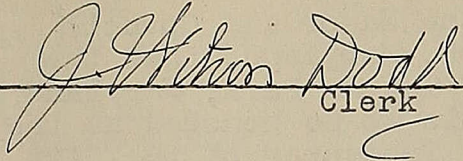
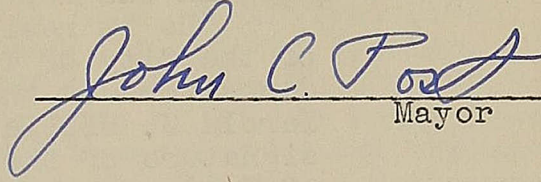


Councilman McClenon at 11 o'clock P. M. moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilmen Nies and upon being put to question was carried.


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

Walnut Parks was out of the question at the present time as the cost was \$2500.00 each.

Councilman Nies submitted to Council the following resolution for approval, which was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was approved.

"Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, that the depositors of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., is to be honored as the signature of the official Treasurer of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, effective the 5th. day of January, 1949."

The matter of insurance on the fire trucks, both liability and property damage, was discussed. The Clerk was directed to investigate.

Civic Organizations using the Fire Hall was discussed and it was brought out that according to agreement with the Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Hall could be used only for meetings of the Mayor and Council and the City and County elections.

Councilman Nies presented letter dated Sept. 15, 1948 from Mr. H. L. Thornton, station that he wanted to dedicate approximately ten feet of land in front of his property on Laurel Avenue, being parts of Lots 10, 11, 12, and 13, in Block "A", Fifield Subdivision, to the City of Takoma Park, which land is being used as a public walk-way, also the land on the Eastern Avenue side of Lot 10 in Block "A", Fifield, Subdivision, on which the present walk-way is laid adjacent to the District Line. Councilman Nies moved that the City of Takoma Park accept Mr. H. L. Thornton's dedication of parts of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13 in Block "A", Fifield Subdivision, according to Plat to be made up by Engineer McNeili, and turn Deed over to the City. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and approved.

Councilman McClenon stated that the Law and Ordinance Committee would having a hearing of the 225 Cedar Avenue Violation on February 2, 1949 at 8 Columbia Ave., and he would like to have the council attend.

The matter of an incinerator for the City was brought up and it was agreed that we need more data before the matter can be considered.

Regarding Amendment to Ordinance No. 920, Councilman McClenon presented to Council the following Ordinance, and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 935

An Ordinance to add a new Sub-section to Section 1 of Ordinance No. 920 which Ordinance was adopted August 16, 1948, title "permits", said new Sub-section to be known as Sub-section E and to follow immediately after Sub-section D of said Section 1 of said Ordinance requiring subdividers, developers, or individuals to pay all or such part of the construction cost of certain

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public works described in Ordinance No. 920 as may be determined by the Council.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of Takoma Park as authorized by the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, as the same are codified in the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930), Article 16, Sections 960 (A) and 973, and Article 17, Sections 953 (A) and 966, as amended, and as amended, and as further codified in Sections 1193 A and 1206 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1947) that a new Sub-section be and the same is hereby added to Section 1 of Ordinance No. 920 which Ordinance was adopted August 16, 1948, title "permits", said new Sub-section to be known as Sub-section E and to follow immediately after Sub-section D of said Section 1 of said Ordinance to read as follows:

E. The entire cost, or such part thereof as may be determined by the Council of any public work required to be performed under this Section, shall be performed at the cost of the subdivider, developer, or other individual responsible for such work.

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

Councilman Heffner brought up the matter of eviction of the tenants in Apartment of Lake Avenue, which building has been condemned. Two of the tenants were present and were questioned regarding their being able to get a place to live in, etc. After discussion the matter stood as before, and the Chief of Police was directed to see that no new people moved in the apartments under any circumstances.

Mr. R. P. Frye, Building Inspector reported to Council that we have application from the Otis Elevator Co. to install four elevators in the Washington Sanitarium Building, and suggested that the City get someone to inspect these elevators. After discussion the matter was referred to the Municipal Service Committee.

Councilman Parkerson moved that the building inspector be given authority to issue permit for installation of four elevators in the Washington Sanitarium Building. This motion was seconded by Councilman Perring and approved.

Councilman Parkerson reported to Council that he has resignation of Officer Wells J. Skinner, dated December 27, 1948, and his committee recommends and moves that Officer Skinner's resignation be accepted and that he be paid for two days, December 25 and 26, 1948, Officer's Skinner's hearing before the Police Trial Board having been cancelled. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

Regarding the hearing of J. Andru Dedrick of the Fire Department before the Fire Trial Board, Councilman Parkerson reported to Council that a communication had been received from Mr. Hedrick in which he offered his resignation, and moved that the resignation of Mr. Hedrick be accepted. This motion was seconded by Councilman

Githens and approved.

Councilman Parkerson reported to Council that Mr. Norman C. Jones, President of the Volunteer Fire Department, had suffered a stroke and moved that the Mayor and Council extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Jones in his illness and wish him a very speedy recovery. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and approved.

A copy of Rules and Regulations of the Police Department, by Lieut. Thomas, was submitted to Council, and Councilman McClenon moved that the matter be deferred until it can be studied further. Councilman Perring stated there should be more copies made so that everyone can have one in front of him.

Councilman Parkerson reported that there was a vacancy in the Police Department, and that the Municipal Service Committee will meet at the City Clerk's Office on January 18, 1949 to go over applications that the Chief of Police has on file.

Councilman Githens stated that he is still working on the matter of setting up an arrangement whereby the two counties would turn over a good fraction of taxes for police protection.

Councilman Githens stated regarding remodeling the Fire House Building that he has no report to make as yet.

Councilman Githens reported letter received offering to sell to the City, property at 45 Carroll Ave. as a site for the new Municipal Building, for the sum of \$75,000.00. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Githens presented to Council a proposed Ordinance to set up the office of Executive Secretary to the Mayor and Council stating that such an office had been created last spring without anything specific as to the kind of work.

Mayor Post stated that the Advisory Committee would meet January 6, 1949 and will consider proposal for City Manager, and asked Councilman Githens to be present, and any other member of the council that could.

Councilman Beville outlined the provision in the proposed Legislation which would enable the city to create a storm water drainage district, and to assess for storm water improvements by several methods. After discussion Councilman McClenon moved that council adopt in principle the provision in the proposed legislation outlined by Councilman Beville, and refer to the Law and Ordinance Committee for preparation in detail and submission to the Legislature. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

The matter of reading of the minutes at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council was discussed, and Councilman McClenon moved that the City Clerk furnish the council with copies of the minutes of each meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and approved.

Councilman Beville reported that the street construction program has been stopped on the Manor Circle portion and the Old

Carroll Avenue portion on account of bad weather. The Construction Company will be given the opportunity to proceed with the work in the Spring at the contract price, or we will have to advertise for bids.

Mayor Post advised Council that Mr. Arthur Brown, President of the Chamber of Commerce invites all Councilmen to its meeting on next Wednesday January 12, 1949, at the Junior High School, at which meeting Civic Planning will be discussed.

Mayor Post announced that reservations had been made at the Lord Baltimore Hotel for January 7th for those who attend the Convention of the League of Municipalities and wish to stay overnight.

The Clerk read to Council letter from Mayor Thomas S. Post of Cumberland, Maryland, regarding the raising of rates by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. After discussion Councilman Beville moved that the following resolution be sent to the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., and a copy be sent to the Public Service Commission of Maryland: This motion was seconded by Councilman Parkerson and approved.

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, without reserve, opposes the petition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to the Public Service Commission of Maryland, wherein they request a temporary and permanent increase in its telephone rates to its subscribers in the State of Maryland."

Upon motion properly seconded Council adjourned at Eleven P.M.

Harold J. Hilliard, Jr.
Clerk

John C. Post
Mayor