

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 1949

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 o'clock p. m. These present: Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Heffner, Nies, McClenon, and Perring, Absent: Councilmen Githens and Parkerson. There were also present the Building and Electrical Inspectors, and Dr. Burnett, the Health Inspector.

Mayor Post addressed the Council, the Building Inspector, the Electrical Inspector, and the Health Inspector, in regard to the preceding hearing held at 8 Columbia Avenue in connection with the petition of alleged zoning violations filed by Mr. G. L. Risher of 228 Cedar Avenue against Mr. Roy C. Potts, owner of 225 Cedar Avenue. Mayor Post stated in his address to the City Employees that they were to enforce the law on all new cases of alleged zoning violation brought to their attention. After further discussion of Zoning Violations in the City of Takoma Park, it was decided by the Mayor and Council to arrange a meeting with the Park and Planning Commission as soon as practicable to discuss joint views on Zoning. Mayor Post then read the following communication from Schegel & Golden, January 31, 1949, and asked Council if they would make recommendations to the Park and Planning Commission:

"All the property owners adjacent to, and adjoining the tract of land owned by Mr. C. Maurice Wedemeyer on Elm Ave. in Gilbert's sub-division, known as lots 69 to 75, at the corner of Prince Georges Ave., are very much opposed to the re-zoning of this property from Residential "A" to "C" for the purpose of building an apartment house.

This community is strictly residential, all detached houses, and the above mentioned lots happen to be the only parcel of vacant ground in this vicinity.

In our opinion this would definitely come under the classification of "SPOT ZONING", which is very undesirable to say the least.

We sincerely hope that you may investigate this case, and the merits of our complaint, and I am certain that all these property owners will feel grateful, if you might use your good office to register a protest before it reaches the Park and Planning Commission.

Each and every property owner in this neighborhood has offered to sign a petition for the record, as being opposed to this change".

Councilman Beville moved that we support Mr. Golden in his proposal, and address a letter to the

Park and Planning Commission recommending that they deny application for rezoning lots 69 to 75, Gilbert's Subdivision from Residential "A" to Residential "C".

Council Nies seconded the motion

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Mr. Fetty, Electrical Inspector, stated nearly every adult living at 225 Cedar Avenue owned an automobile and the police should be instructed to warn them about parking.

Mayor Post instructed the Clerk and Treasurer to have Chief of Police Thomas put up "No Parking" signs in this area.

Councilman Beville moved that Council authorize a letter be sent to certain property owners on Lincoln Avenue requesting the dedication of a small portion of their property to widen the City's right of way along Lincoln Avenue and thereby permit the widening and repaving of the street.

Councilman Heffner seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

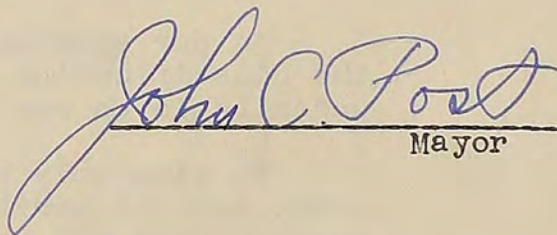
Councilman Beville moved that similar letter be sent to property owners along Ritchie Avenue for the widening and repaving of this street.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 P. M.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
February 17, 1949

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 o'clock p. m. Those present: Mayor Post, Councilman Beville, Heffner, Nies, McClenon, Githens, and Parkerson. Absent: Councilman Perring.

The Clerk & Treasurer presented Budget for period July 1, 1948 to February 1, 1949. Mr. Hilliard explained that a special account must be established for each project the city undertakes and that heretofore Special Assessment Accounts were not entered into Special Assessment Funds but were entered into the General Revenues of the City, and a Special Assessment Account should be set up. Mr. Hilliard also explained that assessable improvements were not a debt of the city, but a debt of the citizens, and instead of using our money use a bank's money that will enable us to get money for our normal requirements. Then Mr. Ellis recommended that the policy of the city be to finance all assessable improvement projects in accordance with the provisions of Section 1198 of the City Charter. After further discussion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for analysis and to have a report for the next regular meeting which is on February 28, 1949.

Councilman McClenon moved that the City Clerk be requested to send two bills: (1) Repeal and re-enactment of Section 1191 of the Montgomery County code (1947) Prince George's County code (1943) edition. (2) Repeal and re-enactment of Section 1199 of the Montgomery County code 1947 edition and Prince George's County code (1943) edition - to the Legislature and ask them to introduce these bills in the 1949 session.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that he and Dr. Githens be authorized to work out details to separate the City Manager plan and Expansion of the Corporate Limits plan so that it will be possible to poose part of the proposal and so that it can be voted on separately.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beville.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon suggested to strike out Line 2 of the 1st page of the Draft Rule that refers to the Creation of a New City. Council voted that the name to be used is "Greater Takoma Park".

Councilman McClenon next proposed several changes in Section 3 of the "Greater City" proposal. These were not accepted, and finally a majority expressed their sentiment in favor of deleting the continuance of Section 3, so that the Mayor would be separately elected as at present.

Discussion of Section 5 of the proposal resulted in a decision to strike out any reference to a change in the tax ceiling, and to substitute a provision for a tax rate adjustment committee, which would determine and publish adjustment schedules for those segments of the newer areas requiring same.

✓ In discussion of Paragraph 7, it was pointed out that the combined delegates had recently refused a request of the City Council to reinstate local registration for voting. Therefore it was decided to strike out those parts of Section 7 relating to local registration.

✓ In discussion of Paragraph 10, it was decided to change the wording so that the Council elected on March 28, 1950 would govern the Old City between time of its enauguration and July 1, 1950.

✓ Councilman McClenon moved we accept the plan with the various modification and that he and Dr. Githens would work out the exact wording.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Mayor Post asked that the Civic Improvements Committee appoint an Architect to draw up plans for the remodeling of the Fire House.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Upon motion properly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock Midnight.

Harold J. Hilliork, Sr
Clerk

John C. Post
Mayor

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

Upon motion properly seconded and carried the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 1949, was dispensed with.

Upon motion properly seconded and carried the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 3, 1949, was dispensed with.

Upon motion properly seconded and carried the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 17, 1949, was dispensed with.

The Financail Committee submitted bills in the amount of \$13,113.04 which were ordered paid. Councilman Perring requested that the two bills of the Suburban Engineering and Construction Co. in the amount of \$8,489.19 be referred to the Streets and Highway Committee for further study.

The Financial Statement for the month of January 1949 was presented by the Clerk and Treasurer and upon motion properly seconded and carried was ordered filed as follows:

RECEIPTS		
General Taxes-----		\$4,347.72
Interest and Penalties -----		173.94
Back Taxes -----		61.69
Special Assessments -----		308.55
Building Permits -----		11.00
Electrical " -----		12.00
Excavation " -----		3.00
Dog Tax -----		107.24
Taxicab Stand Rentals -----		250.00
Taxicab Badge Deposits -----		8.25
State of Md. - Admission Tax -----		2.26
" " " Franchise -----		21.25
Prince George County Comm. Share Racing Revenue 1948	1,206.40	
" " " " Fines 1948 -----	5.00	
Montgomery County Share Motor Vehicle Tags -----	7,355.00	
" " " Police Tele. -----	12.00	
Refund- Prem. Bond Clerk & Tres. -----	127.97	
" Fees paid Montg. Co. Assn. of Municapalities	38.98	
" Chg. on SH-2230 -----	4.30	
" " " SI-0278 -----	8.81	
Unclaimed Discounts -1947-1948 -----	82.80	
Refund - Comp. Ins. Pd. Employee -----	69.00	
Overage - Taxes Paid -----	106.15	
Parking Meter-Collections -----	522.11	
Parking " -Violations -----	129.00	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit -----	187.50	
		\$15,161.93

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS:	Salaries-Asst. Supt.	\$	713.80	
	Labor		522.85	
	Material		132.81	
	" Storm Sewer		38.00	
	Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep		152.39	
	Supplies		9.37	
	Street Sign		546.91	
	Trimming trees		415.00	
	Engineer & Equipment		32.89	2564.02
REFUSE:	Trash: Labor		1147.40	
	" Disposal		187.00	
	" Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep		367.36	
	Garbage: Labor		846.80	
	" Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep		88.53	
	" Installing hose		7.67	
	" Supplies		11.00	
	Ashes: Labor		493.10	3148.86
LIGHTS:	Streets		595.21	
	Traffic		9.08	604.29
POLICE:	Salaries		1,569.68	
	Clothing Allowance		80.00	
	Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep		368.80	
	Supplies-Office		32.01	
	" -Hwd.		16.34	
	" -First Aid		7.47	
	Telephone, lights, fuel		96.27	
	Equipment Antenna		15.98	
	Elec. Work Police Station		19.45	
	Police Car #2		2,216.30	4422.30
OFFICE:	Salaries		813.42	
	Supplies		5.50	
	Printing & Mimeo.		68.25	
	Postage		6.00	
	Ad-Help wanted		1.40	
	Telephone		26.57	
	Rent		100.00	1021.14
PARK & PLAYGROUND	Cutting down trees		673.00	673.00
ASSESSABLE IMP.	Paving Project #1		5,694.28	
	" " #2		13.40	5707.68
FIRE DEPT:	Salaries		1,382.60	
	Gas-Oil-Auto upkeep		61.56	
	Unifrom-Protective Equip.		111.50	
	First Aid Supplies		27.96	
	Laundry		11.62	
	Apparatis maintainance		9.20	
	Fuel		223.61	
	Tele-lights-Gas		67.70	
	Fireproofing boiler room		373.00	

Supplies-hardware	.70	
" -Office	<u>70.64</u>	2,340.09

MISC:	Tax revenue Library Assn.	653.39	
	Retirement appropriations	822.25	
	Quarter ending 3/31/49		
	Retirement proportional	31.22	
	Share expense 3/31/49		
	Professional Services	425.00	
	Drafting Legislative		
	Transfer Pr. Geo. County	30.25	
	" Montg. County	20.00	
	Ins. Premium	948.75	
	Municipal Bldg. Exp.	58.09	
	Parking Meters	29.30	
	Montg. Police Tele.	12.00	
	Corp. Counsel Salary	42.76	
	Bldg. Insp.	83.33	
	Elec. "	50.00	
	Health Officer	41.67	
	H. Field Retirement	25.00	
	Justice of Peace-Montg. Co.	25.00	
	" " " -Prince George County	25.00	
	Expense-Convention League of Municipalities	11.69	
	Petty cash-to make 50.00 Petty cash	20.00	
	Dog expense	3.00	
		<u>3,357.70</u>	
			<u>\$23,839.08</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

12/31/48	On Hand Citizens Bank	\$63,743.31	
	Certificate of Deposit	15,000.00	
		<u>78,743.31</u>	
1/10/49	Revolving Fund	10,000.00	
		<u>88,743.31</u>	
	Deposits - Jan-1949	1,897.94	
		<u>90,641.25</u>	
	Withdrawals-Jan-1949	22,917.59	
			<u>67,723.66</u>
1/31/49	On Hand		
12/31/48	On hand Sub. Nat. Takoma Park	15,050.34	
	Deposits-Jan-1949	13,263.99	
		<u>28,314.33</u>	
	Withdrawals-Jan-1949	921.49	
			<u>27,392.84</u>
1/31/49	On Hand		
1/31/49	On Hand all banks		<u>\$95,116.50</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from F.D. Slye, Chairman, Zoning Committee, Sligo Park Terrace Citizens Assn. regarding zoning violation at 7211 Central Ave. Referred to the Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Parent-Teacher's Assn. Montgomery Blair High School, regarding lack of sufficient school facilities in Montgomery County, parti-

cularly in Montgomery-Blair High School. Referred to the Health & Welfare Committee.

Letter from the Community League of Takoma Park requesting that the Mayor and Council grant to the Boys Club of Takoma Park and the Girls Club of Takoma Park the privilege of using the gymnasium in the Fire Department Building. Referred to the Parks and Playground Committee.

Letter from Flora G. Pollock, Secy. Sligo Park Citizens Association, thanking the Clerk and Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of Public Works for their prompt inspection of complaint on Central and Garland Avenue. Referred to the Streets and Highway Committee.

Letter from Ellery Denison, Secretary of the East Takoma Park Citizens Association regarding condition existing where streets of the city join state highways. Referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

Letter from the Community League of Takoma Park quoting motion passed at their meeting of January 17, 1949, as follows:

"RESOLVED, that The Community League of Takoma Park Maryland is opposed to the discontinuance of the discount on property taxes and is opposed to the moving of the date for delinquency from November 1 to September 1; and that copy of this resolution be sent to members of the City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland".

Petition signed by twelve persons petitioning the Mayor and Council to pave with bituminous concrete property abutting Cherry and Larch Avenues, Lots 3 thru 16 in Block 35, and Lots 2 thru 13 and Lots 20 and 21 in Block 34, Gilbert Subdivision. Referred to the Streets and Highway Committee.

Letter from Mrs. Jean Whiddon, Director and Mrs. Ethelyene L. Schmidt Co-Director, of the Takoma Girls Club, asking for the use of the Gymnasium in the Fire Department Building without fee.

Mrs. Schmidt addressed Council regarding this matter and stated that the Club now had nearly 200 members and they had no meeting place large enough. Mrs. Schmidt further stated that the Club had no sponsors and was being directed by herself and Mrs. Whiddon, and inasmuch as the Club was very worthwhile and an asset to the community, she was asking help from the Mayor and Council.

Mrs. L. H. Rule addressed Council and stated that her daughter belonged to the Club and she felt it a very worth-while cause.

Mr. R. L. Dunn addressed Council regarding this matter and stated that the city would be doing the boys and girls a great favor if they could use the gymnasium.

Mr. Dunn also stated that he had brought up the matter of renting the gymnasium sometime ago, and stated that a city owned building should not collect rent. Mayor Post stated to Mr. Dunn that the rent charged for the gymnasium covered the cost of heating and light only, the same as the school in Montgomery County do.

Mrs. William F. Fischer addressed Council regarding the renting of the Gymnasium and stated that the building was built for the Volunteer Fire Department and a Community Hall, and it was the City's responsibility to keep it as originally intended; a Community Hall.

Mr. Robert R. Ellis, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works stated to Council that the gymnasium with the present exits could accommodate but 49 persons at one time, but could be renovated at a cost of approximately \$750.00 to accommodate 200 persons.

Councilman Perring stated that in remodeling the Fire House Building the gymnasium could also be remodeled to accommodate more than the present limit of 49 persons.

The property on Hodges Lane owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission was discussed as to the possibility of a hut being built by the city for use of the Girl's Club, also the building of a swimming pool and a field house by the Park and Planning Commission in the near future.

The Mayor and Council discussed the matter with Mrs. Schmidt and the Mayor advised that the matter would be referred to the proper committee and action taken.

Mr. Thomas F. Hicks, 7211 Central Avenue, addressed Council regarding the zoning violation reported at 7211 Central Avenue, and stated that the premises are now as they were when he purchased same in July of last year, that the party living in his home is only there temporarily, and he has no intention of violating the zoning laws. Mr. Hicks further stated that before renting he consulted the Park and Planning Commission office and was advised that he would not be violating the zoning law.

Mrs. William F. Fischer addressed Council and asked if anything definite had been done regarding the Ritchie Avenue Colored Playground. Councilman Perring informed Mrs. Fischer that he had not had a committee meeting as yet but he had everything in line.

Mr. A. A. LaPoint, 303 Dogwood Avenue addressed Council and requested that Dogwood Avenue in the 300 Block be taken under consideration for permanent paving.

Mr. Charles A. Baylis, 305 Dogwood Avenue also addressed Council regarding permanent paving of the 300 Block of Dogwood Avenue, and stated that he was in favor of this work being done.

Councilman Beville, Chairman of the Streets and Highway Committee stated that he would look into the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Nies, Chairman, stated that he is studying our financial status at the present time, as the financing of the street paving program has held us up, and can state nothing definite now, but will have a meeting sometime next week and will have something definite to recommend in the financing of the tax payer's share of the street paving program.

Councilman Nies informed Council that the Clerk and Treasurer had looked into the matter of having both counties make up the City Tax Bills ready to be sent out. The Clerk explained to Council the advantages of this system. Councilman Nies stated that he would study the matter.

Councilman Perring, Chairman of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee,

asked Council if it would be possible to disburse the balance allocated in the budget for Playgrounds at the present time and authorize an additional \$3,000.00 to do certain work that should be done in the Spring rather than wait until the later part of the Summer. Councilman Perring also suggested that purchase of ground for the colored playground would be about \$2,500.00.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman McClenon, Chairman, stated, regarding communication from the Community League of Takoma Park, Maryland, quoting resolution passed at their meeting of January 17, 1949, that he would make a motion that the Law and Ordinance Committee would be discharged from further consideration of the matter of discounts and the advances of the penalty date on the payment of taxes which was referred to by the Community League of Takoma Park. After discussion the Clerk was requested to write to the Community League of Takoma Park giving the Council's decision in this matter.

Regarding the matter of appointment of Corporation Counsel the Clerk read to Council letter from Mr. D.D. Lamond declining appointment as Corporation Counsel to the City, because of his health. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to interview candidates who have their offices within the corporate limits of the City.

Mayor Post gave to Council a copy of each bill now before the Legislature.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Councilman Githens, Vice-Chairman, presented to Council request from the Associated Health and Welfare Agencies for installation of a street light in front of the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, and made motion that the Clerk be authorized to order this light installed. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council request from J. J. O'Connor for street lights on Potomac Electric Power Company Poles Nos. 835306 and 839324, situated in the 1100 block of Holton Lane, and moved that the Clerk be authorized to order these lights installed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Beville moved the installation of a street light on Jackson Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Sligo Parkway. This motion was seconded by Councilman Githens and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council petition signed by 15 residents in the 7200 and 7300 block of Garland Avenue, requesting street lights on Garland Avenue between Davis Avenue and Flower Avenue, and on Central Avenue from Garland Avenue to the dead end, and moved that the Public Works Department consider the lights necessary on Garland Avenue between Davis and Flower Avenues, and on Central Avenue between Garland Avenue and the dead end, and order same installed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Beville presented to Council request from Mr. H. E. Allanson for installation of street lights on Linden Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue and moved the Public Works Department look into the need of street lights on Linden Avenue and if found necessary order same installed. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens read to Council report of Lt. C.E. Thomas of the Police Department as follows:

" TRAFFIC SURVEY OF STREETS

A traffic condition at 1010 Flower Avenue reported by letter taken care of by Sgt. Bell January 24, 1949.

Traffic condition reported by a Mr. Hollowell, 12 New York Ave. taken of by Lt. Thomas.

Traffic condition reported by Mrs. Echert, 7607 Takoma Ave. taken care of by Sgt. Bell.

Traffic condition in front of 225 Cedar Ave. Taken care of by Lt. Thomas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend that a light be installed in the Alley leading to the rear of the stores on Laurel Ave. to indicate when to enter traffic on Carroll Avenue from the alley.

Recommend that a walk light be installed on the light poles at cross walk Carroll Ave. and Laurel Ave. As the people cannot see the overhead walk lights when the sun is bright.

Recommend that a time switch be installed in the traffic light control box at Grant and Carroll Avenues to trun the light on caution at night while traffic is light, and turn it back on in the morning. At present the Officers can only turn it off c completely, and I feel there should be a caution light on at night."

Councilman Githens presented to Council Taxicab Operator's application of Donald R. Gadd, 206 Spring Ave., Takoma Park, Maryland and moved the approval of this application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council Taxicab Operator's application of John F. Moore, 808 Greenwood Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland and moved the approval of this application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council Taxicab Operator's application of Glendon E. Whitely, 907 Eastridge Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland and moved the approval of this application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council Taxicab Owner's application of Norman F. MacMillan, 40 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland to place Taxicab No. 16 on Taxicab Stand, and moved the approval of this application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Councilman Taxicab Owner's application of Roy F. Battle, 804 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland to place Taxicab No. 7 on Taxicab Stand, and moved the approval of this application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council Taxicab Operator's application of Hubert Z. Ford, Jr., 816 Greenwood Circle, Takoma Park,

Maryland, and moved the approval of this application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beville and upon being put to question was carried.

Councilman Githens presented to Council communication from Chief M.E. McBride of the Fire Department, stating that the Fire Department is in need of a new Fire Siren. After discussion this request was referred to the Municipal Service Committee for further study.

Councilman Githens moved the appointment of Yorke Flynn, Jr. as Police Officer of the City of Takoma Park, with a probationary period of six months. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nies and upon being put question was carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Githens, Chairman, informed Council that we had had no answer from the Prince George County Commissioners to his letter asking for a joint meeting with the Commissioners and the City Council.

Mayor Post read letter from the League of Women Voters addressed to Mr. A. R. Lofstrand, Jr., Chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation Annapolis, Maryland, in which the League asked for a hearing in the City on all bills effecting the area. Mayor Post stated that the suggestion was good but was impractical, as it would involve both Montgomery County and Prince Georges County Delegation.

Councilman Githens stated to Council that we have a letter from Mr. E.B. Fetty, Electrical Inspector, proposing that we change the inspection rates, and that the city adopt rates as used by the District of Columbia in 1941, and stating that he has made up a schedule of rate in modified form to suit our needs, and recommended that the matter be turned over to our Corporation Counsel in order that he may draw up an Ordinance which would change our Electrical Code to take care of these new rates.

The matter of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission issuing plumbing permits in violation of the city zoning regulations was discussed and Councilman Ferring moved that the Civic Improvement Committee be authorized to seek the cooperation of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to advise the city of installations that might involve zoning violations. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was carried.

The matter of the installation of the traffic light at Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue was discussed and the Clerk was authorized to write a letter to the State Roads Commission asking they do everything possible to expedite the installation of this light.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Heffner, Chairman had nothing to report.

STREETS AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE: Councilman Beville, Chairman, stated that at a previous meeting the Superintendent of Public Works was instructed to contact the State Roads Commission and confer with the Commission on an amicable procedure for the paving and maintenance of approaches to state highways from streets in the City of Takoma Park. Councilman Beville further stated that up to the present time the matter between the city representatives and the State Road Commission had not taken place, and the Superintendent of Public Works and the Clerk were instructed to make such representation at the earliest possible date.

Re letter from the Sligo Park Citizens Association regarding drainage in the rear of property on Central Avenue, in response to questions

from Councilman Beville on this matter, the Clerk stated that he and Mr. Ellis Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, made a personal inspection of the condition complained of and found that this pipe was on private property and was put there by the builder. The Clerk stated that they did find a large hole that had been made by water from this pipe, and explained to Mrs. Pollack that inasmuch as it is on private property we cannot do anything about it. In regard to complaint of the swampy condition in the rear of Central Avenue the Clerk stated that he and Mr. Ellis made an inspection of this condition and it appeared to be the result of numerous springs and not due to trap basins or drains.

Councilman Beville stated that he moved and accepted with regret resignation of Mr. Robert R. Ellis, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, which resignation was accepted as of March 4, 1949 instead of March 1, 1949. This motion was seconded by Councilman McClenon and upon being put to question was carried. Councilman Beville expressed his appreciation of Mr. Ellis' excellent contribution to the city and hoped that in his new enterprise he will be successful.

Councilman Beville discussed the status of our street projects, which have been completed and which we propose to complete within the next few months, stating that Baltimore Avenue and Boston Avenue from Takoma Avenue to Chicago Avenue are completed, and the streets now under way are Elm, Boyd, Garland and Boston Avenue and Margaret Drive. Manor Circle and Old Carroll Avenue will be under consideration very shortly.

Mr. Ellis Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, stated that plans for the improvement of Ritchies Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Flower Avenue and Albany Avenue are being prepared by Mr. T. B. McNeill, and it is believed that they will be read for presentation to the Council in April or May.

Mr. Ellis also stated that the plans for Eastern Avenue have been submitted to Mr. Gilbert Bell, and they should be ready for presentation to the Mayor and Council in April or May.

Mr. Bennington was introduced to Council as an applicant for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works.

Councilman Perring stated that he represented citizens on Boston Avenue regarding the Janitor of the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Intermediate School dumping trash at the end of the school grounds, and would like something done about it. Lt. Thomas was requested to make an inspection and have the trash removed.

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

Councilman Githens reports that he had the Clerk authorize Mr. R. S. Senseman to proceed with the plans for the remodeling of the Fire House. Councilman Githens stated further that according to report from the Seagrave Company the aerial ladder truck would be delivered sometime in the fall.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Harold J. Hilliard, Jr.
Clerk

John C. Post
Mayor