

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 18th, 1946

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

The Minutes of the regular meeting of February 18th, 1946 and Special Meeting of February 23rd, 1946 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of February, 1946, was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$407.75
Less Discount - - - - -	.22
	<u>407.53</u>
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	41.69
Special Assessments - - - - -	2,601.08
Building Permits - - - - -	115.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	26.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -	3.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	178.50
Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - -	5.50
" Stand Rentals - - - - -	5.00
Interest Cert. of Deposit-Citz. Bank -	47.11
Montg. County Police Telephone - - -	12.00
State Tax Commission - - - - -	<u>15.00</u>
	<u>\$3,457.41</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$209.23	
Materials	102.02	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	<u>157.73</u>	468.98
SERVICE: Garbage: Labor	595.90	
Gas-Oil-Auto-Upk.	439.92	
Trash: Labor	777.50	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk. Sup.	141.88	
Trash Disposals	199.17	
Ash: Labor	203.67	
Street Lights	555.53	
Traffic Light	<u>4.23</u>	2,917.80

POLICE: Salaries	\$680.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	92.18	
Supplies	4.50	
Telephones-Lights	34.37	
Misc. Expenses	7.15	
Installation Gas Heater-Plumber	<u>106.89</u>	955.09

OFFICE: Salaries	840.26	
Telephones	37.85	
Printing-Postage	29.46	
Mrs.V.Buck-Transfers P.G.Co.	19.60	
Supplies	<u>5.10</u>	932.27

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Jackson Avenue Paving	<u>2,299.69</u>	2,299.69

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Recording Fee	.75	
Municipal Building Expense	20.47	
Montg. County Police Tele.	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Dog Expense	6.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	<u>144.22</u>

\$7,718.05BANK STATEMENT

## GENERAL ACCOUNT:

1/31/46 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$38,320.42	
Deposits in Feb., 1946	<u>3,435.18</u>	
	41,755.60	
2/1/46 - Transf. from Revolving fund	<u>8,000.00</u>	
	49,755.60	
Withdrawals in Feb., 1946	<u>6,924.62</u>	
2/28/46 - On hand		42,830.98
1/31/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	8,641.23	
Deposits in Feb. 1946	<u>22.23</u>	
	8,663.46	
Withdrawals in Feb. 1946	<u>793.43</u>	
2/28/46 - On hand		<u>7,870.03</u>
2/28/46 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$50,701.01</u>
REVOLVING FUND:		
1/31/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.75	
No deposits or withdrawals	<u>          </u>	
2/28/46 - On hand		323.75
1/31/46 - On hand Citz. Bank	8,000.00	
Transf. to General Account	<u>8,000.00</u>	- -
2/28/46 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$323.75</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From the Associated Health and Welfare Agencies of Takoma Park, Maryland, regarding the shelter in Spring Park, recommending that the building be renovated, toilet facilities be installed and playground equipment provided. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Montgomery County Commissioners regarding storm drainage at the Junior High School property on Piney Branch Road. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Jane E. Parker commending the taxicab service in the Town of Takoma Park. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Attorneys Simpson & Simpson, regarding Margaret Saia, who claims to have been injured by a fall on Poplar Avenue. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Miriam S. Hemingway regarding conditions at the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From a committee of the Community League of Takoma Park, regarding the Spring Park at the corner of Poplar and Elm Avenues. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From the State Roads Commission advising that "Stop" signs would be placed at the intersection of Flower and Carroll Avenues.

From Building Inspector Roy P. Frye regarding dwelling being constructed by Walter C. Johnson on Lot 8 in Block 8, New Hampshire Avenue Highlands Subdivision, advising the council that from all appearances this is to be a two family dwelling, same being in a one family zone, and a permit having been issued for only a one family dwelling.

From Mr. Roy P. Frye, Building Inspector, giving report on permits issued during the month of February, 1946, showing eleven one family dwellings at an estimated cost of \$105,000.00, and one alteration at an estimated cost of \$300.00

From the Historical Society of Takoma Park, Maryland, regarding the shelter at Spring Park. Referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

From Mr. Luke Bennett, President of the Community League of Takoma Park, regarding report of a committee from that organization in connection with the condition of the streets throughout the town, and making recommendations as to the proper method of reconditioning same. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. Geo. Kissinger addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the new Honor Roll to be erected by the American Legion, Takoma Park Post No. 28, and stated that the new board would cost in the neighborhood of \$970.00, and asked that the Mayor and Council make an appropriation in the name of the Town to help defray the expense of the Honor Roll. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Chas. H. Stouffer of 902 Davis Avenue, addressed Council regarding the proposed curb and gutter to be instructed in Davis Avenue and also regarding the bad condition of that street. Mr. Stouffer was advised that this matter would be taken up later in the evening.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Bills in amount of \$2,013.91 were presented by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Application of Evelyn Eliz. Fike was presented to drive a Taxicab in the Town of Takoma Park, and at the request of Councilman Taft, this application was held for further investigation.

On Motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman Hefner, the application of Walter E. Joerg to drive a taxicab in Takoma Park was approved.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Hefner stated that he had nothing to report at the present time.

**CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Chairman Martin stated, regarding the two applications received from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission - One from Elmer D. and Anna Snook, and another from Charles B. Ullom, that his Committee recommended that these petitions be returned to the Park and Planning Commission recommending to them that after holding a proper public hearing, that the Commission use its own best judgement as to the approval or disapproval of these Petitions. After discussion of this matter, it was moved by Mr. Martin and Seconded by Councilman Taft, that the Park and Planning Commission be advised that it was the recommendation of the Council that after public hearing that they use their own best judgement in making a decision regarding these two Zoning Petitions. This motion was approved.

Councilman Martin stated that in view of the number of Communications he had received from various parties and organizations regarding the shelter in Spring Park, he had come to the conclusion that the shelter should be torn down, but that he would like to hear from the other Councilmen as to what they would recommend in the matter. After a lengthy discussion it seemed that the concensus of the majority of the Councilman was that the shelter be torn down, a canopy built over the Spring, and that the Park beautified.

The question as to the purity of the water in the Spring was brought up by Councilman Hefner, who produced a recent analysis of the water, showing that same at the time of the analysis was in good condition from a sanitary standpoint. Mr. A. P. Bell of the District of Columbia Health Dept., stated that there were times that this water had been analysed which showed impurities.

After a further discussion as to removal of the old shelter, Councilman Martin moved that the present band stand be torn down, and that the stone in the foundation be preserved and used in the construction of a canopy to be built over the Spring and driveway at the Spring, and that the balance of the material be moved away, and that the present site of the old building be beautified, said work to

be done when funds are available. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft, and same was approved. Councilman Hefner voting "No!"

Councilman Martin stated that a number of citizens had approached him and asked why the Town, the Review and Herald, or General Conference, whichever owns the large triangular park at Eastern and Laurel Avenues, in an effort to see whether the owners would not dedicate a few feet of this land in order that the corner where the taxicab shed is located could be rounded, thereby eliminating a traffic hazard, due to the large number of buses using Eastern Avenue. Councilman Taft stated that this land belonged to the General Conference Corporation. After a discussion of the matter the Clerk was authorized to contact the General Conference Corporation to ascertain whether or not they would dedicate a few feet at this corner for the above proposed improvement. Mayor Youngblood also stated that he thought it would be a good idea if "U" turns at this intersection were not allowed.

Councilman Hefner at this time stated that there was need for an Amber and Red traffic light to be placed in front of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept. building as a safety measure when the fire trucks were answering an alarm, and it was the order of the Council that prices be obtained for such a light. It was also suggested that some kind of a light be placed at the entrance of the alley coming from behind the stores in Laurel Avenue out onto Carroll Avenue.

Councilman Martin stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Luke Bennett, President of the Community League, for his report on the condition of the streets in the Town.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr. Seybolt, Engineer, produced plans covering the proposed construction of curb and gutter. After a lengthy discussion it was the opinion of the Council that due to storm water conditions in this section, that it would be more practical from an economical standpoint to construct concrete street, along with the curb and gutter, in Davis Avenue, as well as adjacent streets, and after a further discussion, and suggestions from Engineer Seybolt, Councilman proposed the following Ordinance, covering a hearing on this paving, and moved its adoption:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 861

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

2 Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of concrete paving and curb and gutter in Central Avenue from Jackson Avenue to Carroll Avenue, abutting original lots 8 and 9 in Block A, Lots 13 and 14 in Block C, Lots 1 and 26 in Block D, Lots 1 and 22 in Block B, Cunningham Subdivision.

In Jackson Avenue from Central Avenue to Garland Avenue abutting original Lots 19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26 in Block D, Cunningham Sub

Cunningham Subdivision; abutting Lots 15 and 16 in Block 38C and Lots 7, 8, 9 in Block 38D, Fletcher Subdivision.

In Davis Avenue from Flower Avenue to Garland Avenue, abutting original Lots 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 in Block C, original Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 in Block D, original Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 in Block A, and original Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 in Block B, all in Cunningham Subdivision.

In Garland Avenue from Davis Avenue to Carroll Avenue, abutting original Lots 7 and 16 in Block B, and original Lots 1 and 2 in Block E, Cunningham Subdivision.

All of the above proposed construction of curb and gutter and paving to be done at an estimated cost of \$14.00 per linear foot, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the lots abutting same in the usual manner.

Also the construction of cement concrete curb and gutter only in Jackson Avenue abutting original Lots 14, 15 and 16 in Block C, Cunningham Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$1.50 per linear foot, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the lots abutting same in the usual manner.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council, at their regular meeting of April 15th, 1946, convening at eight o'clock P. M. in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Denwood and Carroll Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the work herein proposed.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Taft, and upon a Yea and Nay vote, same was adopted. Voting Yea- Councilmen Carr, Hefner, Martin, Russell and Taft. Voting Nay, none. (Councilman Sidell not present)

Supt. of Public Works Fischer, stated that Park Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Spruce Avenue had been topped with black top, and that the street was in excellent condition. Also that work had been started on re-topping Darwin Ave., and that it was hoped to complete this very shortly, after which other streets in the Town would be taken care of and put in good condition.

Councilman Russell stated that the report of Mr. Bennett would be studied very carefully by his Committee, and where practical, the suggestions in the report would be carried out.

Councilman Russell called to the attention of Council to a sunken place in the newly paved section of Jackson Avenue, which was brought about by a broken main of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and the Clerk and authorized to contact Mr. Lacy Shaw of the Sanitary Commission, in an effort to see if the Commission would not repair this damage to the street.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: In reference to the matter of appropriation for the Honor Roll, Councilman Taft moved that the Council go on record as heartily approving of this project, and offering any aid possible in procuring public funds for same, and that Mr. Kissinger be advised that at the proper time a donation by the Town would be given consideration by the Council. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

Regarding the letter from Building Inspector Frye, concerning the dwelling being built by Mr. Walter Johnson, Councilman Taft said the only thing he could recommend in the matter would be for Mr. Frye to refer the matter to the proper authorities, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as they are in entire charge of zoning, and that the matter laid before the Council by Mr. Frye was one of zoning.

There being no further business to come before Council, on Motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Carr, Council adjourned at 11:55 P. M.

*Subscribed*

J. Wilson Rodd  
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood  
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 10th, 1946

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that meeting was called primarily for the purpose of discussing whether or not the Town desired to ask exemption from a recent act of the Maryland General Assembly empowering the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission to issue building permits and to make inspections of building under construction in the Metropolitan District of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter, the Clerk was instructed to contact Col. Lee of the Park and Planning Commission in an effort to make an appointment for the Councilmen to have a further conference with the Commission in connection with this matter, in order to get more information concerning this act before a final decision was made by the Mayor and Council.

The matter of the application of Evelyn E. Fike to operate a taxicab in Takoma Park, and in connection with which Miss Fike had been given a temporary permit, was presented for discussion, after which Councilman Sidell moved that the temporary permit of Miss Fike be withdrawn, and that his application for a permanent permit be disapproved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Communication from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, regarding the bad condition of streets in the Town, and also proposing that no parking be allowed on the East-West Highway, was read to Council, and referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Communication was read from C. Maurice Weidemeyer offering the Town of Takoma Park \$525.00 for seven lots now in the name of the Town located on Elm Avenue, Lots 69 to 75 inclusive, Block 16, Gilberts Subdivision. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

Clerk advised Council that Mr. Chas. F. Gott had made verbal application to plant flowers in the parking in front of 19 Columbia Avenue, and after discussion of this matter this request was denied, in view of the fact that it has been the policy of the town in the past not to permit planting of flowers in the parkings.

Resolution from Takoma Park Post No. 28, American Legion, regarding Condition of the East-West Highway through the Town of Takoma Park, was read to Council, and ordered filed.

On motion of Councilman Sidell, Seconded by Councilman Martin, John Whiddon and Irving Palmer were granted permission to drive taxicabs in the Town, at such times as they were not working for the Town as Police Officers.



Councilman Taft presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 862

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

Section 1. That the Plat of resubdivision of Lot 18 in Block 61, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, into Lots 18A and 18B, as presented by Samuel L. and Maude L. Gunn, be and the same is hereby approved.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Russell, and upon a Yea and Nay vote, same was adopted. Voting yea, Councilmen Carr, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft. (Councilman Hefner having been excused earlier from the meeting in order to keep another engagement). Voting Nay, None.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Council adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

*Subscribed*

*J. Nelson Dodd*  
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Clerk

*O. H. Youngblood*  
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Mayor

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REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
APRIL 15th, 1946

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18th, 1946 and Special Meeting of April 10th, 1946, were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of March, 1946, was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$1480.80
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	74.22
Special Assessments - - - - -	3356.31
Building Permits - - - - -	225.00
Electrical " - - - - -	27.00
Excavation " - - - - -	2.00
Dog Tax - - - - -	222.00
Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - -	11.00
Municipal Bldg. Bo. of Edu. for lights	2.50
Gas Tax - Prince Georges County - -	468.70
State Tax Commission - Franchise Tax	5.00
	<u>\$5,874.53</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

<b>STREETS:</b> Labor	\$358.80	
Materials	158.18	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk. Sup.	669.45	
Street signs	119.00	\$1,305.43
<b>SERVICE:</b> Garbage: Labor	744.10	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk	57.38	
Trash: Labor	944.85	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.		
Supplies	73.05	
Disposal	131.04	
Ash: Labor	206.90	
Street Lights	501.77	
Traffic Light	4.23	2,663.32
<b>POLICE:</b> Salaries	836.00	
Clothing Allowance	30.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	150.05	
Supplies	2.10	
Telephones-Lights-Fuel	32.51	
Printing	2.75	1,053.41

OFFICE: Salaries	841.66	
Telephones	29.66	
Supplies	6.44	
Postage	<u>3.00</u>	880.76
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:		
Material	<u>25.50</u>	25.50
ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Paving Oswego, Ritchie and Geneva Aves.	<u>12,000.00</u>	12,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Library Assn.	136.82	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	18.24	
Dog Expense	58.75	
Montgomery County Tele.	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Recording Fees	5.00	
Henry Field's Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	<u>25.00</u>	<u>335.81</u>
		<u>\$18,264.23</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

2/28/46 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$42,830.98	
Deposits during March	<u>5,874.53</u>	
	48,705.51	
Withdrawals during March	<u>17,856.33</u>	
3/31/46 - On hand		\$30,849.18
2/28/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	7,870.03	
No deposits during March		
	<u>7,870.03</u>	
Withdrawals during March	<u>407.90</u>	
3/31/46 - On hand		<u>7,462.13</u>
3/31/46 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$38,311.31</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

2/28/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	323.75	
No deposits or withdrawals		
3/31/46 - On hand		323.75

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mrs. L. M. Ryan, Secretary of the Takoma League of Women Voters, regarding the Retirement Bill for the town employees to be voted on at the coming election. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

At this time Mayor Youngblood requested that the Clerk read Ordinance No. 861 regarding the hearing for the paving of portions of Central, Jackson, Davis and Garland Avenues, and for curb and gutter in Jackson Ave. After reading of this Ordinance, Mayor Youngblood stated that the hearing was open for anyone cared to voice their approval or disapproval of this paving project.

Mr. H. J. McDermott, while not objecting to the concrete paving, asked for information as to whether it would be better to have a black topped street instead of a concrete street.

Mr. Harry Loveday, 807 Davis Ave. objected to this paving project.

Mr. Ivor A. Gehrman, 901 Davis Ave. opposed any cement street paving of the above proposed streets.

Mr. George W. Davis, 820 Davis Ave. opposed this improvement, while Mr. Parks, Mr. K. H. Landis, 115 Garland Avenue, Mr. Antonio Calisto, rear 817 Davis Avenue, Mr. Robert A. Hare, 809 Davis Ave., Mr. B. P. Hoffman, 201 Garland Avenue, Mr. C. H. Stauffer, Jr., 902 Davis Avenue, Mr. G. H. Lester, 904 Jackson Avenue, Mr. L. V. Finster, 203 Garland Avenue, expressed themselves in favor of the concrete paving.

Mr. Henry R. Wasser expressed himself in favor of the project, and stated that Mr. F. W. Robbins and Mr. A. B. Nylen had advised him that they were in favor of this project.

No other persons having asked to be heard in the matter Mayor Youngblood declared the hearing closed and referred the matter to the Municipal Works Committee for report to the council and recommendations.

Councilman Russell advised that the town had received an estimate from Corson & Gruman Company, regarding black topping some of the badly worn streets within the town, and stated that this matter was being given consideration at the present time.

A communication was handed to the Clerk from the Trustees of the Takoma Park Elementary School regarding the bad condition of the play-grounds, and also asked that something be done regarding the drainage to the ball field adjacent to the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School. This matter was referred to the Civic Improvement and Education Committee.

A petition containing the names of forty six property owners in the vicinity of Houston, Hudson and Roanoke Avenues, requesting the construction of concrete streets on portions of these streets was referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

Mr. Arthur Brady, Attorney, appeared before council in behalf of the Piney Branch Taxicab Assn., and asked permission of the council to allow this Association to install a public telephone at the taxicab stand at the corner of Laurel and Eastern Avenues, in order that people coming out from the District and finding no cabs available at this stand could telephone the Piney Branch Taxicab Assn. and ask that a cab be sent for them at the Laurel and Eastern Avenue stations. This matter was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Mrs. James R. Hemingway, 301 Baltimore Avenue, representing the Trustees of the Takoma Park Elementary School, addressed council regarding the communication in connection with the improvement of

the play grounds at the Elementary School, and introduced Mr. H. W. Hobbs of 302 Birch Avenue, who spoke to council regarding the playing field and offered suggestions as to the proper drainage of the field. After Mr. Hobbs had addressed council, Mayor Youngblood requested that Councilman Martin, Chairman of the Civic Improvement and Education Committee, get together with Mr. Hobbs and see if some solution could not be arrived at concerning this matter.

Mr. J. D. Haynes of 6725 Poplar Avenue advised council that he had purchased Tax Sale Lot No. 12 in Block No. 12, Gibbs & Kossack Subdivision, and advised council that the Prince Georges County Commissioners told him that in settlement of their taxes that there were no other taxes in connection with this property, he stating that the Prince Georges County Commissioners had not advised him regarding any town taxes or special assessments for street improvements against this property. Mr. Haynes requested that council take this matter under advisement and either abate any indebtedness the town had against this property, or make equitable adjustment in connection with same. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Fraser of 105 Elm Avenue, representing the Women's Voters League of Takoma Park, addressed council inquiring about the Charter Amendment Bill regarding retirement for employees and reduction of discount for payment of taxes. At this time Councilman Taft reviewed the bill and explained same to those present, and advised that this bill would be published in full in the local newspaper prior to the election.

Mr. C. B. Smith of 122 Park Avenue addressed council and requested repairs to the sidewalk in front of his property.

Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr., addressed council regarding the retirement bill and stated that in going back over his files he had discovered this bill had been given publicity at the time of its passage in the Maryland General Assembly.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Regarding the matter of "No Parking" on both sides of Ethan Allen Avenue, which matter had been referred to his committee, Councilman Sidell, Chairman, stated that his committee recommended that "No Parking" signs be placed on the north side of Ethan Allen Avenue, and after discussion of the matter Councilman Sidell moved that "No Parking between 7 AM to 7 PM" signs be placed on the north side of Ethan Allen Avenue, and that the present "No Parking At Any Time" signs remain on the south side of Ethan Allen Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

The Clerk was requested to write to the State Roads Commission and ask that they make a traffic study of the conditions at the intersection of Ethan Allen Avenue (East-West Highway) and New Hampshire Avenue, to ascertain whether or not stop signs on all four corners of this intersection would be advisable.

On motion of Councilman Sidell, seconded by Councilman Martin the application of Betty J. Carrick to drive a taxicab in the town of Takoma Park was disapproved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, advised council that the roof at the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, needed painting very badly.

Councilman Heffner also advised council that a new Westinghouse Water Cooler had been placed in the building at 8 Columbia Avenue by the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, the only expense to the town being the installation of same. Councilman Heffner stated that he would see that a letter was written to the Montgomery County Commissioners expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the installation of the water cooler.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Martin, Chairman, stated, regarding the request of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, that his committee had nothing to recommend at the present time regarding the improvement of the grounds, but that he would get in touch with Mr. H. W. Hobbs, who addressed council this evening, and go over the grounds with him to ascertain what suggestions Mr. Hobbs had to make for the improvement of the drainage on the playgrounds at this school.

The matter of drainage in the new subdivision, New Hampshire Gardens, was brought up for discussion and Councilman Martin suggested that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission be contacted to see what grade sheets they had for the streets in this subdivision, and what, if anything, assistance they could give the town in making a storm drainage survey in this area. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Harry Shaw of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding this matter.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Russell, Chairman, stated that his committee was unanimously in favor of going ahead with the paving of concrete of the streets as set forth in the Ordinance covering the hearing this evening, and offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 863

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 hearing, as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of Davis, Central, Jackson and Garland Avenues, as advertised in Ordinance No. 861, adopted by the Mayor and Council March 18th, 1946, and the improvement of said streets is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance. *d-125*

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one third of the 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, and otherwise.

Section 3. 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, and 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,

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman, Taft and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was adopted, voting Yea, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft, voting Nay, none.

Councilman Russell also moved that the Clerk get in touch with Engineer Seybolt and ask that plans for this paving work be rushed to completion, and that as soon as these plans were ready we advertise for bids for the paving of portions of Central, Davis, Jackson and Garland Avenues, as set forth in the Ordinance covering the hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the communication of Mr. Widemayer offering to purchase from the town Lots 68 to 75 inc., Block 16, Gilbert's Sub-division Councilman Carr, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that his committee was not ready to report on this matter, and requested that same be tabled until a further study could be made.

Report of the Building Inspector covering permits issued for the month of March was read to council, said report showing estimated construction cost on permits issued \$207,850.00.

Councilman Taft presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 864

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

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, a general election is hereby called for Monday, May 6th, 1946, to be held at the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, in the Town of Takoma Park, at which time and place the qualified voters of the town shall cast their votes for a Mayor and six Town Councilmen to serve for a period of two years from the first Monday in June, 1946.

Section 2. The polls of said election shall be opened at six A. M. and closed at seven P. M.

Section.3. That Mrs. K. E. Abercrombie, Miss Hazel Shadel and Mr. Charles A. Mann are hereby appointed as Judges to serve at the town election to be held on May 6th, 1946, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to employ any additional help necessary to assist in said election.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Sidell and upon a Yea and Nay vote same was approved, voting Yea Councilman Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft, voting Nay none.

On motion properly seconded council adjourned at 11:40 P. M.

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J. Wilson Dudd  
Clerk

O. St. Youngblood.  
Mayor

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