



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 22, 2024 Agenda Item 3

### **Work Session/Possible Voting Session**

Authorizing the temporary closure of Erie Avenue on Saturday, June 1, 2024 in support of the 2024 Flower Avenue Together Block Party.

### **Recommended Council Action**

Support the proposed street closure.

### **Context with Key Issues**

In Fiscal Year 2024, the City of Takoma Park entered into an Economic Development Service Contract with Montgomery Housing Partnership's Long Branch Business League (LBBL) to provide technical assistance and marketing for businesses along the Flower Avenue/Long Branch commercial corridor. As a part of their annual plan, LBBL is partnering with local organizers to hold a Flower Avenue Together Block Party on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

The Flower Avenue Together Block Party will bring together local residents for an afternoon of gathering, food, activities, and community resources. The event will take place from 2-5PM and set up activities and vendors in the private commercial parking lot on the 800 block of Flower Avenue and the commercial portion of Erie Avenue. In order to facilitate the event, the organizers have requested the temporary closure of a portion of Erie Avenue between Maple Avenue and Flower Avenue from 1-6PM. In the event of rain on the event date, the proposed make-up date would be Sunday, June 2, 2024. The Department of Public Works and Police Department have reviewed the request and outlined necessary requirements for public safety, notice, and trash collection before and after the event.

### **Council Priorities**

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

### **Environmental Considerations**

The proposed partial street closure has no directly identifiable environmental impacts. Event organizers will be responsible for collected and disposing of any trash produced during the event.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

The proposed partial street closure has no direct budgetary or expense considerations for the City, as event organizers will assist with set up and break down of the event.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The proposed partial street closure will support an event that aims to bring together a diverse set of local residents and connect people across diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. It is also the hope of organizers that the event will be a springboard for future engagement activities in Ward 5, an area with a high concentration of low income and minority residents.

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2024-**

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY PARTIAL CLOSURE OF ERIE AVENUE IN SUPPORT OF THE 2024 FLOWER AVENUE TOGETHER BLOCK PARTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Takoma Park works 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 Long Branch Business League, a program operated by Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP), a City economic development service contract partner, has proposed to partner with other community organizations (the “Event Organizers”) for a Flower Avenue Together Block Party on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 from 2:00-5:00PM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Event Organizers have requested the temporary closure of a portion of city-owned right-of-way on Erie Avenue between Maple Avenue and Flower Avenue to accommodate the event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Event Organizers will receive all additional State, County, and City permits and permissions to operate the Event and notify all appropriate local agencies, including WMATA, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, and Ride On Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Event Organizers will properly notify all impacted residents and stakeholders of the street closures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Event Organizers 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** supports the City Manager in efforts to close a portion of Erie Avenue between Maple Avenue and Flower Avenue on Saturday, June 1, 2024 between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM for the event described in the Recitals above with a rain date of Sunday, June 2, 2024; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Event Organizers 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, arranging for the placement of “No Parking” and “Local Traffic Only” signs as necessary, restoring the area following the planned event, and ensuring that the roadway is 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.

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**