

Ordinance No. 391

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

Sec. 1. That the special assessment submitted by the Town Treasurer under date of June 18, for the grading of streets duly performed in accordance with law, be, and the same is hereby approved and confirmed; and the property therein assessed is hereby declared to be specially benefited by the grading of streets adjacent thereto and abutting thereon.

Sec. 2. The special assessments hereby approved and confirmed shall be due July 1, 1923 and payable thereon; provided that, if so desired, said assessments may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due July 1, 1923, and payable within 90 days therefrom, the remaining payments to be due on the first of each succeeding July and payable within 90 days therefrom; provided further that payments of one-fifth or excess thereof may be made at any time within the annual payment period; all deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:40 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved;

Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk

Munday Evening, July 16, 1923

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Rogers, Salisbury and Taff.

In the absence of the Mayor the Council was called to order by the Clerk who presented the following communication from the Mayor:

To the Town Council and People of Takoma Park, Maryland.

July 16, 1923

It is with sincere regret that I herewith submit my resignation as Mayor of Takoma Park to take effect immediately.

My business connections are such at the present time that I cannot longer properly attend to the duties of Mayor. The Town of Takoma Park has grown so in importance, and the duties devolving upon the Mayor and members of the Town Council have become so enormous that it requires a great deal of time and attention, and I am not in a position to devote the necessary time to the office. In fact, my business relations now require me to be absent from Takoma Park.

As stated, I sever my official relations with the Town with much regret. I have a genuine regard and affection for the people of Takoma Park. I am interested in their welfare and in the future progress and development of the Town. Takoma is essentially a home town and its citizens believe in obedience to and the enforcement of Law. I have never lived in a community where there is a higher regard for constituted authority, and for the welfare, happiness and prosperity of one another.

These years of service as Mayor have been pleasant to me, and in laying down this authority as I now do, I hope that my successor will receive the same courteous consideration that has always been tendered me.

Wishing for each member of the Council continued success and good luck, and to the Town of Takoma Park and its citizens continued and uninterrupted development and prosperity, I am,

Faithfully Yours

JAMES L. WILMETH, Mayor.

Mr. Kroll moved that the resignation of Mr. Wilmeth be accepted and that the Clerk be authorized and directed to place upon the official minutes of this meeting an expression of the Council's appreciation of Mr. Wilmeth's services and of their regret at the necessity impelling his resignation. The motion was unanimously carried.

In compliance with the foregoing direction of the Council the Clerk places the following minute upon the records:

In accepting the resignation of **MAYOR JAMES L. WILMETH**, tendered because of the assumption of new duties requiring his removal to another city, the Council deem it fitting to place upon the permanent records of the Town this expression of their sincere and deep regret at the severance of their official relations.

Mr. Wilmeth's administration of the Executive duties of the Town during the period of its most substantial growth has been characterized by breadth of vision and a keen conception of the future possibilities of the community. He brought to the service of our locality an earnest and conscientious endeavor for its welfare and proved himself a popular official, a staunch friend and a most companionable associate.

The Council extends to Mr. Wilmeth their warm appreciation of his services to our community both as an estimable and progressive citizen and as a faithful and efficient Executive and wish him abundant success in his new field of effort.

The Clerk is directed to furnish an official copy of this action to Mr. Wilmeth.

The Charter providing that, in case of a vacancy in the Office of Mayor or Councilman the Council shall fill said vacancy until the next annual election, the Clerk thereupon called for nominations, if the Council was desirous of proceeding to an election at this time, for the office of Mayor.

Mr. Kroll moved that the Council proceed at this time to the election of a Mayor and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Kroll moved that Councilman H. F. Taff be elected Mayor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mayor Wilmeth.

The motion was seconded by all members of the Council and Mr. Taff was unanimously elected to serve until the next annual election.

On motion of Mr. Fischer Mr. Taff was unanimously elected as Mayor pro tem until duly qualified as Mayor by taking the appropriate oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

On motion of Mr. Adams the election of a Councilman to succeed Mayor-elect Taff was deferred for future action.

Mayor-elect Taff thereupon assumed the duties of Mayor pro tem, thanking the Council for their expression of confidence and good will as evidenced in his unanimous election as Mayor and pledging his best efforts to the Town's welfare.

The Treasurer submitted his regular monthly report, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, as follows:

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| Balance on hand last report | \$ 5676.44 | machinery and tools | \$ 273.35 | 1752.64 |
| RECEIPTS | | Street lighting | | 316.66 |
| From building permits | \$ 45.00 | General expenses; telephones | 5.75 | |
| electric wiring permits | 16.00 | postage | 21.72 | |
| plumbing permits | 28.00 | miscellaneous | 227.44 | 254.91 |
| excavation permits | 6.00 | Collection of garbage and rubbish | | 131.00 |
| | 95.00 | Salaries; clerk and treasurer | 75.00 | |
| | 5771.44 | Supt. of Public Work | 125.00 | |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | Electrical Inspector | 25.00 | 225.00 |
| Street work; labor | \$ 329.00 | Services of Health Officer | | 9.75 |
| material | 332.07 | Balance on hand | | 3081.48 |
| repairs to s/s and walks | 818.22 | | | |

| Special Improvement Fund: | | Special Deposits: | |
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| Balance on hand last report | \$ 6165.58 | Balance on hand last report | \$ 780.00 |
| Receipts during month | 1290.87 | Receipts during month | 30.00 |
| | 7456.45 | | 810.00 |
| Disbursements during month | 1505.20 | Disbursements during month | 30.00 |
| Balance on hand | \$ 5951.25 | Balance on hand | \$ 780.00 |

The Treasurer submitted also his annual report, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, as follows:

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| Balance on hand July 1, 1922 | \$ 1402.35 | Rubbish collections | 307.38 |
| RECEIPTS: | | Legal expenses | 263.95 |
| From general taxes | \$ 21466.65 | Miscellaneous: Purchase of land | 7770.00 |
| miscellaneous, Road tax, P.G. Co | \$ 326.41 | recording fees | 57.00 |
| Road tax, Montgomery Co | 1609.52 | compensation election officers etc. | 100.00 |
| Bank " " " | 59.87 | refund of taxes | 150.69 |
| Securities tax " " | 45.51 | premium on treasurers bond | 10.00 |
| interest on deposits in bank | 407.80 | advertising | 106.10 |
| sale of town lots | 4000.00 | clerical services | 70.00 |
| refunds for street repairs | 471.64 | Takoma Park maps | 35.00 |
| miscellaneous sources | 13.50 | Sundries | 70.15 |
| building permits | 642.50 | Salaries: Clerk and Treasurer | 900.00 |
| electric wiring permits | 137.00 | Supt. of Public Work | 1921.25 |
| excavation permits | 167.00 | Building and Plumbing Inspector | 200.00 |
| plumbing permits | 156.50 | electrical inspector | 175.00 |
| | 1103.00 | Services of Health Officer | 99.75 |
| | 29503.90 | Balance on hand | 27,824.77 |
| | 30906.25 | Special Improvement fund: | |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | Balance on hand July 1, 1922 | \$ 16951.29 |
| Street work: labor | 3065.22 | Receipts during the year | 13934.80 |
| Material: cinders | 1235.75 | | 30886.09 |
| cement, sand and gravel | 610.36 | Disbursements during year: | |
| terra cotta pipe | 448.80 | Concrete Streets | 8244.54 |
| tarvid | 247.95 | Cement Sidewalks | 10140.95 |
| lumber and nails | 84.66 | Grading Streets | 6549.35 |
| Sundries | 7.30 | Balance on hand | 5951.25 |
| General repairs by contract | 2618.22 | Special Deposits: | |
| Towns share, special impts | 2560.85 | Balance on hand July 1, 1922 | 410.00 |
| Street machinery and tools | 378.80 | Receipts during the year | 490.00 |
| Street lighting | 3499.16 | | 900.00 |
| General Expenses: telephones | 102.15 | Disbursements during the year | 120.00 |
| printing | 149.65 | Balance on hand | 780.00 |
| postage | 63.13 | | |
| rentals | 70.50 | | |
| Garbage collections | 446.00 | | |

On motion of Mr. Rogers the reports were approved and the printing and distribution of the annual report was authorized.

There were presented to the Council verbal and written requests as follows with action as indicated:

From Mr. H. H. Spencer for a street light at the intersection of Sliquo and the old line of Carroll Avenue. To the street committee.

From Mr. Bullard for improvement of conditions on Ethan Allen Avenue. To the Street Committee.

From Mrs. Crouch relative to drainage conditions and street light needs on Westmoreland and Second Streets. To the Street Committee.

From Messrs. Biddle, Hendrick and Finn relative to the concreting of Baltimore Avenue. To the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, for the Finance Committee, submitted the following bills examined and approved for payment:

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| David Feldman, 3 pairs of rubber boots----- | \$ 26.50 | Takoma Hardware Co. Tools----- | \$ 8.00 |
| Columbia Brick and Coal Co., Sand, gravel and cement----- | 154.67 | Taylor and Balderson, Hauling cinders----- | 134.40 |
| H. R. MacFarlane, 664 cement blocks----- | 145.08 | C. J. Maddox, Plat of Petty-Dodge Subdivision----- | 100.00 |
| The Pioneer Press, Printing 2000 tax bills----- | 6.40 | Thomas Somerville Co., 24 ft terra cotta pipe----- | 91.68 |
| Hendrick Motor Co. Gas, oil, etc----- | 10.25 | | |

On motion of Mr. Rogers the bills were approved and payment directed.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, recommended installation of a street light at Carroll and Sliquo Avenues. Carried and so ordered.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Fischer the Committee was granted authority to construct four cement concrete street crossings along the line of the new sidewalks on Flower Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$120.

On recommendation of the Street Committee and on motion of Mr. Rogers an expenditure of not to exceed \$300 was authorized for the purpose of eliminating the sharp street angles on Carrall Avenue at the intersections of Grant, Park and Tulip Avenues.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the Street Committee was authorized to establish the grade of Lincoln Avenue and to have grade sheets prepared thereof.

Upon petition of the affected property owners and on motion of Mr. Rogers the Street Committee was authorized to have a cement sidewalk laid on the north side of Erie Avenue, provided the property owners file a waiver of the required legal notices.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor pro tem.

Clerk.

Thursday Evening, July 19, 1923.

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the Budget for the fiscal year 1923. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Mayor announced that since the last meeting he had taken the required oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee laid before the Council the following proposed Budget for the fiscal year 1923:

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| <i>Estimated Receipts:</i> | | <i>Salary, Superintendent Public Work, payable monthly or semi-monthly</i> | |
| <i>From general taxes</i> ----- | <i>\$ 25,000.00</i> | <i>or semi-monthly</i> ----- | <i>\$ 1500.00</i> |
| <i>road tax refunds</i> ----- | <i>2,000.00</i> | <i>Salary, Clerk and Treasurer, including \$300 for office rental, heat, light and clerical assistance, payable monthly or semi-monthly</i> ----- | <i>1200.00</i> |
| <i>interest on deposits in bank</i> ----- | <i>150.00</i> | <i>Legal expenses</i> ----- | <i>500.00</i> |
| <i>miscellaneous sources</i> ----- | <i>500.00</i> | <i>Miscellaneous expenses including rental for public meetings of the Council</i> ----- | <i>500.00</i> |
| <i>permits</i> ----- | <i>500.00</i> | <i>General Street Work</i> ----- | <i>10,000.00</i> |
| <i>balance on hand at close of fiscal year 1922</i> ----- | <i>3081.48</i> | <i>Town's share of special improvement work</i> ----- | <i>5,000.00</i> |
| | <i>31231.48</i> | <i>Interest on proposed bonded indebtedness</i> ----- | <i>5,000.00</i> |
| <i>Estimated Disbursements:</i> | | <i>Salary, Electrical Inspector, payable monthly</i> ----- | <i>300.00</i> |
| <i>Street lighting, payable monthly</i> ----- | <i>\$ 4,000.00</i> | <i>Building for storage of Town machinery and supplies</i> ----- | <i>1,500.00</i> |
| <i>Garbage and Rubbish Collections for the months of July, August, September, October, May and June, payable weekly during months mentioned</i> ----- | <i>2,000.00</i> | | |
| <i>Postage</i> ----- | <i>75.00</i> | | <i>31,575.00</i> |

After an extensive discussion of the Town's finances and desired public improvements in connection with the Budget as submitted Mr. Rogers moved that the Budget as submitted be adopted as the basis of expenditures for the fiscal year 1923 and that the items of expenditure therein be approved insofar as it is possible to definitely fix the amounts required for specific objects; no items however to be exceeded except by express authority of the Mayor and Council. The motion was unanimously carried.

The budget matter being disposed of the Mayor announced that any further urgent business would be considered.

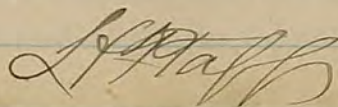
Mr. Kroll moved that the Council proceed to the election of a Councilman vice Mr. Taff, elected as Mayor. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kroll moved that Mr. Joseph A. Griffith be elected Councilman, vice Mr. Taff, to serve until the next annual municipal election.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. There being no other nominations Mr. Griffith was thereupon elected unanimously.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:35 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor.



Clerk.

Thursday Evening, July 26, 1923

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk for consideration of the proposed Ordinance to license and control dogs running at large and for such other business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury. Councilman-elect Griffith was present and upon taking the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor, entered upon his duties and participated in the proceedings of the meeting.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Standing Committees as follows:

FINANCE.-Rogers, Chairman, Fischer and Adams. CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.-Kroll, Chairman, Salisbury and Adams.
STREETS AND DRAINAGE.-Fischer, Chr. Kroll and Rogers. ORDINANCE AND JUDICIARY.-Griffith, Chr., Salisbury and Kroll.
HEALTH AND SANITATION.-Salisbury, Chr. Griffith and Rogers. POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHTS.-Adams, Chr., Fischer and Griffith.

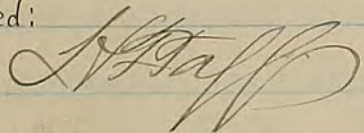
Mr. Rogers moved that Martin Iverson and William Thomas be elected deputy bailiffs the latter for service within the Prince George's County portion of the Town. The motion was carried and the appointments approved.

A petition from certain residents of Westmoreland Avenue for construction of a conduit to carry the water from and along the street mentioned was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

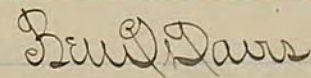
The Council thereupon proceeded to a detailed discussion of the provisions of the proposed dog ordinance, suggesting and noting a number of changes therein. The Ordinance and the proposed changes therein were, upon motion of Mr. Adams, referred to the Committee on Ordinance and Judiciary, with instructions to confer with the Corporation Counsel and to prepare and submit a new draft in line with the suggestions tentatively adopted during the discussion.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:23 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor.



Clerk.

Wednesday Evening, August 15, 1923.

Upon call of the Mayor a special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering urgent matters from the Street Committee. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Krall, Griffith and Salisbury.

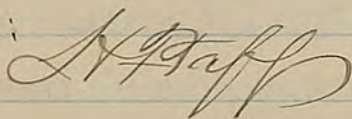
The Mayor announced that Messrs. Iverson and Thomas had qualified as deputy bailiffs by subscribing before him to the required [oath of office]. Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, stated that it was necessary to act at once upon the proposal of Messrs. Corson and Guman to grade Prince Georges Avenue at a cost of \$1.47 per cubic yard as otherwise they would be removing their steam shovel having completed their grading contracts. After extended discussion Mr. Rogers moved that Corson and Guman be authorized to grade Prince Georges Avenue at their proposal of \$1.47 per cubic yard provided all interested property owners file with the Street Committee immediately a request for such grading at their expense and agreeing to a waiver of all legal requirements. The motion was carried.

Mr. Fischer called the Council's attention to the impossibility of utilizing the Town's tractor which has been broken for some time and which the Committee has been unable to have repaired. He stated that he had recently gone to Baltimore to examine a tractor which could be obtained by exchange of the Town's broken one and a cash payment of \$640. As the need of a tractor is most urgent he moved that an exchange be authorized the cash payment to be charged against the budget allotment for street work. After discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

The Council considered at length the petition of certain residents on Westmoreland Ave. for construction of a drainage conduit. It was decided before taking definite action to secure certain legal rights of way over private property and Mr. Rogers was requested to have these prepared for submission at the earliest date.

The Council thereupon, at 11:15 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor.



Clerk.

Monday Evening, August 20, 1923.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Griffith, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of July 19, July 26 and August 15, were read and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer, examined and approved by the Finance Committee, was submitted as follows:

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| Balance on hand last report | | \$ 3081.48 | Salaries and allowances - clerk-treasurer | 100.00 | | | |
| Receipts: | | | Superintendent Public Work | 125.00 | | | |
| From general taxes | 13,353.78 | | Electrical Inspector | 25.00 | 250.00 | 1530.19 | |
| interest on deposits in bank | 108.20 | | | | | | Balance on hand |
| building permits | 46.50 | | | | | | \$ 15114.27 |
| plumbing permits | 19.50 | | Special Improvement Fund: | | | | |
| electric wiring permits | 28.00 | | Balance on hand last report | \$ 5951.25 | | | |
| gas permits | 7.00 | 13562.98 | Receipts for month | 972.06 | | | |
| | | 16644.46 | Proceeds, certs. of indebtedness | 15000.00 | | | |
| Disbursements: | | | | 21923.31 | | | |
| Street work: labor | \$ 279.45 | | Disbursements for month | 15000.00 | | | |
| material | 258.98 | | Balance on hand | 6923.31 | | | |
| machinery and tools | 22.44 | 560.87 | Special Deposits: | | | | |
| Street lighting | | 316.66 | Balance on hand last report | \$ 780.00 | | | |
| General expenses: telephones | 6.15 | | Receipts for month | 40.00 | | | |
| printing | 10.25 | | | 820.00 | | | |
| postage | 10.86 | 27.26 | Disbursements for month | 30.00 | | | |
| Garbage collections | | 250.00 | Balance on hand | \$ 790.00 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | 125.40 | | | | | |

On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was received and ordered filed.

Under presentation of communications and petitions, Dr. Llewelly Jordan called again to the Council's attention the matter of concreting Baltimore Avenue. Dr. Jordan stated that he was opposed to this improvement on account of its heavy expense to the abutting property owners, some of whom were quite unable to meet such expense; he was of the opinion that the street could be adequately improved at a much less expense than concreting would involve. Dr. Jordons views were indorsed by Messrs. Peacock, Wallace and Hutchinson. Opposed to Dr. Jordan's views were Messrs. Biddle, Tabor, Pearce and Finn who maintained that while a concrete pavement would be more expensive in initial cost it would ultimately prove much cheaper because of less liability to damage by rain and much less maintenance charges. The Mayor called attention to the fact that hearings had already been held on this proposition and that,

The Street Committee had given the matter consideration in the light of those hearings but that doubtless any further facts brought out in the discussion just closed and not heretofore known, would be given due consideration later in the evening.

Mrs. Sherger, of Carroll Ave., addressed the Council relative to the need of repair to the street pavement in front of her residence. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for appropriate action.

The Clerk presented a communication from Mrs. Margaret Pelly Dodge offering to the Town a tract of land immediately in front of the new school and municipal site and comprising 128 103 square feet, for parking purposes, at a price of 10 cents per square foot for which she expressed willingness to accept town notes in payment at the rate of \$1000 per annum. In connection with Mrs. Dodge's offer the Council was addressed by Messrs. Morris Bien, Homer Skeels, E.V. Crittenden and Victor Lumsden, all of whom stressed the advantages to the community which would accrue from the acquisition of this property for park purposes. Mr. Bien urged that the matter be referred for consideration to a special committee to consist of members of the Council and citizens of the Town. Mrs. Dodge's communication was referred to the Committee on Civic Improvement for consideration and report and for recommendation as to the appointment of the desired special Committee for joint consideration as desired.

A communication from certain residents on Hickory, Poplar and Elm Avenues for a cement sidewalk on the north side of Elm Avenue from Poplar Avenue to Hickory Avenue, was referred to the street committee for consideration and report.

A petition for cement sidewalk on the south side of Cockrille Ave. was referred to the Street Committee.

Communications were presented from Mr. Clarence A. Walker, Mrs. Ruth S. Buckner and Mr. R.R.L. Bullard, all with respect to the drainage conditions on Ethan Allen Avenue. Mr. Fischer, for the Street Committee, stated that this situation would be remedied during the coming week.

A communication from Mr. J.J. Faber renewing a former application for a street light at the corner of Takoma and Boston Aves. and a petition for street lights on Lincoln Avenue, were referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights.

A communication from Dr. George H. Heald relative to certain concrete approaches to lots on Sycamore Ave, which had been torn out by the steam grader and which he assumed would be replaced at the expense of the Town, was referred to the Street Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted the following bills, payment of which were ordered on motion of Mr. Rogers:

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| Hendrick Motor Co. Gas, oil, etc. _____ | \$ 15.20 | Takoma Hardware Co., Tools, etc. _____ | \$ 2.26 |
| Taylor and Balderson, Hauling cinders _____ | 151.20 | Takoma Presbyterian Church, Rental _____ | 75.00 |
| | | | <u>243.66</u> |

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported relative to the progress being made in the special street improvements now under way which were progressing satisfactorily.

He also reported that the estimated cost of the proposed drainage culvert on Westmoreland Avenue is \$1100.00.

Mr. Fischer, for the Street Committee, reported that the Committee had been giving very serious consideration to the proposed concreting of a portion of Baltimore Avenue, in view of the objections thereto presented at the last regular meeting of the Council. The Committee had come to the conclusion that it would be a waste of money to attempt improving this street except by concreting and that the Committee felt this would be even cheaper in the end than macadam or any other material. The Committee's views have not been changed by the arguments or protests presented this evening. For the Street Committee, he therefore moved that the permanent improvement of Baltimore Avenue by the construction of concrete roadway and curbs, from Takoma Avenue to the northerly line of Cleveland Avenue, be ordered and directed and that the work proceed under the existing contract with the Carson and Gruman Company, Inc. The motion was unanimously carried.

A report from the Volunteer Fire Company recommending the purchase of fire hose at a cost of \$1.40 per foot, on request of Mr. Adams, was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, for consideration and report.

There being no further business the Council at 10:25 o'clock, p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Clerk,

Thursday Evening, September 13, 1923

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering matters relating to streets and such other business as may be presented.

There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Griffith, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, stated that it was urgently necessary to have an early definite decision made with respect to the connection of the two ends of Philadelphia Avenue. The Sanitary Commission is ready to complete its water and sewer mains on Philadelphia Avenue but cannot do so until the route of the street is determined and the grade thereof established. The Council consulted with Mr. Doran Platt, representing certain properties affected, and after an exchange of views, decided to request the Sanitary Commission to have its engineers survey two different routes for joining up Philadelphia Avenue, one of these to be chosen after consideration of the engineer's plans and recommendations, upon motion of Mr. Fischer.

Mr. Fischer, for the Street Committee, stated that the Committee has been urged by affected property owners to extend the concrete pavement proposed on Baltimore Avenue, from the line of Cleveland Avenue to New York Avenue. He moved therefore that the order of the Council to install concrete roadway and curbs on Baltimore Avenue from Takoma Avenue to Cleveland Avenue be amended to extend said roadway and curbing to the northeasterly line of New York Avenue at the intersection thereof with Baltimore Ave. ^{The motion was} ^{carried.}

Upon suggestion of the Mayor and on motion of Mr. Rogers the Clerk was directed to express to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the recent improvement of the gutters across Maple and Eastern Avenues at their intersections with Carroll Avenue.

Mr. Kroll, from the Committee on Civic Improvement, called attention to the proposition of Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge for the sale of certain land for park purposes and to a petition of citizens urging that the matter be given consideration. For the Committee he thereupon moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three citizens to act in an advisory capacity with the Civic Improvement Committee in consideration of the proposition submitted by Mrs. Dodge for the purposes indicated. The motion was carried and the Mayor appointed Messrs. Morris Bien, R. T. Dowsett and E. V. Crittenden.

A petition from residents of Flower Avenue for improvement of that thoroughfare through the Fletcher Subdivision was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.