

Upon motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

J. William Dadd
 Clerk

John C Post
 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 OCTOBER 6th, 1948

Those present were Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, Nies and Perring.

Meeting called for the purpose of opening bids for the paving of streets as advertised in Ordinance No. 919. Bids were received from: Contee Sand and Gravel Co., Corson and Gruman; McQuire and Rolff and Suburban Constructing and Engineering Co., and were as follows:

Contee Sand & Gravel Company:

Garland Ave. (Davis to Jackson)			
Approx. - 350 Lin. Ft. Curb & Gutter @\$2.40	840.00		
Elm Ave. 250 tons Plant Mix @\$8.00	2,000.00	\$12,875.00	
Elm Ave. (Ethan Allen to Heather)			
Approx - 2000 Lin. Ft. Curb & Gutter @\$2.40	4,800.00		
" 1000 Tons Plant Mix @\$7.00	7,000.00		
" 900 Gal. Tack Coat @\$.15	135.00	11,935.00	
Garland Ave. (New Black top to Flower)			
Approx - 360 Lin. Ft. Curb & Gutter @\$2.40	864.00		
" 400 tons Plant Mix @\$7.00	2,800.00		
" 450 Gal. Tack Coat @\$.15	67.50	3,731.50	
New Carroll to Sligo Parkway			
Approx - 900 Lin. Ft. Curb & Gutter @\$2.40	2,160.00		
" 400 Tons Plant Mix @\$7.00	2,800.00		
" 200 Gal Tack Coat @\$.15	30.00	4,990.00	
Boston (Takoma to Chicago)			
Approx - 900 Lin. Ft. Curb & Gutter @\$2.40	2,160.00		
" 400 Tons Plant Mix @\$7.00	2,800.00		
" 450 Gal. Tack Coat @\$.15	67.50	5,057.50	

Baltimore Ave. (New York to Phila)			
Aprox - 1200 Lin.Ft. Curb & Gutter @	\$2.40	\$2,880.00	
" 375 Tons Plant Mix @	\$7.00	2,625.00	
" 200 Ga. Tack Coat @	\$.15	30.00	\$5,535.00
Boyd (Lincoln To Elm)			
Aprox - 800 Lin. Ft. Curb & Gutter @	2.40	1,920.00	1,920.00
Estimated Total Cost			\$36,944.00

Corson & Gruman Co.

Lump sum for each job as called for in the 2nd paragraph of "General Information"

#1 \$2,418.00	#4 \$2,700.00	#7 \$ 4,143.00
#2 \$9,980.00	#5 \$3,483.00	#8 \$ 1,760.00
#3 \$3,360.00	#6 \$4,680.00	#9 \$12,370.00

McGuire & Rolfe, Inc.

Excavation	\$ 2.50	Per cu. yd.
Bank run gravel in place	2.50	" " "
Curb & Gutter, as per drawing	2.25	" lin.ft.
M C-1 Prime Coat applied16	Per gal.
Two inch course Bituminous Pavement Type M-182	Per sq.yd.
(as per your specifications)		
Any additional asphaltic material used to bring the present surfaces up to the proper grade or cross section at the unit price of		
	10.00	per ton laid in place

Suburban Engineering & Construction Co.

Approx. 1400 tons Bituminous pavement Type M-1 @	\$ 6.85	per ton
" 5200 lin.ft. Curb & gutter as per specifications attached @	\$ 1.85	" lin.ft.
" 2475 gals. Bituminous Tack Coat @	\$.17	per gal.

After discussion of the bids, on motion of Councilman McClenon, seconded by Councilman Githens, same were referred to the Streets and Highways Committee for study and report back to Council with recommendation on same at the earliest possible date.

Regarding the request of residents of Boston Avenue and Margaret Drive for the improvement of portions of these two streets, Councilman Beville stated that he had received a petition from these residents signed by 100 per cent of the property owners abutting the improvement requested, and after discussion of this matter Councilman Beville offered the following ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 924

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

Section 1. That, owners of Lots 12, 16, 17, 22, 24, 25,

26 and 27 in Block 71; Part of Lot 13 and Lot 14 in Block 72; Lots 19, 20, 21, and 22 in Block 72A, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co. Subdivision, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, have requested the construction of bituminous concrete paving and cement concrete curb and gutter where necessary, and waiving all legal requirements in the way of advertising and hearing, the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the improvement of these streets as requested.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the total cost of the bituminous concrete paving herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon, and one-third of same shall be assessed against the revenues of the City; construction of concrete curb and gutter to be assessed against the properties abutting same.

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in three equal annual installments, the first due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further, that payment of one-third, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of six per-cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Perring and on a yea and nay vote, same was adopted. Voting Yea, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, Nies and Perring. Voting Nay, none.

Matter of construction of streets, curb and gutter and storm sewer in Ann Street, and Lockney Avenue was brought to the attention of Council by Mr. Ellis, who advised that the developer of this subdivision had not yet complied with the provisions of Ordinance No. 920. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Githens offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 925

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1198 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council have under Consideration the improvement of streets in the following areas:

All that piece or parcel of land lying and being in Prince George's County, Maryland and fronting on the north or northeast side of Anne Street with a boundary of Lockney Avenue on the north and Wildwood Avenue on the south and designated on a certain plat recorded among the land records of Prince George's County, Maryland entitled Takoma Park, Block 17, part of Block 12, New Hampshire Gardens as Lots 1, 2, and 3, in Block 12, but said 3 lots not being included in the said recorded

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subdivision plat reference being made thereto for identification purposes only.

Also all that tract of land lying in Prince George's County, Maryland along the south or southeast side of Anne Street and extending from Lockney Avenue if extended on its present course thence south or southeast of said Lockney Avenue across Wildwood Avenue if extended and continuing along the south or southeast side of Anne Street to a point approximately opposite the southern most line of Lot 1 in Block 17 in said recorded subdivision of said property being opposite and across Anne Street, a 60 foot street, the aforementioned proposed Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 12 and also across Anne Street, a 60 foot street, and opposite Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 1 of Block 17 of the recorded plat aforementioned.

All that tract or parcel of land lying in Prince George's County, Maryland referred to as Lot No. 3 and Block lettered E in Cunningham Subdivision of Takoma Park.

Said streets and improvements being as follows:

Anne Street from Lockney Avenue to Carroll Avenue approximately 3,000 square yards of bituminous pavement at \$2.00 per square yard; approximately 1,650 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot; approximately 4 concrete inlets at \$250.00 each; and approximately 900 linear feet of concrete storm sewer at \$8.00 linear foot.

Wildwood Avenue from Carroll Avenue to Anne Street approximately 115 square yards of bituminous pavement at \$2.00 per square yard; approximately 700 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot; 1 concrete inlet at \$250.00; and approximately 250 feet of concrete storm sewer at \$8.00 per linear feet.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting on October 25, 1948, convening at eight o'clock P.M., in the City Offices, 16 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the work herein proposed.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Beville, and same was adopted on a yea and nay vote. Voting Yea, Councilmen Beville, Githens and Nies. Voting Nay, Councilman Perring. Councilman Heffner not voting.

Councilman McClenon called to the attention of Council the death of Mr. Harold A. Axtell, who had previously been a member of the City Council and an outstanding Citizen of the City, and moved that the Mayor and Council, through Mayor Post direct a communication to Mrs. Axtell, expressing their sympathy and deep regrets in the passing of Mr. Axtell. This motion was seconded by Mr. Councilman Nies and approved.

In connection with the improvement of parks in the City of Takoma Park, Councilman Perring moved that the Park section North of Phila. Ave. and West of Maple Ave., adjoining the elementary school grounds, be leveled, and that a cover crop be put in this Fall, at an approximate

cost of \$800.00 This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

Councilman Perring also moved that the building in the Spring Park, at the corner of Elm and Poplar Avenue, be torn down at an expenditure not to exceed \$200.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

On motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

J. William Dodd
Clerk

John C Post
Mayor

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SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Oct. 11th, 1948

Meeting called to order at eight o'clock P. M.

Those present were Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, Nies, Parkerson and Perring.

Meeting called for the purpose of receiving report and recommendations of the Street and Highway Committee in connections with the bids for the paving of streets as advertised.

Engineer Ellis advised Council that after figuring up the bids as presented, it appeared that the Suburban Engineering and Construction Company was the low bidder, and after discussion of the matter Councilman Perring moved that the Suburban Engineering and Construction Co., of Branchville, Md., be awarded the contract for the paving as advertised, of Manor Circle, Carroll Ave., Elm Avenue, Garland Avenue, Jackson Avenue, Boston Avenue and Baltimore Avenue., in accordance with their bid of October 6th, 1948.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Nies and approved.

At the invitation of the Mayor and Council, Mr. Louis Gorin met with the Council to discuss the matter of improvement of Streets, construction of storm sewers, etc., in New Hampshire Gardens Subdivision, of which Mr. Gorin is the owner. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Gorin was advised that at a previous meeting an Ordinance had been adopted by the Mayor and Council calling for a hearing in connection with this work for Monday evening, October 25th, 1948, and that further discussion would be held at that time, and a decision rendered in connection with same.

Application for taxicab stand permit of Sarah L. Jones for car No. 12, on Motion of Councilman Parkerson, seconded by Councilman Nies, was approved.

Matter of disposal of trash and garbage from commercial houses was discussed at length, but no definite decision in connection with same was reached.

Councilman Githens moved that we request Niles, Barton, Morrow & Yost, Lawyers of Baltimore, Md., to make a study of Chapter 51 of the extraordinary session of the General Assembly of November, 1947, regarding the issuing of bonds by Municipalities, and render an opinion of same to the City of Takoma Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Perring and approved.


Matter of request of Mr. Roy S. Johnson for a reduction in his assessment for storm sewer was discussed at length, after which Councilman Githens moved that Mr. Johnson's bill be reduced to \$600.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Nies. After a further discussion of the matter, Councilman Beville moved that this motion be tabled, and upon being seconded by Councilman Perring, the motion of Councilman Githens was tabled.

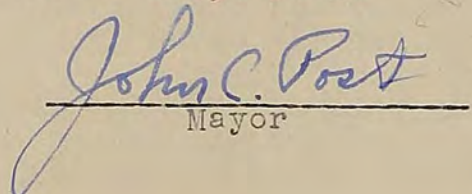
Councilman Parkerson moved that we communicate with the Public Service Commission on behalf of the Mayor and Council, in an effort to secure better bus service to and from Takoma Park from the Capital Transit Co. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

On motion of Councilman Beville, seconded by Councilman Nies, an expenditure of \$400.00 was authorized for the purchase of engineering supplies and equipment.

Mayor Post advised that Councilman Githens had been appointed a member ex-officio to the Library Committee, and that Mr. Carl F. Fischle had been appointed a member of the Municipal Building Citizens Committee.

On motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:30 P. M.


Clerk


Mayor

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 18, 1948

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 1948, and Special Meetings of October 6th and 11th, 1948. were read and approved as read.

Financial Statement for the month of September 1948 was read by the Clerk and Treasurer and ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS

General Taxes - - - - -	-\$10,283.26
Less Discounts - - - - -	112.32
	<u>10,170.94 ✓</u>
Interest and Penalties - - - - -	24.15 ✓
Special Assesments - - - - -	691.00 ✓
Building Permits - - - - -	22.00 ✓
Electrical " - - - - -	30.00 ✓
Excavation " - - - - -	3.00 ✓
Dog Tax - - - - -	72.75 ✓
Trailer Permit - - - - -	3.00 ✓
Specification Fee Paving Project- - - - -	2.50 ✓
Onehalf share construction Traffic Light (State Roads Commission) - - - - -	442.57 ✓
Montgomery County Licenses - - - - -	20.69 ✓
Montgomery " Police Telephone - - - - -	12.00 ✓
Prince George's County fines - - - - -	5.00 ✓
Franchise Tax - State of Maryland - - - - -	5.00 ✓
Discount refund - - - - -	1.00 ✓
Parking Meters: Collections - - - - -	440.00 ✓
Violations - - - - -	64.00 ✓
	<u>\$12,009.60</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Salaries-Superintendents	\$ 709.58 ✓
Labor	826.13 ✓
Material	1,881.17 ✓
" Storm Sewer	415.25 ✓
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	198.18 ✓
Supplies	37.98 ✓
Wall at Denwood & Carroll Aves	110.00 ✓
Tree removal	255.00 ✓
Street Signs	86.64 ✓
Paint Curb at Fire Hydrants	25.00 ✓
Storm Sewer Expense - Darwin Ave.	63.00 ✓
Adv. & Ptg. Street Paving Project	<u>153.20 ✓</u>
	\$4,761.13

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REFUSE:	Trash: Labor	\$1,003.50	
	" Disposal	201.00	
	" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	160.92	
	" Medical expense	3.00	
	Garbage: Labor	896.71	
	" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	274.36	
	" Supplies	9.75	
		<hr/>	\$2,549.24
LIGHTS:	Street	596.37	
	Traffic	8.33	604.70
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POLICE:	Salaries	1,800.48	
	Clothing Allowance	217.25	
	Equipment: Car	1,995.05	
	" 8 Holsters	80.42	
	" 6 Badges	21.00	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	385.58	
	Supplies	17.80	
	Telephones-Light-Gas	42.07	4,559.65
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OFFICE:	Salaries	974.56	✓
	Rent	100.00	✓
	Postage-Printing	30.76	✓
	Supplies	15.85	✓
	Telephones	16.28	✓
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FIRE DEPT.	Salaries	1,563.46	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	226.02	
	Telephones-Lights-Gas-Fuel	112.96	
	Clothing and upkeep	297.47	
	Supplies	134.58	2,334.49
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MISCELLANEOUS:	Library Assn. Tax Revenue	4,946.00	
	Insurance Premiums	1,116.46	✓
	Municipal Building Expense	5.25	✓
	Annual Audit	110.00	✓
	Montgomery County Police Telephone	12.00	✓
	" " Transfers	20.00	✓
	Dog Expense	17.00	✓
	Electrical Inspector Salary	50.00	✓
	Building Inspector Salary	83.33	✓
	Corporation Counsel Compensation	80.00	✓
	Justice of Peace: Montgomery County	25.00	✓
	" " Prince George's "	25.00	✓
	Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	✓
	Health Officer Salary	41.67	✓
	Auto Listing: Prince George's County	50.00	6,606.71
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\$22,553.37

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BANK STATEMENTGENERAL ACCOUNTS:

8/31/48 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$69,251.59	
Deposits in Dept. 1948	<u>11,452.61</u>	
	80,703.61	
Withdrawn in Sept. 1948	<u>12,964.85</u>	
9/30/48 - On hand		\$67,738.76
8/31/48- On hand Sub. Nat'l. T. P.	61,993.80	
Deposits in Sept. 1948	557.58	
	<u>62,551.38</u>	
Withdrawn in Sept. 1948	<u>9,588.52</u>	52,962.86

REVOLVING FUND

8/31/48 - Citizens Bank - Interest bearing Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
9/30/48 - On hand in all Banks		<u>\$130,701.62</u>

Bills in the amount of \$7327.41 was presented by the Finance Committee and ordered paid.

COMMUNICATIONS: From the Community League of Takoma Park, Maryland regarding the issuing of a temporary license by the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners under date of Sept. 20, 1948, to the Parent-Teachers Assn. of the J. Enos Ray School in Prince George's County, to operate a kindergarten in the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, asking questions regarding this matter and requesting answers to the questions.

From the Community League of Takoma Park, Maryland, regarding the City Budget and press releases.

From Mrs. Shires of the State Department of Education, Baltimore, Md, giving changes that were necessary in order to use Room No. 1 in the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue for a kindergarten.

Mayor Post addressed those present and advised that he welcomed constructive communications from any organization in the city, but it appeared that the resolutions received from time to time from the Community League of Takoma Park were not of a constructive nature, and insofar as the kindergarten was concerned, while he realized the room at 8 Columbia Avenue was not an ideal place, yet these children needed room for a kindergarten, at least temporarily, and 8 Columbia Avenue was the best place available. Mayor Post stated that the kindergarten will not be operated until certain sanitary requirements are complied with.

Regarding the release of news items, Mayor Post stated that he has never kept from the public any matter of public interest and it will never be his policy to do so, unless it is for a special committee and not yet ready for release.

Regarding the Budget, Mayor Post stated that in the majority of cases it is almost impossible to live precisely up to an adopted budget, as conditions often arose making it necessary for emergency expenditures.

The Clerk read to Council a letter from the Building Inspector condemning the Lake Avenue Apartments. Referred to the Health and Welfare Committee.

Mrs. Philip Woods, 313 Ethan Allen Ave., addressed Council and read to Council the minutes of the meeting of the League of Women Voters of October 5, 1948, relating to the matter of over-lapping terms for councilmen.

Mrs. Wm. P. Fischer, 112 New York Ave., addressed Council, stating the establishing of a kindergarten in the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, made it necessary to change the Clinic hours from morning to afternoon, and the Welfare Board will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Health Clinic.

Mrs. T. E. McHold, 213 Albany Avenue, addressed Council regarding a petition signed by 109 residents of the City in support of a traffic light at Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue, also a request to have the School Board at Rockville place a full time man at the crossing until the light is installed.

The Clerk informed Council that he had written the State Roads Commission regarding the need of a light at the intersection of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue and he had received a report stating that the matter had been referred to the Engineering Department and a thorough checkup would be made.

Mrs. Wm. Gillespie, 493 Jackson Avenue addressed Council regarding the street paving project, and asked if the construction company awarded the contract to do the work had been investigated as to whether or not they are reliable to do the work. Mrs. Gillespie was informed that the company had posted a completion bond with the City, and the two partners of this company had had many years of experience in this type of work.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Parkerson, Chairman, stated that the vacancy on the police force, caused by the resignation of Officer John C. Whiddon, had been filled temporarily by Mr. C. C. Kight, and made a motion that Mr. C. C. Kight be made a permanent officer on the police force, subject to six month's probation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

Councilman Parkerson read to council a communication from Lt. Thomas reporting the work of taking census of the city, and various things such as keeping dogs and chickens, reporting holes in streets, broken sidewalks, etc. The report showed that 700 persons had been interviewed; keeping chickens without permits 35; dogs without license 260; houses listed 287, 968 with additional units, or rooms; 37 houses vacant; 69 holes in sidewalks; 75 holes in streets, 21 broken curbs, 76 dead trees; 112 fire hazards; 5 trailers without permits and 17 health conditions uncovered.

Councilman Parkerson stated that there were two vacancies to be filled in the Fire Department, and the Fire Board has recommended the appointment of Wm. Flagg to replace W. L. Bennett, who resigned, at a salary of \$2400.00 and recommended that Mr. Flagg be assigned special duties to assist in fire inspection work, which is very necessary at this time, and Mr. Flagg be allowed \$10.00 per month additional for these special duties. The matter of taking on a new man and putting him ahead of other firemen was discussed. The matter was tabled until the next special meeting.

Councilman Parkerson moved the appointment of H. G. Pudliner, 205 Flower Avenue, at a salary of \$2280.00, to the Fire Department. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman McClenon, Chairman, brought up for discussion the matter of charter amendments and asked council to pass definitely, one way or the other, on the basis principal so we can have something to submit to Legislature when they meet in January, 1949. Councilman McClenon moved that we open the question and decide in favor of overlapping terms for members of the council, and either have annual elections with the present two year terms, or extended terms, subject to a referendum. This motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner.

After discussion Councilman McClenon withdrew his motion and Councilman Heffner withdrew his second.

After further discussion Councilman Perring moved that the matter be tabled for one week. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson.

Mayor Post gave the following dates of committee meetings with the police force: Streets and Highway Committee, Councilman Beville, Nov. 4, 1948; Civic Improvement Committee, Councilman Githens, December 2, 1948; Finance Committee, Councilman Nies, January 6, 1949; Law and Ordinance Committee, Councilman McClenon, February 3, 1949; Parks and Playground Committee, Councilman Perring, March 3, 1949; Health and Welfare Committee, Councilman Heffner, April 7, 1949.

PARKS & PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Councilman Perring, Chariman, had nothing to report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman, discussed with Council the matter of condemning and tearing down of the apartment house on Lake Avenue, and stated that he felt the County Health Officer rather than the City Health Officer should order the tearing down of this building.

Councilman Parkerson asked regarding the spring at Spring Park and was told that the water is unsafe for drinking purposes.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Githens, Chairman, reported to Council that there has been found that two, possibly three, urgent repairs are necessary in the fire department building. First, the overhauling of the electric system is already in progress, second; the boiler is in need of repair and work will start soon on this, third; the hot water system, which is part of the heating system.

Councilman Githens stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee on Municipal Building is aware of the great need in this community of a building for public services, and also stated that the council had taken cognizance of the liability of the children in the kindergarten

at 8 Columbia Avenue, and that the city has a liability policy covering the building at 8 Columbia Avenue.

Councilman Githens made a motion that the clerk be instructed to address a letter to the National-Capital Park and Planning Commission to place four street lights on Sligo Parkway between the foot of Flower Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Councilman Githens called attention to those present that he addressed a letter to all city employees and officials, setting forth an idea to have in the City Clerk's office a set of pamphlets for the information of the people.

Mayor Post commended the public speaking service.

Mayor Post stated that the Citizens Committee on Civic Planning had added Mr. A. W. Brown, President of the Chamber of Commerce, as a member.

STREETS & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE: Councilman Beville, Chairman, presented to council a petition signed by three residents and a letter, regarding repairs to Denwood and Birch Avenues in the vicinity of Holly avenue, and stated that these streets are under study at present by the Streets and Highway Department, and recommendation will be made very shortly to the committee.

Regarding petition of August 16, 1948, calling attention to storm water problems in the vicinity of Albany Avenue, Councilman Beville reported that study has been made by the Asst. Supt. of Public Works, and in view of the complexity of the problems and the cost, we will have to hold action until the council can come to a policy decision on what we can do about such problems as storm drainage.

Councilman Beville reports that the street paving program will start very shortly, that the survey, location of property lines and curb lines, etc. has been done.

Regarding flooding of Kennebec Avenue, Councilman Beville stated that he has nothing to report but will investigate the matter.

The matter of request of Mr. R. E. Simons, owner and building of houses on Wildwood Drive and the Service Drive, paralleling New Hampshire Avenue to be exempt from Ordinance No. 920, was discussed and it was decided that no definite decision would be made until the next meeting.

Regarding petition signed by residents of Eastern Avenue, requesting, now that the District of Columbia work has been completed, that the City of Takoma Park resurface that portion of Eastern Avenue in Takoma Park, the Chairman of the committee that presented this petition was informed that this work would be on the spring program.

Regarding Mississippi Avenue and Elwyn Court, Councilman Beville stated that Mississippi Avenue and Ritchie Avenue are involved in another storm water drainage problem, also that the dedication of the widening of Ritchie Avenue is not completed. Councilman Perring stated that Mississippi Avenue should have temporary relief. Major Fischer stated that he had done some work but more should be done.

Mr. J. W. Hite, 211 Albany Avenue was informed that study is being made of the Albany Avenue area in regard to storm water drainage by the City Engineering Department.

The reading of the audit covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, due to the absence of Mr. J. H. Nies, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was postponed until a later meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

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

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Clerk
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SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25th, 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.

Meeting called for the opening of bids for improvement in Margaret Drive and Boston Avenue in accordance with Ordinance No. 924, and for hearing on installation of curb and Gutter, Paving and Storm sewer in Ann Street and Lockney Avenue in accordance with Ordinance No. 925.

Mr. R. G. Shure, Attorney for the Takoma Park Taxicab Association appeared before Council regarding the annual taxicab stand fee. Mr. Shure advised Council that the present taxicab ordinance requiring that the annual fee of \$25.00 be paid anytime during the year was working a hardship on taxicab drivers who applied for stand permits during the year, and requested that Council give consideration to amending this ordinance so that the fee could be paid on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Shure also requested permission of the Council to erect an awning at the taxicab stand in order to afford protection to people waiting for cabs. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Perring moved that the Taxicab Association be instructed to submit their plans for the proposed awning to the Council for approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Beville and approved.

Mr. Shure also stated that the Association would like to have a Taxi Stand in the Flower Avenue area, and suggested Division Street as the proper place for one. After discussion of the matter, same was referred to the Municipal Service Committee, and Mr. Ellis was also asked to make a study of this matter and make a recommendation to the Council.

Regarding the matter of Taxicab Stand fee, Mr. Nies moved that the taxicab stand fee be put on a semi-annual basis. Motions seconded by Councilman Perring. Councilman Parkerson moved that this motion be amended to read "quarterly" from the first of the year at the annual fee of \$25.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and approved.

The matter of hearing on Ordinance #925 was then called to attention of those present by Mayor Post, said Ordinance #925 being regarding the proposed construction of Curbs, Gutter, Street and Storm Sewer in Ann Street and Lockney Avenue. Mr. Gorin the developer of the subdivision in which these streets are located was not present. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, adjoining property owners were present and expressed their approval of the proposed project. After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Councilman Githens moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 926

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

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 Section 1. That under authority granted by Section 1198 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council, after due advertising and hearing, as provided therein, are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvements as set forth in Ordinance No. 925, adopted by the Mayor and Council October 6th, 1948, and the improvements as set forth in said Ordinance is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may deem within the terms of said Ordinance.

Section 2. The cost of improvement herein authorized shall be assessed against the property abutting thereon.

Section 3. Assessments for the special improvements herein authorized shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the approval of the assessment thereof by the Mayor and Council; provided that, if so desired, said assessment may be paid in three equal annual installments, the first due and payable within ninety days from the date of the approval thereof, and the remaining payments to be likewise due and payable in each succeeding year; provided further that payment of one-third, or excess thereof, may be made at any time within the payment period. All deferred payments shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

Councilman Perring seconded the adoption of this Ordinance and same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies, Parkerson and Perring. Voting Nay, none.

Councilman Perring then moved that bids for the construction of the work proposed in Ordinance No. 925 be advertised for. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

Bids were opened for the improvement of a portion of Boston Avenue and a portion of Margaret Drive as proposed in Ordinance No. 924.

Bids were received from Coursen and Gruman and the Suburban Engineering and Construction Company and were as follows:

SUBURBAN ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO.

Item No. 1 - Curb and Gutter - Concrete Curb and gutter	
925 Lin. Ft. @ \$2.00	\$1,850.00

Item No. 2 - Excavation and Refill - Earth excavation and re- fill for 15" storm drain, 6 Ft. Depth per Cu. Yd. \$4.00.		
Item No. 3 - Pipe Storm Drains - Furnishing and laying stand- ard concrete culvert pipe, 15" - 45 Lin. Ft. @ \$5.50		\$247.50
Item No. 4 - Inlets - 46072-L-WSSD Inlet Type C-1, Width 2'6" - 1 - \$375.00 46070-L-WSSD Inlet Type A-2, Width 4'3" - 1 - \$400.00		
Item No. 5 - Bituminous Concrete in place Type M-2 Binder Course -/340 Tons @ \$7.00 \$2,380.00 Type M-1 Surface Course in place 170 Tons @ \$6.90 \$1,173.00		
TOTAL		\$6,425.50

CORSON & GRUMAN COMPANY

Item No. 1 - Curb and Gutter - Concrete curb and gutter 925 Lin. Ft. @ \$2.20		\$2,035.00
Item No. 2 - Excavation and Refill - Earth excavation and refill for 15" storm drain, 6 Ft. Depth per Cu. Yd. \$4.50.		
Item No. 3 - Pipe Storm Drains - Furnishing and laying stand- ard concrete culvert pipe, 15" - 45 Lin. Ft. @ \$4.00		\$180.00
Item No. 4 - Inlets 46072-L-WSSD Inlet Type C-1, Width 2'6" - 1 - \$250.00 46070-L-WSSD Inlet Type A-2, Width 4'3" - 1 - \$290.00		
Item No. 5 - Bituminous Concrete Type M-2 Binder Course in place 340 Tons @ \$8.50 \$2,890.00 Type M-1 Surface Course in place 170 Tons @ \$9.00 \$1,530.00		
TOTAL		\$7,175.00

These bids were referred to the Streets and Highways Committee for study and recommendation.

Councilman Githens read to Council a proposed resolution, as follows:

"The City Treasurer and Attorney are hereby requested
(a) to make a study of the procedures and time-factors involved in the preparation, printing, requesting of bids, issuance, and sale of certificates of indebtedness, as provided for under Section 960H of the City Charter;
(b) to survey the time factors in the payment of improvement assessments;

(c) to present at the proper time, for consideration of the Council, an ordinance calling for the issuance of certificates to an amount that will adequately augment the City's revolving fund so that that portion of street improvement expense to be met by property owners may be financed without inconvenient tying-up of current-revenue money."

Councilman Perring moved that this matter be deferred until a later meeting, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the respective Councilman for study. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and approved.

Councilman Githens also presented a second resolution as follows:

"The City Attorney is hereby requested to draw up appropriate legislation, authorizing the City to issue up to \$100,000 in bonds in order to augment the City's revolving fund for the funding of street improvements other than storm drainage; said revolving fund to be used exclusively for the financing of that portion of street-improvement expense to be met by property owners through improvement assessments; said bonds to be of such type as not to be retired except by use of revolving-fund money, whenever the need for the revolving fund diminishes or disappears."

Councilman Perring moved that this matter be deferred until a later meeting, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the respective Councilman for study. Motion seconded by Councilman McClenon and approved.

Regarding the public address system used at the last regular council meeting, Councilman Githens advised that he had a communication from the parties who demonstrated this system, they quoting a price of \$567.50 for the installation of same. After discussion of this matter, Councilman Beville volunteered to look into this matter, and obtain costs for a system comparable to the one used, in order that the Council could make a comparison.

Councilman Parkerson brought to attention of Council the appointment of Mr. Flagg as a paid fireman for the City Fire Dept., and after a discussion of the matter, same was tabled until a later meeting.

Matters pertaining to Police Department Officers were discussed at length, after which Councilman Perring moved that Officer C. E. Thomas be called "Chief of Police" of Takoma Park with rank of Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Councilman Beville and approved.

Councilman Parkerson moved that arrangements be made at an early date for a competitive examination of the private members of the Police Force to determine which are best fitted for a promotion to Corporal.

Councilman Nies presented to Council Auditor's report of the Clerk and Treasurers books for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1948 and moved that the report be adopted as submitted by the Auditor and that the report be published in the Takoma Journal, with the exception of the inventories and delinquent taxes. Motion seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Regarding the bids submitted this evening for the paving of portions of Margaret Drive and Boston Avenue, Councilman Perring moved that the bid of the Suburban Engineering and Construction Company for the paving of these streets as advertised be accepted, and that the contract be awarded to them. Motion seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Matter of the Wagner Flats on Lake Avenue was discussed at length, after which Councilman Heffner moved that the owner, Mr. Leopold Wagner, be given until November 15th, 1948 to clear this building of tenants, and that if this order is not complied with that the Corporation Counsel immediately take legal steps to evict the tenants. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Matters of Charter changes were brought up for discussion by Councilman McClenon, after which Councilman McClenon moved that the Council go on record as favoring the system of annual elections of two year terms, as they formerly were in the City, until the year 1940, same subject to a referendum. Motion seconded by Councilman Heffner. Motion was not approved.

Council McClenon then moved that the Council go on record as favoring biennial elections with four year term, same subject to referendum. Motion seconded by Councilman Heffner. Motion was not approved.

After further discussion of the matter, it was moved by Councilman Perring that this matter be tabled until a later meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Mayor Post stated that it was with deep regret that he advise Council of the decision of Clerk and Treasurer, J. Wilson Dodd, to retire effective December 31st, 1948. After discussion of this matter Councilman McClenon moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as expressing regrets in connection with the decision of Mr. Dodd to retire, and that they express their appreciation for the many years of faithful service he has rendered to the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Perring and approved.

There being no further business to come before Council, on motion, properly seconded, Council adjourned at 11:55 P. M.

J. Wilson Dodd
Clerk

John C. Post
Mayor

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