

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 9, 1957

In the absence of Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Forehand called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilwoman Monitor asked that the minutes of August 12, 1957 be corrected as follows: Under Parks and Recreation Committee, Item 3, that "Heffner Park" be substituted in lieu of "Forest Park" as having a new sliding board. Also, that in the last sentence where Councilwoman Monitor reported on the activities being held at Forest and Spring Parks, that these events are sponsored by the City, at the Parks. The minutes of August 12, 1957 were then accepted as correct.

The Bank transactions for the Month of July 1957 were read as follows:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:

Bank Balance June 30, 1957	\$ 20,965.91
Receipts (July)	238,204.87
	<u>\$259,170.78</u>
Disbursements (July)	27,359.82
Bank Balance July 31, 1957	<u>\$231,810.96</u>

Suburban Trust Company:

Bank Balance June 30	25,022.89
Receipts (July)	8,217.70
Bank Balance July 31, 1957	<u>\$33,240.59</u>

Total Both Bank Balances: \$265,051.55

Special Improvements Account:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:

Bank Balance June 30, 1957	\$13,721.33
Receipts (July)	50.00
Bank Balance July 30, 1957	<u>\$13,771.33</u>
(No Disbursements)	

Special Library Building Account:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park

Bank Balance June 30, 1957	\$ 18.24
No deposits or withdrawals	.00
Bank Balance July 31, 1957	<u>\$ 18.24</u>

The complete financial statement for July will be submitted upon completion of Audit of balances to be brought forward from June 30th, 1957.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

1. Thomas M. Hoffmeister, Certified Public Accountant, Audit Report, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. Referred to Council Files.
2. Harry H. Millard, Attorney & Counsellor at Law, Washington, D. C., Commendation of Police Department. Referred to Council Files.
3. Climon McCalvin, Pres., Colby Ave. Citizens Assn., Bushes, Traffic Sign, Police Patrol, Colby Ave. Referred to Public Safety Committee & Public Welfare Committee.
4. Mrs. William Greene, 7127 Willow Ave., Trees - Removal & Replacement. Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee.
5. Walter H. McClenon, 7211 Cedar Ave., Affiliation with foreign City. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Mrs. Edith L. Lampe, Chairman, Forest Park Recreation Council, Cooperation in Recreation Program by Police & Public Works Depts. Referred to Council Files.
7. Mrs. James A. Robertson, Pres., Board of Trustees of the Takoma Park, Maryland, Library Association, Professional Survey of Library Operation. Referred to Civic Improvements and Parks & Recreation Committees.
8. Mrs. Carrie Braver, 7123 Maple Ave., Division of Property - Fence. Referred to Civic Improvements & Law and Ordinances Committees.
9. Mrs. Carrie Braver, 7123 Maple Ave., Division of Property - Fence, letter of appreciation. Referred to Council Files.
10. H. N. Woodall, Chairman, Special Committee for Codification Recommendations, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Recommendations regarding the proposed "Codification" of City Ordinances. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.

- 11. Clarence N. Smith, 8601 Carroll Lane, Silver Spring, Md., Proposed Street Planning, dated May 22, 1957 by MNCP&P. Referred to Public Works Committee.
- 12. Mrs. George E. Robertson, 7307 Willow Avenue, President of Board of Trustees, Takoma Park Maryland Library, Invitation to Mayor and City Council to attend joint meeting, date to be set. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Philip T. Mattson, 7303 Willow Avenue, a Trustee from Takoma Park Elementary School, spoke concerning the playground next to the school. He stated that it was the only area large enough in the locality, where the children could play ball, and that numerous citizens were concerned as to what might happen, should the City decide to sell the lot. Councilman Collison informed Mr. Mattson that the City had turned down the official proposal by the County School Board, for exchange of subject property with an old school building. Mr. Mattson was happy to hear of the City's decision, and asked the Council's opinion, as to whether it would be advisable to go ahead with the construction of the driveway, as mentioned before, and was told that there were no plans at present concerning the property. Mr. Mattson also mentioned that he realized that should the school need to expand, that they would need to purchase more property. At this time, Councilman McKenzie mentioned that in the correspondence with the School Board that they had not given any guarantee that they would not build on the property. Councilman Collison also stated that they might be able to purchase the property, providing they were willing to pay enough for it. Mr. Mattson stated he felt the Council had answered his questions adequately, and that the Council would no doubt hear from him in the future.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel reported at this time as he had to leave to attend another meeting, therefore, his report is as follows:

- 1. Councilman Kozel reported that he had spoken with Mr. C. L. Risher concerning the swimming pool at 7306 Cedar Avenue, and that Mr. Risher wanted a definite answer that a permit had not been issued, at the time of construction. Councilman Kozel requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write Mr. Risher as soon as possible concerning the matter. Also, that a copy of the letter sent the City from S. W. Parrish, Chief, Division of Zoning, Permits and Licenses, Montgomery County, be sent Mr. Risher.
- 2. Councilman Kozel recommended that the Council approve Zoning Petition No. B-558, Lot 4, Blk 3, Hillcrest Subdivision, R-60 to R-40 Zone. Councilman McKenzie felt very strongly that the approval should be denied, as the builder knew he was violating the law previously, however, Councilman Kozel believed that the whole area would eventually be rezoned R-40, on the new Plan Map. There was considerable discussion concerning the building in question remaining two family, or whether there would be a possibility of future violation, because the building has facilities for the establishment of more apartments. It was also stated that even though there were facilities for more than two apartments, the consideration was for a two-family zoning. Therefore, Councilman Sidell seconded the above motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman McKenzie voted Nay.
- 3. Councilman Kozel stated that the Women's Club is considering the purchase of the old Presbyterian Manse, as a clubhouse, and that Mr. Ferry had accompanied a representative of the Women's Club on a tour of the house and grounds. No decision has been made by the Committee concerning the request for suitable land for a building. The question of zoning came up concerning the property, however, this will depend on future developments.
- 4. Councilman Kozel asked that Mr. Pridgen write Mrs. Carrie Braver, and tell her that the Council is pleased that the fence on her property has been taken care of, however, that it was not due to any action of a member of the City Council, unless Mayor Miller had possibly exerted some influence concerning the matter.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor stated that she had talked with Mr. Lee Jordan again, and that he is most anxious to obtain a meeting place for his teenagers. Councilwoman Monitor pointed out that the building removed from Heffner Park, wasn't actually a building, but a ramshackle hazard, and in extremely poor condition, and that it had been finally torn down, after the Director of the Park had stated she was afraid some child might get hurt, as it seems numerous children insisted on playing there, and it being so dilapidated, it was removed completely, also that it would not have been a suitable recreation center.
2. Councilwoman Monitor stated that she would appreciate receiving, any ideas concerning the 75th Anniversary - "Founder's Day" - November 24, 1958.
3. Councilwoman Monitor mentioned that she had talked with the Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary concerning the sponsorship of the Majorettes, and that they would be holding a meeting soon, and discuss the situation further.
4. Councilwoman Monitor moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1457

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK,
MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1455, adopted August 12, 1957 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. AND THAT the WAR MEMORIAL be erected on the SOUTH corner of the TRIANGULAR PARK bounded by Philadelphia Avenue, West Philadelphia Avenue and Maple Avenue.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the above described Park hereinafter be known as MEMORIAL PARK.

Councilman McKenzie asked why the site of the Memorial had been changed, and was informed that it was felt that the above location was a better site, also due to the possible future widening of Philadelphia Ave. The above Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Forshee, upon being put to question, was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Councilman Kozel absent.

5. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Takoma Boys Club has taken honors in the Senior Baseball Groups, for the second year; The Midgets' Team took first place; Tigers' Team won trophy. Councilwoman Monitor felt that they should be commended for the fine Sportsmanship they have shown, also that the adults in charge of them should be commended on the help they have given these boys. Councilwoman Monitor requested the Clerk-Treasurer to check with Mayor Miller about inviting the teams and their sponsors to attend the next meeting, and that Capt. Cissel be asked to be present with his camera, to take a picture of the boys. She also commended the Public Works and Police Departments for the splendid cooperation they have given the Recreation Program, and further reported the following registrations for the Park Areas: Forest Park 137; Spring Park 130; Hampshire Greens Park 144; Sligo Park 290; Washington Park 216; Heffner Park 77; pointing out that the volunteers who offer their services during the past months have helped to make the Recreation Program a huge success. The total participation in the Summer Programs was tallied to be 35,101 in attendance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported concerning the Front Foot Benefit Charge, Lot 28A, Blk 54, B. F. G. Subdivision, Intersection of Kennebec, Houston & Sligo Creek Parkway, in that the Mayor and Council abide by the City Charter, Section 1429, last part of Section (e), as follows: "In the case of irregularly shaped lots not definitely constituting corner lots, where the frontages thereof are excessive, the Council shall make an assessment against fifty feet of said frontage and against one-half only of the additional frontage thereof." The lot in question is proposed as an apartment building site.
2. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1458

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT the sum of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (\$383.12) is hereby appropriated from the RESERVE FUND for additional costs of MAPLE Avenue widening (P/W Project #57-3) as follows: (a) Contee Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., \$48.12 for net extra work after allowance for credits; (b) McNeill Surveys, Inc., \$335.00 for survey and plans.

Section 2. THEREFORE THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payments in accordance with this Ordinance and previously adopted Ordinance Nos. 1440 and 1443.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor, Yea. Nays: None. Councilman Kozel absent.

3. Councilman Forshee moved the authorization of payment of accounts for the Month of July in the amount of \$27,359.82; (Due to the establishment of a new bookkeeping system, the payroll disbursements are also being included); also of the accounts for the Month of August in the amount of \$192,749.10; (This amount is quite large due to the transfer of \$150,000.00 being taken from the General Account and placed in Certificates of Deposit, thereby earning interest). Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the above motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

1. Councilman Collison reported that in the Committee's opinion, the Blasting & Excavation Permits as required by the City of Takoma Park, should remain as is, in accordance with Police Regulations, and so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Collison reported on the Dirt & Water damage to back lot - 6913 Prince George's Avenue - City, in that, years ago the City had laid a storm drain in the area and later it had been plugged up, and another laid. Therefore, it was felt that it was the City's responsibility to correct the condition, even though a private property problem, and that the Public Works Department should do the job, which will probably cost around \$200. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved that the Public Works Department be authorized to proceed with the minimum amount of work necessary. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Collison reported on the Paving of Niagara and Ritchie Avenues; After a meeting with Director of Public Works Remsen, it was decided that the present plans were not adequate, inasmuch as the approachway to the new proposed Public Works site on Oswego Avenue is also under consideration. The situation was also discussed with McNeill Surveys Inc., and it was felt that a new plan should be drawn up to include the necessary work on Oswego Avenue, Ritchie and Niagara Avenues, down as far as Lincoln Avenue, also taking into consideration the two bridges on Lincoln. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved that permission be given to contact McNeill Surveys, Inc., and have them draw up a new set of plans including the above. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.
4. Councilman Collison moved that the Clerk-Treasurer advertise, on September 17, in the proper local newspapers, for bids, for the paving of Boston and Dundalk Avenues, in order that bids received might be opened on October 9th. Plans and Specifications are to be obtained from the Public Works Department. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.
5. Councilman Collison inquired of Corporation Counsel Gingerich, that in the event the City continues to use the Parking Lot opposite #8 Columbia, as a parking and storage lot, could the parties interested, contest the property in question on a zoning violation charge. Corporation Counsel informed him they could.
6. Councilman Collison asked that final payment be made to the Kelley Construction Company, on the Storm Drainage Work at Forest Park, in the amount of \$327.07, provided that this amount is within the contract price, as set up in Ordinance #1368.
7. Councilman Collison reported that the Public Works Repair Shop is very much in need of a Transmission Jack. This item is listed on the Capital Outlay Section of the 1957-58 Budget, and is in urgent need, in that one of the Trash collection trucks now has a broken transmission, and that it can be repaired by Public Works much more economically than sending the truck to a repair shop. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved that a Transmission Jack, in the amount of \$249.95, be purchased immediately, from the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.
8. Councilman Collison reported that an estimate has been received from A. Myron Cowell, Inc., to repair the cracks appearing in the side of the City Office Building, in the amount of \$295.00. It was pointed out that the above concern is reliable, and that they will attempt to determine the cause of the damage, and in the event it is the fault of previous work, an arrangement for an adjustment can be made. Councilman Collison moved that A. Myron Cowell, Inc., be requested to do the above work, in the amount of \$295.00, and that this amount be taken from the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.
9. Councilman Collison reported that the present Civil Defense Generator will have to be shipped back to the factory, because of the wrong voltage, and unless it is rewired it would necessitate the purchase of a new one, which would cost about \$1,800.00. The cost of this change will be about \$201.58, including freight charges of about \$39.00 each way. There was some discussion as to how this item would be taken care of, and it was finally decided that it should be paid out of the Civil Defense Fund, at this time, and that if the Civil Defense Director should need more funds at a later date, the situation would be met at that time. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved that the amount of \$201.58 be appropriated from the Civil Defense Budget, to correct the voltage on the present generator. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.
10. Councilman Collison reported on the request of Mr. Painter, 703-05-07 Devonshire Road, concerning the storm waters in the area, that this request is entirely one of private property, and not a matter of the City. Councilman Collison asked that the Clerk-Treasurer write Mr. Painter, explaining the situation to him, also that Mr. Remsen of Public Works, could give him various explanations, concerning the above.

11. Councilman Collison asked that the request of Mr. Linton concerning street numbering in the City, be referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.

12. Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Vincent Powell, an employee of the Public Works Department for over 11 years, is in Suburban Hospital and has requested that he be allowed to obtain his State Retirement Money, as the hospital is putting pressure on the family, for payment of his account. The Council felt, as a whole, that it would be unwise for Mr. Powell to cash in his retirement, as it might be needed at a later date, and that Mr. Powell is 59 yrs. of age, and could soon retire. It seems that his illness will be of a prolonged nature, therefore, Councilman Collison requested the Finance Committee to consider this matter. It was also stated that Mr. Powell has used up the Annual and Sick leave he is entitled to, therefore, the question of salary is also being considered. Director of Public Works Remsen has written to Suburban Hospital, explaining the situation, and it is hoped that some arrangement can be made, concerning Mr. Powell's need.

13. Councilman Collison reported on the complaint of Mr. Paul Chesser, as to the heavy truck traffic on Ethan Allen Avenue. There was some discussion as to whether the area in question is a concern of the State, or the City. A thorough investigation will be made, in an attempt to correct the situation.

14. Councilman Collison reported concerning the recent advertisement for a Public Works Administrative Assistant, and that the applications have been considered and narrowed down to two. One applicant could not be reached, however, a meeting has been arranged for Tuesday afternoon, September 11th, at 4:30 p.m., to interview the remaining applicant.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie moved that the Alley - rear 307 to 319 Boyd Avenue not be opened for public use. This same action was taken at a previous time. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported that Monday and Thursday of each week, from 4:30 to 6, have been designated for work on the Codification. The work will be done at Corporation Counsel Gingerich's office. Other members of the Committee are invited. Councilman McKenzie stated there is considerable work to be done on the Codification, and he was quite sure it would take some time to complete.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1459

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT 1500 80 X 80 ten ounce sheets of burlap be purchased from the GRAFLIN BAG COMPANY at \$53.50 per hundred, or a total of \$802.50.

Section 2. AND THAT the total amount of \$802.50 for the purchase of the aforementioned burlap be charged to Account #13.402B.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the above Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Kozel.

2. Councilman Sidell reported on the Sidewalk repair on Laurel Avenue, to the driveway at Takoma Motors, in that Mr. Remsen has estimates on the cost of the work. Councilman Sidell asked the Council to consider, whether to approach the Finance Committee concerning the cost, in the event Public Works is able to undertake the work, or to advertise for bids on the project. This matter should be discussed at the next meeting. Also that the sidewalk situations in front of High's and Hubbard's and Hopewell Avenue, are under consideration.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand moved that upon recommendation by the City Fire Board that Private First Class Glenn L. Minton, of the Fire Department be promoted to Sergeant, at a salary of \$4,640.00 per annum, according to the present Merit Plan, effective September 1st, 1957. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forehand moved that upon recommendation of the City Fire Board, that Private First Class Stanley F. Fickes be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, at a salary of \$4,520.00 per annum, according to the present Merit Plan, effective September 1st, 1957. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Forehand reported that the recent requests by the Colby Avenue Citizens Association, concerning traffic, etc., has been answered by the Clerk-Treasurer; as has been the request of the Merchants in the 7200 Block of New Hampshire Avenue, concerning the Parking Signs.

4. Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1460

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1182, concerning fire and rescue services of the City of Takoma Park for area bounded on the South by the District Line, on the East by New Hampshire Avenue, and on the North and West by the City of Takoma Park, be repealed in its entirety, inasmuch as the provisions stated in this Ordinance are no longer in effect, because of an act of the General Assembly of the State.

Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Kozel.

5. Councilman Forehand moved that Robert A. Bryne, 7629 Carroll Avenue, be appointed to the Special Police Organization. Mr. Bryne, at present, is a policeman at the Washington Sanitarium. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

6. Councilman Forehand moved that upon the recommendation of Chief of Police Foster, that Robert B. Macdonald, 9726 Wichita Avenue, College Park, having successfully passed all the requirements, be appointed as a Private, with the Takoma Park Police Department, for a probationary period at a salary of \$3,800.00 per annum, according to the present Merit Plan, effective September 16, 1957. Mr. Macdonald has served $4\frac{1}{2}$ years with the Prince Georges County Police Department. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

7. Councilman Forehand reported on the requests of Mrs. R. L. Dunn, concerning a letter drop box, and instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Post Office to investigate the situation.

Mr. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer asked the opinion of the Council concerning the desire of a Department to purchase equipment using funds appropriated for office supplies and it developed that this is an item for the Fire Prevention Training Program and has been approved by the Public Safety Committee. The article in question will amount to about \$350.00. It was agreed that the above purchase should be charged to Fire Prevention Administration.

Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reported that Mrs. Millie Savage, of the City Office, is the proud Mother of a baby girl, born on September 5th; also, Councilman Collison announced he is celebrating the arrival of his tenth grandchild, as of September 7th.

It was reported that two zoning violations are at present being taken to the Court of Appeals, and will be a good test for the City Housing Ordinance.

Fire Chief Carter reported that five of his men have graduated from the Fire Training Course at the University of Maryland this past month.

Lt. Bell of the Police Department, reported that the parking meters have all been placed in front of the Post Office, and that there is plenty of parking space available now.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, Councilman McKenzie moved the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

James M. Pridgen
Clerk-Treasurer

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 1957

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

The invocation was given by Rev. Oliver G. Grotefend of St. James Lutheran Church of Silver Spring, Maryland.

The minutes of the September 9, 1957 meeting were accepted as correct.

The Financial Statement for the month of August 1957 was read as follows:

SEE FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON PAGES 181 & 182

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:

Bank Balance July 31, 1957	\$231,810.96
Receipts (August)	64,723.26
	<u>\$296,534.22</u>
Disbursements (August)	192,749.10
(Included \$150,000.00 Cert. of Deposit)	
Bank Balance August 31, 1957	\$103,785.12

Suburban Trust Company:

Bank Balance July 31, 1957	\$ 33,240.59
Receipts (August)	1,129.53
Bank Balance August 31, 1957	<u>\$ 34,370.12</u>

Total Both Banks	<u>\$138,155.24</u>
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Special Improvements Account:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park	
Bank Balance July 31, 1957	\$13,771.33
No Receipts or Disbursements	-
Bank Balance Aug. 31, 1957	<u>\$13,771.33</u>

Special Library Building Account:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park	
Bank Balance July 31, 1957	\$18.24
No deposits or withdrawals	-
Bank Balance August 31, 1957	<u>\$18.24</u>

The complete financial statement for August will be submitted upon completion of Audit of balances to be brought forward from July 31st, 1957.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Board of Education, Montgomery County, September 10, 1957, "Exchange of Properties". Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
2. Howard Baker, Chairman, Building & Grounds Committee, Takoma Park Elementary School, PTA - "Exchange of Properties & Exit Drive". Referred to the Public Works Committee.
3. Wm. S. Opdyke, 710 Devorshire Road City, Driveway curb apron or entrance. Referred to the Public Works Committee.
4. M. E. Fagerstrom, President, Chamber of Commerce, Contribution to Halloween Party. Referred to the Finance and Parks and Recreation Committees.
5. Hammaker Brothers, Inc., Thurmont, Md., War Memorial. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. MNCP&PC, Montgomery County Planning Board, B-558, Approval of Technical Staff report to hold in abeyance for further study of revision of Takoma Park Plan. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Montgomery County Chapter, Maryland Municipal League, Notice and Agenda of Meeting, October 4, 1957. Referred to Council Files.
8. J. Wilson Dodd, Justice of the Peace, 7214 Spruce Ave., Resignation as Justice of Peace, effective December 31, 1957. Referred to the Law and Ordinances Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller addressed the Council, Members of the Press and Citizens present about the six year old daughter of a City employee who recently underwent surgery to correct a serious heart condition. The little girl was born with this heart condition, and Mayor Miller stated that her life span would have been only about ten years, unless surgery was performed, toward which the parents were working and planning to have done when she was about eight, however, due to acute complications, it was necessary to have the operation performed immediately. The child's father had made the necessary financial arrangements to take care of the expenses incurred, and through no fault of his, the arrangements made, did not materialize, therefore, the parents are faced with bills of over two thousand dollars. The family's plight was brought to the attention of the public by fellow-workers who would like to undertake public solicitations, however, it is the opinion of the Mayor and Council, that every other method should be exhausted first. Mayor Miller pointed out that the Child's father has been holding two and sometimes three jobs, in order to take care of the needs of the child. Mayor Miller requested that the Clerk-Treasurer prepare letters for his signature to be sent out to Service Organizations of the City, concerning "Judy's Heart Fund", in an attempt to acquaint the public with the need of the family. Mayor Miller also stated that he had visited the little girl in the hospital, and that it was wonderful to see the results of the operation.

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City, stated that he thought the efforts proposed by Mayor Miller are quite worthwhile, however, wondered why some assistance can not be obtained from some of the established organizations. Mayor Miller explained that this is being attempted, however, the circumstances in this case may preclude it from such funds.

Mayor Miller stated that the week of October 6th to 12th has been designated as Fire Prevention Week, and that nowhere in the State of Maryland, is there any finer Fire Department, than in the City of Takoma Park. He stated that he hoped the public would cooperate with the Fire Department during this week, and also that the Fire Department would be open to the Public during Fire Prevention Week and that the Public should visit the Fire Department and inspect the surroundings.

Mayor Miller reported on the fine baseball teams the City has had this past season, in both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, also the fine sportsmanship displayed by all. He further reported that at the next meeting, the boys, and their instructors, were being invited to be on hand to receive the good wishes of the Mayor and Council, also that they would be presented with a certificate signed by the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer, on their efforts.

Mrs. Vera Hash thanked personally the Mayor, Council, Director Remsen, and Public Works Staff, also Chief Foster, and Police Department Staff, for their help with the activities on the Fourth of July Celebration. She stated that she deeply appreciated the cooperation of all. Representing the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, Mrs. Hash called to the attention of the Mayor and Council that six months ago she had written the Mayor concerning an unsightly condition on Colby Avenue, on a lot owned by Opha Mays, and at the time, had received an answer that Mr. Mays had been given just 30 days to clean up the lot. It seems this lot has been used as a dumping ground for old cars, junk, etc., and has been an annoyance to the Colby Avenue Citizens, as well as those people owning property on Lincoln Avenue, overlooking Colby Avenue. Mrs. Hash further stated that she felt that the announced fact that Mr. Mays was eventually going to build an apartment building on the site was no excuse for the condition, and that all concerned wanted definite action.

Mayor Miller requested of Fire Chief Carter why there had been no check back of the property, and Chief Carter replied that he thought that it had been taken care of. Mayor Miller asked that he check on the situation immediately, and make sure that the complaint is taken care of.

Mrs. Alma T. Opal of Wallace, Michigan, addressed the Mayor and Council on her request for assessments on front foot benefit charges, on Lot 28A, Block 55B of B. F. Gilberts Subdivision, requesting that definite assessments be provided her by the end of the week, in order that she might return to her home. She questioned the Mayor and Council why it had taken so long to arrive at the above figures, and was informed by Director Remsen that the delay was caused, due to the necessity of obtaining a Plat description of the property. The plat for the area is now in possession of the Public Works Department, so there shouldn't be too much delay in determining the front foot benefit charges on the subject property.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the removal & replacement of trees is under consideration, also that a meeting is being held on September 25th, with the Board of Trustees of the Library Association.
2. Councilwoman Monitor reported that Mr. Albert Grounds has his program organized for the 11th of November, for the dedication of the War Memorial, and that Mr. Grounds would like to know the names of the Members of the Council who wish to speak at the Dedication of the Memorial.
3. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Prince Georges Recreation Department is going to sponsor a Recreation program the Week of October 6 to 16th, and will be held in sixteen of the Prince Georges County Schools and will feature courses in ballet, baton and acrobatics. Further information can be obtained from the County Recreation Department in Hyattsville.
4. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the Mayor and Council authorize the advertising of bids, for construction of a fence for Forest Park, in order that bids might be opened on October 10th. Specifications for the above to be obtained from the Public Works Department, and further that, the Clerk-Treasurer take care of the advertising in the proper newspapers. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman McKenzie questioned at this time, the possibility of the Public Works Department erecting the fence, instead of advertising for bids, and was informed by Director Remsen, that their Department was not in position to undertake this particular job, due to shortage of manpower.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported that a meeting will be held next Monday evening with members of MNCP&P, to discuss the proposed street planning for the City of Takoma Park.
2. Councilman Collison moved that upon the recommendation of Director of Public Works Remsen, that Mr. Reverdy Pearson Dronenberg be appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant, for the Public Works Department, at a salary of \$4,600.00 per year, according to the present Merit Plan, for a six months probationary period, effective October 1, 1957.
3. Councilman Collison moved that Mr. Phillip W. Mason, Registered Architect, 8605 Cameron Street, Silver Spring, Maryland be appointed to draw plans and specifications for the new proposed Public Works Building to be erected on Oswego Avenue. It was pointed out that consideration had been given to names of several registered architects, as listed in the telephone directory, and it was decided that Mr. Mason should be

contacted, especially after inquiries of certain parties both in Government agencies and private offices. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Collison reported that McNeill Surveys, Inc., has been authorized to draw plans for Niagara, Ritchie Avenue Paving Project, also taking into consideration Lincoln and Oswego Avenues, as mentioned in the Minutes of September 9th.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie moved that the Mayor and Council adopt a Resolution for Fire Prevention Week to be held the week of October 6th to 12th. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried. The Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the week beginning October 6th, 1957, has been proclaimed Fire Prevention Week by Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to promote programs for the prevention and control of fire and assist in the National effort to reduce the loss of life and property resulting from fires;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby heartily endorse the principles of Fire Prevention Week, and

THEREFORE, call upon the Citizens and Municipal Departments of the City of Takoma Park to cooperate with the National effort and the Fire Department of the City, in the observance of Fire Prevention Week.

Signed and Sealed this 30th Day of September in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and fifty seven.

/s/ George M. Miller, Mayor.
 Robert W. Collison, Councilman
 Oscar J. Forehand, Councilman
 Clayton D. Forshee, Councilman
 John F. Kozel, Councilman
 Gibson E. McKenzie, Councilman
 Emily P. Monitor, Councilwoman
 Ralph F. Sidell, Councilman

2. Councilman McKenzie reported on the progress of work on the Codification of the City Laws and Ordinances, and that they were approaching the section concerning the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Trial Board. It was stated that since there is a Merit Plan for the City Personnel, the necessity is questionable whether to have a set of separate rules for the Fire Department. The consolidation of the two will be considered, in an attempt to arrive at a satisfactory decision. Councilman McKenzie asked that the Council go over the first three chapters of the Codification, as presented, in order that they might be voted on at the next Council Meeting.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that after careful consideration of the replacing of certain sidewalks in Takoma Park, the Committee decided that the sidewalk in front of the Laurel Avenue Food Stores, from lot line of Takoma Motors to Eastern Avenue be taken care of first. This project will cost approximately \$1,400.00, including any extras that might come up in connection with the concrete work, and Public Works was questioned as to whether they could undertake the project, and Director Remsen replied that they could. Therefore, Councilman Collison so moved the above, and that the cost of \$1,400.00 be taken from the Street Maintenance Fund. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Sidell also quoted the cost of repair of sidewalk in front of the High's and Hubbard's Stores as \$1,341.00, this figure including only the necessary concrete work. Question was raised concerning importance of this repair work, in connection with sidewalk on Laurel Avenue, and it was the opinion of the Committee that the Laurel Avenue sidewalk project should be first, as more people traveled that area, than the other. This will be taken up upon completion of the Laurel Avenue project. Councilwoman Monitor brought up the subject of the Halloween Party, sponsored by the City, and which is held on Laurel Avenue, asking whether the sidewalk would be in readiness by then. This will be taken into consideration.

3. Councilman Sidell reported on the Sidewalk in front of the Citizens Bank; The cost of sidewalk will be \$555.00 and is to be shared with the Bank, and on an assessable basis. The Citizens Bank will be contacted to obtain a clearer picture of the proposed sidewalk, in order that it can be taken into definite consideration.

4. Councilman Sidell reported on a notice from Mrs. Etta Davis, that the Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties Health Department have been performing a wonderful service at the Health and Welfare Center at #8 Sherman Avenue. The personnel have started another Child Clinic and have taken care of about 78 children this past week. Mrs. Davis said that the lady in charge expressed appreciation, to all, for the building, and parking lot that Mr. Remsen has fixed for the patrons. Councilwoman Monitor addressed the group on Monday afternoon, and also expressed the appreciation of all the personnel, to the Mayor and Council.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel reported that he had investigated Mr. McClennon's suggested affiliation of Takoma Park with a foreign City, and had received data from the Department of State, and that it would take considerable time, as they attempt to match City in question, with a City of much the same characteristics in Europe. He mentioned that Rockville, after two years, had finally acquired a sister-city. The Department of State will be contacted further, and full details will be obtained as to procedure to follow.

2. Councilman Kozel reported on the scheduled meeting this coming Monday, September 30th, with an Engineer and Members of MNCP&PC, and it is hoped that more definite knowledge concerning zoning recommendations for the City, will be available.

3. Councilman Kozel reported that the Women's Club of Takoma Park had contacted him asking if the City had any special project that their club might undertake, for the City. Mayor Miller requested that Councilman Kozel and Councilwoman Monitor work on this project together.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the Following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1462

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

Section 1. THAT a TWENTY-FIVE MILE PER HOUR sign be placed in the 7500 Block of Glenside Drive, one on each side of street.

Section 2. AND THAT a TWENTY-FIVE MILE PER HOUR sign be placed in the 1100 Block of Kingwood Drive, one on each side of street.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the signs now in the vicinity be removed per instructions of Chief of Police Foster, and that the Director of Public Works be so authorized to place the signs as mentioned in Sections 1 and 2, of this Ordinance.

Section 4. THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing No Parking in the City of Takoma Park.

Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the above Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Mayor Miller stated the above signs were necessary as there were no sidewalks in the area, and that there were considerable children in the vicinity.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported that after study by the Committee, it is the Committee's decision that Mr. Vincent Powell be given up to one year's extension of annual sick leave, and so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee moved upon the recommendations of Committee, that all Personnel and Leave Records be sent to the City Office, effective October 1st, Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forehand voted Nay. Director of Public Works Remsen asked permission of the Mayor and Council that he be allowed to keep a copy of the records for his file.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

George M Miller

Mayor

Vaughn M. Bridgman

Clerk-Treasurer