

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 15th, 1948

Meeting called to order at 8:40 P. M. Those present were Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon and Nies. Supt. of Public Works Fischer and Mr. John W. Lambert met with Council.

Councilman Beville introduced Mr. John W. Lambert, who had made application for the position as Superintendent of Public Works.

Council interviewed Mr. Lambert, making note of his various qualifications, as well as previous positions he had held. Mr. Lambert volunteered to serve as a Consulting Engineer for the City in case employment on a full time basis turned out not to be mutually possible.

Councilman Beville also presented to Council a proposed Ordinance

Prescribing Rules and Regulations fixing minimum specifications of and issuance of permits for the construction of streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters by subdividers, developers, or individuals within the city of Takoma Park, Maryland, and to require compliance therewith, and to provide for the inspection and supervision of such work, the cost thereof to be borne by such subdividers, developers or individuals, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

After a lengthy discussion of the Ordinance, Mayor Post stated that he would refer same to the Law and Ordinance Committee, to confer jointly with the Streets and Highways Committee, the Superintendent of Public Works, the City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel.

The policy in the future regarding the paving, resurfacing and topping of streets was discussed at length, after which Councilman Nies moved that the policy of the City of Takoma Park in surfacing steets with bituminous concrete shall be to assess same against the abutting properties on a basis of one-third of the entire cost to the property owners on each side of the street, and the remaining one-third to be borne by the City. After a further discussion of the matter Councilman Beville seconded this motion and same was

unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Councilman Beville stated that he had a list of streets which his committee would recommend for improvement under the new policy as just adopted, and that same would be presented to the council in proper form at an early date for consideration and action.

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

J. W. Dadd
Clerk
W. E. Indeped
W. T. S.

John C Post
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 19th, 1948

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21st, 1948 and Special Meetings of June 22, 1948, June 28, 1948, and July 15, 1948, were read and approved as read.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	\$ 415.02	
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	76.05	
Special Assessments - - - - -	551.50	
Building Permits - - - - -	39.00	
Electrical " - - - - -	22.00	
Dog Tax - - - - -	18.75	
Taxicab Badge deposits-Misc. Permits	12.00	
State Franchise Tax - - - - -	133.75	
Business License Fees-Montg. County	1,1471.98	
Montgomery County Police Tele. - -	12.00	
Parking Meter Collections - - - - -	480.00	
" " Violations - - - - -	62.00	
		<u>\$3,294.65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Labor	\$797.70	
Material	331.54	
Tools, supplies, auto upkeep	<u>222.64</u>	\$1,351.88
SERVICE: Trash: Labor	1,070.35	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	120.33	
" Disposal	211.25	
Garbage: Labor	934.80	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	234.70	
Street and Traffic Lights	<u>605.79</u>	3,177.22
POLICE: Salaries	1,185.00	
Clothing Allowance	114.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	217.62	
S.S.Fire Board Radio Expense	25.00	
Telephones -Fuel-Lights	40.45	
Equipment (gun)	62.33	
Supplies and Misc.	<u>63.63</u>	1,708.03

Disbursements brought forward

OFFICE: Salaries	\$1,009.98	
Additional Clerical	57.00	
Telephones and Supplies	86.14	
Office Rent	<u>100.00</u>	\$1,253.12
FIRE DEPT: Salaries	1,066.68	
Training expense	100.00	
S.S.Fire Board radio expense	54.00	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-supplies	234.60	
Telephones	<u>21.76</u>	1,477.04
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS: Tools	<u>\$ 31.71</u>	31.71
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Montgomery County Police Telephone	\$ 12.00	
Recording Fees	.75	
Pr.Geo. County Realestate transfers	19.00	
Election Expense	50.00	
License expense (printing)	21.00	
Parking meter expense	67.35	
Municipal Building expense	2.25	
Expense new traffic light-Car.&E.A.Aves	163.00	
Dues-Montg. County Civic Federation	15.00	
Refund taxes paid twice	46.69	
Copy-Montg. County local laws	10.00	
Dog Expense	5.50	
Corporation Counsel Compensation	50.00	
Justice of Peace salaries (two)	50.00	
Henry Fields retirement	<u>25.00</u>	<u>537.54</u>

\$9,536.54

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

5/31/48 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$42,491.50	
Transferred to interest bearing Certificate of Deposit	<u>25,000.00</u>	
	17,491.50	
Deposits in June, 1948	<u>3,294.65</u>	
	20,766.15	
Interest bearing Certificate of Deposit - Cr. General Acct.	15,000.00	
Trans. from Parking Meter Acct.	<u>2,386.86</u>	
	38,173.01	
Withdrawn in June, 1948	<u>9,536.54</u>	
6/30/48 - On hand		\$28,636.47
5/31/48 - On hand Citizens Bank Parking Meter Account	\$ 2,386.86	
6/15/48 - Transferred to General Acct. Citizens Bank	<u>2,386.86</u>	

5/31/48 - On hand Sub. Nat'l T.P.	\$ 4,855.02	
No deposits in June, 1948		
	<u>4,855.02</u>	
6/30/48 @ On hand		<u>\$4,855.02</u>
6/30/48 - On hand in all banks (Gen'l Accts.)		<u>\$33,491.49</u>

REVOLVING FUND:

6/30/48 - Citizens Bank Interest bearing Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
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Bills in amount of \$8,602.35 were presented by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

Mr. Konrad Bailer, 106 Darwin Ave., and several other residents of Darwin Ave. and vicinity, addressed Council regarding petition submitted to council for the construction of a storm sewer to take care of storm water on Darwin Ave. Mayor Post advised those present that the matter would be studied by the Council in an effort to remedy the condition, and also instructed the Clerk to write a letter to the Board of Education of Montgomery County regarding the matter of storm water drainage, an increased flow of which has been brought about by the grading of the Junior High School grounds on Piney Branch Road.

112 New York Ave.

Mrs. Wm.F. Fischer/addressed Council regarding arranging with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission to take immediate steps to make a playground for the Colored Children of Takoma Park. Mayor Post advised Mrs. Fischer that this matter has been taken up with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Mrs. Philip Woods, 313 Ethan Allen Ave., also addressed Council regarding the matter of playground for the colored children of Takoma Park.

Mr. R. E. Mohr, 217 Spring Ave. addressed council regarding the apartment building on Lake Ave. and Mayor Post informed Mr. Mohr that the matter would be taken up later.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman McClenon, Chairman, stated that he had no formal report to make, but wished to report to Council that the ^{Civic} Advisory Committee met last week and recommended three amendments to the City Charter.

Councilman McClenon asked if the Civic Advisory Committee should report direct to the Council or through the Law and Ordinance Committee. Councilman McClenon was advised that the Civic Advisory Committee should report to the Chairman of the Law and Ordinance Committee.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE: Councilman Beville, Chairman, stated that his committee has been active in the past month for the reason that they are trying to develop a street program this summer.

Regarding the Hillwood Manor storm water problem Councilman Beville stated that the streets in this area have been filled in temporarily. Councilman Beville stated that the Council had met with the County Commissioners of Prince Georges County in an effort to secure the advice and support of the County Commissioners

in building proper storm drainage facilities in Carol Highland subdivision.

Regarding a communication from Mr. Thos. J. Duffy complaining of water backing up in his cellar at 114 Elm Ave., Supt. of Public Works Fischer reported that this complaint is now being worked on.

Re: communication from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, regarding resolution under consideration to turn over house connections to Master Plumbers, after discussion of the matter, Councilman Beville made a motion that we answer this letter and approve same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

Councilman Beville stated that he would like to pass for the time being the communication from the Religious Liberty Association regarding the dedication of land for the opening of Cockerille Avenue to Elm Avenue.

Re: communication from Mr. Joseph Brooks regarding paving of the lane alongside his property at 925 Sligo Parkway, in which communication Mr. Brooks agreed to pay one-third of the cost of paving this lane. Councilman Beville presented to the Council the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 918

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

Section 1. That , owners of Lot 12 in Block 3, Wildwood Subdivision and Lot 1 in Block 6, Wildwood #2 Subdivision, having requested the construction of a roadway abutting their lots bordering on Sligo Parkway, and waiving all legal requirements in the way of advertising and hearing, the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to proceed with this work and to employ any additional help necessary in the construction of same.

Section 2. Assurance is made that the roadway be constructed to proper grade, and that the cost of the construction of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this roadway be assessed in the regular manner against the owners of lots abutting the improvement.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Githens, and upon a Yea and Nay vote, same was adopted, voting Yea, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Nies, Parkerson and Perring, Vot Nay, Coucilman Heffner, Councilman McClenon not voting.

Re: communication from Mr. Konrad Bailer, 106 Darwin Avenue and petition signed by residents of Darwin Avenue and vicinity, regarding storm water sewer, Councilman Beville stated that this matter had already been discussed.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Githens, Chairman, Re: communication from Mr. J. Bond Smith, General Counsel for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding

resolution passed by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission on June 10th, 1948, relative to zoning enforcement in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Councilman Heffner was asked to attend the meeting at Upper Marlboro regarding this matter.

Regarding report of Dr. E. A. Mauck, Councilman Githens stated that he had copies of this report with him, and would turn all copies over to the City Clerk's Office, and those who would like one can get them at that office.

Communication from Mr. L. F. Dingman, Washington, D. C., regarding map of Takoma Park was discussed, and the Clerk was requested to check on map now being prepared by Mr. Thomas P. McNeill.

Mayor Post stated that one of our immediate problems is that of building a Municipal Building and had asked the Civic Improvement Committee to begin a study of this matter at once, and asked the Civic Advisory Committee to work with the Civic Improvement Committee. Mayor Post stated that he looked forward to all the members of the Council having an interest in this work, and announced the following committee to work with the Civic Improvement Committee in connection with the new Municipal Building matter.

Hillery Denison	Norman Jones
R. S. Senseman	Peter Remsen
Thos. B. McNeill	L. A. Oosterhous
John C. Whiddon	
Councilman	

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Parkerson, Chairman, presented to council application for taxicab driver's permit of Francis Battle Roy, 801 Flower Avenue, and made a motion that this application be approved. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

Re: complaint to police about noise in her neighborhood by resident living at 12 Allegheny Avenue, and asking that "quiet" sign be erected, as there is illness in her home; Lieutenant Thomas stated that he had spoken to the young people in the neighborhood and they have promised to keep things quiet.

The matter of appointment of two additional Police Officers was discussed. Mayor Post advised the Municipal Service Committee to get together and make recommendations to Council in connection with these appointments.

Councilman Parkerson brought to the attention of council the need of three additional lights on Ethan Allen Avenue between Elm Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue, and made a motion that lights be installed on Poles Nos. 830194-832064. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved. 832061

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, stated that the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School asked permission for the use of the building at 8 Columbia Avenue for another term. Upon motion of Councilman Heffner, seconded by Councilman Githens, this request was granted, provided they met the requirements

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of the Fire Marshall and Building Inspector.

Councilman Heffner moved that the Adult Sewing Class be given permission to use a room at 8 Columbia Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Regarding the matter of Apartment Building on Lake Avenue, the Council having received Petition signed by 89 persons in the vicinity of the apartment building, and several civic organizations complaining of the very bad unsanitary condition of this building. After discussion, the Building Inspector, Fire Marshall, City Clerk, and Health Officer of the city were instructed to make an inspection of this building and report back to council.

The matter of purchase of new police car was discussed; and, after recommendation of Lt. Thomas that two cars were really needed in order to adequately cover the City, as well as having one in reserve, Councilman Parkerson moved that the City Clerk enter into negotiations for two cars for the Police Department, and for the sale of the present police car at the best possible price. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and approved.

The matter of the District of Columbia not allowing the Maryland pupils to go to the District Schools without paying tuition was discussed at length, after which, Councilman Heffner moved that we write a letter to the School Boards of Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, advising them that the people of Takoma Park are very much concerned about the matter and have them advise us if possible what steps they are taking in connection with this matter. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved. Mayor Post then asked the Civic Improvement Committee Chairman to draw up a letter to be sent to the County Commissioners of both counties.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilman Perring, Chairman, stated that he had a resolution from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission offering to turn back certain park lands to the city. Councilman Perring advised Council that he was not ready to make any recommendations in this matter, and that, before doing so, he would like to refer same to the Corporation Counsel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Regarding the item of \$3,500.00 in the budget to be given to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, after discussion of this matter, Councilman Nies moved that we authorize the Treasurer to pay this money in a lump sum to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department as soon as the money is available. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved, Councilman Heffner voting "no".

Councilman Nies stated that he had three bids on the auditing of the books of the City Clerk and Treasurer as follows: A. W. Vine, \$110.00; Willis & O'Connell, \$125.00; and F. W. LaFrentz & Co., \$225.00. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Nies moved that the Clerk be authorized to employ Mr. A. W. Vine to audit the records of the City Clerk and Treasurer. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

The annual Financial Statement of the City for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1948, was presented to the Council and Councilman Nies moved that the statement be accepted as presented by the Treasurer, subject to the audit just authorized. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.
FISCAL YEAR 1947
JULY 1st, 1947 to JUNE 30, 1948

RECEIPTS

General taxes - - - - -	\$150,467.06	
Less Discounts - - - - -	<u>2,372.31</u>	\$148,094.75
Taxes paid twice and overpaid - - - - -		311.06
Taxes Prior Years - - - - -		256.86
Interest and Penalties - - - - -		1,349.77
Special Assessments - - - - -		18,658.90
Building Permits - - - - -		1,588.00
Electrical Permits - - - - -		440.00
Excavation Permits - - - - -		96.00
Dog Tags - - - - -		651.75
Taxicab-Vendor Permits-Badge Deposits - - - - -		798.50
State of Md.-Admission-Franchise Tax - - - - -		266.02
Montgomery County - Police Telephone - - - - -		168.00
" " - Fines - - - - -		350.55
" " - Income Tax - - - - -		8,461.67
" " - Retail License Tax - - - - -		1,647.37
" " - Gas & Motor Reg. Tax - - - - -		7,322.21
" " - Racing Revenue - - - - -		10,067.17
" " - Bank Share Tax - - - - -		845.56
" " - Auto License Fees - - - - -		6,675.00
" " - Fire Tax Revenue-22nd Pct. - - - - -		33.01
" " - Light - Municipal Building - - - - -		9.75
Prince Georges County - Fines - - - - -		63.00
" " " - Income Tax - - - - -		1,750.05
" " " - Gas-Motor Reg. Tax - - - - -		3,077.02
" " " - Auto License Fees - - - - -		1,496.00
" " " - Racing Revenue - - - - -		2,041.00
Parking Meter Collections - - - - -		4,469.00
Parking Meter Violations - - - - -		1,176.00
" " Labor furnished for installation - - - - -		68.75
Sale of old trucks - - - - -		650.00
Sale of old baler - - - - -		66.40
Private Driveway Construction - - - - -		69.00
Insurance premium refund - - - - -		45.54
Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept.-Refund Tax Revenue - - - - -		1,924.97
Miscellaneous - - - - -		36.08
		<u>\$225,024.71</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONSTRUCTION - - - -	-\$24,281.81	\$16,711.02
Less City Share- - - - -	<u>7,570.79</u>	

STREETS	Labor	9,026.16	
STORM	Material	5,741.04	
SEWERS	Gas - Oil - Auto Upkeep-Tools-Supplies	4,534.48	
	Resurfacing	21,527.81	
	Storm Sewers	2,525.95	
	Street & Traffic Signs	713.09	
	Equipment	559.07	
	City Share Special Assessment Work	<u>7,570.79</u>	52,198.39

SERVICE	Trash-Labor	12,609.90	
	" -Disposal	2,272.17	
	" -Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	1,550.69	
	" -New Truck	2,297.40	
	Garbage-Labor	10,906.30	
	" -Gas-Oil-AutoUpkeep-Supplies	2,932.00	
	Ash Collection	<u>2,652.42</u>	35,220.88
	Lights - Street & Traffic	<u>7,030.34</u>	7,030.34

POLICE	Salaries	13,035.80	
	Clothing Allowance	1,174.36	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	3,320.03	
	Equipment	132.83	
	Station Repairs	<u>85.50</u>	17,748.52

OFFICE	Salaries-Clerk & Treas.-Supt. of Public Works-Additional Clerical-Building and Electrical Inspectors	12,135.56	
	Rent	1,200.00	
	Postage-Printing & Audit	570.99	
	Equipment	286.78	
	Telephones-Supplies-Miscellaneous Exp.	<u>684.80</u>	14,878.13

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	Parts for Equipment and Supplies	<u>157.71</u>	157.71
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FIRE DEPT.	City Tax Revenue	13,500.00	
	Salaries	3,635.38	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Miscellaneous	2,116.38	
	Payment on Note & Interest	650.00	
	Equipment	<u>191.46</u>	20,093.22

LIBRARY	City Tax Revenue	<u>6,256.18</u>	6,256.18
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MISCEL* LANEOUS	Corp. Counsel	600.00	
	Justice of Peace Salaries	550.00	
	Health Officer	150.00	
	Municipal Building Expense	862.18	
	Montgomery & Prince Georges County Transfers	116.75	
	Montgomery County Police Telephone	144.00	
	Recording Fees	46.50	
	Dog Expense	91.05	

Misc. Permit Expense-Postage	46.25	
Refund Taxes-Paid in error	567.26	
Refund Taxicab Badges & Permits	14.00	
Refund to State Road-Gas-Tax paid in error	1,120.77	
Parking Meters	7,652.36	
Henry Fields - Retirement	300.00	
Parking Meters-Expense-Supplies-etc.	155.75	
Insurance Premiums	1,975.88	
Audit Expense	204.50	
Property Damage	225.00	
Dues-Montgomery Co. Municipal League	25.00	
Dues-Montgomery Co. Civic Federation	15.00	
Election Expense	377.45	
New Traffic Light-Carroll & Ethan Allen	885.15	
Prince Georges Co.-Property Assess. List	150.00	
Retirement Expense	89.46	
Miscellaneous (Petty Expense)	209.00	
		<u>16,573.31</u>
		\$186,867.70

CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT

Balance on Hand June 30, 1947	\$ 5,334.48
Receipts Fiscal Year 1947	<u>225,024.71</u>
	230,359.19
Disbursements Fiscal Year 1947	<u>186,867.70</u>
Balance June 30, 1948	<u>\$ 43,491.49</u>

FUNDS LOCATION

June 30, 1948 - Citizens Bank-General Acctg.	\$ 13,636.47
June 30, 1948 - Citizens Bank-Certificate of Deposit Gen. Checking Acct.	15,000.00
June 30, 1948 - Suburban Nat'l Bank-Genl. Acct.	4,855.02
June 30, 1948 - Citizens Bank-Certificate of Deposit (Revolving Fund)	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$ 43,491.49

(Petty Cash on hand \$30.00)

Respectfully submitted

J. Wilson Dodd,
Clerk and Treasurer

Mayor Post stated that he had requested of the Chief Police Officer and the Chief of the Fire Department weekly reports of the activities of their Departments, and that, after going over these reports, he would turn same over to the proper committees for their information.

Mrs. Philip Woods, 313 Ethan Allen Avenue, suggested to council that a change be made in the council meeting proceedings, and that the various committees make their reports at the beginning of the meeting, in order that the people attending might know what has been done, or is to be done, and in that way, may save the time of the council listening to complaints or inquiries from those present. After discussion of this matter, Councilman McClenon moved that the suggestion of Mrs. Woods be carried out for a period of one month to see how same works out. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson. Mayor Post stated that he was not in favor of making such a change until he could have time to think the matter over, and advised Council that he would take same under advisement, and action on this matter was deferred.

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion properly seconded, council adjourned at 11:40 P. M.

J. William Deth
Clerk

John C Post
Mayor

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