

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AUGUST 11th, 1941

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft, Councilman Russell being out of Town was unable to attend.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14th, 1941 and Special Meeting of July 19th, 1941 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of July was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer as follows, and same was ordered filed:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$43,176.26	
Less Discounts-----	<u>1,721.82</u>	\$41,454.44
Interest and Penalties-----		57.77
Charges-----		13.50
Special Assessments-----		347.07
Building Permits-----		174.00
Electrical Permits-----		61.00
Dog Tax-----		27.00
Vendor Permits-----		26.00
Montgomery County Police Telephone-----		12.00
Commission Pay Tele. Police Station-----		.80
Sidewalk Deposit-----		10.00
Prince George's County Fines-----		<u>20.00</u>
		\$42,203.58

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$620.80	
Material	333.23	
Street Resurfacing	800.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>106.85</u>	\$1,860.88

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	360.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	47.34	
Trash: Labor	288.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	28.17	
Disposal	86.65	
Street Lights	499.06	
Traffic "	<u>4.35</u>	1,313.57

POLICE:

Salaries	678.35	
Clothing allowance	46.65	

POLICE cont'd.		
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	85.02	
Radio Expense	59.00	
Telephone-Lights	29.65	
Miscellaneous Supplies	<u>7.10</u>	905.77
OFFICE:		
Salaries	660.00	
Postage-Printing - Financial Statement	62.85	
Telephones-Supplies	<u>30.95</u>	753.80
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS		
Salaries	350.00	
Labor	72.00	
Misc. Expense & Supplies	<u>53.98</u>	475.98
ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS	<u>272.79</u>	272.79
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Association	210.00	
Insurance	32.00	
Dog Expense	10.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	6.74	
Insurance Premiums	465.75	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Welfare Center Tele.	10.90	
Storm Sewer Damage Repair	245.00	
Refund Building Permit	2.00	
Salary Corporation Counsel	50.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
E.E. Blodgett Retirement	50.00	
Henry Fields "	25.00	
Bldg. Inspector Expense	<u>15.00</u>	<u>1,189.39</u>
		<u>\$6,772.18</u>

BANK STATEMENTGENERAL ACCOUNT

June 30th - On hand Citizens Bank	942.39	
Deposits in July	22,581.48	
	<u>23,523.87</u>	
Withdrawn in July	<u>4,969.48</u>	
July 31st - On hand		\$18,554.39
June 30th - On hand Sub.Nat'l T.P.	1,333.92	
Deposits in July	19,622.10	
	<u>20,956.02</u>	
Withdrawn in July	<u>1,802.70</u>	
July 31st - On hand		19,153.32
June 30th - on hand P.G.Trust Co.	2,000.00	
No deposits or withdr.		
July 31st - on hand	<u>2,000.00</u>	
July 31st - On hand in all banks		<u>\$39,707.71</u>

REVOLVING FUND

June 30th - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.72	
No deposits or withdrawals		
July 31st - on hand	<hr/>	323.72
June 30th - On hand Citizens Bank	14,540.00	
No deposits or withdrawals		
July 31st - On ahnd	<hr/>	14,540.00
July 31st - on hand in all banks		<u>\$14,863.72</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From the New Hampshire Avenue Homes, Inc. regarding street lights in the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. N. Meyer Baker regarding purchase of Lots 69 to 75 inclusive in Block 16, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Request of Lutheran Church to place a directional sign at Takoma Avenue and Piney Branch Road. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From the State Roads Commission regarding drainage condition on East-West Highway between Elm Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the State Roads Commission regarding drainage condition in front of 1008 Flower Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department advising the Mayor and Council that the Homelite Pump recently purchased had been received, and is now ready for service.

From Attorney Paul Cromelin regarding claim of Benjamin C. Stevens of 315 Cedar Avenue, said cause for claim being on account of damage which Mr. Stevens stated was due to storm sewer running into Cedar Avenue. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From F. W. Lefrentz & Co., Certified Public Accountants, proposing to audit the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1941 for \$125.00 Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Snyder, Farr & Co., Certified Public Accountants, proposing to audit the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending Junr 30th, 1941 for \$125.00. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Petition from 17 property owners in Glaisewood Manor Subdivision regarding storm drainage. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from 28 property owners requesting the construction of sidewalk on the south side of Elm Avenue between Woodland Avenue and Prince George's Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mrs. Anna M. Shadle addressed the Council regarding the construction of curb and gutter in Jefferson Avenue, and stated that she had made an inspection of this curb and gutter with Superintendent of Public Works Fischer, and she found the work very satisfactory. Mrs. Shadle stated that her former complaint had been made on the complaint of others, and that when same was made she had not inspected the work.

Mrs. Shadle also called attention of the Mayor and Council to damage done to her property in the vicinity of Spring Avenue, due to storm sewer drainage, and Mayor Youngblood stated that he would refer this matter to the Municipal Works Committee for proper recommendations.

Mr. Perry VanVleck addressed the Council regarding the complaint in connection with storm sewer drainage in the Glaisewood Manor Subdivision, and stated that this matter would be looked into and every effort made to correct same, and requested that the Council contact the State Roads Commission and see if some plan could not be devised to take care of the surface water coming off of New Hampshire Avenue directly onto streets in this Subdivision. Mr. Van Vleck also stated that the dangerous pool of water, of which the property owners in the vicinity complained of, had been drained.

Mr. VanVleck also stated that practically all of the construction had been completed on Devonshire Road, and asked that steps be taken to resurface this street and put same in service.

Mr. McCurdy, residing at the corner of Elm and Poplar Avenues, thanked the Council for the installation of "Stop" signs at Elm and Poplar Avenues.

Mayor Youngblood at this time stated that due to the resignation of Councilman A. L. Conger, he was forced to revise his Committee assignments, and announced the following Committees:

FINANCE: Millward C. Taft, Chairman
Howard V. Russell, Vice Chairman
Howard H. Harrigan

MUNICIPAL) Howard V. Russell, Chairman
WORKS) Howard H. Harrigan, Vice Chairman
H. C. Heffner

MUNICIPAL) Howard H. Harrigan, Chairman
SERVICE) H. C. Heffner, Vice Chairman
Joseph Martin

CIVIC) Joseph Martin, Chairman
IMPROVEMENT) J. F. Sidell, Vice Chairman
M. C. Taft

LAW AND) John F. Sidell, Chairman
ORDINANCE) M. C. Taft, Vice Chairman
Howard V. Russell

SOCIAL WEL-) H. C. Heffner, Chairman
FARE AND) Joseph Martin, Vice Chairman
HEALTH) John F. Sidell

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$3,798.78 were presented by the Finance Committee for payment, and upon motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Martin, payment of same was approved.

Regarding the bids of F. W. Lafrentz & Co. and Snyder, Farr & Co. for auditing the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Councilman Taft advised the Council that in view of the fact that both of these bids were for the same amount, \$125.00, and due to the further fact that these were the only two firms that bid on the job, he would recommend that the auditing this year be given to the F. W. Lafrentz

& Co., due to the fact that the Snyder, Farr & Co. had audited the books the previous fiscal year. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that the audit be given to F. W. Lafrentz & Co. on their bid of \$125.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, stated that the matters referred to him this evening he believed should be turned over to the new Chairman of the Municipal Works Committee, Councilman Howard V. Russell, and that he would not make any report on same this evening.

In reference to the Petition signed by residents of Holly Avenue, presented at the May meeting, Councilman Sidell referred to a communication to Mr. J. C. Post, 231 Holly Avenue on May 13th, 1941 regarding this Petition, and in view of the fact that no written reply had been received, Councilman Sidell recommended that an Ordinance be passed covering a hearing on the paving of Holly Avenue from the end of the present pavement to Philadelphia Avenue, and presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 762

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

Section 1: In accordance with the provisions of Section No. 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the paving of Holly Avenue with cement concrete, from the end of the present concrete to Philadelphia Avenue, said paving abutting Lots 24, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Block 6, Gilbert's Subdivision; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 84 Petty Subdivision; Lots 4, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, Block 83, Barclay Subdivision, Lots 36 and 37, Block 12, Gilbert's Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$12.00 per linear ft., the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the land abutting same in the usual manner.

Section 2: The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on September 8th, 1941, convening at eight o'clock P.M. at the Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Aves., Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard with regard to the work herein proposed.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Martin and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, presented the following report in connection with rezoning application presented by Harvey A. Morrison and Clifton J. Cook:

"The two applications of Harvey A. Morrison and Clinton J. Coon, and others, to change the zoning from Residential "A" to Residential "B" in Lots 1 to 20 inclusive, Block 56B in B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, and to change the zoning from Residential "A" to Residential "C" in Lots 1 to 15 inclusive in Block 56C of B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, were referred to your Committee on Civic Improvement and Education.

Pursuant thereto, your Committee on July 24, 1941 at 7 o'clock P. M. held a public hearing on said applications. Notice of time and place of said hearing was duly served on the property owners in said Blocks.

At said hearing, the applicants and others appeared and spoke in favor of the granting of said applications, and no one appeared in opposition to said applications.

Therefore, your Committee respectfully reports in favor of both of the above applications and recommend the granting of said petition of Harvey A. Morrison, Clinton J. Cook and others.

We further recommend that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County."

Councilman Taft moved the adoption of this report along with the recommendations contained therein, and upon being seconded by Councilman Martin same was adopted.

Councilman Martin also presented the following report in connection with rezoning application of Herman Welsh:

" The application of Herman Welsh, et al, to change the zoning from Residential "A" to Residential "B" of Lots 16 to 23 inclusive, and also Lot 31 in Block 52 of Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Maryland from Residential "A" to Residential "B", was referred to your Committee on Civic Improvement and Education.

Pursuant thereto, your Committee on August 6th at 7 o'clock P. M. held a public hearing on said application. Notice of time and place of said hearing was duly served on all property owners within said Block.

At said hearing the applicant, Herman Welsh, and others who signed the application in the first instance, spoke in favor of granting said application, and no one appeared in opposition thereto.

Therefore, your Committee respectfully reports in favor of the application and recommends the granting of said petition.

We further recommend that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County."

Councilman Martin moved the adoption of this report with the recommendations therein, and upon being seconded by Councilman Taft same was adopted.

Regarding the request of the Lutheran Church for a directional sign to be placed at the corner of Piney Branch Road and Takoma Ave. after a lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that the Lutheran Church be granted permission to put a directional sign at this location, providing the sign was in harmony with the other signs now constructed at this location. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Martin stated that the playgrounds were short of a lady assistant supervisor and recommended and moved the appointment of Miss Grace Stouffer, stating that Miss Stouffer had been active in this work for sometime. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Councilman Martin at this time asked Mayor Youngblood if he had contacted the people in the 200 block of Carroll Avenue regarding the "One Hour" parking in connection with the complaint of Miss Vera Lockwood, and was advised by the Mayor and Council that he had contacted these people that he had contacted these people, and stated that the majority of them were in favor of the "One Hour" parking which was now in force.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he had received one bid on the in-

stallation of toilets in the cells at the police station, this bid being from Mr. Sherman Jack, who advised that it would cost between \$400.00 and \$500.00 to install same. Mayor Youngblood stated that he was endeavoring to get other bids.

Councilman Martin also requested that a reflector sign be placed at the corner of Sherman Avenue on Maple Avenue to warn motorists that Sherman Avenue was not a through street. After discussion of this matter the Superintendent of Public Works was instructed to install a barricade on Maple Avenue facing Sherman Avenue, and to paint same so that it could be readily seen by motorists.

Councilman Martin also called attention of the Council again to a pole on Dogwood Avenue being too close to the fire plug, and the Clerk was instructed to again take this matter up with the Potomac Electric Power Co. in order to have same removed.

Councilman Martin turned over to the Mayor and Council report to the Maryland Council of Defense regarding fire apparatus survey, said questionnaire being filled out by Mr. Irving Johnson, Chief of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. After examination of the questionnaire as filled out by Mr. Johnson, and after a lengthy discussion of same, Councilman Taft moved that the report be forwarded to the Maryland Council of Defense as filled out by Chief Irving Johnson. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

The matter of burning refuse in the Town was discussed at length, and those present from the Press were asked to give publicity to the fact that the burning of trash in the Town, especially after sun down, was prohibited and to see if the matter could not be corrected in this manner before it become necessary to take drastic steps in connection with same.

Councilman Martin stated that the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department had a number of outstanding bills, and that the Department

were desirous of obtaining before the allotted time some of the money derived from Town taxes, as set forth in Senate Bill No. 297, passed at the last session of the Maryland General Assembly. After discussion of this matter it was called to the attention of Councilman Martin that the Mayor and Council were not in a position to grant any request in connection with this matter, as it was a matter strictly up to the Fire Board, as set forth in said Bill, and upon suggestion of the Mayor, it was decided that the matter should and would be taken up with the Fire Board or Commission.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that there were a number of improvements that should be made to the Town Building at 8 Columbia Avenue, such as down-spouts fixed, fire ~~XXXXX~~ escapes put in operating condition, and numerous other things. After discussion of this matter it was decided by the Mayor and Council to meet at this building at six o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, August 20th, to make a thorough inspection of the building, and ascertain what repairs should be made to same.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, presented the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 763

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

Section 1. That the plat of subdivision of a part of the lands conveyed by William W. W. Parker, et al, to Gorin and Horning, Inc., into lots 1 to 24 inclusive, Block 4; Lots 1 to 13 inclusive, Block, Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, and Outlot "A", Block 7; and Lots 1 to 16 inclusive, Block 9, to be known as "New Hampshire Gardens", located in Prince George's County, within the corporate limits of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, as presented by Gorin & Horning, Inc., and signed by Max Gorin, President and attested by Joseph F. Horning, Secretary, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. That all ungraded streets in said subdivision dedicated for public use, when graded to proper grade, be graded to approved profile, and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, the cost of said grading to be charged against the lots abutting same.

Section 3. That the cost of all future construction of paving, curb and gutters, sidewalks, and any necessary storm sewers or bridges, be charged against the lots as shown on said plat as herein dedicated, and that the construction of this work be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Heffner and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted. Voting Yea, Mayor Youngblood, Councilman Harrigan, Heffner, Martin, Sidell and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Harrigan, Chairman, stated that the only thing before him was the request of Mr. John McKenney for "One Hour" parking on Carroll Avenue from Elm Avenue to Tulip Avenue. The Clerk at this time advised Council that he had looked this matter up and found that at the February 1940 meeting a motion was passed adopting the "One Hour" parking on both sides of Carroll Avenue from Elm Avenue to Tulip Avenue.

Mayor Youngblood stated that he had before him an application from Mr. Raymond C. Thompson for permission to park a taxicab on the Town Taxicab Stand, said taxicab to take the place of the one operated by Roy A. Gordy, Mayor Youngblood stating that he had before him a communication from Mr. Gordy stating that he was willing to have his permit transferred to Mr. Thompson. Mayor Youngblood stated that he would have this matter investigated by the Police, and if O.K.ed by the Police Dept. the transfer would be permitted.

Mayor Youngblood gave a summary of the activities of the Police Department for the month of July, in which it was stated 22 arrests were made from all causes, 19 convictions and one dismissal, and that the total calls and complaints answered were 120.

At this time Mr. Irving Johnson, Chief of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department made a report on the activities of the Department during the past month, and recommended very strenuously that the matter of installation of a Fire Alarm System be installed in the public buildings in the Town, such as Schools, Hospitals, etc.

Mr. Johnson stated that to depend upon the telephone to call the Fire Department is not adequate, as at such times people were excited and misdirected the Department, delaying their arrival at the fire, which might at some time cause the loss of a life. Mayor Youngblood thanked Mr. Johnson for his report and his advice in connection with the alarm system.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Martin, the Council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

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J. William Dordt
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor