

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 8, 1940.

Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Meeting called for the purpose of hearing for the construction of curb and gutter on Mississippi Ave., and sidewalks on portions of Saratoga Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, and Chicago Avenue.

For the construction of curb and gutter on Mississippi Avenue no one appeared in opposition to this improvement.

Saratoga Ave. sidewalk, a letter was received from Mrs. Margaret Ray opposing the construction of this sidewalk, she being the only property owner effected by the work.

Chestnut Avenue sidewalks from Philadelphia Avenue to Hodges Lane, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. Judd and Mr. Malony appeared and objected to this improvement. A representative of the Parent-Teachers Assn. of the Junior High Schools appeared and spoke in favor of this improvement.

Chestnut Avenue sidewalks from Hodges Lane to School property, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sullivan appeared in opposition to this improvement. Mr. Kyle, Mr. Mendum and Mrs. Pack, and Mr. Smythe of the Parent-Teachers Association, spoke in favor of this project.

Chicago Avenue sidewalk from Philadelphia Avenue to New York Avenue. Mrs. Trimmer appeared in opposition to this improvement. No one appeared in favor of same.

Chicago Avenue sidewalk from Boston Avenue to Boundry Avenue, Mrs. McCallum protested this improvement, stating that there was a blue stone walk at this location at the present time.

A number of representatives from various Parent-Teachers Associations, and Citizens Association, appeared in connection with the above hearings, and stated that it was imperative that some action be taken in connection with sidewalks to the Junior High School on Philadelphia Avenue and Chicago Avenue, and the new Junior High School on Saratoga Avenue, for the safety of the children attending these schools.

Mayor Adams advised those present after the hearing that this matter would be referred to the Municipal Works Committee for further study and report back to the Council.

The following Ordinance was offered by Mr. Taft, who moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO 711

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

Section 1. That Lot 68, Block 16, Gilberts Subdivision to the Town of Takoma Park, Md., title to which lot is now vested in the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, be and the same is hereby dedicated as a Street for Public use, said street to be a continuation of Prince George's Avenue.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Mr. Harrigan and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was approved. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Mr. Duehring advised the Council that the Fire Department were holding a carnival from May 3rd to May 11th, and had solicited an Ad from the Town. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Duehring moved that we contribute \$10.00 for an Ad to be placed at the Fire Department Carnival. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harrigan and approved.

Letters of application for positions as play ground instructors during the coming summer season were read by the Clerk from Richard L. Auld and Herbert W. Rutledge, and these were referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

The matter of the laying of sidewalk in front of the building occupied by the Takoma Motor Co. on Carroll Avenue, in order to eliminate a pedestrian hazard, was discussed at length, after which Mr. Harrigan moved that the Town immediately negotiate with the owner of the property to put a sidewalk on Carroll Avenue in front of the building occupied by the Takoma Motor Co. This motion was seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

The matter of traffic regulations in connection with the new traffic light installed at the intersection of Carroll and Laurel Avenues, was discussed at length and Mr. Duehring offered the following Parking Regulations, and moved the adoption of same.

1. Parking shall be prohibited on the West side of Carroll Avenue from the intersection of Carroll and Laurel Avenues, northeasterly to a point commonly known as Shadle's Alley, directly opposite the intersection of Elm and Carroll Avenues.

2. Parking shall be limited to one hour between the hours of 8 A. M. and 6 P. M. on week days on both sides of Carroll Avenue, from the intersection of Elm Avenue to the intersection of Tulip Avenue.

3. Parking shall be limited to one hour between the hours of 8 A. M. and 6 P. M. on the southwesterly side of Elm Avenue from the driveway entrance to the Takoma Motor Co. workshop to a fire plug, approximately 75 ft. to the southwest.

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4. A bus stop shall be provided on Carroll Avenue at the northeast corner of Willow Avenue. Thereafter busses shall be prohibited from stopping to take on or discharge passengers on the west bound trip at any point between Tulip Avenue and the bus stop provided at Willow Avenue.

5. A space shall be reserved for the parking of one police car on the east side of Laurel Avenue, immediately behind the cross walk at the intersection of Carroll and Laurel Avenues.

6. On the east side of Laurel Avenue, from the intersection of Carroll Avenue to the bus stop at Eastern Avenue, parking shall be at a 45 degree angle.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Taft and approved.

On motion properly seconded the Council adjourned at 11:15

P. M.

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J. William Dodd
Clerk

Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 15, 1940.

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Adams, Councilmen Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft.

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 1940 and special meeting of April 8, 1940, were read and approved.

Clerk and Treasurer presented Financial Statement for the month of March, and same was approved as follows:

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes-----	\$1,980.77	
Interest and Penalties-----	115.13	
Charges-----	54.00	
Special Assessments-----	558.07	
Building Permits-----	157.00	
Electrical Permits-----	17.00	
Dog Tax-----	41.25	
Montgomery Co. Police Telephone-----	12.00	
Commission Pay Telephone-----	.68	
Dog Impounding Fees-----	4.00	
T axicab Badge Deposit-----	1.00	
		<u>\$2,940.90</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-

STREETS:-

Labor	378.00	
Material	186.19	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-supplies	<u>165.68</u>	729.87

SERVICE:-

Trash Collection-labor	272.40	
" " gas-oil	5.37	
Garbage-Labor	270.00	
" Gas-Oil-Supplies-	47.19	
Ash Collection-Labor	136.60	
" " Gas-Oil	55.69	
Street Lights	<u>444.72</u>	1,231.97

OFFICE:-

Salaries	555.00	
Postage	.50	
Printing	3.25	
Telephones & Supplies	37.53	
Equipment-Table	<u>3.50</u>	599.78

POLICE:

Salaries	495.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto-Upkeep	37.51	
Furnace Repairs	13.50	
Telephones-Coal-Lights	36.93	
Misc. Expense	<u>7.65</u>	630.59

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:- 43.12 43.12

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Library Association	150.00	
Recording Fees	6.00	
Notary Fees-Boyd & Jackson Aves.	12.00	
Traffic Light-Expense	408.15	
Municipal Center Expense	14.50	
Montgomery Co. Tele.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tele.	7.70	
Gilbert Memorial Expense	18.00	
Election Expense	33.77	
Building Inspector Expense	15.00	
E.E.Blodgett-Retirement	25.00	
Corp. Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Office Rent	<u>55.00</u>	<u>807.12</u>
		<u>\$4,042.45</u>

BANK STATEMENT:-

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Feb. 29th - On hand Citizens Bank	6,628.57	
Deposits in March	<u>2,891.99</u>	
	9,520.56	
Withdrawn in March	<u>2,649.05</u>	
March 31st- On Hand		6,871.51
Feb. 29th-On Hand Sub. Nat. T.P.	2,572.21	
Deposits in March	<u>48.91</u>	
	2,621.12	
Withdrawn in March	<u>1,393.40</u>	
Mar. 31st-On Hand		1,227.72
Feb. 29 - On Hand Bank of Bethesda	4,997.74	
No deposits or withdrawals	-----	
Mar. 31st- On Hand		4,997.74
Feb. 29th - On Hand Pr. Geo.Tr.Co.	5,000.00	
No deposits or withdraw.	-----	
Mar. 31st - On Hand		<u>5,000.00</u>
Mar. 31st - On Hand		<u>\$18,096.97</u>

REVOLVING FUND

Feb. 29th - On hand Sub.Nat.T.P.	323.72	
No depos. or withdraw.	-----	
Mar. 31st - On Hand		323.72
Feb. 29th - On Hand Sub.Nat. S.S.	4,040.00	
No Dep. or Withdrawals	-----	
Mar. 31st - On Hand		4,040.00
Feb. 29th - On hand Farm.Bank,Rock.	5,000.00	
No depos. or withdraw.	-----	
Mar. 31st - On hand		<u>5,000.00</u>
Mar. 31st - On hand all banks		<u>\$9,363.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS:- From Edith Hazard, making application for position as playground instructor for the coming playground season. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Mrs. M. H. Robinson, regarding the independent boarding home service in Montgomery Co., and the licensing of same. Was ordered filed.

From Attorney Albert M. Bouic, enclosing copy of letter to State Roads Commission regarding the payment of gas tax to Municipalities. Referred to Finance Committee.

From the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, enclosing copy of letter to Mrs. B. S. Chaney, regarding installation of sewer on Boyd and Jackson Avenues. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From the Parent-Teachers Association of the J. Enos Ray School, expressing appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their appropriation for the purchase of a piano for the school. Was ordered filed.

From C. L. Stone, regarding approval of his plat of lots bordering on Jackson Avenue. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From H. C. Hefner, Secretary of the Community League, commending the Mayor and Council for their action to provide street improvements for the Town, under Ordinance No. 709, and urging that the Council, in proceeding with any of this work, follow the desires of the majority of the owners of adjacent property. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From H. C. Heffner, Secretary of the Community League, regarding the purchase of the Hodges Tract for a Town Park. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Mrs. Myrtle E. Murphy, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, requesting some improvements to the Philadelphia Avenue Playground. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From the Home Construction Co., requesting the assistance of the Town in bearing a part of the cost of a bridge to be erected in connection with their development of the Davis Tract, and adjacent land bordering Flower and Jackson Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From James H. Webb, making application for position as playground instructor for the coming playground season. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Harry D. Fisher, making application for position as playground instructor for the coming playground season. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

Mr. C. L. Stone addressed the Council regarding plan of his subdivision on Jackson and Boyd Avenues, and asked that the approval of same be rushed.

Mayor Adams stated that the Council would now hear from property owners in connection with the hearings for the paving of Laurel Avenue, as advertised, and the widening and paving of Maple, Tulip, Cedar and Park Avenues.

LAUREL AVENUE:-- Mr. H. L. Thornton spoke in favor of the repaving, and expressed the hope that if possible some of the old concrete, which is in good condition, would not be disturbed.

MAPLE AVENUE:-- Letter of protest was received from W. H. Parsons, Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church. Petition of protest was received signed by sixty-one property owners, as well as letters of protest from John A. Mikesell and the Fire Association of Philadelphia. Dr. C. C. Galloway, W. H. McClenon, Miss C. F. White, Mrs. Caroline E. Coates, C. S. Ross, W. W. Lamond, G. F. Randall, H. P. Dodge, F. B. Austin and E. F. Grimsley spoke in opposition to the repaving and widening of this street.

TULIP AVENUE:-- A petition from sixteen property owners opposing the repaving of this street as advertised, was presented to the Council, and also a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth J. Gottwals opposing same. Mrs. Catherine B. Austin, L. E. Blanks, Mrs. Anna M. Shadle, E. E. Andross and W. H. Martin, Jr. addressed the Council opposing this improvement.

CEDAR AVENUE:-- A petition from fifty-six property owners was presented to the Council opposing the widening and repaving of this street, and a letter was received from Unetta W. Stroh opposing same. Mr. H. P. Dodge, E. M. Agey and W. H. McClenon addressed the Council opposing this improvement.

PARK AVENUE:-- Petition from sixty-three property owners was received by Council, opposing the widening and repaving of this street as advertised. A letter was also received from Gustave A. Anderson, opposing the improvement. A letter was received from Mr. B. H. Colbert, stating that he had sold his property on Park Ave. to Wm. A. Stacy, and asked that his name be stricken from the petition opposing this improvement, as the purchaser of his property was in favor of the repaving and widening of this street. Mr. H. E. Wright, H. S. Houston and Miss Vivian Simpson addressed the Council opposing the improvement of this street.

At this time Mayor Adams directed the hearings closed, and referred the matter to the Municipal Works Committee for further study, and report back to the Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Committee presented bills in amount of \$1,704.62, and payment of same was approved.

STREET COMMITTEE: In reference to the hearing on the construction of sidewalks as advertised in Ordinance No. 708, Chairman Harrigan stated that his committee recommended construction of sidewalks on the north side of Saratoga Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to the Town line, on the south side of Chicago Avenue from Boston Avenue to Boundry Avenue, and that portion on the south side of Chicago Avenue on which sidewalks are not now constructed, from Philadelphia Avenue to New York Avenue. After discussion of this matter the following Ordinances were presented by Mr. Harrigan:

ORDINANCE NO. 712

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

1.44
Section 1. That the Municipal Works Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct sidewalks on the north side of Saratoga Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to the Town line, as advertised in Ordinance No. 708, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 1940, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of this work.

Section 2. That assurance is made that this sidewalk be constructed to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement.

The adoption of this Ordinance was moved by Mr. Harrigan, and upon being seconded by Mr. Taft, same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

ORDINANCE NO. 713

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

1.44
Section 1. That the Municipal Works Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct sidewalks on the south side of Chicago Avenue from Boston Avenue to Boundry Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 708, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 1940, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of this work.

Section 2. That assurance is made that this sidewalk be constructed to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement.

The adoption of this Ordinance was moved by Mr. Harrigan, and upon being seconded by Mr. Taft, same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen, Conger, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Voting Nay, Councilman Duehring.

ORDINANCE NO. 714.

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

Section 1. That the Municipal Works Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct sidewalks on that portion on the south side of Chicago Avenue on which sidewalks are not now constructed, from Philadelphia Avenue to New York Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 708, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 1940, and that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to proceed with this work, and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of this work. p. 44

Section 2. That assurance is made that this sidewalk be constructed to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement.

The adoption of this Ordinance was moved by Mr. Harrigan, and upon being seconded by Mr. Duehring, same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Voting Nay, none. Sept. 111

Mr. Harrigan stated that the closing up on open streams in the Town should be given consideration, and some plan mapped out whereby these streams could be taken care of, creating a more sanitary condition. Mayor Adams suggested that the Municipal Works Committee get together on this matter and present a plan to the Council at a later date.

Mr. Harrigan advised Council that a hearing had been held on the construction of curb and gutter in Mississippi Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 708, and a large majority of the property owners are in favor of this improvement. Mr. Harrigan offered the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 715

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

Section 1. That under authority granted by Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hear-

ing, as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public's health, safety and comfort require the improvement of that portion of Mississippi Avenue by the construction of curb and gutter as advertised in Ordinance No. 708, adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 18, 1940, and that the improvement of said street, as stated, is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance.

Section 2. That assurance is made that this curb and gutter be constructed to the proper grade.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of the curb and gutter be assessed in the regular manner, against the property owners abutting the improvement.

Section 4. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the 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 six per cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

Mr. Harrigan moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and upon being seconded by Mr. Duehring same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

In connection with the hearings held this evening on the widening and repaving of streets as advertised in Ordinance No. 709, Mr. Harrigan moved that due to the fact that a large majority of the property owners on Maple, Tulip, Cedar and Park Avenues were not in favor of this improvement, that the repaving and widening of these streets be rejected; that the Laurel Avenue repaving from Eastern Avenue to Carroll Avenue be approved, and that the measurements of the street be taken in connection with the right of way of the Capital Transit Co., and the matter of the share to be paid by the Transit Co. to be taken up with them immediately, and that when a decision in connection with this matter had been reached, that an Ordinance be passed to proceed with this paving at once. This motion was seconded by Mr. Duehring and approved.

In connection with the matter of measurements regarding the right of way of the tracks on Laurel Avenue of the Capital Transit Co., the Mayor referred this to Superintendent of Public Works Fischer and the Public Works Committee for attention, and the preparation of the proper data in connection with same.

Mr. Harrigan advised the Council that the final installation of the traffic light at Carroll and Laurel Avenues had been completed, and that the light was working to advantage, and expressed his thanks to the Electrical Inspector, E. B. Fetty, for his work in connection with this light, and moved that the Council go on record

as expressing their appreciation for the services of Mr. Fetty in this matter. This motion was seconded by Mr. Taft, and approved.

Regarding the septic tank in the rear of Park Avenue, Mr. Harrigan stated that he had had a conference with Dr. C. V. Ellicott of Montgomery Co. Health Dept. and Dr. G. B. Queen of the Town Health Dept., and that work on the repairs of this tank had been stopped, and the owner advised that they would have to connect with the sewer.

Mr. Harrigan also advised the Council that Dr. Ellicott stated that upon being advised by the Town of Takoma Park of any violations of sewer connection regulations, that he would be glad to go into the matter and see that these regulations were strictly enforced.

Mr. Harrigan called the Council's attention to the fact that complaint had been made to the police of the burning of trash in the rear of the stores on Laurel Avenue, and that the names of the parties responsible for same were given to the police, but that upon taking the matter up with Police Magistrate Shure, he refused to issue a warrant against the offending parties. Mayor Adams requested the Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee to investigate this matter and report back to the Council.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Mr. Duehring stated that he had two applications for taxicab driver's permits, one from R. K. Randall and another from F. M. Lewis, and that both of these parties had been investigated, and the committee recommended their approval, and upon motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Taft, these two driver's applications were ordered approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Harrigan, approval was granted to Wm. A. Flagg to transfer his taxidriver's permit from the cab of Robert Cruitt to the cab of A. C. Wolfe.

Upon motion of Mr. Duehring, seconded by Mr. Taft, approval was given to the members of the Town's police force to purchase a suitable insignia, similar to those used on the Montgomery County Police uniforms, to be used on the Town's uniforms, the cost of said insignias to be paid by the officers.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Taft, Chairman, offered the following Ordinance, and moved it's adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 716.

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter of Takoma Park, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 6, 1940; said election will be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, at which time and place the qualified voters of the Town will cast their ballots for a Mayor and six Councilmen; two of the six Councilmen to be elected are to be from that portion of the Town in the fourth precinct, thirteenth election district, Montgomery County; two of the six Coun-

cilmen to be elected from that portion of the Town in the sixth precinct, thirteenth election district, Montgomery County; one of the six Councilmen to be elected from that portion of the Town in the ninth precinct, thirteenth election district, Montgomery County; one of the six Councilmen to be elected from that portion of the Town in the fourth precinct, Chillum District, Prince George's County, Maryland; the Mayor and six Councilmen elected to serve for a term of two years, beginning with the first Monday in June, 1940.

Section 2. The polls for said election will be opened at six o'clock A. M., and will close at seven o'clock P. M.

(Published by Order of Mayor and Council.)

Approval of this Ordinance was seconded by Mr. Harrigan, and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Adams, Councilmen Conger, Duehring, Harrigan, Huck and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Upon motion of Mr. Conger, seconded by Mr. Duehring, Council adjourned at 11:20 P. M.

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J. H. Adams

Clerk

Mayor