

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 11, 1947

In the absence of Mayor Youngblood, the Clerk called the Council to order at 7:30 P. M. Those present were Councilman Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft. Corporation Counsel, J. Douglas Bradshaw, was present, as well as Mr. Ralph G. Shure, Attorney for the Takoma Park Taxicab Association.

Councilman Taft, as Mayor pro tem, assumed charge of the meeting.

Primary purpose of the meeting was to act upon applications for Taxicab Stand permits. Councilman Parkerson, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee, stated that he had nine applications for stand permits, and that there were only five vacancies to be filled. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Attorney Shure advised council that if the names of the applicants were given to him he would be glad to call a meeting of the Association and go into the matter and then advise the Council as to those applicants they would prefer for the good of the Association. The names of the applicants were given to Mr. Shure, and he was advised by Council that they would withhold any further action until the Taxicab Association could go into the matter and make its recommendation.

Councilman Heffner then moved that the former action of the Council to take the limit off of the number of taxicabs to be licensed to use the stand be rescinded. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Councilman Heffner then moved that the taxicab stand licenses be limited to twenty-two (22) cars. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Councilman Parkerson presented to Council application of Mr. Charles M. Matthews for position on the Town Police force. After consideration of the application, and the fact that Mr. Matthews was only eighteen (18) years of age, the Clerk was instructed to write the applicant that in view of his age he could not serve as a Police Officer.

Councilman Parkerson called to attention of Council, Petition from residents of Holly Avenue requesting that "STOP" signs be replaced in Holly Avenue at the intersection of Holly and Eastern Avenues, and at the intersection of Holly and Philadelphia Avenues. After discussion of this matter, on motion properly seconded, Council moved that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer be instructed to place "STOP" signs in Holly Avenue at the intersection of Holly and Eastern Avenues, and also "STOP" sign in Holly Avenue at the intersection of Holly and Philadelphia Avenues.

Regarding the communication from the Washington Missionary College, which was referred to the Municipal Service Committee at the last Council meeting, requesting a thirty-minute parking zone be established in Flower Avenue near the College Store, to include the space between the exit drive running between North Hall and the Tennis Court, continuing down Flower Avenue to the first "No Parking" sign, after discussion, Council expressed their approval of this request and requested the Clerk to take the matter up with the State Roads Commission, Flower Avenue in this area being a State Road.

Lieut. Thomas advised the Council that the Town Police were having difficulty regarding cars being parked at the curb too close to the street intersections, and asked that the Council pass an order that all curbs at intersections be painted yellow for a proper distance from the intersection.

After discussion of this matter, Councilman Parkerson moved that Superintendent of Public Works Fischer be instructed to paint all curbs yellow at intersections for a distance of twenty (20) feet from corners. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Lieut. Thomas advised Council that he had an opportunity to get some surplus revolvers and handcuffs at a very low price, and in view of the present low equipment of the Department, he would like permission to negotiate for several of these articles. Lieut. Thomas advised that the price of the revolvers would run between Two Dollars (\$2.00) and Ten Dollars (\$10.0) each. After discussion of the matter, Councilman Parkerson moved that Lieut. Thomas be authorized to purchase these revolvers and handcuffs, but that the number purchased be exceed six (6) revolvers and four (4) pairs of handcuffs. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

Corporation Counsel Bradshaw advised Council that he had attended a meeting of the Glazewood-Kentland Citizens Association and that the Association had adopted two resolutions, which they had requested him to pass on to the Council. One of the resolutions requested legislation amending the Town Charter in order that three Councilmen be elected from that portion of the Town lying within Prince Georges County, and the other resolution requesting legislation to have a trial magistrate sit once a week in the Prince Georges section of the town. These resolutions were referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee for study and report back to Council.

Regarding legislation in connection with making Takoma Park a "City" instead of a "Town", Corporation Counsel Bradshaw stated that he had investigated this matter, and advised that it was a very simple procedure, and in doing so would cost the Town no additional operating expense.

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

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J. H. [Signature]
Clerk

D. H. Young & Good
Mayor
Pro Tem

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 1947

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16th, 1946, and Special Meeting of December 23rd, 1946 and Special meeting of January 11th, 1947 were approved.

The Financial Statement for the month of December, 1946, was presented by the clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$5,435.28	
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	156.95	
Charges - - - - -	6.75	
Special Assessments - - - - -	306.54	
Building Permits - - - - -	114.00	
Electrical " - - - - -	55.00	
Excavation " - - - - -	3.00	
Taxicab Stand Permits - - - - -	125.00	
" Badge Deposits - - - - -	2.75	
Street Maintenance-Pr. Geo. County, Md.	468.70	
Montgomery County Police Tele. - - -	12.00	
Building Code sale - - - - -	.50	
Commission Police Telephone - - - -	1.45	
		<u>\$6,687.92</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$318.13	
Material	170.98	
Equipment (Burner)	31.50	
Street Signs	56.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	<u>173.98</u>	750.59
SERVICE: Garbage: Labor	647.40	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upk. supplies	62.31	
Trash: Labor	761.10	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upk.	74.91	
" Disposal	145.12	
Ashes: Labor	317.47	
Street Lights	542.46	
Traffic Light	<u>2.38</u>	2,553.15
POLICE: Salaries	\$550.34	
Clothing Allowance	50.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	233.29	
Light-Telephones-Fuel-Sup.	67.19	
Roofing material	<u>18.25</u>	919.07

OFFICE: Salaries	550.34	
Telephones	9.66	
Postage and Printing	15.25	
Supplies	<u>5.55</u>	930.44
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS:		
Supplies	<u>3.98</u>	3.98
ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:		
Davis-Central-Garland-		
Jackson Avenues paving	20.00	
Winchester Ave. & Manor		
Circle paving	<u>14.10</u>	34.10
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Tax refund-Lot 18-Blk 19-Gil	48.71	
Insurance Premiums	77.90	
Montgomery county Police Tele.	12.00	
Office Rent	55.00	
Corp. Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Justice of Peace Salary	25.00	
Recording Fees	2.50	
Municipal Bldg. Expense	37.41	
Dog Expense	<u>5.00</u>	<u>338.52</u>
		<u>\$5,529.85</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

11/30/46 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$41,088.50	
Deposits in December	<u>6,323.85</u>	
	47,412.35	
Withdrawals in December	<u>5,529.85</u>	
12/31/46 - On hand		\$41,882.50
11/30/46 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	18,417.91	
Deposits in December	<u>364.07</u>	
	18,781.98	
No withdrawals in Dec.	<u> </u>	
12/31/46 - On hand		<u>18,781.98</u>
12/31/46 - On hand in all banks		<u>\$60,664.48</u>

Bills in the amount of \$1690.52 were presented by the FINANCE COMMITTEE and payment of same approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: From the Takoma Park Study Group, Mrs. Loretta M. Ryan, Secretary, regarding retirement legislation for town employees. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Mr. Wilbur Rogers, President of the Takoma Park Republican Club, thanking the Mayor and Council for the use of the building at 8 Columbia Avenue. Ordered filed.

From Thomas S. Post, Mayor of the City of Cumberland, Maryland, requesting the Mayor and Council to go on record as approving recommendations made to the Maryland General Assembly by the Sherbow Committee. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Leach, 6600 Alleghany Avenue, requesting the privilege to park a trailer on lot of Mr. Leach's father at the corner of 2nd and Allegheny Avenue. Referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

From the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, expressing their appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the erection of new street signs in the Lincoln Avenue area. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From Dr. Howard T. Morse, 28 Carroll Avenue regarding cars blocking his driveway, and requesting that some kind of a sign prohibiting same be placed at the driveway entrance to correct this condition. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Application of L. W. Goode for Taxicab Stand Permit. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

From the State Roads Committee regarding request for "No Parking" on the east side of Flower Avenue. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee. From Edward F. Hild, making application for position on the Town Police Force. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Report from Building Inspector R. P. Frye for the month of December, 1946, showing ten permits issued totaling estimated construction cost of \$72,300.00. Ordered filed.

From Mr. J. W. Hite, Jr. 211 Albany Avenue making application for position on the Town Police Force. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Mr. Frank R. Long, Attorney, appeared before Council and stated that he represented Mr. Willard Bennett in connection with Mr. Bennett's application for a taxicab stand permit, Attorney Long was advised that the taxicab matter would not be taken up in this evening's meeting, but due to the length of time necessary to dispose of same a special meeting would be held by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Long was advised that this meeting would probably be set for Monday evening, January 27th, 1947 at the Town Offices at 7:30 P.M.

A number of citizens from the Hillwood Manor Subdivision appeared before council and advised that no steps had been taken by the contractor building in the rear of Hillwood Manor to clean up Hillwood Drive, and after a lengthy discussion of this matter, Councilman Post moved that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to write the developer and contractor that the nuisance on Hillwood Drive, resulting from trucks and other vehicles being driven over that street and dropping material, be remedied within four days and the street cleaned, or the town will be forced to look into proper legal measures to remedy the matter. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Mr. G. H. Lester of 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jackson Avenue appeared before council and advised that he had attended a zoning hearing of Prince Georges County Commissioners last week regarding the rezoning of a lot in his locality from Zone "A" to Zone "B", but that the residents of that section had not been advised by the Commissioners of the hearing, nor had the lot been posted. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Anderson moved that the Clerk be instructed to request that the Prince Georges County Commissioners be asked to advise the town of any rezoning applications, and to give the date and time of the hearing, in order that the residents in the section of the proposed rezoning may be contacted and advised of same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding the letter from Mayor Post of the City of Cumberland, Maryland, requesting that the Mayor and Council go on record as favoring the proposed Sherbow Committee report, Councilman Post, Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee, moved that our legislative representatives be notified that the Town of Takoma Park is in favor of the adoption of that part of the Sherbow Committee report which would bring about increased revenue for our municipality, and that the legislative representatives be requested to do all in their power to bring about the enactment of such legislation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Taft and approved.

Regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Leach, for permission to park a trailer on lot at the corner of 2nd and Alleghany Avenues, Councilman Post moved that the Town deny this request, and that the Town go on record of disapproving any trailers parking in our Town limits. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson, and in discussing the motion Councilman Heffner stated that he thought the town had an ordinance regarding trailers, and suggested that the matter be given further study before any definite action was taken. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn with the consent of Councilman Post, and Councilman Anderson, who seconded same, with request that the matter be given further study.

Regarding the letter from the Takoma Park Study Group, concerning retirement legislation for town employees, Councilman Post stated in referring this matter to the Corporation Counsel, he felt it was the first step to be taken in order that the proper information may be obtained in connection with the matter, and then council could proceed with the next step, which would no doubt be the employment of an actuary to prepare the necessary plans. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Post moved that an actuary be employed by the Town for the purpose of studying the matter of a retirement system from a financial standpoint, and to furnish the Town with one or more possible plans. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Councilman Post then had the Clerk read a proposed Act to be presented to the Maryland General Assembly to change the name of "Town of Takoma Park" to "City of Takoma Park". After the reading of this proposed Act by the Clerk, and discussion of same by the Council, Councilman Post moved that this Act be forwarded to the Delegates and Senators of the Maryland General Assembly of both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, with the recommendation and request of the Council that same be enacted. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Councilman Post then requested the Clerk to read a proposed Act to be presented to the Maryland General Assembly increasing the number of Councilmen to be elected in the Town of Takoma Park from six (6) to seven (7), the additional councilman to be elected from that section of the Town lying within Prince Georges County. After the reading of this proposed Act by the Clerk, and discussion of same by the Council, Councilman Post moved that this Act be forwarded to the Delegates and Senators to the Maryland General Assembly from both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, with the recommendation and request of the Council that same be enacted. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Regarding the appointment of a Justice of the Peace for the Prince Georges County section of the Town, Councilman Post stated that Rev. H. R. Hodgson of the Grace Methodist Church, stated he would be glad to serve in that capacity, providing his Bishop approved of his taking such an office. Councilman Post stated that we might take action this evening and appoint Rev. Hodgson, with the hope that he would have the consent of his Bishop. After discussion of the matter Councilman Post moved that the Governor of the State be requested by the Council to appoint Rev. H. R. Hodgson as a Justice of the Peace for that section of the town within Prince Georges County. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Anderson, Chairman, stated that he had nothing to report except that he was preparing a list of the streets to be included in the new paving program and hoped to have same in shape so that an Ordinance calling for a hearing on the various streets could be adopted at the next regular meeting.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, called to the attention of Council an item recently published in the Takoma Journal regarding "Prevention of Fires in the Home", which, he stated, should be in the hands of every property owner in the Town. After reading the item to members of the Council, and discussion on the matter, Councilman Heffner moved that this item on the "Prevention of Fires in the Homes" be printed in circular form and that copies of same be delivered to each home in the Town. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: The matter of appointment of members of the Fire Department as Special Police, or Deputy Sheriffs, was discussed at length, and Council was advised by Mayor Youngblood that he had received a communication from the Fire Department regarding this matter, and that a study of same was being made, and that some action would be taken at an early date.

Councilman Parkerson read a letter from Mr. R. G. Shure, Attorney for the Takoma Park Taxi Service, concerning approval of applications for taxicab stand permits. After a short discussion of this matter Councilman Anderson moved that, as previously stated at the beginning of this meeting, a special meeting of the Mayor and Council be called for Monday evening, January 27th, 1947 at 7:30 at the town offices, and that the matter of taxicab applications be handled at that time. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved. Councilman Post then moved that all

applicants for taxicab stand space be notified of this special meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

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

J. H. Dadd

J. H. Dadd
Clerk

O. A. Youngblood
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 27, 1947

Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

Councilman Parkerson stated that he had a letter from the Junior Board of Commerce, sponsoring a campaign for the District of Columbia and adjacent counties for the adoption of permanent Daylight Savings Time during the summer months. After a short discussion, Councilman Parkerson moved that the Council go on record as favoring the Daylight Savings Time plan, which is being submitted to Congress, insofar as this community is concerned. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

Attorney Frank R. Long appeared before Council in behalf of Mr. Willard Bennett, applicant for taxicab stand license, in order to establish to the council that his client's qualifications and record were such that should warrant the approval of Mr. Bennett's application. Mayor Youngblood thanked Attorney Long for appearing before the council and advised him that Mr. Bennett's application would be given due consideration along with the other applicants.

At this time Councilman Parkerson read a letter from Mr. R. G. Shure, Attorney for the Takoma Park Taxi Service, stating that the Taxi Association had had a meeting and recommended that the applications of Betty Burrell, Melvin Baines, William Curtis, Harry McCullough and Earl W. Thomas, or Don S. Battersby, be approved, to fill the five vacancies on the taxicab stand.

At this time Mrs. Orah A. M. Reich addressed council to inquire what had become of her application for a taxicab stand license which had been filed sometime ago with Lt. Thomas but had never been acted upon. After investigation of the matter, it was found that the application of Mrs. Reich had been turned over to the Town Clerk by former Councilman Sidell with orders to file same.

This application was located and was dated December 31, 1945, and there was no indication on the application that same had been approved or disapproved.

A number of the applicants present addressed council requesting approval of their applications and stated their reasons therefore.

At this time Mayor Youngblood stated that the council would go into executive session and asked that the room be cleared in order that the council might go on with its work.

Mr. Angus MacLean, at the request of Mayor Youngblood, then appeared before council regarding the installation of parking meters in the town. Mr. MacLean displayed two types of meters and explained the method of installation, price and plan for payment of same, and stated that he would at an early date send a written proposal to the Mayor and Council concerning the installation of these meters. Mayor Youngblood thanked Mr. MacLean for appearing before the council and advised that consideration would be given to the matter of meter installation at an early date.

Mr. John W. Hite, Jr. and Mr. Edward F. Hild were then interviewed by the Mayor and Council in connection with their applications for position on the town police force. After the interview Mr. Hite and Mr. Hild were advised that the matter of their applications would be given consideration by the council.

The matter of taxicab stand applications was again taken up by council, and Councilman Nies moved that the application of Betty Burrell be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Quite a discussion ensued over the application of Mr. Wm. Curtis for Cab #6, and in view of the fact that Mr. Curtis already had one cab on the stand and was making an application for this additional cab, and the fact that Mrs. Reich had made application Dec. 31, 1945, Council decided that for the moment the application of Mr. Curtis would be tabled.

After a further discussion of the other applicants, Councilman Parkerson moved that the applications for stand permits of Melvin Bainer, Earl W. Thomas and Don S. Battersby be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Mr. John C. Whiddon, owner of cabs Nos. 9 and 13 appeared before council and advised that he had an opportunity to sell one of his cabs to Mr. L.W. Goode, and the other to Mr. Benjamin French, provided the purchaser could operate from the taxicab stand. Mr. Whiddon, who had been appointed to the town police force temporarily, advised council that he desired a permanent appointment to the police force, and in view of this fact, and the fact that the council had advised him that he could not operate the cabs and also be a town police officer, he would like to dispose of same but would be unable to do so unless the purchasers would have the assurance of a stand permit approval. Mr. Whiddon was advised that the council would take the matter under consideration later in the evening.

Council then went into executive session to discuss this matter and after discussion of same Councilman Post moved that Mr. John C. Whiddon be appointed a permanent member of the town police force. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

Regarding the applications of Mr. Hite and Mr. Hild for a position on the town police force, after a short discussion, Councilman Heffner moved that Mr. John W. Hite, Jr. be appointed as a member of the town police force. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

Councilman Parkerson then moved that the application of Mr. L. W. Goode and the application of Mr. Benjamin French for taxicab stand permits to take Cabs Nos. 9 and 13 from Mr. John C. Whiddon, be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Corporation Counsel Bradshaw suggested to council that some action be taken to extending the town limits, both in the Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties sections. Mr. Bradshaw stated that the extending of the town boundaries would give the town much needed extra revenue. It was suggested that a committee be appointed by the Mayor to go into this matter. After discussion, Councilman Heffner moved that the Mayor appoint a committee consisting of the council as a whole to investigate the feasibility of taking additional territory into the town. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Members of the council arranged to meet on Sunday afternoon to make a trip around the town boundary limits and make a study of any territory outside the present boundary that might be taken into the town.

There being no further business to come before the council, on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at 12:35 A. M.

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John D. Dodd
Clerk

O. W. Youngblood
Mayor

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