



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 27, 2022 Agenda Item 7

Voting Session

Single Reading Ordinance Approving Change Order for Solar Panel System Relocation, Storage, and Reinstallation

Recommended Council Action

The City of Takoma Park, Office of the City Manager recommends that the City Council approve a change order for a \$56,500 increase to the 2011 solar power purchase agreement.

Context with Key Issues

The Library Redevelopment Project (the Project) includes the demolition of the existing library, construction of a new 12,000 square foot library and renovation of the Recreation Department and City TV offices and Community Center bathrooms. In 2011, the City signed a Purchase Power Agreement with Solar Solution, LLC, now known as Mled Tech LLC, to install, maintain, and own solar power panels on City facilities. A solar power system is currently installed on the roof of the existing library.

To manage to solar power system during the library demolition, the City will execute a change order to the purchase power agreement allowing Mled Tech LLC to furnish and install all necessary and required labor, material, equipment, and supervision to relocate the 252 panel solar system on the library roof. The 252 panels will be removed, 64 will be re-installed on an adjacent roof during demolition and construction, while 188 are stored on the adjacent Community Center roof. Some equipment will also be removed from the roof and stored in the Public Works facility. After the completion of the new library construction, the solar power system will be reinstalled; reinstallation is Phase II of the change order proposal.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

The installation of solar arrays on the Community Center and Public Works facility and the protection, reinstallation, and maintenance of the system during the library construction and demolition period allows the City to continue to reap the environmental benefits of solar power.

Fiscal Considerations

The proposed cost of the modification is \$56,500 (\$37,600 for Phase I removal and storage and \$18,900 for reinstallation post-construction) and is included in the existing \$13.8 million Project budget.

Racial Equity Considerations

N/A

Attachments and Links

Single Reading Ordinance

Introduced by:

Single Reading:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-

**CHANGE ORDER TO PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR POWER
SYSTEM RELOCATION, STORAGE, AND REINSTALLATION RELATED TO
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, the Library Redevelopment Project will require demolition of the existing Library building; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to maintain its solar power system roof installation on a partial basis during the demolition and construction and reinstall the same 252 panel system once renovation is complete; and

WHEREAS, the relocation, storage, and reinstallation of the solar power system on the Library roof is beyond the scope of the existing 2011 power purchase agreement with Mled Tech LLC, necessitating a change order to that contract; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the change order for relocation, storage, and reinstallation is estimated at \$56,500; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the solar power system on the Library roof must occur by approximately August 31, 2022 in order to adhere to the construction schedule; and

WHEREAS, City Council intends to recess in August 2022 until mid-September and the timing of the recess and Project schedule will not allow for each component of the relocation and modification to be considered separately; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to ensure that the Project construction timeline is not interrupted; and

WHEREAS, the \$13.8 million dollars budgeted for the Library Redevelopment Project includes funding for the change order.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute a change order totaling \$56,500 for solar power system relocation, storage and reinstallation.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of July, 2022 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: