

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 1948

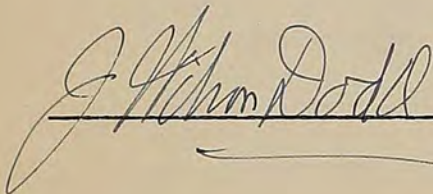
After a conference with members of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department regarding the transfer of the Department to the City of Takoma Park, Council went into executive session at 10:10 P.M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

At the request of Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, taxicab owner, the Clerk advised Council that Officer Whiddon had given Mr. Curtis until Monday evening, January 12, 1948, four P.M., to make certain repairs to his cab #6, and if such repairs were not made by that time the cab would have to be removed from the stand. Mr. Curtis advised that he had purchased another cab and was having same painted and it would be ready for the stand on Wednesday evening January 14th, and requested that he be allowed to keep Cab #6 on the stand until that time. After discussion of this matter by the Council, Councilman Heffner moved that Officer Whiddon be backed up in his orders to Mr. Curtis to remove Cab #6 unless the orders of Officer Whiddon were complied with. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

The matter of appointment of Mr. Wells Skinner to the regular police force, in charge of parking meters, was discussed, after which Councilman Parkerson moved that Mr. Wells Skinner be appointed a regular City Police Officer and that he, in connection with other police duties, be in charge of parking meters. This motion was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved.

Corporation Counsel J. Douglas Bradshaw advised Council that Mr. Jo V. Morgan, Civil Service Commission for Montgomery County, and advised him that he would be glad to give any of the City Officers the regular police examination as given to Montgomery County Officers, and after discussion of this matter, Councilman Parkerson moved that the City avail itself of the offer made by the Civil Service Commissioner, with a request to the Commissioner that the results of such examinations be made available to the Mayor and Council upon their request. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:20 P.M.



Clerk

Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 19th, 1948

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Heffner, Nies, Parkerson and Post.

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 1947, and Special Meeting of January 12, 1948, were approved as read.

Financial statement for the month of December, 1947, was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed, as follows:

RECEIPTS

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Taxes - - - - - | \$4,582.20 |
| Interest and Penalties - - - - - | 121.39 |
| Special Assessments - - - - - | 257.66 |
| Building Permits - - - - - | 95.00 |
| Electrical Permits - - - - - | 39.00 |
| Excavation Permits - - - - - | 10.00 |
| Huckster's Permits - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Dog Tax - - - - - | 5.50 |
| Taxicab Badge Deposits - - - - - | 5.50 |
| Montgomery County License Fees - - - - - | 5.83 |
| Montgomery County Gas & Motor Vehicle Tax - - - | 451.39 |
| Prince Georges County Gas & Motor Vehicle Tax - | 231.74 |
| Montgomery County Police Telephone - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Sale of Can Baler - - - - - | 66.40 |
| Constructing Driveway Apron - - - - - | 25.00 |
| Parking Meter Collections - - - - - | 496.50 |
| Parking Meter Violations - - - - - | 208.00 |
| | <u>\$6,625.11</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Labor | \$564.73 | |
| Material | 857.45 | |
| Material Storm Sewer | 36.14 | |
| Surfacing Kentland Ave. | 987.50 | |
| Supplies | 18.47 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | <u>122.55</u> | \$2,586.84 |

SERVICE:

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| Garbage: Labor | 866.15 | |
| " Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 215.89 | |
| " Supplies | 15.00 | |
| Trash: Labor | 987.70 | |
| " Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 48.92 | |
| " Disposal | 198.00 | |
| Ashes: Labor | 329.57 | |
| Street Lights | 575.92 | |
| Traffic Light | <u>4.58</u> | 3,241.73 |

POLICE:

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| Salaries | 1,125.75 |
| Clothing Allowance | 70.00 |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | <u>143.55</u> |

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| Supplies | 3.03 | |
| Telephone Silver Spring Vol. Fire Dept. | 22.00 | |
| Printing | 5.50 | |
| Telephones-Gas-Lights | <u>33.39</u> | 1,403.22 |
| OFFICE: | | |
| Salaries | 1,009.98 | |
| Postage and Printing | 105.28 | |
| Telephones | 42.95 | |
| Supplies | 3.00 | |
| Rent | <u>100.00</u> | 1,261.21 |
| PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS: | | |
| Playground Equipment (parts) | <u>54.00</u> | 54.00 |
| ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS: | | |
| Winchester Ave. Paving Manor | 1,711.80 | |
| Circle Pav. & C. & G. | <u>3,044.20</u> | 4,756.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS: | | |
| Library Assn. City Tax Revenue | 1,148.85 | |
| Refund taxes paid twice | 99.07 | |
| Montgomery County Transfers | 20.00 | |
| Montgomery County Police Tele. | 12.00 | |
| Municipal Bldg. Expense | 9.26 | |
| Henry Fields Retirement | 25.00 | |
| Corporation Counsel Compensation | 50.00 | |
| Justice of Peace-Montg. County | 25.00 | |
| Justice of Peace-Prince Georges County | 25.00 | |
| Health Officer | 25.00 | |
| Fourth payment Parking Meters | <u>372.38</u> | 1,811.56 |
| | | <u>\$15,114.56</u> |

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 11/30/47 - On hand Citizens Bank | \$54,943.06 | |
| Deposits in December, 1947 | <u>5,504.62</u> | |
| | 60,447.68 | |
| 12/31/47 - On hand | <u>14,676.61</u> | \$45,771.07 |
| 11/30/47 - On hand Citizens Bank (P/M Acct.) | 549.49 | |
| Deposits in December, 1947 | <u>704.50</u> | |
| | 1,253.99 | |
| 12/31/47 - On hand | <u>372.38</u> | 881.61 |
| 11/30/47 - On hand Sub. Nat'l. T.P. | 41,231.61 | |
| Deposits in December, 1947 | <u>415.99</u> | |
| | 41,647.60 | |
| 12/31/47 - On hand | <u>65.57</u> | 41,582.03 |
| 12/31/47 - On hand all banks | | <u>\$88,234.71</u> |

Bills in amount of \$10,925.36, were offered by the Finance Committee, and payment of same was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: From Mr. E. G. Salisbury, regarding the improvement of Flower Avenue between Carroll Avenue and Piney Branch Road. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Community League of Takoma Park, Maryland, regarding plans for the remodeling of the Fire Department Building. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Community League of Takoma Park, Maryland, regarding refuse collection in the City, advising that some areas had been neglected. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Application of Lester M. Dement for position on the Takoma Park Police Force. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Hampshire Greens Community Assn. to Corporation Counsel Bradshaw regarding the omission of the Prince Georges Library Tax, and expressing their appreciation for looking into the street lighting matter. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

From Dr. C. H. Wolohon, regarding the physical examination of Lt. C. E. Thomas. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Mr. Arthur H. Jenkins requesting a street light at Birch and Barclay Avenues, Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From Washington I. Cleveland of the District of Columbia Motor Club, requesting "Stop" sign on Central Avenue at Davis Avenue. Also regarding complaint about holes in Cleveland Avenue. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Report from Fire Department regarding fire at 1208 Holton Lane, and recommending that the whole group of houses in this section be checked by the Building Inspector. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

From R. W. Luckey of the East Takoma Citizen Assn. regarding unsatisfactory trash collection in East Takoma recently. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From R. W. Luckey of East Takoma Citizen Assn. requesting the erection of street signs in Hillwood Manor bearing the new street names. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

From State Roads Commission approving the erection of "one hour" parking signs on Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Domer Avenue, and requesting the Mayor and Council to adopt an Ordinance covering same. Referred to Municipal Works Committee.

Police report for the month of December, 1947, showing total arrests of 54 and total calls and complaints, 141. Also report covering the entire year of 1947, showing arrests of all types 773, and Miscellaneous calls, 2280.

Mr. Wm. M. Ragsdale, 411 Boyd Avenue, representing the Lincoln Valley Citizens Assn. addressed Council and complained of the condition of the storm water sewer at Lincoln and Jackson Avenue, stating that he had complained of this matter before and nothing was done about it, also a street light had been requested for the 600 Block of Jackson Avenue, between Jackson Avenue and Sligo Parkway. Mr. Ragsdale also called attention of Council to a very large dangerous hole in the street in front of 499 Jackson Avenue. Major Fischer, Supt. of Public Works, stated that this hole was caused by a leaky pipe of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and they had been notified to fix same. Mr. Ragsdale was informed that the street light had been ordered.

Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 Tracy Drive addressed Council regarding the placing of a box of same at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Glenside Drive, Hillwood Manor Subdivision, which he had requested some time ago, and again asked if this would not be done. Mr. Denison also asked information regarding the proposed storm water sewer in that section and was informed that Engineer McNeill is now working on the plans of this storm water sewer.

Mr. S. A. Tobey, 7207 Hilton Avenue, addressed council and reported a bad condition in the street at Flower and Garland Avenue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Post, Vice-chairman stated that he had nothing to report.

Councilman Post, reported to Council that he had received a communication from the Director of Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, stating that he had been advised by the Attorney General of the State of Maryland that the employees of the City of Takoma Park are eligible to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland. Councilman Post stated that upon completion of the transfer of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department to the City of Takoma Park that he would go further into the matter.

Councilman Post called attention of Council to the recommendation of Corporation Counsel Bradshaw that the City employees be given a physical examination by the City Health Officer. After discussion, Councilman Post made a motion that all city employees, and future employees, be examined by the City Health Officer and a confidential report submitted to be placed in the respective personnel files. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Post, Chairman, presented to Council the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 909

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

Section 1. That the erection of signs on the west side of Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Domer Avenue limiting vehicle parking to one hour is hereby ordered and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park this 19th day of January, 1948.

The adoption of this Ordinance was moved by Councilman Post and upon a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Heffner, Nies, Parkerson and Post, voting Nay, none.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Parkerson, Chairman, reported that the council met with the Executive Committee of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department at a Special Meeting on January 12, 1948, and that Corporation Counsel J. D. Bradshaw is now preparing necessary papers to make the transfer, and the matter would be cleared up very soon.

In regard to communication from the Community League regarding plans for remodeling the Fire Department Building, Councilman Parkerson stated that nothing would be done to the Fire Department Building until the City of Takoma Park had taken over the Fire Department.

Regarding the application of Lester M. Dement for position on the police force, this application was ordered filed as there is no vacancy on the police force at the present time. The Clerk was requested to so notify Mr. Dement.

Regarding letter from Dr. C. H. Wolohon stating that Mr. Earl Thomas' physical condition is such that he recommended at least six weeks from his present duties, after discussion Councilman Parkerson moved that Lt. Earl Thomas be granted four weeks sick leave with pay and two weeks vacation with pay. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

Regarding letter from Police Officer J. C. Whiddon, in which he informed Council that Cab No. 16, Frank P. Hudson, owner, was in need of repairs before it could be passed, and after discussion Officer Whiddon's report was upheld by council and Mr. Hudson was given ten days to make the necessary repairs to Cab #16, and if not made in ten days his stand permit would be revoked.

Councilman Heffner stated that the City should have a map showing the election precincts and one placed in each precinct to show the people where the precinct boundary line is. The Clerk was requested to try and get a map showing the precincts.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE::Regarding the Petition of Laurence and Ollie Waters for the rezoning of Lot 2 in Block 27, Gilbert Subdivision, Prince Georges County, Takoma Park, Md., from Residential "A" to Commercial "D", Councilman Nies moved that the Council recommend to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that the request of Laurence and Ollie Waters be granted. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

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

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J. W. Dede
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16th, 1948

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock. Those present were Mayor Youngblood, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 1948 were approved.

Financial Statement for the month of January, 1948 we presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Taxes - - - - - | \$3,053.14 |
| Interest and Penalties - - - - - | 155.78 |
| Charges - - - - - | 5.25 |
| Special Assessments - - - - - | 2,487.63 |
| Building Permits - - - - - | 34.00 |
| Electrical " - - - - - | 41.00 |
| Excavation " - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Dog Tax - - - - - | 70.00 |
| Taxicab Stand Rentals - - - - - | 550.00 |
| " Badge Deposit - - - - - | 2.75 |
| Building Code Books - - - - - | 1.50 |
| Commission Police Telephone - - - - - | 1.82 |
| Horse Racing Revenue - Montgomery Co. - - - - - | 10,067.17 |
| Bank Share Tax - Montgomery Co. - - - - - | 845.56 |
| Admission Tax - State of Maryland - - - - - | 2.59 |
| Gas & Motor Vehicle Tax - Montg. Co. - - - - - | 464.14 |
| " " " " Pr. Geo. Co. - - - - - | 238.28 |
| Prince Georges County fines - Dec. 1947 - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Montgomery County Police Tele. - - - - - | 12.00 |
| Parking Meter Collections - - - - - | 447.50 |
| " " Violations - - - - - | <u>163.00</u> |
| | <u>\$18,667.11</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------|
| STREETS: Labor | \$589.81 | |
| Material | 96.29 | |
| Resurfacing | 5,994.12 | |
| Material Storm Sewer | 1,284.03 | |
| Repairs | 261.90 | |
| Supplies | 28.40 | |
| Sidewalk repairs | 85.95 | |
| Gas -Oil-Auto Upkeep | <u>209.51</u> | \$8,550.01 |
| SERVICE: Garbage: Labor | 1,044.60 | |
| " Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 104.17 | |
| Trash: Labor | 1,213.60 | |
| " Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 69.90 | |
| " Disposal | 193.10 | |

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| SERVICE: Ashes - Labor | 585.39 | |
| con'd " - Gas-Oil | 61.79 | |
| Street Lights | 595.54 | |
| Traffic " | 4.89 | \$3,872.98 |
| | <u> </u> | |
| POLICE: Salaries | 1,184.20 | |
| Clothing Allowance | 117.25 | |
| Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep | 148.43 | |
| Supplies | 16.50 | |
| Repairs | 56.40 | |
| Telephones-Coal-Light-Gas | 78.27 | 1,601.05 |
| | <u> </u> | |
| OFFICE: Salaries | 1,009.98 | |
| Postage and Printing | 13.86 | |
| Supplies | 4.23 | |
| Telephones | 19.01 | |
| Equipment (lamp) | 13.70 | |
| Rent | 100.00 | 1,160.78 |
| | <u> </u> | |
| PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS: Parts for playground equipment | 56.00 | 56.00 |
| | <u> </u> | |
| ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS: Paving Hudson and Roanoke Aves. | 625.00 | |
| Curb & Gutter & Gravel Lot 1 Blk 38E Flet | 529.92 | 1,154.92 |
| | <u> </u> | |
| MISCELLANEOUS: | | |
| Refund Taxes paid twice | 39.28 | |
| " Gasoline Tax paid in duplicate | 1,120.77 | |
| Municipal Bldg. Expense | 225.33 | |
| Insurance Premium - Garbage Truck | 86.90 | |
| Prince Georges County Transfers | 33.25 | |
| Montgomery County Police Telephone | 12.00 | |
| Recording Fees | 2.25 | |
| Refund Taxicab Badge Deposit | 2.00 | |
| Dog Expense | 26.50 | |
| Corporation Counsel Compensation | 50.00 | |
| Henry Fields Retirement | 25.00 | |
| Justice of Peace Montg. Co. | 25.00 | |
| " " " Pr. Georges Co. | 25.00 | |
| Health Officer | 25.00 | |
| Parking Meter Expense | 48.41 | |
| Fifth Payment Parking Meters | 335.62 | 2,082.31 |
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| | | <u>\$18,478.05</u> |

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 12/31/47 - On hand Citizens Bank | \$45,771.07 | |
| Deposits in Jan., 1948 | 18,056.61 | |
| | <u> </u> | |
| | 63,827.68 | |
| Withdrawals in Jan. 1948 | 15,979.31 | |
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| 1/31/48 - On hand | | \$47,848.37 |

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS: cont'd

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 12/31/47 - On hand Citiz. Bank (P.M.Acct) | 881.61 | |
| Deposits in Jan. 1948 | <u>610.50</u> | |
| | 1,492.11 | |
| Withdrawn Jan. 1948 | <u>335.62</u> | |
| 1/31/48 - On hand | | 1,156.49 |
| 12/31/47 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P. | 41,582.03 | |
| Deposits Jan. 1948 | <u>41,582.03</u> | |
| Withdrawn Jan. 1948 | <u>2,163.12</u> | |
| 1/31/48 - On hand | | <u>39,418.91</u> |
| 1/31/48 - On hand in all banks | | <u>\$88,423.77</u> |

Bills in amount of \$18,106.03 were presented by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

COMMUNICATIONS: From Government of District of Columbia regarding prohibiting U turns at Eastern and Laurel Avenues, advising that such a regulation would be adopted and enforced. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee;

From Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce, commending the work of newly appointed Police Officer Wells Skinner.

From Mr. Arthur L. Jenkins of 4 Barclay Ave. requesting street light at the corner of Birch and Barclay Avenues. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee;

From Mr. Jo V. Morgan regarding examinations for City of Takoma Park Police Officers.

From J. F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, requesting refund of taxes paid on land purchased from Mr. J. Rodger Hodges by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for recreational purposes. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Attorney R. G. Shure offering settlement of \$100.00 on Lots 13 and 14 in Block A, Cunningham Subdivision, in behalf of Mr. George W. Davis, for all general taxes to date. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Mr. S. Alexander Tobey, Chairman of Tree Planting Committee of the Sligo Park Citizens Association, regarding planting of trees in parking of Hilton, Trescott, Garland and Central Aves. Referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Monthly police report for January, 1948, was presented showing total arrests 45, total calls and complaints 173.

Regarding request for street light at the corner of Birch and Barclay Avenues, after discussion, Councilman Parkerson made a motion that this light be installed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

The Clerk presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 910

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

Section 1. That the assessment submitted by the Clerk and Treasurer covering the construction of cement concrete roadway in Roanoke Avenue and Hudson Avenue, as authorized under provisions of Ordinance No. 891, passed and approved by the Mayor and Council on July 21st, 1947, said assessment being \$4.75 per linear foot, be and the same is hereby approved. h. 42

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 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 Anderson same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft, voting Nay, none.

Regarding refund of taxes paid on land purchased by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from J. Rodger Hodges, Councilman Post moved that these taxes be refunded to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Mr. S. A. Tobey, 7207 Hilton Avenue addressed Council regarding the planting of trees in parking of Hilton, Trescott, Garland and Central Avenues, and after discussion Councilman Taft moved that permission be given to the Sligo Park Citizens Assn. to plant trees in the parking of the 7200 and 7300 blocks of Hilton Avenue and 7100 block of Trescott, Garland and Central Avenues, the planting to be under the supervision of Superintendent of Public Works Fischer. This motion was seconded by Councilman Post and approved.

MUNICIPAL Service Committee: Councilman Parkerson, Chairman, advised Council that he had received a copy of the audit of the books of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, and at the suggestion of Councilman Parkerson this audit was read by the Clerk to Council.

A letter was also read to the Council from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, which letter proposed that an agreement be made by the Council with the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department embodying certain commitments by the Council regarding future development of the Department.

Councilman Parkerson stated that he thought the public should be acquainted with the facts as contained in this letter, as well as the audit, and moved that in order not to raise any undue apprehension in the minds of the public that the audit as well as the letter be published in the local paper. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and approved.

Taxicab Operator's License application of Charles Thomas Smith, Jr. was presented to Council, and upon motion of Councilman Parkerson, seconded by Councilman Post, Taxicab Operator's application of Charles Thomas Smith was approved.

application
Taxicab Operator's License/of Norma Eloise Smith was presented to Council and upon motion of Councilman Parkerson, seconded by Councilman Post, Taxicab Operator's application of Norma Eloise Smith was approved.

Taxicab Operator's License application of Hubert Smith was presented to Council and upon motion of Councilman Parkerson, seconded by Councilman Post, Taxicab Operator's application of Hubert Smith was approved.

Councilman Heffner made motion that liability insurance be taken out to cover the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Nies, Chairman had nothing to report.

MUNICIPAL WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Anderson, Chairman, had nothing to report.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Post, Chairman, had nothing to report.

The Clerk presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 911

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

Section 1. That Plat of subdivision of land within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park, Prince Georges County, Maryland, into Lots 1 and 20 inclusive, Block 8, and Lots 1 to 19 inclusive, Block 18, to be known as New Hampshire Gardens, Prince Georges County, Maryland, as presented by Gussie Gorin, Max Gorin, Theresa E. Horning, Joseph F. Horning, Harry E. Gorin, Selma Gorin, Louis Gorin and Esther Gorin, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

Section 3. That the cost of all future construction of paving, curb and gutter, sidewalks and any necessary storm sewers or bridges, be charged against the lots abutting said street, as shown on said Plat, and that the construction of any and all of this work to be done in accordance with specifications set forth by the City of Takoma Park, and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

The adoption of this Ordinance was moved by Councilman Anderson and upon being seconded by Councilman Parkerson same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Anderson, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft, voting Nay, none.

Councilman Taft asked just what the status was regarding the widening of Lincoln Avenue, and the Clerk advised that Engineer Thomas B. McNeill was working on the plans.

Councilman Parkerson made a statement for the general information of the public regarding the traffic light at Ethan Allen Avenue and Carroll Avenue, that this light would soon be installed as most of the parts had been received by the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Heffner that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Roth of 32 Lincoln Avenue for the same he put on Jackson Avenue during the recent snow and ice storm. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion properly seconded, Council adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

J. Thomas Bell
Clerk

O. H. Youngblood
Mayor

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SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23rd, 1948

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P. M. Those present were Councilman Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Post and Taft.

In the absence of Mayor Youngblood, on motion of Councilman Post, seconded by Councilman Parkerson, Councilman Taft was appointed Mayor pro tem.

Councilman Parkerson, Chairman of the Municipal Service Committee, stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a communication dated February 16th, 1948, from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., regarding the taking over by the City of Takoma Park the Volunteer Fire Department to be governed and maintained by the City of Takoma Park. The communication from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. requested that in taking over the Volunteer Fire Department the Mayor and Council give consideration to the following as a proposed (though not necessarily final) agreement:

1. The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park and/or their successors shall make certain improvements to the fire department building at Carroll and Denwood Avenues, such improvements to conform to remodelling plans formally approved by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; or the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park and/or their successors shall build or cause to be built a new central firehouse upon plans that shall be agreeable both to that body and to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
2. The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park and/or their successors shall purchase and maintain an aerial ladder truck in accordance with specifications to be developed by the Fire Board.
3. The Mayor and City Council and/or their successors shall construct or cause to be constructed a branch fire station to be located in the vicinity of New Hampshire Avenue, the said station to be constructed in accordance with plans to be developed at the instance of the Fire Board.
4. The Mayor and City Council and/or their successors shall install or cause to be installed within the City of Takoma Park a fire alarm box system which shall provide box alarm stations at each of the schools, the hospital, the several business districts, and at such other locations as the needs and growth of the municipality shall cause to be prudent and appropriate.
5. The Mayor and City Council and/or their successors shall grant the entire first floor of the present fire department building for the exclusive use of the fire service.

6. The Mayor and City Council and/or their successors shall provide for custodial and administrative service in connection with the gymnasium of the present fire department building, and these services shall in no way be a responsibility of the fire service.

7. The Mayor and City Council and/or their successors agree that the program for modernization of the fire service of the City of Takoma Park, as specified in the seven previous paragraphs herein, shall be undertaken and actively promoted to the end that the said program may be completed within a period of five (5) years from the date of signing this agreement, except that the modernization of the present fire department building, or the construction of a new central fire station, shall be considered an emergency requirement and shall be initiated and projected with all reasonable haste.

When an agreement embodying the above provisions, or such modifications as we mutually shall agree upon, has been signed by you, we, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. in consideration thereof, will sign such deeds and bills of sale as are necessary to convey to you the building and equipment now owned by us.

After a lengthy consideration and discussion of this communication, Councilman Nies moved that Acting Mayor Taft appoint a Committee of three for the purpose of acknowledging the communication from the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to reply to same advising them of the plans of the Mayor and Council in connection with the taking over of the Volunteer Fire Department and maintaining same as a City Fire Department. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Following out the action of the Council in this matter, Acting Mayor Taft appointed the following Committee:

- Councilman Parkerson, Chairman
- " Post
- " Nies

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

J. William Dodd
Clerk
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O. H. Youngblood
Acting Mayor