

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-44

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has contracted with a firm to provide legislative advocacy services at the State level for many years, but has not had similar services provided at the County level; and

WHEREAS, the Council has discussed various strategies to try to increase funding to the City from Montgomery County and one of the strategies discussed was utilizing the services of a legislative advocacy firm to represent the City's interests at the County level; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for legislative advocacy services was posted in June 2017 with a July 7, 2017 deadline for submission of proposals; and

WHEREAS, we received proposals from four firms specializing in legislative advocacy; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Council and City staff met with representatives of two firms identified by staff as finalists based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Alexander & Cleaver was ultimately selected for the contract award; and

WHEREAS, the fixed price fee for provision of the services outlined firm's proposal is \$20,000 for the initial contract term.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into a contract with Alexander & Cleaver to provide legislative advocacy services as outlined in the firm's proposal for a fixed price fee of \$20,000.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee is further authorized to renew such contract for up to four additional one-year terms subject to the firm's performance and the amount of funds budgeted.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this 6th day of September, 2017 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Stewart, Kovar, Qureshi, Seamens, Smith, Schultz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Male