

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 2, 1946

Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen, Carr, Heffner, Martin, Russell, Sidell and Taft.

Mr. Hext P. Ware, Mr. Dewey Hayes, Mr. Frank Troll and Lt. Col. William J. Heale were invited, but Mr. Troll was not present.

Councilman Taft informed the Council, and those present, that the meeting was called to consider the nomination of Lt. Col. Heale who was nominated as a candidate from the 6th Precinct of Montgomery County by Mr. Hext P. Ware in the Town Caucus held May 22, 1946.

Councilman Taft further stated that it had become known that Lt. Col. Heale resided in the 4th Precinct of the Chillum District in Prince George's County within the town and not in the 6th Precinct of the 13th Election District in Montgomery County within the town, as required by an amendment to the Town Charter passed by the Legislature in 1939, and known as House Bill 655. Under this amendment to the Town Charter it requires a candidate to reside in the Precinct from which he shall be nominated for at least one year immediately preceding his nomination. It appeared that the county line between Montgomery and Prince George's Counties had been changed, and that Lt. Col. Heale's home, according to the different records and because of the change of the county line, is now located in Prince George's County in the Chillum District and not in the 6th Precinct in Montgomery County within the town.

Lt. Col. Heale informed the members of the Council and those present that he would therefore request that his name be withdrawn as a candidate for Councilman from the 6th Precinct in Montgomery County, and that he would also write a letter to the Mayor and Council to that effect. A letter from Lt. Col. Heale was received May 3, 1946, withdrawing his name as a candidate for Councilman.

During the meeting of the Council, Councilman Taft suggested to Lt. Col. Heale that if there was any question in his mind as to the law bearing on the subject that Lt. Col. Heale should employ counsel to advise him.

Upon motion of Councilman Taft and seconded by Councilman Sidell the Council adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

Indulgent
O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

J. William Dodd
Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 13, 1946

The meeting was called to order at seven o'clock P. M.

Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Martin, Heffner, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood advised that the purpose of the meeting was to receive the report of the Judges of Election covering the election for Mayor and Council on May 6th, 1946.

The report of the Judges of Election was read to the Mayor and Council by the Clerk, said report being as follows:

Gentlemen:-- The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report with respect to the Town Election, held the 6th day of May, 1946, in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building.

The Board organized with the appointment of Charles A. Mann, Chairman, Mrs. K. E. Abercrombie and Miss Hazel Shadel, Judges of Election, and Mr. Charles Overacker as Clerk, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. The Polls were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock A.M., and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock P.M.

There being only one Candidate for Mayor, the number of votes received by this Candidate is set opposite his name:--

441

Oliver W. Youngblood-----

The following persons were voted on as Councilmen, and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

From 4th Precinct, Montgomery County:--

John C. Post	405
Millward C. Taft	419

From 6th Precinct, Montgomery County:--

Herman C. Heffner	414
John F. Sidell	401

From 9th Precinct, Montgomery County:--

William W. Jeffries	154
J. H. Nies	299

From 4th Precinct, Chillum Dist. Prince George's County

L. A. Anderson	419
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For Charter Amendment	39
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Against Charter Amendment	419
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*In Maryland Laws, 1946,
p. 877-881*

It appears from the Ballots cast that the following Candidates received the highest number of votes set opposite their names, and were duly elected for a period of two years from the first Monday in July, 1946:-

FOR MAYOR

Oliver W. Youngblood 441

FOR COUNCILMEN

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J. H. Nies 299

4th Precinct, Prince George's County:-

L. A. Anderson 400

It appears from the votes cast that the Charter Amendment was defeated, the number of votes cast against same being 419.

Certificates of Election in accordance with the results as above stated will be delivered to the Mayor and Councilmen elect prior to their induction into office.

Very respectfully,

JUDGES OF ELECTION:-

(signed) Charles A. Mann, Chairman

(signed) Mrs. K. E. Abercrombie

(signed) Hazel I. Shadel

Attest:-

Chas. M. Overacker, Clerk (signed)

After the reading of this report, Councilman Carr moved that the report be accepted. Councilman Martin seconded the motion and same was approved.

The matter of "Clean Up Week" was brought to the attention of Council, and Mayor Youngblood stated that he had asked the local newspaper to publicize this matter, and a notice on same had been carried in the Takoma Journal as of May 10th, 1946.

Councilman Martin stated that as he was leaving the council, he would like to make a report on his visit to the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School Playgrounds. He stated that he had visited the

playgrounds with Mr. H.W. Hobbs of 302 Birch Avenue, Mr. Hobbs being an engineer. Councilman Martin advised council that Mr. Hobbs had made a number of very valuable suggestions regarding the drainage of the ball field and also drainage around the school. Councilman Martin stated that Mr. Hobbs advised him that he would gladly work with the Mayor and Council and draw up a sketch of his suggestions at any time the council requested.

Mayor Youngblood thanked Councilman Martin for his report and stated that same would be passed on to the Chairman of the Civic Improvement and Education Committee that would take the place of Councilman Martin.

It was called to the attention of council that Corson & Gruman Co. had given an estimate of \$2850.00 for the resurfacing of Willow Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Tulip Avenue, and for the resurfacing of Tulip Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Willow Avenue, and due to the fact that these streets are in very bad condition, on motion of Councilman Carr, seconded by Councilman Martin, the Clerk was instructed to order Corson & Gruman Co. to proceed with this work immediately.

Councilman Taft called to the attention of the Mayor and Council that some warning signs were needed at the Seventh Day Adventist School on Elm Avenue, and after discussion of this matter, on motion of Councilman Taft, seconded by Councilman Carr, signs were ordered to be erected at this school, containing the words "SLOW SCHOOL", that the Clerk be authorized to order these signs and request that the Supt. of Public Works install same.

Attention was called to council of a badly needed street light on Pole 7169, and also a light on a pole between Woodland Avenue and Sycamore Avenue on Ethan Allen Avenue. This matter was referred to the Municipal Service Committee for investigation.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Indeped

J. Walter Dadd
Clerk

O. W. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 17, 1946

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Carr, Heffner, Sidell and Taft.

Mayor Youngblood stated that the meeting was called in connection with a Petition signed by Herman Hannauer as Agent for J. Rogers Hodges for the rezoning of the balance of the Hodges Farm from Class "A" residential to Class "C" residential.

Mr. Vincent L. Gingerich, Attorney, appeared before the Mayor and Council in behalf of the property owners in the Bonnie View Subdivision and presented to council a petition signed by thirty two (32) residents of that subdivision, said petition vigorously opposing this rezoning, and setting forth their reasons therefor, and requesting that the Mayor and Council go on record as opposing said rezoning. Besides Attorney Gingerich a number of the residents from West Grant Avenue, Holly Avenue and Darwin Avenue were present and voiced their opposition in person to the Mayor and Council.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Councilman Taft moved that the council go on record as being opposed to Petition #A155, filed by Herman Hannauer of 7896 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, acting as Agent for J. Roger Hodges, for the rezoning of the balance of the Hodges Farm from Class "A" Residential to Class "C" Residential. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and approved.

The Clerk was requested to notify the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, of the action of the council in this matter.

Councilman Taft presented the following Ordinance covering Plat of dedication for the widening of Elm Avenue, abutting Lots 19, 20 and 21 in Block 33, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 865

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

Section 1. That Plat of dedication of a five foot strip from Lots 19, 20 and 21 in Block 33, Gilbert's Subdivision, in the Town of Takoma Park, Prince George's County, Maryland, as presented by Arthur L. Koym, Winifred M. Koym; Agnes C. Gochenour, Theodore S. Gochenour; Albert V. Cobb and Agnes Z. Cobb, said dedication being for the widening of Elm Avenue, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

On motion properly seconded council adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Indefinite

J. William Dodd
Clerk

O. St. Youngblood
Mayor

Handwritten initials

DISBURSEMENTS		REVENUES	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	350.00	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	350.00
Garage: Labor	607.45	Garage: Labor	607.45
Street Lights	555.55	Street Lights	555.55
Police Telephone	98.00	Police Telephone	98.00
Commissioner Police Telephone	98.00	Commissioner Police Telephone	98.00
Back Street Tax	913.33	Back Street Tax	913.33
Excavation Permits	1.00	Excavation Permits	1.00
Electrical Permits	24.00	Electrical Permits	24.00
Building Permits	171.00	Building Permits	171.00
Special Assessments	477.75	Special Assessments	477.75
Interest and Penalties	-	Interest and Penalties	-
General Taxes	-	General Taxes	-
Total	2,382.50	Total	2,382.50

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 20, 1946.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15th, 1946 and Special Meetings of March 2nd, 3rd and 17th, 1946 were approved.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$941.76
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	71.28
Charges - - - - -	6.75
Special Assessments - - - - -	477.72
Building permits - - - - -	171.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -	24.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -	4.00
Vendor's Permits - - - - -	2.00
Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - -	8.25
Dog Tax - - - - -	56.25
Police Telephone, Feb. & March - - - - -	24.00
Commission Police Telephone - - - - -	.98
Bank Share Tax - - - - -	913.94
	<u>\$2,701.93</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$725.20	
Materials	1,887.07	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>360.44</u>	\$2,972.71
Service: Garbage; Labor	607.45	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	62.52	
Trash: Labor	727.60	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	52.84	
Disposal	155.37	
Ash: Labor	117.00	
Street Lights	555.53	
Traffic Light	<u>4.19</u>	2,282.50
POLICE: Salaries	689.90	
Clothing Allowance	76.68	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	165.39	
Supplies	4.15	
Telephones-Light-Fuel	<u>26.26</u>	962.38

OFFICE: Salaries	841.66	
Telephones	28.20	
Supplies	3.93	
Printing-Postage	<u>22.00</u>	895.79
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:		
Material	<u>45.00</u>	45.00
Assessable Improvements:		
Jackson, Davis, Central and Garland Avenues Paving	<u>20.90</u>	20.90
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. Tax Revenue	3,500.00	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	18.91	
Election Expense (Ptg.)	13.50	
Montgomery 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>3,655.41</u>
		<u>\$10,834.69</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

3/31/46 - On hand Citizen Bank	\$30,849.18	
Deposits in April	<u>2,701.93</u>	
	33,551.11	
Withdrawals in April	<u>10,834.69</u>	
4/30/46 - On hand		\$22,716.42
3/31/46 - On hand Sub.Nat'l. T.P. No deposits or withdrawals	7,462.13	
4/30/46 - On hand	<u> </u>	<u>7,462.13</u>
4/30/46 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$30,178.55</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

3/31/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l. T.P. No deposits or withdrawals	323.75	
4/30/46 - On hand	<u> </u>	<u>\$323.75</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: From the North Takoma Improvement Club, requesting the town to put a concrete base for tablet to be placed in the Gilber Memorial Park at Piney Branch Road and Takoma Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. George H. McCauley regarding the closing of Baltimore Avenue from Boston Avenue to the Ray Property. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Clarence F. Coffin regarding the paving of a portion of Garland Avenue abutting lot recently purchased by him. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From Mrs. Agnes C. Abbott, Corresponding Secretary of the Associated Health and Welfare Agencies, requesting that one of the men of the Police force be instructed to carry on the Safety Patrol Program as formerly handled by Officer Seek. Referred to the Social Welfare and Health Committee.

From the State Roads Committee denying the request of the town to install stop signs at all four street corners at Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery, making request for use of the town building at 8 Columbia Avenue in the fall to continue the Nursery School. Referred to the Social Welfare and Health Committee.

From the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce regarding the widening of East-West Highway through Takoma Park. Referred to the Municipal Works Committee.

From D. D. Lamond, Complaining of the unsanitary condition in front of the store operated by Mr. Arthur Carnig on Carroll Avenue. Referred to the Social Health and Welfare Committee.

From the Takoma Park Study Group congratulating the old and new members of the council on the recent election. Ordered filed.

Report of the Building Inspector was presented to council, showing 31 permits issued, approximate cost of construction \$139,884.00.

A number of residents from the vicinity of Mississippi Avenue and Elwyn Court appeared before council regarding the storm water drainage coming on to their property from Ritchie Avenue. Mr. H.T. Davis, a property owner, offered a right-of-way over his property for the construction of a storm water drain. After discussion of this matter, Supt. of Public Works Fischer was instructed by the Mayor and Council to contact Engineer McNeill and instruct him to draw up plans to remedy the storm water condition complained of.

Mr. Herman Hannauer appeared before council requesting their support in his efforts to have a part of the Hodges Farm re-zoned from Residential "A" to Residential "C". There was a lengthy discussion concerning this matter, but no definite action taken by the council.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Regarding the communications from the Day Nursery people, requesting the use of the building at 8 Columbia A Avenue during the fall, Councilman Heffner moved that they be granted the use of this building under the same conditions as the previous year. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

Regarding the request of the Day Nursery for endorsement by the Mayor and Council as a non-profit organization, in order that they may purchase from the Government a small building to be used as a playhouse, on motion of Councilman Heffner, properly seconded, the Mayor was ordered to give such an endorsement, which would put them in the non-profit class and enable them to bid for the purchase of this playhouse.

Councilman Heffner stated that Judge Noyes, recently appointed to the Juvenile Court, would like to hold his court in the town building at 8 Columbia Avenue, at such time as it would not interfere with the other activities there. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Heffner moved that Judge Noyes be permitted to use the building to conduct his Juvenile Court. This motion was seconded by Councilman Carr and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Bills in amount of \$3,893.99 were presented by the Finance Committee and payment of same was approved.

Regarding the communication of Mr. C. M. Weidemeyer, offering to purchase seven tax sale lots on Elm Avenue for \$525.00, after discussion of this matter it was the opinion of the council that in view of special improvement assessment against same that the town would not be justified in deeding these lots to Mr. Weidemeyer for that small amount and after a further discussion of same, Councilman Carr moved that Mr. Weidemeyer be notified that the town would deed these lots to him for the amount of the assessment against same, said amount being \$1400.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Regarding the complaints of the residents on Elwyn Court, in connection with the storm water drainage from Ritchie Avenue, which, as formerly stated in the minutes, the Supt. of Public Works had been requested to contact Engineer McNeill to make a survey of the situation. Councilman Russell stated that the Committee would keep behind this matter and do something to relieve this situation at the earliest possible moment.

Regarding the Petition of residents from Roanoke, Houston and Hudson Avenues, asking for the paving of those streets with concrete, Chairman Russell stated that already the town had approved plans for the paving of portions of Jackson, Central, Garland and Davis Avenues, which would draw pretty heavily on revenues of the town, and stated that the committee should give further study to the paving of Roanoke, Houston and Hudson Avenues at the present time, and asked that this

matter be deferred for the present.

The Clerk advised the Mayor and Council that up to the present time Engineer Seybolt had not turned over to him plans and specifications for the paving of portions of Jackson, Central, Garland and Davis Avenues, in order that the town could advertise for bids, but that as soon as these plans and specifications were received, bids on this work would be asked.

Supt. of Public Works Fischer called to the attention of Council that one of his employees had been injured while on duty, and that this employee had been receiving an average of \$36.00 per week, but that the Insurance Company were paying him only \$23.00 per week as long as he was unable to work. Supt. Fischer requested the council to advise him as to whether the town wanted to pay Mr. Lewis anything over and above the amount paid by the Insurance Company. After discussion of the matter, Council was of the opinion that the town was protecting it's men by taking out the insurance and they could see no reason why the amount paid by the Insurance Company should be increased by the town. However, no definite action was taken in the matter.

At this time Mayor Youngblood expressed to the retiring councilmen his appreciation for their services during the time they were members of the council, and asked that they attend the meetings at any time possible and make any suggestions they might desire in connection with the affairs of the town.

Mr. John W. Coffman, Sr., also expressed appreciation for the services of the retiring councilmen, stating in his remarks that it was almost a thankless job, for which they received no compensation, even though they give quite a bit of their time to the affairs of the town.

Mr. Howard Fiske of the Washington Evening Star also stated that he wanted to add his congratulations for the fine work done by the council in the past years.

There being no further business to come before the council at this time, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

Indeped

J. Victor Dodd

Clerk

O. H. Youngblood

Mayor

W. H. Cr.