

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 1946

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17th, 1945 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report for the month of December, 1945 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$2,010.62
Less Discount - - - - -	5.44
	<u>2,005.18</u>
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	48.16
Charges - - - - -	6.75
Special Assessments - - - - -	3,967.91
Building Permits - - - - -	36.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	21.00
Excavation " - - - - -	6.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	3.25
Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - -	5.50
" Stand Rentals - - - - -	25.00
Impounding Fee - - - - -	2.00
Recording Fee - - - - -	1.75
Maryland State Franchise Tax - - - - -	5.00
Montgomery County Police Telephone -	12.00
" " Fines, October - -	21.50
	<u>\$6,167.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$209.65	
Material	71.38	
Resurfacing Streets	1,601.20	
Storm Sewer Expense	140.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	202.00	\$2,224.23
	<u>202.00</u>	
SERVICE: Garbage: Salaries	660.25	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	294.80	
Trash: Salaries	873.85	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	117.02	
Disposal	137.58	
Ashes: Labor	222.80	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	17.60	
Traffic Light	4.19	
Street Lights	537.61	2,865.70
	<u>537.61</u>	

POLICE: Salaries	668.00	
Clothing Allowance	20.13	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	147.65	
Telephone-Lights	<u>31.52</u>	867.30
OFFICE: Salaries	831.66	
Telephones	112.96	
Supplies	4.30	
Postage	<u>8.00</u>	956.92
ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Jackson Avenue Paving	<u>6,316.70</u>	6,316.70
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Recording Fee	1.50	
Refund Tax Overpaid	1.00	
Library Assn.	620.79	
Municipal Building Expense	15.82	
Montgomery County Police Tele.	12.00	
Dog Expense	1.00	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Justice of Peace	25.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	<u>25.00</u>	<u>807.11</u>
		<u>\$14,037.96</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

11/30/45 - On hand Citz. Bank	\$39,836.72	
Deposits in December	<u>5,997.32</u>	
	45,834.04	
Withdrawals in Dec.	<u>4,453.32</u>	
12/31/45 - On hand		\$41,380.72
11/30/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	21,800.57	
Deposits in December	<u>169.68</u>	
	21,970.25	
Withdrawals in Dec.	<u>9,584.64</u>	
12/31/45 - On hand		<u>12,385.61</u>
12/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$53,766.33</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

11/30/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.75	
No deposits or withdrawals	_____	
12/31/45 - On hand		323.75
11/30/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
No deposits or withdrawals	_____	
12/31/45 - On hand		<u>8,000.00</u>
12/31/45 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$8,323.75</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mr. William A. Hooker, President of the Takoma Park Historical Society regarding the shelter in Spring Park. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From the Takoma Park Republican Club regarding the enlarging of Spring Park and the installation of additional play-ground facilities. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Mr. P. G. McCurdy regarding the shelter in Spring Park. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From the Maryland State Forestry Commission granting permission to cut down tree opposite 222 Cedar Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Child Welfare Services, advising council that the Municipal Building at 8 Columbia Avenue was no longer in use as a service school, and also thanked the Mayor and Council for their generosity in permitting them to use the building. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

Letter of resignation was received from Mr. D. D. Lamond as Corporation Counsel for the Town of Takoma Park, same to be effective January 31, 1946. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Mr. J.A. Mikesell regarding sanitary sewer connection leading to his house. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the Potomac Electric Power Co. regarding street lights recently ordered in the Prince Georges County section of the town, and also making recommendation for the installation of other lights in this section. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Mr. Lewis of the Hampshire Greens Citizens Association addressed council regarding street and storm sewer conditions in the New Hampshire Avenue Highlands section, and was advised that the matter would be referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Attorney Ralph G. Shure addressed the Mayor and Council in behalf of the Takoma Park Taxicab Service, in connection with the recent order that the ban be lifted for the licensing of only twenty cars. Attorney Shure assured the council that if the recent order lifting the ban was rescinded that the matters complained of by the citizens as to service would be corrected. After a lengthy discussion of the matter the Mayor advised Attorney Shure that same would be taken under advisement by the council.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the communication from Mr. Edward Fletcher concerning the grading of Glen Avenue, Councilman Russell, Chairman, stated that his committee had an engagement to meet Mr. Fletcher on the ground, but that he did not appear, and the committee had another appointment with him on Saturday morning February 2nd, at which time the matter would be gone into and a report made to the council.

Regarding the letter of Mr. Dewey Hayes, Chief of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman Russell stated that as soon as weather permitted the holes in Ritchie Avenue would be filled, and in the Spring this street would be topped. The clerk was instructed to write Mr. Hayes that this work would be done at the earliest possible moment.

Chairman Russell stated that his committee had inspected the paving of Jackson Avenue, as well as Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Avenues, and they recommended the acceptance of these streets, and payment of the bills covering the paving of same, but that the committee would like to have a detailed report from Superintendent of Public Works Fischer as to what caused the breaks in the sanitary sewer in newly paved Jackson Avenue, and was also of the opinion that the town should write the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission as to what they considered the cause for the breaks in their lines.

Regarding the Ritchie Avenue paving, the committee accepted same but still do not like the slight curvature in the street made necessary by the tree which the State Forestry Commission would not permit the town to remove. Chairman Russell stated that the committee think the tree should be removed at some future time and the street straightened out, and that the cost of this work would be very small.

After discussion of these matters, Chairman Russell moved that the Jackson Avenue paving be accepted and the bill for the paving of same be paid. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Councilman Russell also moved that the paving of Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Avenues be accepted and the contractor's bill for the paving of same be paid. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Chairman Russell turned over to the Clerk a letter from Theodore and Agnes C. Gochenour to read regarding the construction of sidewalks on Elm Avenue, which sidewalks had been authorized sometime ago. Chairman Russell stated that he thought this street was only a 35 foot street at the present time, and that it would be necessary to have a 40 foot street, and after discussion Chairman Russell moved that we have Engineer McNeill make a dedication plat for the widening of Elm Avenue to a 50 foot street from Heather Avenue to where the width of the street at present is 60 feet. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Regarding construction of storm sewer on Wildwood Avenue from Glenside Drive to the present storm sewer, Councilman Russell stated that the committee had investigated this and recommended that the town construct the storm sewer at the two places where the developer has requested, with a provision that the developer furnish the material for same. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the town construct this storm sewer provided the developer furnish the material, said work to be done at such time as the developer is ready to furnish the material. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in the amount of \$3834.50 were presented by the Finance Committee for payment, and payment of same was approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: The matter of trucks loading water at the Spring in Spring Park was discussed at length during which discussion it was brought out that trucks were loading water in the driveway and taking considerable time in so doing, holding up individuals who come to the spring for water. After a lengthy discussion of this matter Councilman Sidell moved that the police see that no persons be allowed to park in the spring driveway to fill trucks with water. A number of the councilman thought an order of this kind might lead to complications and after further discussion the motion died for the want of a second, and no further action was taken in the matter.

Regarding the taxicab situation, Councilman Sidell stated that he was willing to accept anything that would better the taxicab service, but that he had a few applications to present to council. Councilman Sidell presented the applications of Harold Swisher and Ross Ayers requesting stand permits, application of Pierce C. Jones requesting operator's permit, and application from Raymond I. Hedquist to take over another cab at present using the stand.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that these applications be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

Regarding the matter of rescinding the action of the council in connection with the lifting of the ban on taxicabs, Councilman Sidell stated that he had a number of other applications, but recommended that these applications be held in abeyance for another month, as well as any further action on the rescinding of the council's motion to lift the ban to permit more than twenty cabs on the stand. After discussion of this matter it was agreed to wait for another thirty days, and that any action of the council at that time be determined by the services given by the taxicab association in the meantime.

The Clerk read to the council the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 859

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

Section 1. That assessment submitted by the Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete paving in Oswego Avenue, Ritchie Avenue and Geneva Avenue, abutting Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 59; Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 in Block 60; Lots 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Block 61, and Lot 4 in Block 62, Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, as authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 844, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on March 19th, 1945, said assessment being fixed at \$4.66 per linear foot, be and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall be due and payable within ninety days from this date, provided, however, that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days of the approval thereof, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable likewise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further that payment in any amount may be made

between the said annual payment if so desired. Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum will be charged on deferred payments, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

Councilman Taft moved the adoption of this Ordinance and upon being seconded by Councilman Russell, said Ordinance was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Russell, Sidell and Taft, voting Nay, none.

The Clerk also presented to Council the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 860

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

Section 1. That assessment submitted by the Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete paving in Jackson Avenue abutting Lot 19 in Block 94A, Hampshire Knolls Section Three Subdivision, and Lots 1, 9, 10, 11 in Block 36, and Lots 9, 12, 13, 14, 46, 47, 48 and 49, Block 37, Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, as authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 806 $\frac{1}{2}$, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on March 15th, 1943, and Ordinance No. 839, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on September 18th, 1944, said assessment being fixed at \$4.66 per linear foot, be and the same is hereby approved. d. 1

Section 2. The assessment herein approved shall be due and apyable within ninety days from this date, provided, however, that if so desired said assessment may be paid in five equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days of the approval thereof, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable likewise in each succeeding year until paid, provided further that payment in any amount may be made between the said annual payments if so desired. Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum will be charged on deferred payments, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

The adoption of this Ordinance was moved by Councilman Taft and upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell same was adopted on a Yea and Nay note, voting Yea, Councilman Carr, Heffner, Russell, Sidell and Taft, voting Nay, none.

On motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Heffner, Council adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

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J. Abram Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 1946

Meeting called to order at seven o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the application of Robert Ben Rocklin to open an off-sale store for the sale of beer, wines and liquors at the intersection of East-West Highway and New Hampshire Avenue, said place of business to be known as the "GI Liquor Store".

This matter was discussed at length, after which Councilman Taft presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There has come to the attention of the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the town of Takoma Park, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland, notice of an application by Robert Ben Rocklin, to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County, Maryland, for an Off Sale, Class "A", license to sell beer, wine and liquor, and

WHEREAS, It is proposed by Robert Ben Rooklin to locate his liquor establishment at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Ethan Allen Avenue and East-West Highway, Chillum District and that said place of business will be known as the "GI Liquor Store", and

WHEREAS, The only other place of business at the present time at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and East-West Highway is a gas station, and

WHEREAS, The proposed location of said liquor store is just outside the corporate limits of the town of Takoma Park, never the less we believe a place of business such as a liquor dispensary within a community of home owners will tend to decrease the value of real estate instead of being an asset to the community, and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park, Maryland is a dry town and has been such for many years, thereby making it free from the influence which is generally felt where liquor is dispensed. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland, go on record as protesting against the granting of the application to Robert Ben Rocklin or any other person or persons for the sale of liquor at the location set forth herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions, signed by O.W. Youngblood, Mayor of Takoma Park, Maryland, be transmitted to the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County, Maryland, That the same be certified to by J. Wilson Dodd, Town Clerk.

After a further discussion of the matter, Councilman Taft moved the adoption of the resolution, and upon being seconded by Councilman Martin, same was unanimously adopted.

A letter was read by the Clerk from Attorneys Simpson & Simpson regarding accident to a Miss Margaret Saia, said accident being due to Miss Saia having fallen in a hole in Poplar Avenue.

After discussion of this matter the Clerk was ordered to write Attorneys Simpson & Simpson, requesting more definite information as to the exact location of the hole in which Miss Saia claims she had fallen, thereby injuring her leg.

On motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Marting, the taxicab stand in Laurel Avenue was extended, said extension including the space previously allotted, making the taxicab stand from the pole at the intersection of Eastern and Laurel Avenues to the next pole in Laurel Avenue towards Carroll Avenue.

There being no further business to come before the council, on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at eight P. M.

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J. H. Wilson
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood,
Mayor

W. C.

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 18, 1946

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell Sidell and Taft.

On motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Carr, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28th, 1946 was dispensed with, but at the request of Councilman Heffner, who stated that he had a matter in connection with these minutes which he desired to discuss before the final approval of same, the approval of these minutes were held up until farther along in the meeting.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of February 12th, 1946 were read by the Clerk and upon motion properly seconded same were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$2434.70
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	92.00
Special Assessments - - - - -	306.79
Building Permits - - - - -	188.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	19.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	117.00
Taxicab Stand Rentals - - - - -	85.00
" Badge Deposits - - - - -	8.25
Montgomery County Fines - - - - -	17.50
" " Police Tele. - - - - -	12.00
Commissions - Police Telephone - - - - -	1.25
Building Code Book Sale - - - - -	.50
Refund-Overpayment Street Work - - - - -	862.59
	\$4,144.58

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

Labor	\$228.00	
Materials	2,102.88	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	151.58	\$2,482.46

SERVICE:

Garbage: Labor	546.55
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	85.95
Trash: Labor	753.40
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	115.27

Disposal	104.55	
Ashes: Labor	232.65	
Traffic & Street Lights	<u>563.11</u>	2,401.48
POLICE:		
Salaries	695.80	
Clothing Allowance	164.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	94.90	
Misc. Expenses	55.05	
Telephones-Lights	<u>36.38</u>	1,046.13
OFFICE:		
Salaries	839.26	
Telephones	21.90	
Equipment	100.25	
Supplies	5.00	
Transfers-Montg. County	15.00	
Postage-Printing	<u>20.08</u>	1,001.49
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept.		
Tax Revenue	3,500.00	
Library Assn. Tax Revenue	199.08	
Insurance Premium	62.60	
Municipal Building Expense	43.02	
Refund-Sidewalk Deposit	20.00	
Dog Expense	26.00	
Montgomery County Police Tele	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corporation Counsel Comp.	50.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	4,017.70
		<u>\$10,949.26</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

12/31/45 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$41,380.72	
Deposits in January, 1946	<u>4,144.58</u>	
	45.525.30	
Withdrawals in January, 1946	<u>7,204.88</u>	
1/31/46 - On hand		\$38,320.42
13/31/45 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	\$12,385.61	
No deposits		
	<u>12,385.61</u>	
Withdrawals In January, 1946	<u>3,744.38</u>	
1/31/46 - On Hand		<u>8,641.23</u>
1/31/46 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$46,961.65</u>

REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

12/31/45	- On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	\$323.75	
	No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/46	- On hand		323.75
12/31/45	- On hand Citizens Bank	8,000.00	
	No deposits or withdrawals		
1/31/46	- On hand		8,000.00
			<u>\$8,323.75</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From the Takoma Park Republican Club regarding the Municipal Building at 8 Columbia Avenue. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

From the State Roads Commission regarding drainage on New Hampshire Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Petition from residents of Darwin Avenue regarding the bad condition of that street. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From the National-Capital Park and Planning Commission inviting the Mayor and Council to meet with the commission on February 27th, 1946 regarding building inspection within that portion of the town of Takoma Park lying in Prince Georges County. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Report from the Building Inspector covering building permits for the months of November and December, 1945 and January, 1946. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. A. B. Hurt regarding street lights on Boyd Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. R. H. Shure, Attorney, making application for the position as Corporation Counsel for the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Mr. V. L. Gingerich, Attorney, making application for the position as Corporation Counsel for the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Mr. R. J. O'Rorke of 16 Darwin Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the petition read from residents of Darwin Avenue, in connection with the bad condition of that street, and stressed the need of improvements there. A number of other residents from Darwin Avenue were present and called the attention of the Mayor and Council to the bad condition of the street, and requested that just as soon as weather conditions permitted that steps be taken to improve same.

Mayor Youngblood advised those present from Darwin Ave. that he would refer the matter to the Municipal Works Committee, and request that prompt action be taken to give them some relief.

A resident from 31 Boston Avenue also addressed council regarding the bad condition of Boston Avenue, and it was called to his attention by Supt. of Public Works Fischer that the Washington Gas Co. was laying mains in the street right-of-way, and that just as soon as it was practical to do so, steps would be taken to put Boston Avenue in passable shape.

Mr. Geo. F. Jordon of 319 Holly Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the storm sewer condition existing between Chestnut Avenue and Birch Avenue, stating that a portion of his property, during one of the last storms, caved in. Mr. Jordon was advised by Mayor Youngblood that the council had had a meeting with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission authorities, and that \$40,000.00 had been allocated for the improvement of storm sewers in that section, and that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission hoped to get started on this by June of this year.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Taft, Chairman, brought to the attention of Council a letter which was referred to him at the last council meeting from Mr. Neathercott of 500 Carroll Avenue, requesting permission from the town to erect a temporary chicken wire fence across Sheridan Avenue at the rear of his property and to extend to the adjoining property. Councilman Taft stated that he was opposed to the town granting permission of this nature to any property owner to fence off a public way, and after discussion of this matter, Chairman Taft moved that we write Mr. R. G. Neathercott that the town cannot give him permission to put a fence across Sheridan Avenue. Councilman Russell seconded this motion and same was approved.

Regarding the two applications for appointment as corporation counsel of the Town of Takoma Park, Councilman Taft stated that these two letters would be held over for a special meeting

Chairman Russell stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Martin stated that he had contacted Mrs. Chriss of the Parent-Teachers Assn. of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, and that she had brought to his attention the swings at the play-ground, which were in bad repair.

Councilman Martin also called attention to the fence, or barricade, on Park Avenue extended, which extends over the open stream, and stated that this fence was in very bad repair and dangerous to school children. Supt. of Public Works Fischer was requested to look into the matter.

Regarding the matter of swings, Councilman Martin stated that we needed twelve new swings for the Philadelphia Avenue playgrounds and four new swings for Spring Park. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin moved that we purchase sixteen swings for these playgrounds. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

At this time Councilman Heffner stated that at a meeting of the Community League the matter of playground equipment was discussed

and the question of the Maryland-Capital Park and Planning Commission participating in the purchase of equipment was brought up, and Councilman Heffner stated that Col. E. Brooke Lee had invited the town authorities to get together with him and go over the matter of playground equipment.

Councilman Taft stated that he thought it would be a good thing for the playground committee to accept the invitation of Col. Lee. Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr. suggested that Councilman Martin's motion might be amended, giving the committee authority to purchase these swings providing an immediate action could not be obtained from Col. Lee. Councilman Martin stated that the swings he proposed buying were to replace other swings which were in bad repair, and he thought there should be no delay in replacing same, as the present swings were dangerous to the children.

After further discussion of the matter the original motion of Councilman Martin, which was seconded by Councilman Taft, was approved, and the sixteen swings ordered purchased at the earliest possible date.

Mayor Youngblood requested that the playground committee get in touch with Col. Lee regarding information in connection with playground equipment.

Regarding the matter of shelter at Spring Park, Councilman Martin stated that he had no report from the Historical Society, and that while he had intended to call a meeting to go over that matter, he thought it best to wait until the action of the Historical Society was made known to the council.

The matter of trucks driving into the spring and consuming a lot of time filling containers with water was discussed at length, and it was called to council's attention that there was at one time a sign at the entrance which stated "Trucks not permitted", and it was suggested that it might be a good idea to have this sign replaced.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, recommended that 100 c.p. street lights be placed on the following streets:

Pole	#726390	- Jackson & Boyd Aves.
"	#726460	- Boyd Ave.
"	#726463	- " "
"	#726466	- Lincoln Ave.
"	#833563	- Linden Ave.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Sidell moved that lights be placed on the above poles, and upon being seconded by Councilman Heffner, same was approved.

Councilman Sidell read a letter from Mr. Ralph G. Shure, Attorney, from the Wakoma Park Taxi Service giving a report on the taxicab situation.

Councilman Martin stated that he thought the taxicab service is not up to what it should be, and that he was in favor of taking

the limit of the number of cabs licensed to use the stand. Mayor Youngblood stated that he thought it only fair to give the matter further consideration as to the limiting of cabs, and thought that service to the public should be given first consideration. Councilman Sidell stated that he had a number of applications, among which were one for a driver's permit from Charles K. Prince, but that Mr. Prince's application showed that he had a number of traffic violations marked against him, and that in view of these offenses the committee was not in a position to recommend that the permit be granted. Mr. Prince addressed the council and stated that he had been driving cars for quite a while, and that he did not think these minor offenses should be held against him. Councilman Laft requested that the charges be read to council. These charges consisted of speeding, failing to keep to the right, parking in restricted zones, and another charge of doing over 35 miles per hour.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Martin suggested that the young man be given a trial, and so moved. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion and same was approved.

At this time Mayor Youngblood stated that he thought consideration should be given to restricting of parking on both sides of Ethan Allen Avenue, in view of the fact that a new bus route had been established which traversed this street and these large buses made it dangerous for another care to pass when cars were parked in this street. After discussion of this matter same was referred to the Municipal Service Committee for study and report back to council.

The matter regarding the approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting was brought up for discussion, and Councilman Heffner stated that his reason for requesting that the minutes be discussed before approval was due to the fact that council had passed a motion at that meeting regarding storm sewer construction in New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, in which the council agreed that the town would furnish the labor for the installation of these storm sewers if the developer would pay for the material. Councilman Heffner stated that while had had been a party to the motion, he had had a change of heart and thought that the town should either pay the whole cost of the construction or the developer pay for same. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Russell moved that the minutes be approved as read, and upon being seconded by Councilman Martin, same was approved.

Superintendent of Public Works Fischer called attention of the council to the fact that he had authority from the State Forestry Commission to remove a large tree adjacent to 222 Cedar Avenue, and after discussion of this matter same was ordered tabled for a future meeting.

Regarding communication from Mr. Edward Fletcher, in connection with the grading of Glenn Avenue, Councilman Russell stated that this matter had been investigated and that Superintendent Fischer had been to the Park and Planning Commission and was informed that this street was in the park set-up and that the town had no responsibility in connection with same. The Clerk was requested to write Mr. Fletcher and advise him that the matter regarding the grading of this street should be taken up with the Maryland-Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Lieut. Thomas of the town police force stated that he would like to have the Corporation Counsel look into the matter of drawing up an Ordinance covering the restriction of cars passing a school bus while the bus was discharging passengers, as the state law covering same did not control this matter in incorporated towns.

Lieut. Thomas also requested that the matter of adopting an Ordinance be considered in connection with having "No Parking at any time" signs placed in Flower Avenue in front of the Seventh Day Adventist Normal School.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, council adjourned at 11:15 P. M.

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J. Wilson Dodd
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 1946

Meeting called to order at 7:08 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the reason for calling this meeting was to consider the appointment of a new Corporation Counsel, in view of the fact that Mr. D. D. Lamond had resigned this office, effective February 1st, 1946.

Councilman Taft laid before the council three applications for the position, from J. Douglas Bradshaw, Vincent L. Gingerich and Ralph G. Shure. Councilman Taft stated that all three of these applicants were qualified for the position, but suggested that any appointment of a Corporation Counsel be with-held until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Taft moved that the appointment of Corporation Counsel be tabled for the present, and upon being seconded by Councilman Carr, same was approved.

It was also called to the attention of council that former town police officer Byron S. Souder, who had been on military leave, had returned and desired to resume his old position as police officer for the town.

The matter of dismissing one of the new officers to make a place for Mr. Souder was discussed at length, after which it was decided that no officer would be dismissed at the present time,

but that the last two officers employed, John C. Whiddon and Irving W. Palmer, be requested to take time off, due to the fact that the town police budget for the present fiscal year would not support a regular five man force. Council was advised by Lieut. Thomas that he was quite sure this would be agreeable to Officers Whiddon and Palmer.

At this time Councilman Martin moved that Mr. Souder be reinstated as a Town Police Officer at the same pay as he received before, effective March 1st, 1946. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

On motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Taft, council adjourned at 7:45 P. M.

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Mayor

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