

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-40**  
**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with**  
**The Mercer Group, Inc. for Executive Search Firm Services**  
**for the position of Police Chief**

WHEREAS, Police Chief Cindy Creamer will retire effective July 31, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager believes it would be beneficial to retain the services of an executive search firm to assist with the hiring of the City's next Police Chief; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's procurement regulations, the City issued a Request for Proposals for executive search firm services on June 14, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited from eight firms specializing in executive searches for municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, in response to its Request for Proposals, the City received expressions of interest from six firms; and,

WHEREAS, staff believes that the proposal of The Mercer Group, Inc. is most responsive and recommends that the City enter into a contract with the firm.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with The Mercer Group, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,500 for executive search firm services for the position of Police Chief.

SECTION 2. Funding is available in Account Number 9000-6140, Non-Departmental Contracts.

Adopted this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of July, 2006, by roll-call vote as follows:

AYE: Porter, Austin-Lane, Clay, Seamens, Williams

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Barry, Elrich