

**REGULAR MEETING, WORKSESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Monday, October 13, 1997

Executive Session 9/22/97 - Moved by Rubin; seconded by Williams. Council convened in Executive Session by unanimous vote at 10:05 p.m., in the Conference Room. OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sharp, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams. OFFICIAL ABSENT: Chavez, Davenport. STAFF PRESENT: Hobbs, Sartoph, Silber, Anderson. Council was briefed on personnel disciplinary matters. No action was taken. (Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(1)(ii)).

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Sharp

Councilmember Chavez

Councilmember Elrich

Councilmember Porter

Councilmember Rubin

Councilmember Williams

City Administrator Habada

City Clerk Sartoph

Community Development Coordinator Sickle

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Councilmember Davenport

The City Council convened at 7:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, 20912.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, these remarks were made:

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Councilmember Williams requested the addition of a discussion of the City Administrator's evaluation to the Executive Session agenda. There were no objections.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Council Meeting Minutes from 9/15 and 9/22 were adopted unanimously (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Chavez, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams; ABSENT: Davenport).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Benjamin Onyeneke, Maple Avenue (Generation X), commented on the "Maple Avenue Crew" which is characterized as a street gang that roams the Maple Avenue corridor. He stated that he was recently attacked by a young person who threatened to kill him. Mr. Onyeneke referred to the tragic death of a young woman, and two deaths which he stated that he witnessed on Maple Avenue, and called for a greater focus on crime prevention. He remarked that he looks forward to Councilmember Porter being elected as Mayor in the November election. He spoke about child abuse, and criticized governments for not taking a more active role in the protection of women and children.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Resolution re: Free Burma List. Mayor Sharp explained the resolution.

Mr. Williams noted the request to exempt Sony from the list, questioning what needs to be done to formally exempt this company. He also pointed out that Lotus is now owned by IBM.

City Administrator Habada recalled previous discussions where it was decided that items which the City already owns which would otherwise be restricted by the NFZ list (or in this case, the Free Burma list) can be retained. She commented that exemptions have been made for replacement parts. She pointed out the difficulty presented by having to often deal with two-tiers of companies--primaries and secondaries.

Mr. Williams moved to table the agenda item.

Ms. Habada stated that there are alternatives to the Sony equipment, but that Sony is preferred by the Cable staff.

Councilmember Rubin questioned whether the exemption of Sony been discussed with the Free Burma Committee.

Ms. Habada responded that she had a brief discussion with Phil Robertson, Chairperson of the Free Burma Committee, who indicated that there might be alternatives to Sony. She said that she discussed this point with Herb Wilson, Cable Operations Supervisor, who agreed that there are alternatives. Ms. Habada commented that it might be the case that the Cable staff will come before Council for a waiver at the time for new purchases.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Sharp recalled the discussion with the Nuclear-Free Committee about software upgrades, and that the decision was to allow upgrades to existing software.

Mr. Williams withdrew his motion to table the resolution. He made a motion to adopt the resolution; seconded by Chavez. Mr. Williams concluded that the Council will deal with the possibility of a Sony waiver when the time comes to purchase new equipment. He remarked that the "upgrade" issue does not appear to be a problem.

Phil Robertson, Chair of the Free Burma Committee, stated that the committee would prefer that the list be adopted in its entirety. If there arises a need to purchase Sony equipment, the waiver process can be followed.

Resolution #1997-60 was adopted unanimously, adopting relevant sections of the list of companies with direct equity links with Burma as prepared by the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Chavez, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams; ABSENT: Davenport).

RESOLUTION #1997-60
(Attached)

2. 2nd Reading Ordinance re: 1997 Election Judges. Mr. Sharp explained the ordinance, noting the new names that have been added since first reading.

Moved by Porter; seconded by Williams.

Mr. Rubin noted that three persons on the list reside at Takoma Towers (Ward 1), and added that he is proud so many people from the Towers are willing to help in this effort. He remarked that he held a meeting at Takoma Towers last week, and that there was a discussion about how the residents could be more active in City affairs. He expressed hope that some of the additional names, since first reading, arose out of that discussion.

Ordinance #1997-47 was adopted unanimously at second reading, appointing Election Judges for the 1997 City Election (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Chavez, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams; ABSENT: Davenport).

ORDINANCE #1997-47
(Attached)

3. Resolution re: Community Economic Development Strategy. Moved by Chavez; seconded by Rubin.

Mr. Rubin described the resolution, and explained that he represented the Council when he worked with Community Development Coordinator Sickle on the language for the resolution. He

said that they tried to address the Council's concerns from its last discussion of the matter.

Councilmember Porter questioned the intention in the last Whereas Clause. She asked whether the Council would get an opportunity to review the proposal if there are no changes to the original proposal.

Mr. Rubin responded in the negative, explaining that if the fourth Whereas clause turns out to be untrue, the Council would still want to review the proposal.

Ms. Porter noted that there was not a unanimous decision by the Council regarding this proposal. So, it may be that the project is not approved at all when it comes back to the Council. She proposed re-writing the fourth Whereas clause "...the council wishes to reserve the right to modify how this project will be implemented or terminate the project." (There were no objections to the amendment.)

Ms. Porter referred to the Montgomery County Neighborhood Retail Study as a useful document, and questioned why the City would want to duplicate this effort.

Councilmember Elrich agreed.

Ms. Porter asked what would the City need to do to initiate something like the county study in the City.

Mr. Elrich commented that the approach needs to be that the City is another part of the county. The City needs to work on shifting the mentality of the county.

Mr. Rubin recalled that through discussion, the Council reached a consensus to go ahead with this project proposal on a modified basis. He said, however, that he would be happy to withdraw his motion if the Council does not wish to proceed.

Mr. Williams pointed out that these CDBG funds will not be available until next year. So, the Council could go ahead and adopt the resolution, and at the same time, proceed with contacting the county to see if they would be willing to fund the study.

Ms. Porter agreed.

Mr. Elrich explained that it worries him to say that the Council is willing to spend the money on the proposal, when we know that we are going to proceed on a parallel track (i.e., pursue getting the money from the county). He said that he would rather reprogram the money up-front.

Ms. Porter remarked that by programming the money in this way, the City may be in a position to offer to put some of our CDBG money in with County funds to proceed with a jointly funded study.

Community Development Coordinator Jean Sickle stated that the proposals have already been transmitted to the county, and are already pretty well through the county's system. She noted that the monies will not be appropriated until next year, and that there may be changes which would alter the focus for this money. The funds could then be reprogrammed. She remarked about the two levels of the proposal--data gathering and analysis, and the use of a consultant for recommendations. Ms. Sickle said that the City could send a letter to the county, and ask them to put this kind of project in their work plan for next year. She noted that Fred Boyt has indicated that this type of data gathering could be incorporated into the county's data gathering for the Master Plan process.

Mr. Elrich stated that he remains unconvinced that there is any need for a study beyond the Montgomery County study, and that he will vote against the resolution. He said that he would love to see the list of questions that would be asked of a consultant, and remarked that there is little he can imagine which cannot be concluded rather easily through Council discussion. He commented that he would like the Council to vote against the resolution, adding that the City does not have a role in marketing development in the City.

Mr. Williams said that he will vote for the resolution based on another reason--it would reserve the money for economic development.

Ms. Porter stated that she would agree with Mr. Williams, and that she disagrees, to some extent, with Mr. Elrich's view that the City does not have a role in marketing. She cited the example of possibly promoting a "Takoma Junction Day" type activity as something that might be appropriate for the City to be involved in.

Mr. Rubin agreed with Ms. Porter. He said that the town suffers by not having a Chamber of Commerce, and consequently, the City does need to take a role in marketing for businesses.

Mr. Elrich remarked that he can see the importance of the City sponsoring/supporting some activities, but to the larger task of marketing development in the community, the City should not be responsible. He said that he has yet to hear specific questions that we need another consultant to answer, and reiterated that he does not see a need for a third study. However, he said that he does see a need for funds being put toward more tenant work throughout the City (e.g., work on Lee Avenue). If the residential community is strengthened, development will be strengthened.

Mr. Sharp agreed with Mr. Elrich, at this stage, about the general skepticism for the need for another consultant, but stated that he will vote in favor of the resolution since the proposal is still broad enough for the Council to have some control later down the line. He commented that he understands Mr. Williams' point about ear-marking the money for economic development.

Mr. Williams said that the two approaches need to occur simultaneously--set aside the funds for economic development and pursue options with the county for funding the project.

Ms. Porter agreed with the idea of setting aside this money for some economic development project.

Mr. Rubin noted that one of the other proposals did address tenant assistance (i.e., Essex House computer lab).

Resolution #1997-61, as amended, was adopted unanimously, clarifying the role of the City Council in defining the Scope of Work for the preparation of a community economic development strategy (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Chavez, Porter, Rubin, Williams; AGAINST: Elrich; ABSENT: Davenport).

**RESOLUTION #1997-61
(Attached)**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Sharp noted that City Clerk Sartoph has been accepted into the International Institute for Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Advanced Academy for Education (AAE designation). He described the requirements for this designation, and congratulated Ms. Sartoph on this personal and professional achievement.

ADJOURNMENT / WORKSESSION / EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council moved into Worksession at 8:20 p.m. The Council adjourned at 9:23 p.m. and immediately convened in Executive Session. Following the Executive Session, the Council adjourned for the evening.

Executive Session 10/13/97 - Moved by Williams; seconded by Chavez. Council convened in Executive Session by unanimous vote at 9:30 p.m., in the Conference Room. OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sharp, Chavez, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams. OFFICIAL ABSENT: Davenport. Item #1: Council received legal advice regarding the bond repayment plan; staff was directed to change the language of the ordinance (STAFF PRESENT: Habada Sartoph, Bond Counsel Pat Arey). Item #2: Council received legal advice regarding the lease of parking spaces to the Food Co-op on the City-owned lot in Takoma Junction; direction was provided to staff (STAFF PRESENT: Sartoph, Sickle, Legal Counsel Ellis Koch). Item #3: The Council discussed the City Administrator's evaluation; work on the evaluation was not concluded (STAFF PRESENT: None). (Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(7) and (1)(ii)).

Introduced by: Councilmember Williams

RESOLUTION #1997-60

ADOPTING RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE LIST OF COMPANIES WITH DIRECT EQUITY LINKS WITH BURMA AS PREPARED BY THE INVESTOR RESPONSIBILITY RESEARCH CENTER (IRRC)

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1996-33, adopted on October 28, 1996, established the City of Takoma Park as a City assisting in the restoration of democracy and respect for the human rights in Burma in the manner requested by Nobel Peace Price Laureat Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy Party; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Free Burma Act prohibits City officials, employees, and agents from granting any award, contract or purchase, or purchasing or leasing products produced by a firm on the Takoma Park Free Burma list; **AND**

WHEREAS, Section 3A-4(e) of the Free Burma Act requires the City Council to annually adopt a Takoma Park Free Burma list to guide the City, its officials, employees, and agents in the procurement of goods and services for the City; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Free Burma Commission obtained, reviewed, and has recommended that applicable sections of the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT the following sections from the August 29, 1997, version of the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) quarterly publication *Multinational Business in Burma (Myanmar)* be adopted and hereinafter referred to as the "Takoma Park Free Burma List":

Pages AI-1 through AI-5 — U.S. Companies with direct equity links in Burma
Pages BI-1 through B1-30 — Non-U.S. Companies with direct equity links in Burma

ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 1997.

Introduced by : Councilmember Chavez

RESOLUTION 1997 - 61

A Resolution clarifying the role of the City Council in defining the Scope of Work for the preparation of a community economic development strategy.

WHEREAS, City Council acted on the recommendation received from the Community Advisory Committee to include the preparation of a community economic development strategy as one of the CDBG PY 24 activities; and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated for this activity was \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this activity will not be available to the City for approximately one year; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to reserve the right to modify how this project will be implemented, or to terminate the proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD that the Scope of Work proposed for the Community Economic Development Strategy be submitted to City Council for review and concurrence prior , to the publication of the Request for Proposals.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 1997.

Introduced by: Councilmember Williams
(Drafted by: C. Sartoph)

1st Reading: 9/22/97
2nd Reading: 10/13/97

ORDINANCE #1997 - 47

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK,
MARYLAND

SECTION 1. THAT the persons named below, all registered voters of the City of Takoma Park, are hereby designated as Judges to serve as a Board of Election for the November 4, 1997 City Election:

- (1) Claire B. Kozel, 7804 Wildwood Drive
- (2) Pearl Blacksin, 652 Kennebec Avenue
- (3) June A. Aloï, 14 Sherman Avenue
- (4) Harold Alston, 7710 Maple Avenue, #105
- (5) Verne Wilson, 907 Davis Avenue
- (6) Billie M. Dyhouse, 7051 Carroll Avenue, #617
- (7) Rein S. Parris, 7620 Maple Avenue, #730
- (8) Martin Morse Wooster, 8624 Flower Avenue, #101
- (9) Valerie Dant, 7406 Carroll Avenue
- (10) Joan N. Sidell, 606 Boston Avenue
- (11) Steven A. Breckbill, 7104 Woodland Avenue
- (12) Howard F. Miller, 7725 Carroll Avenue
- (13) Valerie Tonat, 7222 Spruce Avenue
- (14) Carol Clayton, 6706 Allegheny Avenue
- (15) Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue
- (16) Willie R. Blalock, 7333 New Hampshire Avenue, #1020
- (17) Ruth Abbott, 7416 Holly Avenue
- (18) C.P. Cook, 7206 Carroll Avenue
- (19) Patricia Shaw, 7051 Carroll Avenue #1103
- (20) Thirkield Cravens, 7051 Carroll Avenue #217
- (21) April LeGrand, 7710 Maple Avenue #209
- (22) Alan R. Centa, 504 Ethan Allen Avenue
- (23) Estella B. Hendrickson, 7400 Baltimore Avenue

SECTION 2. THAT this Ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 13 day of October, 1997 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Sharp, Chavez, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davenport

Editorial Note: Underlined text has been added since first reading.

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND (FINAL 11/12/97)

BRIEFING, REGULAR MEETING, WORKSESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, October 27, 1997

PROPERTY OF TAKOMA PARK MD. LIBRARY

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Executive Session 10/20/97 - Moved by Elrich; seconded by Chavez. Council convened in Executive Session by unanimous vote at 9:40 p.m., in the Conference Room. OFFICIALS PRESENT: Sharp, Chavez, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams. OFFICIAL ABSENT: Davenport. Item #1: Council was briefed on the contract dispute with Greenhome & O'Mara; direction was given to staff pertaining to contract dispute (STAFF PRESENT: Habada, Sartoph, Silber). Item #2: Council discussed the City Administrator's evaluation; discussion was not completed (STAFF PRESENT: None). (Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(8) and (1)(i)).

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

- Mayor Sharp
Councilmember Elrich
Councilmember Porter
Councilmember Rubin
Councilmember Williams
City Administrator Habada
City Clerk Sartoph
Lieutenant Rosenthal
Public Works Team Leader Shafer

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

- Councilmember Chavez
Councilmember Davenport

The City Council convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 1997, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, these remarks were made:

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sharp noted for the record that a quorum of the Council is present.

Councilmember Rubin commended two groups of residents, both primarily constituents of Ward 1 and connected with the PEN Association. One group organized an amateur night, recently, which showcased more than just "amateur" talent. The event was held at the Presbyterian Church. He named some of the people who were involved in the production. Mr. Rubin also thanked several residents, naming a few, for organizing the Safety Fair which was held this past Sunday. Despite the weather, the event was well attended. It re-enforced the idea that the City is working on community oriented and cross-jurisdictional policing.

Councilmember Elrich announced that tomorrow, the Montgomery County Council will be voting on a Growth Plan. He explained the "PAYGO" provision which is currently included in the plan, and described it as cutting the heart out of the adequate public facilities ordinance. PAYGO provides leeway for a four year period. The impact on the City is that the capital projects in the four-year CIP could be bumped. He elaborated. Mr. Elrich concluded by urging viewers to call the County Council tomorrow morning, and request that the PAYGO provision be separated-out from the Growth Plan for further consideration.

Councilmember Williams recognized the Sunday Farmers Market ceremony which marked the transition of the market to private management versus City sponsorship. The event was well attended, and several dignitaries were present. The farmers look forward to sponsoring a number of events that will call attention to the Farmers Market and the City.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The City Council Meeting Minutes from 10/13/97 were adopted without objection (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Elrich, Rubin, Williams; ABSENT: Chavez, Davenport, Porter).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Benjamin Onyeneke, Maple Avenue (Generation X), commended the "Million Woman March" that took place in Philadelphia. He commented on the state of world affairs, the environment, school systems, and the stock market.

(Councilmember Porter arrived at 7:56 p.m.)

BRIEFING

1. Prince George's County Miles NCIC Access. Lieutenant Rosenthal provided some background on the subject. In September, the City's computer access to Prince George's County was turned off because the City is no longer in Prince George's County. With the assistance of the City Administrator and other contacts, we were able to get the system turned back on. He described the city's proximity to Prince George's County as one reason access to this system is so vital. He commented on the inability to check the county's warrant records without access to the system, since Prince George's County records are not always filed in the State system. The Prince George's County system, via a single terminal, provides the city with county, state, and national records. Montgomery County records are printed in hard-copy. He explained that the city is currently working with Prince George's County to determine a way we can stay on the system and receive upgrades within a price range that is affordable to the city. We do not know what the cost will be at this point, but the system is very important to the city and the county.

Councilmember Porter questioned whether there is a cost to Prince George's County to keep the City on the system.

City Administrator Habada added that the reason the City's access was cut-off is because Prince George's County is in the process of upgrading their equipment and did not recognize our terminal since we are no longer in the county. When we called to say our link had been cut, they hooked us up again, but we were told that it cost them \$6,000 to re-connect the City.

Lt. Rosenthal stated that the City has paid \$280/year in the past for access.

Ms. Porter commented that she would think it is an advantage to the county for the City to be on-line with the system.

Lt. Rosenthal agreed that he would hope that the county sees it in this way.

Ms. Porter remarked that in terms of the city-county cooperation, she is virtually certain that the "help" goes both ways.

Lt. Rosenthal commented on joint efforts between the city and county, noting that Prince George's County officials are not opposed to the City being on the system. The question centers around the cost of access for the City.

Ms. Habada stated that the cost has been subsidized in the past, but now that the City is not in the county, it is no longer being subsidized.

Ms. Porter said that she would like to work with the county in the same, mutually beneficial way as we have been able to with the District.

Mr. Williams recognized the argument that the City is no longer in Prince George's County, but said that he would like to see negotiations move toward a more narrow margin between what we have paid in the past and how much we will pay in the future for access.

Ms. Porter asked whether staff has talked to the political contacts at the county level.

Ms. Habada stated that she has talked to County Councilmember Steve DelGiudice and Senator Dorman. They are both aware of the situation.

Ms. Porter noted the outreach to forge relationships with the District Police, a lot of which was spearheaded by Councilmember Rubin. She suggested that the City should make similar efforts with Prince George's County.

Lt. Rosenthal restated that figures regarding the cost to provide access and the subsequent cost to the City have not been derived.

Mr. Williams said that the actual costs of providing access to the City need to be determined.

Lt. Rosenthal noted that the system will remain up and running until the matter is settled.

Mr. Sharp commended Ms. Habada on her efforts in related to this matter.

REGULAR MEETING (8:13 p.m.)

2. Resolution re: Free Burma Committee. Mr. Sharp explained the resolution. Moved by Williams; seconded by Elrich.

Resolution #1997-62 was adopted unanimously, appointing Susanne Lowen to the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams; ABSENT: Chavez, Davenport).

RESOLUTION #1997-62 (Attached)

3. Resolution re: State "Live Near Your Work" Program. Mr. Sharp explained the resolution. Moved by Rubin; seconded by Porter.

Mr. Williams referred to the maps which were attached to the resolution, and questioned the placement of the boundary lines (e.g., down the center of a street, to one side of a street, etc.)

He asked for clarification on specific streets.

Ms. Habada responded.

The discussion of the resolution was suspended.

Mr. Sharp suspended the discussion, and recognized Congressman Wynn had just entered the room from a Town Meeting he had been holding in the upstairs rooms of the Municipal Building.

Congressman Wynn commented that it had been an interesting and lively community meeting. There were a lot of issues discussed--the InterCounty Connector (ICC), and federal issues like the balanced budget and child care. He stated that he is on the Commerce Committee that is discussing energy deregulation, and that he would be keeping the City informed. Mr. Wynn noted that city-related concerns were expressed regarding the need for street lights on New Hampshire Avenue and activities for young African-American males.

Mr. Sharp said that the City is interested in the energy issue.

Mr. Wynn remarked that he would be willing to put together an information package, and thanked the Council for recognizing him this evening.

Mr. Williams said that he understands that there is a bill regarding police technology upgrades (similar to the McCain Bill), and stated that he would like to see the bill moved forward.

Mr. Wynn responded that he has not seen the bill, but that he has heard something about it. He requested a statement of support for the bill from the City.

Mr. Rubin thanked Congressman Wynn for holding the Town Meeting in Takoma Park, adding that his meeting engages city residents at a very high and knowledgeable level of discussion. Mr. Rubin commented that the "give-and-take" was higher than usual for such meetings.

Mr. Wynn concluded that he always enjoys coming to the city, and that he looks forward to his next visit.

The Council returned to discussion of the resolution.

Mr. Williams emphasized that he wants to be sure about the lines on the maps, and wants to make sure that staff has a clear idea about what is "in" and what is "out" of the eligible areas.

Mr. Sharp suggested that there should be an address list that corresponds to the maps which could be used as the "eligible" list.

Ms. Habada agreed, noting that while we do not have one this evening, staff can surely compile one.

Mr. Williams encouraged staff to generate the list as soon as possible.

Resolution #1997-63 was adopted unanimously, authorizing submission of the "Live Near Your Work" application/registration form (VOTING FOR: Sharp, Elrich, Porter, Rubin, Williams; ABSENT: Chavez, Davenport).

**RESOLUTION #1997-63
(Attached)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Williams

RESOLUTION #1997-62

**EFFECTING APPOINTMENT TO THE
TAKOMA PARK FREE BURMA COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City Council established the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee (Ordinance #1996-33) to oversee implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Free Burma Act (City Code, Chapter 3A. Burma, Restricted Relations With); AND

WHEREAS, the Code describes the committee as being comprised of seven members, and recommends that at least one member should be of Burmese origin; AND

WHEREAS, persons appointed to the committee shall serve two-year terms, except that three of the initial appointees shall serve one-year terms; AND

WHEREAS, currently, there is one vacancy on the committee; AND

WHEREAS, the Council interviewed a resident who has expressed interest in appointment to the committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following person is hereby appointed to serve on the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee:

NAME	ADDRESS	TERM EXPIRES
Susanne Lowen	7216 Trescott Avenue	3/31/98

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT appointments to this Committee shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 1997.

ATTEST:


Catherine E. W. Sartoph, City Clerk, CMC



Introduced by: Councilmember Rubin

RESOLUTION 1997 - 63

A Resolution authorizing submission of the application/registration form to Montgomery County to become a "Live Near Your Work Employer".

WHEREAS, the City was a joint applicant along with Montgomery County for the Live Near Your Work (LNYW) program; and

WHEREAS, the application was approved by the State allocating \$30,000 in matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage and support staff to purchase homes within the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the City is willing to commit a total of \$5,000 toward this program with \$1,000 as a matching available to an individual City employee who purchases a home located in the of the areas designated under the State's Neighborhood Business Development Program (see attached maps).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD that the City Administrator is authorized to submit the Application/Registration Form to Montgomery County and to inform City employees of the availability of \$1,000 from the City as a participating employer as a match to assist in the purchase of a home in one of the "designated areas.

Adopted this 27 th day of October, 1997.

