

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

Single Reading: December 2, 2020

Effective Date: December 2, 2020

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-32**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR
FACILITATION SERVICES FOR REIMAGING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force on September 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council wished to have facilitation services for the effective functioning of the Task Force and to design and create an inclusive engagement process and meeting environment that is supportive of the members and encourages participation; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was issued on October 23, 2020 and three responsive proposals were submitted; and

WHEREAS, a review team of three City Council members, three City staff members and two community members reviewed the proposals, met with two of the firms, and agreed on a firm to recommend to the full City Council to serve as the facilitation team; and

WHEREAS, the review team recommended LINK Associates at a rate of \$15,000 per month for six months of services; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000 has been budgeted for the facilitation services and a budget amendment will be required to fully fund this work.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with LINK Associates for facilitation services.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2020 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None