

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-29**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WITH OLD TAKOMA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park, Maryland is interested in promoting the revitalization of its commercial areas by encouraging the development and expansion of the many businesses operating within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Old Takoma Business Association (“OTBA”) represents the shared interests of the businesses, organizations, and property owners located along and in the vicinity of Carroll Avenue from Lee Avenue in Takoma Park to 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW in Washington, DC., commonly known as “Main Street Takoma”; and

WHEREAS, the mission of OTBA, designated by the State of Maryland as a Maryland Main Street, includes the preservation and enhancement of the physical appearance and health of the area, the retention of its diverse businesses, and the recruitment of new businesses that will contribute to the economic vitality of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having identified Main Street Takoma as an important commercial center within the city, recognizes the need to supplement the economic development services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City’s FY2020 Budget includes funding for contracted economic development services in the Main Street Takoma commercial area with the OTBA.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract with Old Takoma Business Association, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$36,750.00 for economic development services in the Main Street Takoma commercial center.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is further authorized to renew, as appropriate, such contract for up to two additional one-year terms.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2019 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Stewart, Kovar