

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.

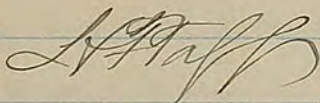
Mr. Kroll, from the Committee on Civic Improvement, called attention to the proposition of Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge for the sale of certain land for park purposes and to a petition of citizens urging that the matter be given consideration. For the Committee he thereupon moved that the Mayor appoint 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.

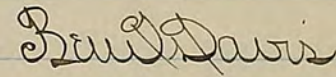
With respect to modification of the street grade on the recently concreted portion of Willow Ave, the Council, after due consideration rejected the bids submitted as being excessive.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights reported to the Council that after careful and thorough consideration the Committee was prepared to recommend the purchase of 750 feet of Three Part Brand of Wax and Para Gum Treated Cotton Rubber Lined Fire Hose, coupled complete, 2 1/2 inches internal diameter capable of withstanding a pressure of 400 pounds per square inch, for presentation to the Volunteer Fire Company in accordance with authority of the Council already granted, the price of said hose to be \$1.30 per foot. On motion of Mr. Adams purchase of the hose was authorized and directed.

There being no further business the Council, at 11:05 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved: 

Mayor.



Clerk

Monday Evening, September 17, 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 meeting of September 13, were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 15114.27	General expenses: telephones	\$ 5.75	
RECEIPTS:			postage	10.86	16.61
From general taxes	\$ 1826.33		Collection of garbage		200.00
building permits	42.50		Rental of church basement 1922		75.00
electrical permits	20.00		Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00	
plumbing permits	12.00		superintendent of public work	125.00	
gas permits	9.00		electrical inspector	25.00	250.00
miscellaneous	732.90	2642.73	Loaned to special improvement fund		10000.00 12201.91
		17757.00	Balance on hand		\$ 5555.09
DISBURSEMENTS:			Special Deposits:		
Street work: labor	\$ 432.90		Balance on hand last report	\$ 790.00	
material	253.28		Receipts during month	10.00	
machinery and tools	657.46	1343.64		800.00	
Street lighting		316.66	Disbursements during month	90.00	
			Balance on hand		710.00

<u>Special Improvement Fund:</u>		<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Balance on hand last report	\$ 6923.31	Concrete Streets	\$ 10,000
Receipts for month	299.42	Cement Sidewalks	5,000 15000.00
Loan from general fund	10000.00	Balance on hand	2222.73
	<u>17222.73</u>		

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

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council in further reference to the construction of a concrete roadway on Baltimore Avenue, reiterating his former judgment relative to the excessive cost thereof and the financial inability of some of the residents to meet such cost. Dr. Jordan also called the attention of the Council to the disturbance in his neighborhood at frequent times and usually at night by individuals apparently engaged in bootlegging operations and asked if the Council could not supply police protection to prevent these disturbances and operations.

Mr. Peacock, residing on Baltimore Ave, spoke also in line with Dr. Jordan with reference to the concreting of the street,

Mr. James H. Ellsworth called attention to the sidewalk grade in front of his property at Eastern and Ash Avenue, which matter was referred to the Street [Committee

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

J. Bond Smith, Corp. Atty. expenses	\$.80	Thos. Somerville Co. T.C. pipe	\$ 151.20	Barber and Ross. Steel reinforcement for	
Takoma Hardware Co., Supplies	7.93	Columbia B+C Co. Supplies	356.62	Maple Ave. concrete bridge	335.00
Hendrick Motor Co., Gas and repairs	37.35	W. F. Roberts Co. printing bands	134.50		<u>1023.40</u>

On motion of Mr. Salisbury payment of the bills was approved and directed.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported that the contractor had resumed work on the concrete roadway on Sycamore Avenue which had been delayed by lowering and relaying of water mains by the Sanitary Commission and that the work would now proceed promptly to completion; and that upon completion of Sycamore Avenue the contractor would proceed at once on Baltimore Avenue. Mr. Fischer reported also satisfactory progress on the completion of the cement sidewalks.

On motion of Mr. Adams the Clerk was instructed to write to the Washington Gaslight Company of Montgomery County, Maryland urging their early compliance with the petition for gas main extensions on Grant, Ethan Allen and Maple Avenues.

The clerk was further instructed to write the Suburban Sanitary Commission as to their intentions with respect to laying of a new water main on Grant Avenue and that if this is in contemplation it be done as early as possible in view of the desire of the Council to improve the roadway of this street.

Mr. Griffith, from the Ordinance Committee stated that proposed Ordinance relating to dogs was still in the hands of the Corporation Council and that the Committee was therefore unable to submit a definite report thereon at this time.

There being no further business the Council, at 9:20 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, October 15, 1923.

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Griffith, Kroll, Fischer, and Salisbury, Councilman Rogers being absent from the city. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was submitted as follows:

Balance on hand last report			\$ 5555.09	superintendent of public work	125.00		
RECEIPTS:				electrical inspector	25.00	250.00	1555.49
From general taxes	1213.03			Balance on hand			\$ 5284.63
building permits	40.00			SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:			
electric wiring permits	15.00			Balance on hand last report		2222.73	
plumbing permits	12.00			Receipts during month		2121.98	
gas permits	5.00	1285.03		Proceeds, certs. of indebtedness		25000.00	
		6840.12		Accrued interest " "		208.33	
DISBURSEMENTS:						29553.04	
Street Work; labor	328.50			Disbursements: concrete streets	5404.50		
material	334.92			cement sidewalks	5000.00		
machinery and tools	86.68	750.10		street grading	151.20	10555.70	
Street lighting		316.66		Balance on hand		18997.34	
General Expenses: telephones	6.65			SPECIAL DEPOSITS:			
printing	11.25	17.90		Balance on hand last report		710.00	
Collection of garbage		220.83		Receipts during month		20.00	
Salaries and allowances; Clk and Treasr.	100.00			Balance on hand		730.00	

On motion of Mr. Kroll the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee for examination and audit.

The Clerk laid before the Council communications as follows.

From Mr. Victor M. Giffen, 201 Rhode Island Ave, N.E. Washington, D.C., requesting that a waiver of the Building Regulations with respect to the location of a dwelling not nearer than 5 feet to the side lot line be granted him in the construction of a dwelling on lot 3, block 80, Mr. Giffen

stated that his plans had been drawn, the contract let and funds procured for his building before he was aware of the regulation referred to, and that insistence upon a strict compliance therewith would require redrawing his plans, a new contract for building and a perplexing delay in the erection of his residence. On motion of Mr. Adams the matter was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for investigation and with authority to take such action as the Committee's judgment may deem advisable.

A communication from Mr. C. C. Pulver, Manager of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital requesting that permission be granted them to erect a small building 6 x 22 feet on the Town property immediately adjoining the B. and O. right of way and sidings, in which to house a portable coal conveyor. This conveyor to be used in promptly and expeditiously unloading cars consigned to the Sanitarium and which would permit a considerable saving in time and expense. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration and report.

A communication from Mr. A. H. Davis, addressed to Councilman Rogers, requesting that Westmoreland Avenue be graded and cindered from Highland Street to the house occupied by Mrs. Minnie Davis, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

A numerously signed petition from residents on Ridge Ave., for the grading and cindering of that street from its intersection with Genera Avenue to the colored Baptist Church, a distance of about 2000 feet, was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report. The petitioners stated their willingness to donate time and labor or to contribute money toward this necessary improvement, so anxious are they to have the street improved before winter renders it impassable.

A communication from Mrs. A. D. Kiefer, 403 Takoma Ave., asking for improved street lighting facilities in the vicinity of her residence, was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights for investigation and report.

A communication from Mr. Alex. H. Clark, owner of house and lot at 22 Westmoreland Avenue, making inquiry concerning the proposed drainage culvert on Westmoreland Avenue and the prospects of embracing other lots in the project, was referred to the street committee.

A communication from the newly established Citizens Bank applying for designation as one of the depositories of the Town funds, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

A petition from certain residents and property owners for the construction of a cement sidewalk on Erie Ave, and waiving the necessary legal advertisement and notices, was referred to the Street Committee.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in reply to an inquiry made by

the Council's direction to the effect that while the Commission's plans contemplate the laying of a large water main on Grant Avenue, it will not be possible for the work to be done this present fall.

The Clerk also presented a letter from the Washington Gaslight Co. of Montgomery Co., Md. in reply to inquiries made by direction of the Council and in effect that a gas main will be laid in Maple Ave, adjacent to Flower Ave, provided the house holders thereon will agree to immediately install the gas; with respect to Ethan Allen Avenue, the letter stated that this street is not improved or graded and that the improvements thereon are insufficient to justify extension of the mains at this time.

A numerously signed petition for the paving of Poplar Avenue was referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report.

Mr. R. M. Shenk, residing on Elm Ave. appeared before the Council and requested that Elm Ave be so graded as to permit him to construct a fence in front of his property. Mr. Shenk also protested against the construction of small and poorly constructed dwellings in his vicinity and expressed the hope that something might be done by the Council to discourage or stop the erection of buildings that discredit and depreciate otherwise valuable properties.

Mr. H. B. Hendrick addressed the Council relative to the perplexities of automobile parking in the vicinity of Carroll and Laurel Avenues and submitted certain suggestions relative thereto which were referred to the Committee on Police, Water and Lights.

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

Lewis M. Thayer, Printing	\$ 11.25	Fabrick Fire Hose Co. 750 ft. hose	\$ 975.00	Takoma Hardware Co. Tools, etc.	\$ 12.62
Columbia B. and C. Co. Cement and lime	82.00	Miller-Lacey & Co. Rail for bridge	89.70	Hendrick Motor Co. Gas, etc.	50.60
The Barrett Co. 424 gals. tarria	76.32	Thos. Somerville Co. Terra cotta pipe	158.39		1455.83

On motion of Mr. Fischer the bills were approved and payment directed when properly checked and verified.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, stated that upon authority of the Committee and after consultation with the Mayor and the other members of the Council the garbage contractor had been authorized to continue garbage collections during the month of October. In the Committee's opinion however, the service can now be discontinued for the winter. On Mr. Salisbury's motion the action of the Committee in continuing the garbage collection during October was approved and discontinuance of the service from November 1 until further notice was directed.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported completion of the concrete roadway on Sycamore Ave. and stated that work is

progressing satisfactorily on Baltimore Avenue and on the remainder of sidewalks authorized. The contractor hopes to finish up in full by the middle of November.

Mr. Fischer called attention also to a number of leaking watermains at various points which kept the streets at those points in bad condition and on his motion the Clerk was instructed to write to the Sanitary Commission and to urge speedy repairs.

On motion of Mr. Griffith authority was granted to close Tulip Ave. to traffic between Maple and Willow Aves., during the recess periods of the Maryland Public School and the Street Committee was authorized to have suitable portable signs prepared for placing in proper locations giving warning thereof.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights reported that the proposed dog ordinance was still in process of consideration and not yet in condition to present to the Council for ultimate or conclusive action.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:30 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk.

Tuesday Evening, October 30, 1923

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the office of the Clerk for the purpose of considering the report of the Civic Improvement Committee on the proposition submitted by Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge for the sale of certain land abutting on Philadelphia Avenue adjacent to the new public school site, for park purposes, and for such other business as may be presented.

There were present the Mayor, Councilmen Adams, Fischer, Griffith, Kroll, Rogers and Salisbury and Messrs Bien and Dowsett, citizens serving in an advisory capacity to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mr. Kroll, from the Civic Improvement Committee, submitted the following report:

<i>The Honorable Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Md.</i>	<i>Takoma Park, Md., October 24, 1923</i>
<i>Gentlemen: - The Civic Improvement Committee of the Council and the Citizens' Advisory Committee appointed by the Mayor of Takoma Park, Md., for joint consideration of the offer made to the Town of Takoma Park by Mrs. Margaret Petty Dodge in her letter of August 16, 1923, would respectfully report as follows: We have jointly and individually examined the land offered and have reached the following conclusions:</i>	
<i>1. That no favorable consideration of the offer is advisable without the inclusion therein of lots 5, 6 and 7 in Block 86, which lie between Cedar and Maple Avenue on the south side of Philadelphia Avenue.</i>	
<i>2. That no favorable consideration of the offer is advisable without provision for a resurvey which would result in facing toward the land in question all immediately surrounding residences which might be constructed.</i>	
<i>3. That the price to be paid for any of the land hereinbefore referred to should not exceed three cents (\$.03) per square foot.</i>	
<i>4. That should the town decide to acquire the aforesaid lands under the above conditions, payments should not exceed \$600 per annum in equal monthly installments without interest.</i>	
<i>5. That under any and all circumstances very careful consideration should be given before any proposal to purchase under any terms is agreed upon, as the original cost of purchase would be relatively small compared with the necessary outlay for improvements and the continuing expense of maintenance were the property to be used for park purposes.</i>	
<i>Respectfully submitted:</i>	<i>CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE; CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE;</i>
	<i>W. A. KROLL, Chairman MORRIS BIEN, Chairman</i>
	<i>JOHN R. ADAMS R. T. DOWSETT</i>
	<i>E. G. SALISBURY E. V. CRITTENDEN.</i>

After extended consideration of the report, participated in by all member of the Council and the Advisory Committee, on motion of Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Council unanimously adopted the report and the Clerk was directed to advise Mrs. Dodge in accordance therewith.

On motion of Mr. Griffith the thanks and appreciation of the Council were voiced to Messrs. Bien, Dowsett and Crittenden for the services rendered by them and the interest manifested in their consideration of the matter.

With reference to the permit requested by the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital for erecting a small structure near the B. and O. siding in North Takoma for housing an unloading conveyor Mr. Kroll, for the Civic Improvement Committee recommended and moved that a

permit be granted subject to the following conditions; That the permit be revokable at the will of the Mayor and Council and if revoked the building to be promptly removed without expense to the Town; that the Town be permitted to use the conveyor in unloading any material belonging to the Town for which the conveyor is adapted; and that a nominal annual rental be charged for use of the land. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Kroll an application of Mr. Fred L. Harries, for the Takoma Lodge F.A.M., for permission to have a minstrel parade through the streets of the Town, was granted.

With reference to the uncertainty concerning the exact lines of Tulip Ave, from Willow Ave. to Holly Ave., on motion of Mr. Kroll it was voted to have a survey made of this street covering the distance noted, by the County Surveyor.

On motion of Mr. Kroll the Ordinance Committee was instructed to prepare and to submit as an amendment to the Building Regulations, an Ordinance regulating the construction of fences, retaining walls, copings, etc.

The Council discussed at some length the growing necessity for better parking regulations with respect to vehicles and automobiles and on motion of Mr. Adams the Ordinance Committee was instructed to submit a proposed Ordinance relative thereto.

On motion of Mr. Adams the erection of 5 street lights was authorized on Flower Ave. from Division Street to Kennebec Avenue, 1 light at Philadelphia and Takoma Avenues and 1 light at Baltimore and Albany Avenues.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 11:20 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor.

Paul Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, November 19, 1923

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of October 30 were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report		\$ 5284.63	Services of health inspector	14.00	1610.79
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			Balance on hand		
From general taxes	\$ 1843.21		Special Improvement Fund:		
building permits	49.00		Balance on hand last report	\$ 18997.34	
electric wiring permits	11.00		Collections for month	1130.26	
plumbing permits	7.50		Certificates of indebtedness	20000.00	
gas permits	11.00		Accrued interest	200.00	
road tax refund, Prince Georges Co.	326.41			\$ 40327.60	
fines	2.00	2250.12	Disbursements during month	282.00	
		\$ 7534.75	Balance on hand		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			Special Deposits:		
Street work: labor	\$ 151.20		Balance on hand last report	\$ 730.00	
material	298.44		Receipts during month	30.00	
machinery upkeep and tools	99.06	548.70		\$ 760.00	
Storage warehouse		279.10	Disbursements during month	20.00	
Street lighting		316.66	Balance on hand		
General expenses: telephones	5.75		School Fund:		
printing	11.25		Oct. 1, 1923, from certs of indebtedness	15000.00	
miscellaneous	2.00	19.00	Nov. 1 " " " "	30000.00	
Garbage collections		183.33	" " accrued interest	150.00	
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00			\$ 45150.00	
supt. of public work	125.00		Ad: Advanced to G. Board of Education	30000.00	
inspector of electrical work	25.00	250.00	Balance on hand		
				\$ 15150.00	

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

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, Baltimore and Takoma Aves, addressed the Council briefly, first expressing his gratification that the cost of concreting Baltimore Ave. was kept within the estimate of the Mayor and Council and then calling attention to certain acts of vandalism at and in the vicinity of his property and a repetition of which he hoped the Town authorities might be able to prevent.

Other citizens of the Town in person addressed the Council on various subjects, Mr. Thornton relative to the concrete wall on Elm Avenue just below Carroll, recently erected by the Hendrick Motor Co., which, in Mr. Thornton's judgment was detrimental to the property interests in that vicinity; Mr. Thornton presented also a numerously signed petition requesting that interested property holders be heard before any enlargement of the Hendrick Garage is permitted on the Elm Ave. frontage of their property. This petition was referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Mrs. Parker of Takoma Ave. requested the removal of pipe and debris that has been an unsightly street adornment in her vicinity for a long time; Mrs. Waterholter requested information concerning the removal of tin cans and rubbish and was informed by the Mayor that a "Clean-up Week" would probably be designated later in the evening. Mr. Bullard, of Ethan Allen Ave. requested early improvement of that thoroughfare.

Communications were presented and disposed of as follows: From Mrs. J. O. Foulk for a street light near her home on Flower Ave - to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights; a petition from residents of Jefferson Ave. for improvement of existing conditions thereon, to the Street Committee; from the Takoma Park Citizens' Association expressing appreciation of courtesies shown by the Mayor and Council to the membership of the Association Committee on Streets and Lights, to the Clerk for file; from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission setting forth repairs made of leaks in water mains and sewers and street repairs to which the Council recently called the Commission's attention - to the Clerk for file. From Mr. C. M. Ray, of 25 Denwood Avenue relative to street improvement assessments against the two frontages of a lot owned by him and requesting an adjustment thereof - to the Street Committee.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills amounting to \$2167.93 which had been examined and approved for payment and upon his motion appropriations were authorized accordingly and payment of the bills directed.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, returned the communication of the Citizens Bank requesting that the institution be made a depository for Town funds with the recommendation that, in view of the recent financing of the Town in excess of \$100,000 by the Takoma Park Bank, the Committee feels it would not be a proper appreciation of services rendered, to make any change in the Town's fiscal arrangements at this time. The recommendation was approved.

Upon recommendation of the Health Committee and on motion of Mr. Rogers the week of December 3 was designated for general clean-up purposes and an appropriation of \$150 authorized for collection of tin cans and like rubbish throughout the Town.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported that the contractor has practically completed the concrete streets and will probably complete the few remaining cement sidewalks at an early day. He reported also that the storage warehouse is under roof and will be given final touches as time can be spared from general street work. With respect to Ridge Avenue Mr. Fischer stated the Committee would make all possible effort to improve this street at an early date.

Mr. Adams, called attention to the somewhat dangerous conditions at the intersection of Park and Maple Avenues and Grant and Maple

which would be obviated to a considerable extent by the location of street lights at these points. The matter would have his Committee's further attention however before submitting definite recommendations.

Mr. Griffith, from the Ordinance Committee, reported that the Committee was not yet ready to report on certain proposed Ordinances now pending before it.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 9:25 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Burd Davis

Mayor

Clerk.

Monday Evening, December 17, 1923

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report						miscellaneous expenses:				\$ 989.90
RECEIPTS:						Salaries: clerk and Treasurer			\$ 100.00	
From general taxes	\$ 620.30					supt. of public work		125.00		
building permits	58.00					electrical inspector		25.00	250.00	4315.95
electric wiring permits	15.00					Balance on hand				\$ 3446.59
plumbing permits	20.50					Special Improvement Fund:				
excavation permits	9.00					Balance on hand last report			\$ 40045.60	
miscellaneous: fines	10.00					Receipts during month			4517.04	
refund street repairs by Gas Co.	130.78								44562.64	
refund for fire hose destroyed	975.00	1115.78	1838.58			Disbursements: concrete streets		\$ 15144.00		
			\$ 7762.54			sidewalks		5086.44		
DISBURSEMENTS:						culvert		99.00	20329.44	
Street work: labor	\$ 54.00					Balance on hand			\$ 24233.20	
material	833.56					Special Deposits:				
machinery and tools	10.54	898.10				Balance on hand last report			\$ 740.00	
Construction of storage warehouse		868.94				Receipts for month			10.00	
Street lighting		316.66							750.00	
General expenses: telephones	6.49					Disbursements			30.00	
postage	10.86	17.35				Balance on hand			720.00	
Fire apparatus: hose		975.00				School Fund:				
						Balance on hand			15150.00	

On motion of Mr. Salisbury the report was approved and ordered filed.

The Clerk laid before the Council a communication from a Committee of the Community League calling attention to the discrimination against the residents of Takoma Park, Md., by the Washington Gaslight Company in the matter of gas rates and urging the Council to bring the matter to the attention of the Public Utilities Commission of Maryland with a view to rectifying the injustice. Mr. Clark, for the Community League addressed the Council briefly upon the matter. The communication was thereupon referred to the Civic Improvement Committee for consideration and report.

Dr. H.W. Miller, former member of the Council and of the medical staff of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital addressed the Council relative to the urgency of providing increased street facilities for more ready and less dangerous access to the Sanitarium and strongly recommended early improvement of Maple Avenue from Park Avenue to Flower Avenue as the only feasible means of accomplishing this. Dr. Miller called attention to the constant and increasing demand upon the Sanitarium and urged as early action as may be found feasible. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for investigation, consideration and report.

The Clerk presented a petition from residents on Chestnut Avenue extended calling attention to the very bad and dangerous condition of that street and urging immediate attention. Mrs. W.D. Hall addressed the Council on the subject of the petition. The petition was referred to the Street Committee, which reported subsequently that Chestnut Avenue, extended, was on the list of streets scheduled for early attention and that it was hoped to reach it within the present week.

Mr. C.D. Blachley addressed the Council relative to the advisability of the Town acquiring the land immediately across Philadelphia Avenue from the new school site; this was urgent, Mr. Blachley contended, to prevent the erection thereon of small and undesirable residences, and expressed the hope that the Council and the owner of the property might readily agree upon a fair and equitable price for the property.

An application for an electric street light on pole 72485, Valley View Ave., by Mr. F.D. B. Avshin, was referred to the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights for consideration and report.

A communication from Mrs. Virginia H. Roberts requesting an extension of Chestnut Ave. from Philadelphia Avenue north to Hodges Lane was referred to the Street Committee which subsequently reported that inasmuch as no plat had been made or proposed for street extensions in the Hodges Tract north of Philadelphia Avenue that favorable action on Mrs. Roberts' request could not be considered. In consideration of this matter the Clerk called the attention of the Mayor and Council to the urgent necessity of providing without delay for street extensions through-

the remaining portions of the unsubdivided Hodges Farm and the requirement that all future sales and subdivisions of the Hodges Tract strictly conform thereto. The Clerk's suggestion was referred to the Street Committee for early consideration and report.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills amounting to \$ 922.97 which had been examined and approved for payment and on motion of Mr. Salisbury payment of the bills was approved and directed.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee, recommended that the Health Committee be authorized and directed to take up for immediate consideration the question of municipal collection and disposal of garbage and trash with a view to a year round collection at the most frequent intervals possible and to report thereon, together with an estimate of cost, as early as may be found feasible. On motion of Mr. Kroll the recommendation of Mr. Salisbury was approved.

Mr. Fischer, from the Street Committee, reported the completion of the conduit on Westmoreland Avenue in connection with which he called attention to a small drain constructed by a private individual in the same vicinity and which is liable, because of its small capacity, to be the cause of future trouble and for which neither the Street Committee nor the Council can be held responsible.

With respect to the desired improvement of Maple Avenue through to Flower Ave., advocated by Dr. H.W. Miller, of the Washington Sanitarium, earlier in the evening, Mr. Fischer reported that it would be not so difficult or expensive a matter to make a reasonably good thoroughfare of this street by grading and cindering but that a concrete bridge at Jefferson Avenue and another across the Sligo would involve a very considerable expenditure. Upon suggestion that good substantial timber bridges of a temporary character might be constructed to answer present requirements Mr. Fischer stated that the Committee would investigate this possibility.

The Council discussed at some length the best means of putting Carroll Avenue in good condition, the consensus of opinion being that this could best be done by a 1 1/2 or 2 inch layer of besonite at a possible cost of \$15000, covering the street from the District Line to Flower Avenue; this could be done however only by special financing and should have early joint consideration of the Street and Finance Committees. In connection with the probability of using besonite Mr. Adams moved that the Clerk be directed to notify the Capitol Traction Company thereof which plan would require either the raising of their tracks on Carroll Avenue or the abandonment of street cars and the substitution of motor busses. The motion was carried.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Fire, Police and Lights moved that the small fire engine and its equipment of fire hose with the exception of 150 feet which is to be turned over to the Superintendent of Public Work for Town use, be transferred to the authorities of the Washington Sanitar-

ium and Hospital, who have offered to house and man it for fire protection at the Sanitarium and vicinity; that an inventory of all equipment turned over under this authority be prepared by the Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, receipted for by the Sanitarium authorities upon delivery thereto, and said receipt then sent to the Town Clerk for file in the Town records. The motion was carried.

Mr. Griffith, from the Ordinance Committee, submitted, by direction of the Council the following proposed Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 393 & D

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

That the following traffic regulations be and the same are hereby adopted to govern and control the parking and operation of vehicles in the corporate limits of the Town:

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS.

Vehicle. - Any conveyance except a street car.

Street or Avenue. - That part of a public highway intended for vehicles and street cars.

Curb. - The extreme edge of a street or avenue.

Parked Vehicle. - Any vehicle left unattended.

SECTION 2 - RESTRICTED AREAS.

The parking of vehicles at the following designated locations is defined and regulated as indicated:

North side of Carroll Avenue, between Laurel and Willow Avenues, no parking permitted. South side of Carroll Avenue, no parking permitted within thirty (30) feet of the west line of Laurel Avenue; thence to the District-Maryland line, parking for a space of thirty (30) minutes will be permitted. Both sides of Carroll Avenue between Laurel and Elm Avenues, no parking permitted. West side of Laurel Avenue, between Carroll Avenue and a point fifty (50) feet north of Eastern Avenue, no parking permitted. East side of Laurel Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and a point ten (10) feet south of the fire hydrant at the intersection of Laurel and Carroll Avenues, parking for a space of thirty (30) minutes will be permitted; thence along the east side of Laurel Avenue and the south side of Carroll Avenue to Elm Avenue, no parking permitted.

SECTION 3 - GENERAL REGULATIONS.

In regulation and supervision of traffic the Mayor and Council may direct the use of traffic signs or directions on the streets and avenues of the Town. Failure to observe or comply with the directions so given or with instructions issued by an officer of the Town, or the removal or destruction of any traffic signs shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

Parking privileges upon the streets or avenues of the Town of Takoma Park may be temporarily modified or revoked, in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, and the placing of an official sign in any street, avenue or parking zone, or instructions from an official of the Town shall be deemed sufficient notice thereof; any vehicle parked within the limits embraced by said notice, shall be removed by the owner or person in charge thereof, in accordance with said notices or instructions.

No vehicle shall be parked or otherwise stopped so as to interfere with or prevent the free passage of other vehicles in both directions at the same time.

No procession or parade involving the use of vehicles (other than funerals) shall be allowed upon the streets or avenues of the Town except upon permit issued by the Town Clerk at the direction of the Mayor and said permit shall designate the time and route of said procession or parade.

No vehicle shall stop with its left side next to the curb. No vehicle shall park within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.

No vehicle shall tow more than one other vehicle and the space between the two vehicles shall not exceed ten (10) feet.

No person shall drive any vehicle over or across any fire hose, nor obstruct or impede any fire apparatus, nor pass or drive in front of any fire apparatus engaged in public service; nor hinder, delay or impede in any manner the driver of any fire apparatus engaged in public service.

SECTION 4 - FINES AND PENALTIES.

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any amendment thereof, upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty (50) dollars (\$50.00) for each and every violation and in default of payment thereof may be imprisoned in the municipal or county jail for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days or until the fine is paid.

This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its passage. Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved, 1/3/70

Mr. Griffith moved that the Ordinance be approved and the Ordinance was passed and approved upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams Fischer, Griffith, Krall, Rogers and Salisbury.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:33 o'clock p.m., adjourned.

Approved:

Mayor

Ben D. Daws

Clerk

Monday Evening, January 21, 1924.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were approved.

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

Balance on hand last report				\$ 3446.59	<u>Special Improvement Fund:</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>						Balance on hand last report		\$ 24,233.20
From general taxes		1030.55			Receipts during month		5062.95	
building permits		50.50					29296.15	
electrical permits		12.00			Disbursements: concrete streets	\$ 5120.00		
plumbing permits		24.00			cement walks	3246.65		
excavation permits		7.00			culvert, Westmld. Ave.	281.51	8648.16	
fines		5.00	1129.05		Balance on hand		20647.99	
			4575.64		<u>Special Deposits:</u>			
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>						Balance on hand last report		\$ 720.00
Street Work: labor	\$ 309.15				Disbursements		110.00	
material	353.93				Balance on hand		610.00	
machinery and tools	26.72	689.80			<u>School Fund:</u>			
Storage Warehouse		424.09			Balance on hand last report		\$ 15150.00	
Street lighting		316.66			Paid to County Board of Education		6000.00	
General expenses: telephones		5.75			Balance on hand		\$ 9150.00	
Expenses of clean-up week		123.45						
Salaries: clerk and treasurer	100.00							
supt. of public work	125.00							
electrical inspector	25.00	250.00	1809.75					
Balance on hand			\$ 2765.89					

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

Mr. J. H. Campbell, of the Columbia Brick and Coal Co. addressed the Council briefly with respect to that provision of the Building Regulations which re-