLCDA will ensure that the event is concluded in time to reopen the roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to close Anne Street as outlined above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc. shall assume full responsibility for notifying adjoining property owners of the approved closures, arranging for the placement of “No Parking” signs and “Local Traffic Only” signs as necessary, restoring the area following the planned events, ensuring that the roadways are reopened to traffic at the designated times, and reimbursing the City for any additional City resources that are required above and beyond standard City operating procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager may, at his discretion, approve any date change to the Events in the Recitals above provided that the City receives a date change request no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled date.

Adopted this _____ day of May, 2022.