

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

Single Reading: July 6, 2015

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**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-30**

**SELECTING THE LAW FIRM OF BREGMAN, BERBERT, SCHWARTZ & GILDAY, LLC FOR THE TAKOMA JUNCTION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RETAIN THE LAW FIRM**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 902 of the City of Takoma Park Charter, which states that the Council shall have the power to employ such legal counsel or consultants as it deems necessary from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park requires special legal counsel for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project and other development issues as they arise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park solicited and received proposals from such development attorneys interested in being retained by the City of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed said proposals and interviewed prospective attorneys on June 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council selected Douglas Bregman, Esq., and team members Françoise M. Carrier, Timothy P. Schwartz, and Grace Burnside, of the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC to represent the City of Takoma Park in the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC will charge the City of Takoma Park an hourly rate of \$295 per hour for all work completed by the firm's attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the details of a representation agreement are to be finalized between Douglas Bregman and the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager represents the City of Takoma Park and the City Council in developing an attorney-client relationship with the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC.

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

SECTION 1. Douglas Bregman, Esq., and his team of the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC is hereby selected as the City's attorneys for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project.

SECTION 2. The City Manager shall and hereby does have authority to negotiate a representation agreement with the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC, and sign such agreement on behalf of the City of Takoma Park.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized to expend up to \$30,000 for the firm's legal services for the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2015, BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Williams, Grimes, Male, Stewart, Seamens, Smith, Schultz

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None