

Introduced by: Councilmember Schultz

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2016-28**

**AFFIRMING AUTHORITY TO EXCEED CONTRACTED AMOUNT OF ATTORNEY FEES RELATED TO TAKOMA JUNCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council authorized the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC to represent the City in the Takoma Junction Redevelopment Project through Ordinances 2015-30 and 2016-12; and

WHEREAS, the total amount authorized to pay for the work was \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, as of June 30, 2016, payments to the firm total approximately \$77,000; and

WHEREAS, negotiation on the Development Agreement and Ground Lease with Neighborhood Development Company have been continuing such that the total amount due to the legal firm will exceed \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, the amount exceeded will only become known during the City Council's August recess; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized by Takoma Park City Code Section 7.08.090, Extensions, to extend a contract by up to 25% when circumstances warrant it; and

WHEREAS, the Council and City Manager are committed to being open about costs related to this critical economic development project; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment will be required to come before the Council for the extended amount of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT the Council affirms the authority of the City Manager to extend the contract with the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC, by up to 25% of the contracted amount.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2016.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk