

Tuesday Evening, March 1, 1927

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting agreeable with the understanding at the last regular session for further consideration of the proposed street improvement plan and for such other business as may be presented.

After extended informal discussion of the Street Committee's detailed program for street paving and improvements, and in the light of the strong indorsement of that plan as expressed by the many citizens present at the meeting of the Council on February 21st, Chairman Johnson, from the Street Committee, presented the following Ordinance as the preliminary action to put the plan into effect:

Ordinance No. 458

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

Sec. 1. - That under authority of Section 12 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922, (Chapter 542) and in the interest of the public health, safety and convenience the improvement of the public streets herein designated, is under contemplation. It is proposed to improve these streets by one or more of the following kinds of roadways, namely: 1. Concrete pavements and curbs, with or without a bituminous surface, at an estimated cost of \$12.00 per lineal foot. 2. Bituminous pavement, with concrete curb and gutters, at an estimated cost of \$9.00 per lineal foot. 3. Gravel roadway, at an estimated cost of \$1.30 per lineal foot. The cost of said improvements, in accordance with one or more of the above methods and at the estimated cost as above stated, will be assessed against the abutting property according to established custom, namely: one-third against the property on each side of the street improved, the remaining one-third to be paid from the revenues of the Town. The assessments for these improvements may be paid, if so desired, in five annual installments, upon completion of the work and the levying of the assessment therefor by the Mayor and Council. Improvement of the following streets is under consideration:

Albany Avenue, from Takoma Avenue to Baltimore Avenue, abutting lots 4, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, block 74; lots 3, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, block 75; lots 11, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, block 76, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co. Subdivision.

Beech Avenue, from Sycamore Avenue to Woodland Avenue, abutting lots 24 and 43, block 22; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 23, Gilberts Subdivision.

Boyd Avenue, from Carroll Avenue, abutting lots 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 39; lots 3, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, block 40; Glarize Subdivision.

Chestnut Avenue, from end of present pavement to Philadelphia Avenue, abutting lots 16, 17 and 18, block 11; lots 28, 29, 30, and 31, block 12, Gilberts Subdivision; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Barclay's Subdivision; and the unsubdivided tracts and parcels abutting on said street.

Crescent Place and Holt Place, from Park Avenue to Denwood Avenue, abutting 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, Block 2; lots 1, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 4; lots 1 and 2, block 5, Hill Crest Subdivision.

Cockerille Avenue, from Spring Street to Second Street, abutting lots 18, 19 and 20, Block 16, Pine Crest Subdivision. Lot 1, block 11, Gibbs and Kassack Subdivision.

Cleveland Avenue, from Baltimore Avenue, abutting lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 79; lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 80; Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision.

Carroll Avenue, from Flower Avenue to the Corporation line, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block A; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block B; Cunningham Subdivision, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Block 101; and the unsubdivided tracts and parcels abutting thereon.

Davis Avenue, from Flower Avenue to Central Avenue, abutting lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block A; lots 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block C, Cunningham Subdivision.

Erie Avenue, from Flower Avenue to Maple Avenue, abutting lots 1, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, Block 52, lots 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 28, 29, 38, 39, 40 and 41, Block 53, Gilberts Subdivision.

Eastern Avenue, from Ash Avenue to Second Street, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 14; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, block 17, Pine Crest Subdivision.

Elm Avenue, from Sycamore Avenue to Ethan Allen Avenue, abutting lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75 Block 16; lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 23; lots 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58, Block 24. Lots 9, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 25; lots 1, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 26; Gilberts Subdivision.

Ethan Allen Avenue, from Sycamore Avenue to Elm Avenue, abutting lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, Block 45, Carroll Manor; lots 3, 4 and 49, Block 22; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 24; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 25; Gilberts Subdivision. And the unsubdivided tracts and parcels on the easterly side of said street.

Flower Avenue, from Jackson Avenue to Sliquo Branch, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Block 46; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 47; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 48, Fletchers Subdivision. Lots 20 and 21, Chaney's Subdivision of part of Block 49.

Grant Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Maple Avenue, abutting lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Section 1; the unsubdivided Sections 2, 3 and 4, S.S. Carrolls Subdivision; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Lehto's Subdivision; and the unsubdivided tracts and parcels abutting on said street.

Garland Avenue, from Carroll Avenue, abutting lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Block 101.

Holly Avenue, from Philadelphia Avenue to Hodges Lane, abutting lots 1, 8, 9 and 10, Block 96, Hodges Heights.

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Hodges Lane, from Holly Avenue to Chestnut Avenue, abutting lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 96, Hodges Heights and the unsubdivided tracts and parcels

Jefferson Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Fremont Avenue, abutting lots 1, 39, 40, 41 and 42, block 50. Block 51.

Lincoln Avenue, from Jackson Avenue to Maple Avenue, abutting lots 1, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Block 37, Gilberts Subdivision. Lots 8, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 32, Block 50, Gilberts Subdivision.

Philadelphia Avenue, from Maple Avenue to Chestnut Ave, abutting lots 15 and 16, Barclay Subdivision; lots 7 and 8, Block 84; lots 11 and 12, Block 85, lots 6 and 7, Block 86, Petty Subdivision. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 96, Hodges Heights.

[and Kossack Subdivision

Poplar Avenue, from end of present pavement to Spring Street, abutting lot 35, Block 16, Gilberts Subdivision; lot 9, block 10, lots 13, and 14, Block 12; Gibbs

Prince George Avenue, from Ethan Allen Avenue to Elm Avenue, abutting lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 58, block 24; Lots 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 25, Gilberts Subdivision.

Sherman Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Maple Avenue, abutting the tracts and parcels of unsubdivided Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, S.S. Carrolls Subdivision; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Austins Subdivision.

Spring Street, from Poplar Avenue to Cockerille Avenue, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 10; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 11; Gibbs and Kossack Subdivision.

Second Street, from Cockerille Avenue to Westmoreland Avenue, abutting lots 10 and 11, Block 12; lots 10 and 11, Block 13; lots 1 and 20, Block 15; lots 1 and 20, Block 16, Pine Crest Subdivision.

Takoma Avenue, from Philadelphia Avenue to the Corporation line, abutting lots 1 and 17, Block 67; lots 1, 13, 14 and 15, Block 68; lots 8 and 9, Block 71, lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 72, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company's Subdivision.

Woodland Avenue, from Ethan Allen Avenue to Elm Avenue, abutting lots 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, Block 22; lots 8 and 15, Block 23; lots 1, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47, Block 24; Gilberts Subdivision.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at a special meeting to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, March 29, 1927, at 8 o'clock will hear any or all persons desiring to be heard in respect to the work herein contemplated.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

The Clerk informed the Council that all figures had been received in connection with the sidewalk construction under the contract with Mr. Martin Iverson and that the cost of the work requires an assessment of \$1.60 per lineal foot. In accordance with Clerk's report, Mr. Rogers from the Finance Committee moved that the assessment be fixed at the figures stated and submitted the following Ordinance for the Council's action:

Ordinance No. 459.

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

Section 1. - That a special assessment of \$1.60 per lineal foot be and is hereby levied for the construction of cement sidewalks against all of that property enumerated in Ordinance No. 444, passed and approved June 28, 1926 and Ordinance No. 445, passed and approved July 22, 1926, designated for sidewalk improvement, said sidewalks having now been completed.

Section 2. - The special assessments herein levied shall be due March 1, 1927 and payable within 90 days therefrom, interest at 6% per annum beginning on April 1, 1927. Provided that, if so desired, said assessments may be paid in five annual installments, the first due March 1, 1927 and payable within 90 days therefrom; the remaining payments to be due on the first day of each succeeding March and payable within 90 days therefrom. Provided further that payments of one-fifth or excess thereof may be made at any time within the periods due. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:05 o'clock P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor.

Bryan Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, March 21, 1927

The Council met at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting of March 1, 1927, 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 last report		\$ 12194.39	DISBURSEMENTS:			Salaries: Clk. and Treas	100.00		
RECEIPTS:			Street work: labor	224.55		Supt. Public Work	166.67		
From general taxes	1578.13		Material	160.23		Electrical Inspector	25.00		
" Building permits	29.00		Machinery and tools	111.69	496.47	Building "	29.50	321.17	
" Electric "	14.00		General Expenses: telephone	5.75		Town's share, St. Impmt		1876.00	4514.57
" Excavation "	7.00	50.00	Printing and Adv.	12.65		Balance on hand			11915.90
Montg. Co. Bk. tax refund	145.21		Postage	21.72		SPECIAL DEPOSITS:			
" " Secur. " "	354.25		Rentals	25.00	65.12	Balance last report		780.00	
" " Road " "	1881.84	2381.30	Garbage Collection		150.00	Deposits during month		10.00	
Tax redemption	226.65	4236.08	Street lighting		314.88	Refunds during month		10.00	
		16430.47	Maple Ave. bridge		790.93	Balance on hand		780.00	
			Donation to Fire Co.		500.00				

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:			Disbursements:				
Balance last report		7917.90	Concrete streets		6.00	Balance on hand	6305.07
Rec'd, from Special Impv. Accts	5027.23		Cement walks		209.07	SINKING FUND: Balance	6561.05
" General Fund	1876.00	6903.23	Cedar Ave. Extension		100.00	From Special Improvement Fund	6000.00
		14821.13	To sinking Fund		6000.00	Balance on hand	12561.05

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

The Clerk laid before the Council communications and petitions which were read and disposed of as follows:

From Mr. E. M. Douglas, 81 Eastern Avenue, opposing the opening and grading of Lincoln Ave. abutting lot 14, block 37, of which he is owner, which will serve no useful purpose unless the improvements extend a block further East than proposed. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from certain residents on Cockerille Avenue requesting the paving of that street to the corporation line and the installation of a drainage system to take care of existing flood conditions. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from certain residents of Cockerille Avenue to extend and grade said street through to Elm Avenue. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from certain residents in the vicinity of 263 Ethan Allen Avenue requesting that in rebuilding the house at number indicated, it be set back to conform with the building line of Nos. 265 and 267 Ethan Allen Avenue. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Communications from the Secretary, Takoma Park Citizens' Association: 1. Indorsing the Resolution of the Community League for the development of the municipal play grounds and 2. Indorsing the proposal of the Street Committee of the Town Council for a comprehensive development of the streets of the Town. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee and the Street Committee, respectively.

Mr. H. E. Dodge called the Councils attention to violations of the speeding regulations on Maple Avenue and suggested that the erection of proper signs might have a restraining effect. Referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee for appropriate action.

Mr. F. L. Harries called attention to the disappearance of traffic "Slow" signs at the schools on Columbia and Philadelphia Ave, and the Mayor requested the Superintendent of Public Work to see to their replacement.

Mrs. Estelle Phillips addressed the Council in opposition to any increase in taxes for the purpose of permanent street improvements.

Mr. Karl Olsen requested that in any consideration of street improvements attention be given to Maple Avenue from Grant Ave. to Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$ _____, and on his motion payment was directed.

Mr. Salisbury, from the Health Committee recommended that the week of April 4-9 be set aside for a general trash collection, the work to be done by the Town equipment under direction of the Superintendent of Public Work, and that the usual notices of notification to property owners be prepared and distributed. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Grittenden.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Streets returned the request of Mr. C.L. Hubbell, 30 Erie Ave., for opening Hudson Avenue from Flower Ave., to Sliqo Ave, to afford him access to certain lots recently purchased. The Committee reported that the opening of the Street at this time would be for private benefit rather than that of the public and would be inconsistent with the Towns established policy. On motion of Mr. Rogers the report was approved.

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights in response to requests for additional street lights recommended installation of new lights as follows: On pole 75093, corner of Philadelphia and Holly Avenues; on pole 75415, corner of Grant and Maple Avenues; On pole 75332, Elm Avenue, near Ethan Allen Avenue; on pole 7518, corner of 2nd Street and Westmoreland Avenue. The Committee also recommended that the light on pole 7392, in front of 311 Takoma Avenue, be moved to pole 7391, to equalize the lighting in that block. The Committees recommendations were approved, on motion of Mr. Finch.

Mr. Finch, from the same Committee reported that it was understood that pending legislation providing for an enlarged County Police Force included appointment of three Sergeants and that as our local member of the force, Private Earl Burdine, is an applicant for one of these places the Committee recommended passage of the following endorsement:

Having been advised that prospective legislation provides three Sergeants of Police for Montgomery County and as Private Earl Burdine of the Police Force is a resident of our Town and has seniority of service on the Force, the Mayor and Council are pleased to commend him to the County Commissioners for promotion to one of these positions if the pending legislation becomes law.

On motion of Mr. Grittenden the report of the Committee was unanimously approved.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, moved that the permit granted for reconstruction of the Jones house on Ethan Allen Avenue be temporarily suspended pending investigation of the report that the Building Regulations with respect to the building line, were being violated. The motion was carried.

The Mayor reported that recently he had consulted with Mr. Fred L. Glaize, owner of a considerable acreage along Ethan Allen Avenue with respect to securing an offer from Mr. Glaize of land for the new school house which is to be located in the Prince George Co. vicin-

ity of Takoma Park. After visiting the proposed site with Mr. Glaize, in company with Mr. R.D. Lillie, the former offered to sell to the county two acres of ground for \$3000 and to donate an additional acre without charge. As this ground is easily worth \$2000 per acre the offer is considered most liberal and the Prince George Co. authorities have been so advised. It is very much hoped that the offer will be accepted and the new school building thus located within the Town.

Mr. Salisbury called attention to the urgent necessity of having really efficient warning signs at the two approaches to the Sligo bridge and inquired if it would not be possible to obtain two of the type used by the State. The Mayor stated that he would be glad to take the matter up with the State Road Commission and ascertain what can be done in the matter.

Mr. Adams suggested that, because of the required re-registration of town voters prior to the forthcoming municipal election it would probably be advisable to set apart two additional days for registration other than those directed by the charter. He therefore moved that Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20 be designated for registering of Town Voters in addition to Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27 which are designated by law for this purpose. The motion was carried.

Mr. Salisbury suggested that the matter of ~~the~~ new registration should be given the widest publicity both by distribution of hand bills and by notice in the local paper. This the Mayor gave assurance would be done.

There being no further business the Council thereupon at 9:57 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bennett Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

clerk

Saturday Evening March 26, 1927

A special meeting of the Council was held this date, at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 9 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson and Salisbury.

The Mayor stated that he had called the meeting in order to take definite action on the suspended building permit issued to Horace B. Derrick to rebuild the house on lot 18, block 24, No. 236 Ethan Allen Ave., which house had been destroyed by fire. The Mayor understood that the members of the Council had informed themselves during the week as to the facts and the existing status of the matter. The contractor building the house is restive because of enforced idleness of his men and is anxious to proceed with the work and the Mayor hoped a satisfactory solution could be found and the work permitted to proceed.

After discussion, in which all members present participated and which evidenced a very general unanimity of views as to the action to be taken Mr. Salisbury moved that the suspension of the permit voted at the last meeting of the Council be lifted and the work be permitted to proceed on the existing foundation. The motion was approved.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, laid before the Council for discussion the proposed plan of street improvements for the coming summer. These were considered at length no final or definite conclusion being reached.

The Council thereupon, at 10:30 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis Clerk.

Tuesday Evening March 29, 1927

In accordance with notice legally given a special meeting of the Council was held this date in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, convening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the proposed public work set forth in Ordinance No. 458, passed and approved March 1, 1927. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Griffenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

A very large number of citizens were present, testing the capacity of the hall in which the meeting was held. The Mayor explained briefly the object of the meeting and commended the interest manifested as shown in the large attendance. In order to proceed expeditiously the Mayor stated that the streets would be taken up for consideration in the same alphabetical order in which they appeared in the Ordinance and the Public Notice. As each street is called those desiring to be heard, either for or against the proposed improvements, will speak promptly and as briefly as possible, though it is not desired or intended to limit anyone in what they desire to say. The hearing thereupon proceeded in the following order:

Albany Avenue: Messrs. Van Arnum, Wright and Ware expressed themselves as favorable to the improvements; no one opposed.

Beech Avenue: Residents urged that the street be concreted. No opposition expressed.

Boyd Avenue: Messrs. Gude and Lamplugh urged that the proposed improvement be made. No one disapproved.

Chestnut Avenue: Messrs. Pierce, Hazard, Hall and Greenbaum favored paving this street. No opposition expressed.

Crescent and Holt Places: Messrs. Millard and Nichols urged the contemplated paving. No one opposed.

Cockerille Avenue: Mr. Fahey favored the work and urged that the entire street be included. No opposition expressed.

Cleveland Avenue: Work advocated by Mr. Pierce; no one opposed.

Carroll Avenue: Messrs. Robbins, Strawser and Stauffer spoke in favor of paving; no one expressed disapproval.

Davis Avenue: Favored by Messrs. Minard, McDermott, Slade and G.W. Davis. No opposition presented.

Erie Avenue: Messrs. Hubbell, Toler, Regardie, Neuslein and Killen advocated proposed paving; no one opposed.

Eastern Avenue: Mr. R.D. Lillie, representing Mrs. Tinsley, approved the proposed work; no one opposed.

Elm Avenue: Work urged by Messrs. Bryan, Shenk, Forsbacka, Lehto and Latham; no disapproval expressed.

Ethan Allen Avenue: Messrs. Mackay, Hoque, Stevens, Barrett, Maddox, Meiners, Taylor and Mills favored the work; no disapproval.

" Richardson, Hutchinson, Palmer and Schofield, Feldman and Lillie

Flower Avenue: Approved by Messrs. Chapin, Brooks, Weaver, Robinson, Wilcox, Sanborn, George and Mrs. White; no disapproval presented.

Grant Avenue: Work urged by Messrs. Fenwick, Gaskins, Roseman, Nurmi, Dwyer and Lehto; No disapproval expressed.

Garland Avenue: Approved by Messrs. Richardson and Zeidler; no disapproval.

Holly Avenue: Advocated by Messrs. Judd and Lahimer. No one opposed.

Hodges Lane: Favored by Mr. Judd; no opposition expressed.

Jefferson Avenue: - Messrs. Downs and Nelson spoke in favor of the proposed work. No one expressed opposition.

Lincoln Avenue: - Advocated by Messrs. Smith, McClaine, Abell and Town; opposed by Mr. Douglas.

Philadelphia Avenue: Favored by Messrs. Vierick and Dodge; no opposition.

Poplar Avenue: No one approving or disapproving.

Prince George Avenue: Messrs. Hutton, Kilby and Bryan urged the proposed improvements; no one opposing.

Sherman Avenue: Approved by Messrs. O'Laughlin, Griffith, Iverson, Phipps, Bollman, Austin and Richardson. No opposition expressed.

Spring Street and Second Street: Favored by Messrs. Lillie and Coyle; no one opposed; favored also by Mrs. Waldo Schmitt.

Takoma Avenue: Approved by Mr. D. Faber; no one opposed.

Woodland Avenue: Indorsed by Messrs. Rogers, Eustis, Troqner, Wehmhoff and Gardner. No one opposed.

Miss Parker of Takoma Avenue urged the Council to take steps toward paving Takoma Ave. from Chestnut to Buffalo Avenue.

Mr. Dawkins opposed paving of Takoma Ave. from Chestnut to Baltimore Ave. because of probable construction of B. and O. underpass in that locality.

Mr. Morrissey urged that special assessment work be charged entirely to abutting property and the one-third payment by the Town abolished.

Mr. Plumley expressed himself in sympathy with the desired improvements but felt concerned as to the source of the money and the increase of taxes.

Messrs. Milton Derrick, A. Y. Troqner, H. B. Hendrick, R. S. Gould and Colonel R. S. Porter addressed the Council, all in general advocacy of the proposed improvement program. No one further desiring to speak the Mayor, at 10:20 o'clock declared the hearing as closed.

Proceeding in regular session the Council took up the street improvement program in light of the hearing just concluded.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, in view of the almost unanimous desire of the citizens for paved streets, moved that the

following Ordinance be taken up for consideration. The motion was carried

Ordinance No. 460

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

Section 1. That, under authority granted by Section 12 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland approved April 13, 1922, (Chapter 542, Session of 1922) the Mayor and Council, after due advertisement and hearing as provided therein, are of opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of those streets or portions of streets set forth in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 458, passed and approved March 1, 1927, and the improvement of said streets is hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent as the Mayor and Council may determine, within the terms of said Ordinance

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon or contiguous thereto which may be determined by the Mayor and Council as specially benefitted thereby; and one-third of said total cost shall be assessed against the revenues of the Town; said cost to include any and all street intersections and exemptions on corner lots or otherwise.

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within 90 days from the date of approval of the assessment therefor by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessments may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of approval thereof, the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further, that payments of one-fifth, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

After discussion Mr. Rogers moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for proposals for the Street work authorized for the present season and that said proposals be received at the Clerk's Office up to 7 o'clock, Monday evening, April 18, 1927, and opened at said time and place. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 10:35 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis Mayor

Bruce Davis Clerk

Monday Evening, April 4, 1927

A special meeting of the Council was held this date at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 7:00 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called primarily to consider the proposed street improvement program but any other urgent business could be presented for action.

Mr. Adams, from the Civic Improvement Committee, reported that the Committee had examined the lot and building plans of the house Mr. Benj. C. Stine desired to erect on Park Ave. From the triangular shape of the lot it is impracticable to locate the proposed building in accordance with the building lines established by the Building Regulations; the Committee recommends therefore that the Regulations be waived in this case and permission granted to locate the house 16 feet from the street line. The recommendation was approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

The Mayor laid before the Council the resignation of Mr. Fred L. Harries as Building Inspector. On motion of Mr. Salisbury the resignation was accepted to be effective March 29, in accordance with Mr. Harries' wishes.

On motion of Mr. Crittenden the Mayor was authorized to appoint Mr. E. E. Blodgett temporarily as Building Inspector.

The Council thereupon took up the matter of street paving and after extended deliberation and on motion of Mr. Salisbury decided that the program of permanent street improvements should include the following: Tulip Ave, from Willow Ave, to Holly Avenue; New York Ave, from Chicago Avenue to Takoma Avenue; Takoma Avenue, from Chestnut Avenue to Baltimore Avenue; Albany Avenue, from Takoma Avenue to Baltimore Avenue; Boyd Avenue, to a distance of 500 feet from Carroll Avenue; Chestnut Avenue, from end of present pavement to Philadelphia Avenue; Crescent Place and Holt Place, from Park Avenue to Denwood Avenue; Cockerille Avenue from Spring Street to Second Street; Erie Avenue, from Flower Avenue to Maple Avenue; Elm Avenue, from Sycamore Avenue to Ethan Allen Avenue; Ethan Allen Avenue, from Sycamore Avenue to Elm Avenue; Flower Avenue, from Jackson Avenue to Carroll Avenue and from Jackson Avenue to Slijo Creek; Grant Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Maple Avenue; Philadelphia Avenue, from Maple Avenue to Chestnut Avenue; Poplar Avenue, from end of present pavement to Spring Street; Prince George Ave, from Ethan Allen Avenue to Elm Avenue; Sherman Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Maple Avenue; Spring Street, from Poplar Avenue to Cockerille Avenue; Second Street, from Cockerille Avenue to Westmoreland Avenue, Woodland Avenue, from Ethan Allen Avenue to Elm Avenue. All other streets to be as thoroughly repaired and surfaced as possible from street maintenance funds.

On motion of Mr. Salisbury the Treasurer was authorized to reimburse the Chairman of the Street Committee for expenditures in connection with preparation of plans and specifications, etc., for contemplated street work.

In connection with the general registration of all Town voters on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27, Mr. Adams presented the following Ordinance [nance

Ordinance No. 461

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

Section 1. That in addition to the two days designated in Section 4-A of the Charter for the sitting of Officers of Registration, two additional days, namely, Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday April 20, 1927, from 10 o'clock A.M., to 10 o'clock P.M., are hereby designated for registration of town voters; and additional hours from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26 and 27 are hereby authorized for registration of voters if, in the judgment of the Registration Officers such additional time may be required to register all those so desiring.

Section 2. Mrs. J. O. Foulk and Mrs. Helen B. Davis are hereby designated as Registration Officers and the Mayor is authorized to fill any vacancy due to the inability of either or both of the appointees to serve.

Mr. Adams moved that the Ordinance be approved and the Ordinance was approved upon an aye and nay vote as follows: Voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury; Voting nay, none.

There being no further business the Council thereupon, at 10:40 o'clock p.m. adjourned.

Approved:

Helen B. Davis

Mayor

Helen B. Davis

Clerk

Monday Evening, April 18, 1927

The Council met in special session at the Office of the Clerk, convening at 7:00 o'clock for the purpose, as advertised, of opening bids for the paving of certain streets, and for such other business as may be presented. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. Adams stated that the Civic Improvement Committee had considered the request of Mr. Charles Gaskins to construct an additional store adjacent to the two now being erected by him on Carroll Avenue. As the proposed building is in the Commercial Zone the Committee sees no objection to the granting of the necessary permit and recommends that it be granted. Recommendation approved on motion of Mr. Rogers.

On recommendation of Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee, and on motion of Mr. Adams the Chairman of the Street Committee was authorized to employ Mr. James F. Winn on engineering and inspecting work in connection with street paving program at compensation not to exceed \$ 7.00 per day.

The Clerk laid before the Council sealed bids for contemplated street paving, in response to advertisement therefor, which bids he proceeded to open in the presence of the Mayor and Council and of the interested contractors, and which were read and found to be as follows:

Contractor	Excavation Cubic Yard.	Broken Stone Base - Sq. Yd.	Plain Concrete and Curb - 5" - sq. yd.	Concrete and Curb - 7" - sq. yd.	Bit. Concrete 2" - sq. yard	Bit. Macadam 2 1/2" - sq. yard	Cement Curb and gutter	Concrete pavement and curb - 7" - sq. yd.
The Cranford Company	\$.80	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.65	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.23	\$.72	\$ 2.57
G.B. Mullin Company	.70							2.75
Thomas, Bennett & Hunter	.90	1.10	2.14	2.69	1.45	1.20	.95	2.69
Corson and Gruman	.89	1.15	2.19	2.75	1.00	1.15	1.10	2.75
Maloney Paving Co.	1.00	1.50	1.60	2.62	1.20	1.20	1.20	2.62

On motion of Mr. Rogers the proposals were referred to the Street Committee with instructions to give them the earliest possible consideration and to report to the Council as soon as practicable with the Committees conclusions and recommendations.

On motion of Mr. Finch the Chairman of the Street Committee was authorized to employ such engineering assistance as he may find necessary during the progress of the Street Improvement work.

There being no further business the Council, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis Clerk.

Monday Evening, April 18, 1927

The Council met in regular monthly session, convening at 8 o'clock. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meetings of March 26, March 29 and April 4, 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 last report		11915.90	postage	1.00	35.50	Refunds for month		20.00
RECEIPTS:			Interest account		262.16	Balance on hand		780.00
From general taxes	4408.22		garbage collection		150.00	SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:		
" building permits	63.00		Street lighting		318.12	Balance last report		8506.06
" electric "	24.00		Miscellaneous		64.03	Receipts for month		4958.05
" excavation "	13.00	100.00	Tax sale redemptions		226.65			13464.11
" fines	35.15	4543.37	Salaries: Clerk and Treasr.	100.00		Concrete Streets		92.10
		16459.27	Supt. Public Work	166.66		Transfd. to Sinking Fund	6000.00	6092.10
DISBURSEMENTS:			Electrical Inspector	25.00		Balance on hand		7372.01
Street work: labor	238.95		Building Inspector	43.50	335.16	SINKING FUND:		
material	118.40		Balance on hand		14606.31	Balance last report		12561.05
machinery and tools	103.99	461.44	SPECIAL DEPOSITS:			From special impvt. fund		6000.00
General Expenses: telephones	6.00		Balance, last report		780.00			18561.05
printing and advertising	3.50		Deposits for month		20.00	Certs. of Indebtedness purchased		13000.00
rentals	25.00				800.00	Balance on hand		5561.05

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

The Mayor announced that this evening had been designated, in accordance with the Charter, to hear any appeals or complaints against the general assessment of Town property. All property owners have been notified of the amount of increase or decrease of their assessment and failure to make complaint or appeal indicates satisfaction on the part of the property owner.

The Mayor laid before the Council a number of written appeals from the Board of Assessors' valuations which were turned over to the Clerk for consideration by the Council in special session.

Verbal objections or appeals were thereupon presented by the following: Mrs. Mary I. Dexter, Mr. C. L. Belue, Mr. G. L. Seaman, Mr. E. Kreutzer, Mr. G. L. Scott, Mr. E. H. Robbins, Mr. T. C. Wills, Mr. C. M. Longacre, Mr. D. Angier, Mr. A. H. Jennings, Mr. B. L. Parker, Mr. E. J. Anderson, Mr. A. E. Bryan, with special reference to tax sale lots, Mr. M. B. Newman, Mr. James A. Davis, Mr. Daniel Lewis, Mr. Lloyd Biddle, Mr. J. C. Taylor, Mr. Ben Hill, Mr. Pink Marbly, Miss Parker, Mr. Samuel Green, Mr. Bruce Casteel, Mr. R. D. Lillie, Mr. R. A. Simons, Mr. P. C. Donohue, Mr. A. Minkin, and Mrs. A. C. Tinsley. These appeals were referred to the Council for its consideration.

Mr. Rogers, from the Finance Committee, submitted bills examined and approved for payment amounting to \$. On motion of Mr. Finch payment was directed.

Mr. Finch, from the Committee on Police, Fire and Lights, recommended the installation of streets lights as follows: On poles 7528 and 75466, Sherman Avenue, between Hancock and Maple Avenues; 2 lights south side, Manor Circle; corner Garland and Davis Avenues. On motion of Mr. Crittenden the recommendation of the Committee was approved.

The Committees on Health, Streets and Civic Improvement had no reports to present for consideration at this time.

Mr. Crittenden from the Ordinance and Judiciary Committee submitted the following Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 461A

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the amended Charter a general election is hereby called for Monday May 2, 1927, to be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, corner of Maple and Tulip Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town shall cast their votes for three members of the Town Council, to serve for a period of two years from the first Monday in June, 1927.

Section 2. The polls for said election shall be opened at 6 o'clock A.M., and closed at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Salisbury moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye, the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury. Voting nay, none.

The Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. James H. Ellsworth, Mr. Henry W. Scherger and Mrs. J.O. Folk as Judges of Election and of Mrs. Helen B. Davis as Clerk of Election, and on motion of Mr. Crittenden the appointments were approved the Mayor being authorized to fill any vacancies due to inability of ^{any of} the appointees to serve.

Mr. Adams moved that in accordance with established custom the Town Clerk be authorized to call a public meeting of the citizens of the Town for Monday evening, April 25, at 7:30 o'clock, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of nominating candidates for members of the Town Council, to be voted for at the annual Town election, Monday, May 2nd. The motion was carried.

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

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bryan Davis

Clerk

Saturday Evening, April 23, 1927

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 receiving the report of the Street Committee on the Proposals for street paving. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury.

Mr. Johnson, from the Street Committee reported that of the Proposals received those of the Cranford Company and the Maloney Paving Company, both of Washington, were the two lowest. On the straight bids on the specifications the Cranford Company was the lowest. The Maloney Company, on an alternative proposition modifying certain requirements of the specifications, submitted a lower bid than that of the Cranford Company. The Committee is of the opinion, however, that in justice to all the bidders, the award should be made on the specifications as submitted for proposals and recommend that an Ordinance be prepared awarding the contract to The Cranford Company.

The following Ordinance was thereupon prepared and submitted for the consideration of the Council:

Ordinance No. 462.

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

Section 1. That the Proposal of the Cranford Company, of Washington, D.C. for the paving of certain streets be and the same is hereby accepted at the prices submitted therein, namely: Earth excavation, including formation of embankments, preparation of subgrade, disposal of surplus material and incidental work, at Eighty Cents per cubic yard; One course plain cement concrete pavement and integral curb, consisting of one course seven inches uniform thickness with integral curb four inches in width at top and six inches in width at the bottom, complete in place at two dollars and fifty-seven cents per square yard.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized, for and in behalf of the Council and the Town of Takoma Park, Md. to enter into a contract with the said Cranford Company for the work provided in the said proposal.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Ordinance be adopted and the Ordinance was adopted upon an aye and nay vote as follows: voting aye the Mayor and Councilmen Adams, Crittenden, Finch, Johnson, Rogers and Salisbury; voting nay none.

Mr. Salisbury moved that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to negotiate for the necessary loans of money to finance the street paving program now entered upon and to accept that offer which in their judgment is for the Town's best interests. Carried and so ordered.

After informal consideration of various matters connected with the paving program, the Council, at 9:30 o'clock adjourned.

Approved:

Bryan Davis Mayor

Bryan Davis Clerk.

The following persons were voted for as members of the Town Council and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names: John R. Adams, 329; J. Milton Derrick, 294; Robert E. Pogue, 181; H. Edson Rogers, 392; Elon G. Salisbury, 331; Louis C. Vogt, 171.

The total number of votes cast was 684. It therefore appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast and were duly elected to serve as Members of the Town Council for a term of two years beginning June 1, 1927: John R. Adams, H. Edson Rogers and Elon G. Salisbury.

Certificates of Election, in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith inclosed for delivery to the Councilmen elect.

ATTEST:

HELEN B. DAVIS, Clerk

JAMES H. ELLSWORTH, Chairman.

MRS. BERTHA B. FOULK

HENRY W. SCHERGER Judges of Election

Mr. Johnson moved that the Report of the Judges of Election be received and approved and that the successful candidates therein certified be declared duly elected Councilmen for a term of two years from the first Monday in June, 1927. The motion was carried.

Mr. Adams moved that the necessary appropriation be authorized to compensate the Judges and Clerk of Election and the Registration Officers at the rate of \$5.00 per day each. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the Council, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Approved.

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bruce Davis

Clerk

Wednesday Evening, May 3, 1927.

The Council met in special session at the Clerks Office, this date, convening at 8:00 o'clock, to further consider objections presented to assessments as rendered by the Board of Assessors. There were present the Mayor and Councilmen Johnson, Finch, Rogers and Salisbury.

After thorough consideration of each case as presented the Council took action as follows: A. B. Edelin, house assessment reduced to \$2250; I. A. Haxton, referred back to Board of Assessors for investigation. R. J. Ratterree, to Board of Assessors for investigation; John M. Kennealy, Margaret H. Ray, James F. Fahey, E. Southard Parker, appeals denied; H. J. Detwiler, to Board of Assessors for investigation; A. W. Van Deranter, appeal denied.

All objections having been considered the Council, at 9:45 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Approved:

Bruce Davis

Mayor

Bruce Davis

clerk