



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – October 4, 2023 Agenda Item 1

Work Session

Request to Approve Temporary Street Closure in Support of a Crossroads Hispanic Heritage Month Event

Recommended Council Action

Review the request and provide feedback to staff prior to a Council voting session.

Context with Key Issues

On Thursday, September 28, 2023, the City of Takoma Park received a request from Laura Carrillo, Interim Executive Director of the Takoma-Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc (TLCDA) to hold an event in the Crossroads in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The event would be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard. The event would feature food vendors, artists, and performances, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and the diverse cultures of countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and more.

TLCDA is sponsoring the event in partnership with local vendors from the Wednesday Crossroads Farmers Market and would be responsible for placing no parking signs, street barricades, and disposing of trash during and after the event. The City's Police Department and Department of Public Works have reviewed the request and found no concerns.

Council Priority

Advancing a Community of Belonging; Community Development for an Improved & Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

The proposed street closure has no immediate environmental impacts. TLCDA will be responsible for managing trash collection during and after the event to prevent littering or adverse impacts.

Fiscal Considerations

The proposed street closure will have no impact on City budget or expenses. TLCDA will be responsible for collecting, posting, and returning all no parking signs and barricades for the street closure.

Racial Equity Considerations

The proposed street closure is an opportunity to highlight Latino vendors and businesses in the Crossroads corridor for Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the City. The event will also increase the profile and revenue for these businesses.

Attachments and Links

Draft Resolution

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ANNE STREET
IN SUPPORT OF THE 2023 TLCDA HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park partners with multiple economic development service contract partners to promote the growth of the City's commercial corridors to enliven the area and highlight local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma-Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc. (TLCDA), a City economic development service contract partner, has proposed to host a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, TLCDA has requested the temporary closure of a portion of city-owned right-of-way on Anne Street to accommodate the event; and

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

WHEREAS, TLCDA will ensure that all events are concluded in time to reopen the roadways to pedestrians, traffic, and transportation at the designated times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to close Anne Street between Hammond Lane and University Boulevard on Sunday, October 22, 2023 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM as to allow time for setup and breakdown before and after the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the TLCDA shall assume full responsibility for notifying adjoining property owners of the approved closures, notifying City residents in writing of any changes to public transportation schedules and/or pickup and drop-off locations that may arise from such street closures at least one (1) week prior to date of the Events, arranging for the placement of "No Parking" signs and "Local Traffic Only" signs as necessary, restoring the area following the planned events, and 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager may, at their discretion, approve any date changes provided that the City receives the new date request no later than one week prior to the new date.

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, this _____, and shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City clerk