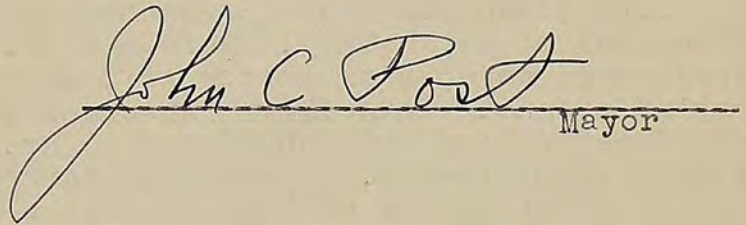


Section 1. That the plat of dedication of a portion of the New Hampshire Gardens Subdivision, Prince George's County, Maryland, identified as Parcel "A", as filed by Gussie Gorin, Max Gorin, Theresa E. Horning, Joseph F. Horning, Harry E. Gorin, Louis Gorin, and Esther Gorin, be and the same is hereby approved, subject to conditions as set forth in Ordinance No. 920, adopted by the Mayor and Council on August 16th, 1948.

This action seconded by Councilman Parkerson and was put to a call of the roll with the following vote: Heffner, yes; McClenon, yes; Nies, yes; Beville, yes; Parkerson, Yes; and Perring, Yes.

Councilman Parkerson offered a motion of adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and upon being put to question was carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P. M. November 24th, 1948.


Clerk


Mayor

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK ON 1 DECEMBER 1948.

Meeting was called to order at 8 O'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Post, Councilmen Heffner, Nies, Beville, Parkerson and Perring.

D. D. Lamond, Attorney, appeared before the Council and asked for Quit Claim Deed for the Suburban Title Company for the purpose of clearing title to 11 lots on West Grant Avenue, known as Bonnie View Subdivision. He stated that the Council had approved a plat of this Subdivision in 1941 wherein the overlapping occurred, and since the town did not claim any part of the land mentioned in 1941, the owners in this area had purchased according to the above mentioned dedication. After discussion of this matter Councilman Perring moved that the City sign any necessary Quit Claim Deed to clear the title to this property. Motion was seconded by Councilman Heffner and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Parkerson reported to the Mayor and Council on the police situation as pertains to Officer Skiiner, Chief Police Officer Thomas and the administration of the parking meters. After full discussion of this matter by the Mayor and Council, Councilman Nies was appointed to perfect a plan for the collection and accounting for the receipts of the meters. Councilman Parkerson was appointed by the Mayor to perfect a personnel plan with regard to the meters and their administration.

Councilman Parkerson presented to the Mayor and Council the proposed Rules and Regulations governing the Fire Department and moved to approve the Rules and Regulations as presented with the exception of Article 2. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried. Councilman Nies then moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of Councilmen and the heads of various departments to work out and present to Council for consideration a uniform policy based on a Merit System. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and upon being put to question was carried. Mayor Post then appointed the following committee: Councilman Perring, Chairman; Councilmen Nies and Heffner, Members; Fire Chief McBride, Member; Chief Police Officer Thomas, Member; Superintendent of Public Works Fischer, Member; Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Ellis, Member.

Councilman Parkerson presented to the Mayor and Council the matter of request of Mr. Mark A. Keefe and Mr. William H. Tracy requesting appointment as special police officer to control reckless driving on Erskine Avenue. Councilman Parkerson presented copy of a communication from Chief Police Officer Thomas to Mr. Tracy and Mr. Keefe declining to make appointments. Councilman Parkerson moved that the recommendation of Chief Police Officer Thomas be accepted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Parkerson presented to the Mayor and Council a report from Fire Chief McBride on conditions existing at 225 Cedar Avenue suggesting that the City Electrical Inspector make an examination of this building. Councilman Parkerson moved that an investigation be made by the Fire Marshal, Health Officer, Electrical Inspector and Building Inspector, and the recommendations be made to the Mayor and Council as to conditions and actions. Councilman Perring pointed out that this was another zoning violation and requested Councilman Parkerson to withdraw his motion. Councilman Parkerson withdrew his motion. Councilman Perring suggested that the Municipal Service Committee propose a definite policy to be followed by the City in such matters and to bring such recommendations before the Council.

Councilman Parkerson presented application for Driver's License for Winfield Lee Fowler, 256 Manor Circle, Takoma park, Maryland, and moved its approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Parkerson presented application for Driver's License for Milton A. Wannall, Jr., 411 Schuyler Road, Silver Spring, Maryland and Hubert Ford, Jr., 816 Greenwood Circle, Takoma Park, Maryland, and moved that these applications be disapproved. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Parkerson suggested that the Chief Police Officer of Takoma Park continue to place stop signs wherever he deems necessary without reference to Council.

The matter as to whether a charge should be made for the use of the City Fire Hall for County Election purposes was discussed. Councilman Nies moved that the City charge a regular rental for use of the Fire Hall for such purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was lost. Mayor Post then advised Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Ellis, to advise the County authorities that no charge would be made for the use of this building for election purposes.

The matter of reconsideration of the request of Mr. Roy S. Johnson for reduction in his assessment for storm sewer which was tabled at the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council on 11 October 1948 was brought before the Council by action of Councilman Parkerson. After discussion, Councilman Nies moved that Mr. Johnson's assessment be reduced to the amount of \$600.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson. On roll call vote the motion was carried and the recorded vote is as follows: Voting Yea, Councilmen Beville, Nies, Parkerson and Perring; Voting Nay, Councilman Heffner.

The matter of the approval for a regular form of petition for streets and other municipal improvements as contemplated under the provisions of Section 1198 of the City Charter was presented by Councilman Beville. Councilman Beville moved the adoption of the following form of petition:

The Mayor and Council
City of Takoma Park:

Section 1. We, the undersigned, being the owners of all of the property abutting upon the street or public right of way described below respectfully petition the Mayor and Council to undertake the construction of the public work hereinafter described and hereby waive all notice of hearing and the compliance by the City of Takoma Park with the provisions of Section 1198 of its Charter, and consent and agree that the City shall proceed with the construction of the said public work and that the costs thereof shall be assessed against the property benefitted thereby, all in accordance with the established policy of the City.

Section 2. Description and location of public work desired:

Section 3. NAME ADDRESS SUBDIVISION BLOCK LOT

Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Beville introduced for discussion Street Improvements on Heather Avenue, Hancock Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, Dogwood Avenue, Barclay Avenue and unnamed alley in the vicinity of Albemarle and Maple Avenues and an unnamed alley in the vicinity of Heather Avenue and Sligo Parkway, West. The matter of general improvements in these areas were discussed at length. Councilman Beville moved the adoption of the following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 928

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1193 and 1198 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the Mayor and Council have under consideration certain improvements in Hancock and Sheridan Avenues, abutting the following properties: General S. S. Carroll Subdivision, Block 7, Lots 1, 7, 8, 9; Block 8, Lots 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; Block 10, Lots 1 through 7, the cost of said improvements to be assessed against the abutting properties in the usual manner.

Section 2. The approximate costs of the contemplated improvements are as follows:

- (1) 1530 linear feet concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot.
- (2) Excavation and grade alignment \$300.00.
- (3) 300 tons crushed rock at \$3.00 per ton.
- (4) 300 tons Bituminous Cement surface at \$7.00 per ton.
- (5) 1 type A-2 Inlet \$450.00.
- (6) Engineering and legal fees \$250.00.
- (7) Private drives and entrances may be requested and the direct charge will be assessed against the property benefitted.

Section 3. The Mayor and Council at a special meeting on December 17, 1948 convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the improvements herein proposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 929

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1193 and 1198 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the Mayor and Council have under consideration certain improvements in Dogwood Avenue between Cedar and Holly Avenues, abutting the following properties: B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, Block 6, Lots 24 and 25; Block 6-B, Outlot "A"; Block 6-A, Lots 5 through 8. Petty Estate Subdivision, Block 84, Lots 1 and 14; Block 85, Lots 1 and 2, the cost of said improvements to be assessed against the abutting properties in the usual manner.

Section 2. The approximate costs of the contemplated improvements are as follows:

- (1) 1235 linear feet concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot.
- (2) Excavation and grade alignment \$250.00.
- (3) 240 tons crushed rock at \$3.00 per ton.
- (4) 240 tons bituminous cement surface at \$7.00 per ton.
- (5) 1 type A-2 Inlet \$450.00.
- (6) Engineering and legal fees \$250.00.
- (7) Private drives and entrances may be requested and the direct charge will be assessed against the property benefitted.

Section 3. The Mayor and Council at a special meeting on December 17th, 1948 convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the improvements herein proposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 930

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1193 and 1198 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the Mayor and Council have under consideration certain improvements on Barclay Avenue, abutting the following properties: B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, Block 6-B, Lots 3, 4 and 5; Block 6-C, Lots 1 and 4, the cost of said improvements to be assessed against the abutting properties in the usual manner.

See 19:36

Section 2. The approximate costs of the contemplated improvements are as follows:

- (1) 500 linear feet concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot.
- (2) Excavation and grade alignment \$100.00.
- (3) 100 tons crushed rock at \$3.00 per ton.
- (4) 240 tons bituminous cement surface at \$7.00 per ton.
- (5) Engineering and legal fees \$100.00.
- (6) private drives and entrances may be requested and the direct charge will be assessed against the property benefitted.

Section 3. The Mayor and Council at a special meeting on December 17, 1948 convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the improvements herein proposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 931

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1193 and 1198 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the Mayor and Council have under consideration certain improvements in Heather Avenue extended, abutting the following properties: Wild-wood Section 1 Subdivision, Block 4, Lots 2 through 9; Block 5, Lots 1, 2 and 3; B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, Block 33, Lots 1 through 9, the cost of said improvements to be assessed against the abutting properties in the usual manner.

See 19:137

Section 2. The approximate costs of the contemplated improvements are as follows:

- (1) 600 linear feet concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot.
- (2) Excavation and grade alignment \$150.00.
- (3) 240 tons crushed rock at \$3.00 per ton.
- (4) 240 tons bituminous cement surface at \$7.00 per ton.
- (5) Engineering and legal fees \$250.00.
- (6) Private drives and entrances may be requested and the direct charge will be assessed against the property benefitted.

Section 3. The Mayor and Council at a special meeting on December 17th, 1948 convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the improvements herein proposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 932

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1193 and 1198 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the Mayor and Council have under consideration certain improvements in Wildwood Section 1 Subdivision, Block 3 abutting Lots 1 through 12, and Block 4 abutting Lots 1 through 9; Wildwood Section 2 Subdivision, Block 5 abutting Lots 1 through 4, and Block 6 abutting Lots 1 through 5, Block 7 abutting Parcel "A", said improvements being conversion of an unimproved and unnamed alley into an improved service drive, the cost of said improvements to be assessed against the abutting properties in the usual manner.

Section 2. The approximate costs of the contemplated improvements are as follows:

- See 19.37*
- (1) 2180 linear feet concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot.
 - (2) Excavation and grade alignment \$1,000.00/
 - (3) 420 tons crushed rock at \$3.00 per ton.
 - (4) 140 tons asphalt surface at \$4.00 per ton.
 - (5) Engineering and legal fees \$350.00.
 - (6) Private drives and entrances may be requested and the direct charge will be assessed against the property benefitted.

Section 3. The Mayor and Council at a special meeting on December 17th, 1948 convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the improvements herein proposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 933

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

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 1193 and 1198 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the Mayor and Council have under consideration certain improvements in Block 53, B. F. Gilbert Addition to Takoma Park, abutting Lots 33 through 52, said improvements being conversion of an unimproved and unnamed Alley into an improved service drive, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the abutting properties in the usual manner.


Section 2. The approximate costs of the contemplated improvements are as follows:

- See 12.34*
- (1) 1950 linear feet concrete curb and gutter at \$2.00 per linear foot.
 - (2) Excavation and grade alignment \$500.00.
 - (3) 390 tons crush rock at \$3.00 per ton.
 - (4) 130 tons asphalt surface at \$4.50 per ton.
 - (5) Engineering and legal fees \$300.00.
 - (6) Private drives and entrances may be requested and the direct charge will be assessed against the property benefitted.

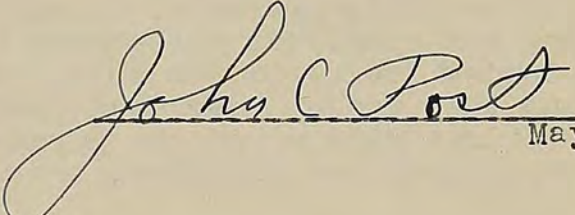
Section 3. The Mayor and Council at a special meeting on December 17th, 1948 convening at eight o'clock P. M., at the Takoma Park Fire Department Building, Carroll and Denwood Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners desiring to be heard in regards to the improvements herein proposed.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and upon being put to question was carried.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Ellis, was instructed by the Mayor and Council to include Birch Avenue in the program for public hearings as quickly as possible. Councilman Nies introduced the motion for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.



 Clerk



 Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 Dec. 15th, 1948

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

The meeting was called for the purpose of a public hearing on the paving of certain streets under the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 928, 929, 930, 931, 932 and 933. The meeting was opened by Mayor Post, who, after stating the purpose of the meeting, turned same over to Councilman Beville, Chairman of the Streets and Highways Committee.

Councilman Beville stated that the Council would be glad to hear from those present interested in the paving of the six streets advertised for hearing.

Mr. Robert R. Ellis, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, reported to the Mayor and Council that the City of Takoma Park had 31.35 miles of streets, of which 11.51 miles were excellent, 9.20 miles were good, 4.41 miles were fair and 6.25 miles were poor, which gives us 10.66 miles of streets which require immediate repair and rehabilitation, and the cost of maintenance on this group of streets was so high that the City was justified in going ahead with rebuilding the streets. The average cost of construction for this group of six streets presented was 29¢ per sq. foot including curb and gutter.

The result of the hearing is as follows:

Hancock and Sheridan Avenues - Opposed: John E. Lady and Virginia A. Ferguson. S. E. Livezey did not state.

Dogwood Avenue - Opposed: Harry P. Dodge, Thomas W. Kelly and F. L. Verwiebe. In favor of: H. W. Stoehr.

Barclay Avenue - Opposed: A. J. Williams and John M. Fisher.

Heather Avenue - Opposed: Mrs. E. W. Yorkdale, Mr. William H. Hutton, Mr. G. B. Stacy and Mr. R. L. Rusk.

Service Drive #2 - In favor of: Mr. H. E. Preston

Service Drive #1 - In favor of: Mr. William B. Ford, Mr. W. P. Bradley, Mr. B. A. Wright, Mr. Frederick Lee, Mr. O. J. Gibson, Mr. W. S. Steele, Mr. William P. Pringle and Mr. Max Shoup. Opposed: Mrs. Mildred L. Ford and Dr. John C. Lintner, both represented by Mr. Presley, Attorney, and Mr. Leland Smith.

There being no one else to be heard from the hearing was closed.

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Councilman Nies presented to council bill from the Suburban Engineering and Construction Company for the construction of storm sewer on Spring Avenue in the amount of \$2108.00. Councilman Nies stated that this was an emergency job and there was no time to get bids, etc. Councilman Nies moved the payment of this bill, and upon being seconded by Councilman McClenon, the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies presented to Council bill from the Suburban Engineering and Construction Company for the grading and seeding of the Park Avenue Playground, \$800.00, and sidewalk \$350.00, total \$1150.00. After discussion Councilman Nies moved the payment of this bill, and upon being seconded by Councilman McClenon, the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies presented to Council bill from the Suburban Engineering & Construction Company for the laying of 40 linear feet of 15" Pipe at 1001 Carroll Avenue in the amount of \$220.00, and moved the payment of this bill. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and the motion was carried.

* See below.

Mr. R. R. Ellis, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, reported to Council that he had received a petition from residents of Larch and Cherry Avenues, requesting that these streets be paved. After discussion the matter was referred to the Streets and Highways Committee for report later.

Mayor Post informed Council that the second Police Car ordered has arrived, and the matter of disposing of the old #1 Police Car was discussed. It was brought out in the discussion that the Municipal Service Committee Chairman has put in a bid for the car for use of the Fire Chief, also the Chairman of the Streets and Highways Committee has spoken for the car to be used by the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. The final decision was that the car be sold as per original plans.

Upon motion of Councilman McClenon, seconded by Councilman Nies, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 P. M.

* Councilman Nies presented to Council bill from the Suburban Engineering & Construction Company for 90% of the work completed on the street paving project, in the amount of \$14,844.97, and moved the payment of this bill. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and the motion was carried.

John C. Post, Mayor

A. H. Dodd, Clerk

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 1948

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

Upon motion property seconded the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15th, 1948 and Special Meetings of November 24, 1948, December 1st, 1948 and December 15th, 1948 was dispensed with.

Councilman Heffner stated that he questioned the action of the Council at the Regular Meeting of November 15, 1948 in the sale of Tax Sale Lot 9 in Block 36, Gilbert Subdivision, as it was his opinion that this lot should have been advertised before sold. In the discussion it was brought out that the lot was advertised at the time it was sold for taxes. The matter was referred to Councilman Nies.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$ 9,657.62
Less Discounts-----	27.69
	<u>9,629.93</u>
Interest and Penalties-----	157.44
Charges-----	9.50
Special Assessments-----	1,441.43
Building Permits-----	14.00
Electrical Permits-----	7.00
Excavation Permits-----	1.00
Taxicab Stand Rental-----	12.50
Taxicab Badge Deposit-----	8.25
Dog Tax-----	2.25
State Roads Commission Gas and Motor Vehicle Tax Montgomery County-----	1,516.46
State Roads Commission Gas and Motor Vehicle Tax Prince George's County-----	768.46
Prince George's County License and-----	8.05
Franchise Tax - State of Maryland-----	2.50
Corporation Tax - Montgomery County-----	24.48
Montgomery County Fire Department-----	9.15
Montgomery County Police Telephone-----	12.00
Parking Meters - Collection-----	634.50
Parking Meters - Violations-----	47.00
	<u>\$14,305.90</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

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STREETS:	Salaries-Superintendents	\$	713.78	
	Labor		516.68	
	Material		497.75	
	Material Storm Sewer		14.50	
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep		369.02	
	Parts of Street Signs		363.95	
	Supplies		87.61	
	Equipment - Parts of Snow Plows		12.25	
	Grading - H. M. Subdivision		45.00	
	Engineering Equipment		258.24	
	Engineering Supplies		35.10	\$ 2,913.88
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REFUSE:	Trash: Labor	\$1,157.80		
	" Disposal	187.90		
	" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	143.68		
	" Supplies	22.75		
	Garbage: Labor	860.76		
	" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	84.13		
	" Supplies	3.29		
	Ashes: Labor	480.83		\$ 2,941.14
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LIGHTS:	Streets		596.77	
	Traffic		8.83	\$ 605.60
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POLICE:	Salaries	\$1,816.46		
	Clothing Allowance	106.00		
	Station Repairs	61.72		
	Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	320.23		
	Supplies	44.36		
	Telephones, Lights, and Fuel	76.29		
	Equipment: Collar Insignas	52.00		
	" Emblems	54.60		
	Supplies	7.55		\$ 2,539.21
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OFFICE:	Salaries	821.41	✓	
	Rent	100.00	✓	
	Equipment: Table & Chairs	116.75	✓	
	Ad for help	12.18	✓	
	Postage and Printing	16.75	✓	
	Advertising: Ordinances	23.50	✓	
	Telephone	17.48	✓	
	Supplies	11.25		\$ 1,119.32
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FIRE DEPT.	Salaries	\$1,635.36		
	Fire Fighting Clothes	146.50		
	Fuel	60.50	✓	
	Gas and Oil	93.24		
	Telephone	9.64	✓	
	Gas	9.94	✓	
	Clothes and Maintenance	23.45		
	Supplies	2.00		\$ 1,980.63
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ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:	Storm Sewer - D.E.Rebob- Lots 5 & 6, Block 56A, Gilbert Subdivision	247.82		
	Boston Ave.-Margaret Drive,Paving	9.40		\$ 257.22
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Quarter payments and interest on F. Dept. Note	640.00 ✓	
Tax Revenue - Library Association	793.41 ✓	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance Premium	867.69 ✓	
Audit Expense	123.00 ✓	
Municipal Building Expense	58.27 ✓	
Recording Fees	2.25 ✓	
Refund Taxes paid twice	53.10 ✓	
Parking Meter Expense	.83 ✓	
Flower's Former Councilman Artell	12.00 ✓	
Montgomery County Police Telephone Corporation Counsel Compensation	12.00 ✓	
Building Inspector's Salary	80.00 ✓	
Electrical Inspector's Salary	83.33 ✓	
Health Officer's Salary	50.00 ✓	
Henry Field's Retirement	41.67 ✓	
Justice of Peace - Montgomery County	25.00 ✓	
Justice of Peace - Prince George's County	25.00 ✓	
Dog Expense	8.00 ✓	
		<u>\$ 2,900.55</u>
		\$15,257.55

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

10/31/48 - On hand Citizens Bank	\$72,747.26	
Deposits in November, 1948	13,901.41	
	<u>86,648.67</u>	
11/30/48	Withdrawn in November, 1948	<u>5,758.94</u>
	On hand	\$80,889.73
10/31/48	On Hand Sub. Nat'l, Tk. Pk.	\$46,800.37
	Deposits in November, 1948	404.49
		<u>47,204.86</u>
	Withdrawn in November, 1948	<u>9,498.61</u>
11/30/48	On hand	\$37,706.25

REVOLVING FUND

8/31/48 - Citizen's Bank Interest bearing Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
11/30/48	On hand all banks	\$128.595.98

Bills in the amount of \$5,785.00 were presented by the Finance Committee, which were approved for payment.

Mayor Post asked the Finance Committee Chairman to prepare statement of funds appropriated but not spent, also a statement of general expenses for the balance of year.

The Acting Clerk read petition signed by residents of Cedar Avenue pertaining to conditions at 225 Cedar Ave. and alleging certain violations.

Mr. C. L. Risher, 228 Cedar Avenue addressed council and stated that he was the original signed of the petition and asked that correction be made on the last page by crossing out the 4th line, which stated that this building could be used as a rooming or boarding house.

Mr. N.C. Jones, 312 Cedar Avenue addressed council and stated that he was a signer of the petition and gave his 100% approval of same.

Mr. Paul Kelly, 8 Elwyn Court addressed council and stated that he had a very bad drainage problem, that his house had been threatened by a washout, the water being an abnormal drainage from Ritchie Avenue. Mr. Kelly stated that a temporary sluice had been put in.

The drainage of the water into Sligo Creek was discussed and it was found that this property belongs to Mr. E. Brooke Lee, who will not give dedication until an improvement he has in mind is completed.

Mr. R.R. Ellis, Asst. Supt. of Public Works stated that it is believed that a catch basin could be placed back of Mr. Kelly's property at a distance of about 100 ft., which would give Mr. Kelly about 80% effective relief, which would cost about \$800.00 or \$850.00.

Councilman Beville, Chairman of the Streets and Highway Committee stated that there would have to be a more thorough study made of the situation.

Mr. Robert Mohr, 217 Spring Ave. addressed council and stated that Mr. C.E. Werback of 6607 Cockerille Ave. requested that he ask council if they were going to place buckets of sand at intersections and steep grades, to be used during icy weather. After discussion Councilman Beville moved that the Supt. of Public Works be authorized to provide such facilities on steep grades and at intersections. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

Mr. N.C. Jones, 312 Cedar Ave. addressed council regarding the bad condition that exists at the intersection of Maple and Park Aves. during oicy weather and asked that sand and ashes be provided there.

Mayor Post stated that he had received several requests that "STOP" signs be eliminated at the top of steep grades, in order that cars can go on through without stopping when the street is icy, and prevent cars from stalling.

Mr. R. L. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Avenue thanked the Mayor and Council for the "One-Way" parking on Albemarle Avenue.

Mrs. J. R. Hemingway, in be-half of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Philadelphia Avenue Elementary School, thanked the Mayor and Council for completion of the sidewalk on East-West Highway near the school.

Mr. J.D. Bradshaw, Corporation Counsel, stated to council that a movement to abolish our Court in Takoma Park, and have Judge Wheeler sit only in Silver Spring, is underfoot. Mr. Bradshaw pointed out that it was a great convenience to the Police Department and the lawyers of Takoma Park by having court session here, as the police do not have to leave the Municipality. Chief of police Thomas stated that if the Court is changed to Silver Spring the police officers will have to go to Silver Spring whether the defendent shows up or not.

After discussion of the matter Councilman McClenon moved that we go on record as being opposed to any movement that would eliminate Takoma Park as one place in which a Trial Magistrate can sit for the hearing of cases. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beville.

After further discussion Councilman McClenon made an amendment to his motion that the Corporation Counsel be authorized to draw up a resolution and send to the proper persons, notifying them of the fact that we have adopted this resolution. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and upon being put to question was approved.

"WHEREAS, the laws of Maryland provide that the Trial Magistrate for the Eastern Suburban District of Montgomery County shall sit at least one day each week within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park, and

WHEREAS, the existance of this Court in Takoma Park is a great convenience to the citizens, as well as the Police Officers of the City and County, and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that it is proposed to amend the Trial Magistrate's law in such a manner as to abolish the Takoma Park Trial Magistrate's Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council deplore and condemn any effort to abolish the present requirements of the laws of Maryland that the Trial Magistrate for the Eastern Suburban District of Montgomery County sit at least one day each week within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park, and urges the State Senator from Montgomery County, as well as the entire Legislative Delegation, to oppose any amendment to the existing law which would deprive Takoma Park of its Trial Magistrate's Court."

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE: Councilman Perring, Chairman, read to Council Financial Statement from Chief McBride showing total receipts received from rentals of the Gymnasium in the Fire Hall, and expenses paid, leaving a balance of \$45.00. Councilman Perring questioned Chief McBride receiving moneys and paying expenses relating to the renting of the Gymnasium, stating that he felt Chief McBride could receive the rents and turn over to the Treasurer's Office, and the Treasurer pay all expenses.

Councilman Perring brought up the subject of roping off streets for sledding during sledding weather. After discussion Councilman Perring moved that the Parks and Playgrounds Committee be empowered to designate certain streets in the City for sledding purposes, providing that this does not involv legal responsibilities to the City in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and when put to question was a pproved.

Mr. Leopold Wagner addressed Council regarding the apartment on Lake Avenue, and stated that he had had blue prints made up to remodel this apartment building, but could do nothing until he received a Building Permit from the City, as the Building Inspector of Prince Georges County had refused to issue a Building Permit as long as there was a condemnation notice posted on the building. Mr. Wagner asked Council if the condemnation notices could not be removed in order to get a Building Permit from Prince Georges County, and he could then

go ahead with the remodeling of the building. The Corporation Counsel informed Council that if they decided to grant Mr. Wagner's request it would automatically annul what it has already done. The matter was referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

In further discussion of the matter Councilman Parkerson moved that the Police Department be instructed to carry out the eviction order of the Council as soon as practicable after the first of the year. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon. A Roll Call Vote was made as follows: Councilman Heffner, not voting. Councilmen Nies and Perring voting "no". Councilmen Beville, McClenon and Parkerson voting "Yea". Motion carried.

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE, Councilman Beville, Chairman, presented to council the following Ordinance and moved its adoption; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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ORDINANCE NO. 934

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 improvement of Service Drive #1, as advertised in Ordinance No. 933, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting December 1, 1948, and the improvement of said Service Drive #1 is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance.

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 within ninety days from the date of 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 cen per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman McClenon, and the Ordinance was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote, voting Yea, Councilmen Heffner, Beville, McClenon, Nies and Perring, voting Nay, none.

Councilman Post stated that the American League of Municipalities was now being revived and was in the process

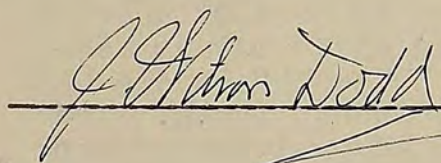
of organization. Mayor Post stated that the cost of membership per year is \$288.00, and explained the advantages of the organization. After discussion Councilman McClenon moved to accept membership in the League of Municipalities and appropriate the \$288.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson, and upon being put to question was approved, Councilman Heffner voting "no".

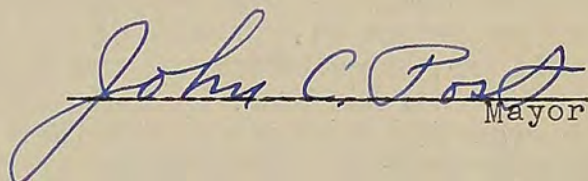
Mayor Post made announcement of the first convention being held Jan. 7 and 8th, 1949, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.

Councilman Parkerson stated that he had talked with Mr. Senseman in regard to repairs for accommodation of the new Fire Truck, and the cost would be \$33,500.00. This would take care of alterations as originally planned for the Fire House Building.

Councilman Nies stated that his committee was considering applications for City Clerk and Treasurer.

Upon motion properly seconded Council adjourned at 11:06 P. M.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
Mayor and Council
December 29, 1948

Meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. Those present: Mayor Post, Councilmen Nies, Parkerson, Githens, Beville, McClenon, and Perring. Absent: Councilman Heffner.

The Selection of a Clerk and Treasurer for the City to replace the retiring incumbent, J. Wilson Dodd, was discussed at length after full discussion of all applicants. Councilman Nies moved that the City employ Mr. Harold J. Hilliard, Sr. as Clerk and Treasurer effective the date of his qualification for bond and certification of his employability under the State Retirement Laws at a salary of \$3600.00 per year. Motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Parkerson discussed the personnel situation in the Police Department with regard to Officer Wells Skinner and read to the Council two letters from Chief Police Officer Thomas:

1st Letter Dated December 27, 1948

"My investigation of statements made by Wells Skinner in his application for employment with the City of Takoma Park, Md. on March of this year are as follows:

1. In his application he stated he was employed as a civilian guard for the U. S. Bureau of Standards from January, 1934 until October, 1939 or five (5) years and 9 months. My investigation shows he was employed by the U. S. Bureau of

Standards as a civilian guard from May 1, 1942 until August 27, 1944 or 2 years and 3 months. A difference of 3 years and 7 months.

2. He stated he was employed by the Florida State Police of 600 Madison Street, Tampa from February 1939 until October 1946 or 7 years and 8 months. My investigation shows he has never been employed by the Florida State Police Department. However he was employed by the City of Tampa, Florida Police Department as a Police Officer from November 3, 1944 until October 10, 1945 or about 11 months.

These records were given to me in personal conversation with officials of the departments mentioned, and a report in writing has been requested from them".

2nd Letter Dated December 28, 1948

"On Friday December 24, 1948 about 1:30 P.M. I endeavored to locate Officer Skinner who was working with Officer Linkins on the meter assignment in the business section of the city, I could not find him, but I was informed by Officer Linkins that Skinner had left in his car a short time before I arrived, he did not say where he was going or when he would return. I then requested Officer Linkins to have Skinner call me when he returned. I waited until 2:30 P.M. and as I did not hear from Skinner, I returned to the business section to see if anyone had seen or heard from him, he had not been seen since about 1 p.m. The traffic was very heavy and Officer Linkins had to stop his meter work and direct traffic for several hours. Skinner did not return to duty any more that day, nor did I see or hear from him until 9 A.M. Monday December 27, 48 when he came to the station and turned over to me his equipment, stating he had quit his job with the Police Dept. I asked him if he had thought it over and he stated he had, I then informed him it would be better if he would write a letter to that effect, and he said he would do so that day. He left the station and later in the day he called me and said he had talked with the Mayor and the Mayor told him to contact me and see if I would put him back on the meters, and if I would he would return to work. I told Officer Skinner I had no statement to make to him in regards to going back to work that I was going to take it up with the Police committee. Before I will restore Mr. Skinner to duty he will have to have a hearing before your committee on the following charges.

1. Leaving his meter assignment without permission, or being properly relieved.
2. Failing to devote full time and attention to his assignment.
3. Why he has continually transmitted to persons outside the Police Department information pertaining to contemplated changes in policy and personnel of the department.
4. Why he had made false and incorrect statements in his application for employment.

I have received no letter as yet from Mr. Skinner, and feel that the City should take some steps to have Mr. Skinner officially removed from the Police Department, and secure a man to replace him at once."

Mayor Post acted to suspend Officer Skinner as of the close of the business day 24 December 1948 pending final action by a Police Trial Board consisting of the members of the Municipal Service Committee to be convened Wednesday, January 5th, 1949 at 7 o'clock p. m.

Councilman Githens discussed the matter of alterations and repairs to the fire house and advised the Council that it was the opinion of

the Service Improvements Committee that (1) The site of the present fire house cannot be improved upon from the fire protection point of view (2) The first floor probably would not cost as much as the purchase of new land (3) That it might be desirable to add still a second floor to the present fire house. Councilman Githens further stated that with the acquisition of the Aerial Truck, it was imperative to give consideration to certain plans for changes in the present fire house to accommodate this vehicle. Councilman Githens outlined the following alterations:

1. Laying of a steel and concrete floor.
2. Removal of one or more partitions between the present equipment room and assembly room.
3. Enlarging the center lane front doorway.
4. To provide in the new concrete floor a method for the later installation of wiring and plumbing in the event of further requirement.

Councilman Perring moved that the Civic Improvements Committee be instructed to investigate the possibility of renting suitable space for the new Aerial Truck and in the event of the lack of availability of such space that the Committee secure the service of a registered construction engineer and make preliminary studies of the feasibility of carrying out Councilman Githens plans. Further, that the committee be authorized an initial expenditure of \$100.00 for the preparation of the plans with the provision that such plans are found to be feasible, and that complete structural plans for the building be prepared at a cost not to exceed \$750.00 of which the original \$100.00 shall be a part. Motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved the recommendation of the repeal of Section 1195 of the present City Charter. Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring, and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that tax discounts should be revised to provide for a 1% discount in July and August, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ in September. That taxes paid during October should not be subject to discount and that after the first of November penalties on the same monthly schedule as the discounts should be applied. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beville.

Councilman Perring moved an amendment to abolish the discount entirely and make the tax payment date October 1, 1949 with the penalty schedule applying thereafter. Amendment was seconded by Councilman Nies. Upon roll call vote the motion was carried with the voting as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Beville, Perring and Githens. Nays: Councilmen Parkerson, Nies and McClenon. Deciding Vote: Mayor Post voted Yea.

Councilman Beville moved to advance the tax due date to Sept. 1st under which penalties would be imposed in order to facilitate further studies in reducing the tax rate. Motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and upon being put to question was approved.

Councilman McClenon moved an amendment providing that the legislative act eliminating the discount include the submission of the matter to a referendum. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson. On roll call vote the amendment was lost with voting as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Parkerson, Nies, and McClenon. Nays: Councilmen Githens, Perring and Beville. Deciding Vote; Mayor Post, Nay.

After general discussion of the preceeding motions and amendments, the Clerk was instructed that the minutes should reflect that the effect of the balloting was to submit the matter of the elimination of the tax discount to the legislature providing for the elimination of the tax discount and changing the penalty date to September 1st. On roll call vote, action was sustained. Voting as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Perring, Beville and Githens. Nays: Councilmen McClenon, Parkerson, and Nies. Deciding Vote: Mayor Post, Yea.

Councilman McClenon motioned that the Corporation Counsel with the approval of the Law and Ordinance Committee submit the actual draft of this proposed legislation to the legislature without further detailed examination by the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Beville read the following letter from Mr. H. E. Preston: Letter dated December 22, 1948.

"At the public hearing December 15, 1948, relative to the contemplated improvements to Heather Avenue and the laneway between Heather Avenue and Sligo Parkway, I pointed out that the laneway between Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 and Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 has a very good base and has in the past three months been black topped. Therefore these lots should not be included in the contemplated laneway improvements. Also, in reference to Lots 3, 4 and 5 in Block 6, I put sufficient base in this laneway when I was building houses here and there are no holes in this section. Therefore I feel if this section was just black topped it would hold for many years.

Regarding Heather Avenue, if street improvements are made here they should stop at Lot 2 in Block 5, as this is not a through street and sewer and water are not in this section behind Lot 2.

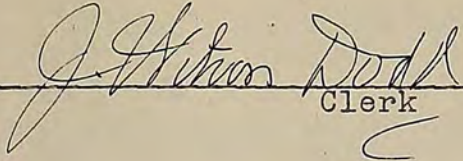
In reference to the concrete laneway on the side of Lot 1 in Block 6 running to Sligo Parkway, I wish to go on record as considering this laneway too steep for safe use in slippery weather. The grade is better than 18 degrees and at the bottom is Sligo Creek with a 20 foot drop. A car that attempted to descend this grade in slippery weather would undoubtedly become out of control and would have the alternative of possibly striking my house or going to rest in Sligo Creek. Of course I am concerned with possibility of damage to my property and I earnestly request that consideration be given to blocking off this section during unsafe weather. If the Council so desires, and would furnish me with the proper signs, I would perform this duty during such periods."

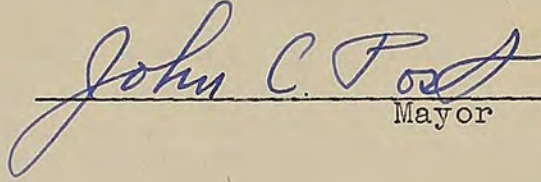
Councilman Beville moved that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to furnish Mr. Preston with signs and other equipment with which to control traffic in this alley during bad weather and that Mr. Preston be instructed to use such equipment under supervision of the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Beville moved that the City not pay a bill submitted on alleged damages in the amount of \$357.02 pertaining to the property of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis, residing at 207 Spring Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Nies moved that Auditors selected by the Finance Committee be employed for an immediate audit of the City accounts. Motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman McClenon at 11 o'clock P. M. moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilmen Nies and upon being put to question was carried.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
Mayor and Council
January 5, 1949

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

PARKS & PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Councilman Perring, Chairman, stated regarding the Colored Recreational Program, that it was best to take no action until we see what the new County Council is going to do, and to postpone the matter until the first of March.

Councilman Heffner stated that Charles R. Dixon, property owner on Ritchie Avenue, told him he had two lots he will sell for playground purposes for \$2500.00.

The taking out of excessive growth in Central Place Park and Central Park, to be ready for spring, and resodding and filling in, was discussed.

The matter of a swimming pool in Takoma Park, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission floating bonds to build six pools in the county, one to be in Takoma Park, also a large recreational building near the Takoma-Park-Silver Spring Intermediate School was discussed.

Mayor Post stated that the letter written by Mr. J. Bond Smith, General Counsel for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission of July 15, 1948, enclosing certified copy of formal resolution of the Commission transferring jurisdiction over the North Takoma Parks, effective July 15, 1948, had not been answered. After discussion upon motion of Councilman Perring, seconded by Councilman McClenon, the following resolution was adopted;

Jurisdiction over the North Takoma Parks located within the city limits, is hereby accepted from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, subject to the terms and provisions of its resolution dated July 8th, 1948.

It is requested that the title to these properties be transferred to the City of Takoma Park as soon as possible.

Councilman Perring stated that a comfort station in the Central and