

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MARCH 14, 1949

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

After discussion of three applications; Hugh C. McCarthy, Joseph B. and Vivian V. Simpson, and Vincent L. Gingerick for Corporation Counsel, Councilman Perring moved that Mr. Gingerick be appointed and that the Law and Ordinance Committee be instructed to arrange for his services.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Applicants for the position of Superintendent of Public Works were discussed at length. Mr. Midgett of Fairfield, Alabama and Mr. Hall of Takoma Park, Maryland were interviewed by Council. A decision was deferred and a meeting was called for Monday, March 21, 1949, at 7 o'clock P. M. in the City Office for the purpose of a decision.

The Finance Committee reported the City to be in a very sound financial condition notwithstanding Special Assessments that have never been collected in the amount of approximately \$22,500.00. The Clerk explained that a few payments had recently been made upon these Special Assessments by the present property owners, although about 90 per cent of these Special Assessments probably could never be collected. The Clerk further stated that he had discussed this matter with the former Clerk and Treasurer who stated that some of these assessments dated back as far as 1928, and that quite a number of the property owners had told him years ago that they had paid these Special Assessments to Mr. Dodd's predecessor.

The Clerk further stated the Auditors in making their recommendations in connection with a recent audit, stated that all of these accounts that were not collectable should be charged off rather than be carried from year to year as Accounts Receivable.

Councilman Nies submitted the following recommendations:

1. The Committee recommends that if prior approval is obtained from the City Clerk and Treasurer, City Officers, elected or appointed, who use their cars for City business on trips outside the City at the request of the Mayor or Council, will be reimbursed at the rate of five cents per mile. The City Clerk and Treasurer is authorized to make such trips at his own discretion with the same rate of reimbursement.
2. The Committee recommends that the Mayor, Councilmen and City Clerk and Treasurer may be reimbursed for telephone toll charges arising from City business, and for the extra charge for a change to and use of a private line

with unlimited service in the Washington area if a party line was used previous to taking office.

3. The Committee recommends that fees for the use of the fire house gymnasium shall be turned over in full to the City Treasurer with a report thereon, within one week of the time such fees are received. The City Treasurer will make disbursements for janitor and other services relative to operation of the gymnasium. The fee starting now shall be \$1.00 per hour. The City Treasurer shall report to the Council at a later date if the fee can be further reduced without the directly-related expense exceeding in the income.

4. The Committee recommends that at the proper time this Spring, we borrow the amount needed to provide operating cash until August, on general short-term certificates of indebtedness. The amount required is estimated to be between \$30,000.00 and \$40,000.00. The Committee recommends further that in the fall or winter we issue certificates specifically related to special improvements and payable on a one, two, or three year basis.

Councilman Nies moved that we Adopt No. 1.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

Upon being put question the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies moved that we Adopt No. 2.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put question the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies moved that we Adopt No. 3.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies moved that we Adopt No. 4 with the following changes: Amount changed to \$60,000.00 or \$75,000.00, and that Seasons be changed to Spring and Summer and payable as follows:

- 6 Months - \$12,500.00
- 18 Months- \$25,000.00
- 30 Months - \$37,500.00

Councilman Githens seconded the motion .

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Discussion of the installation of a Gas Tank for the City resulted in a motion by Councilman Perring as follows: Acceptance of a contract with a gas company for the installation of a tank and that the Municipal Service Committee in conjunction with the Civic Improvements Committee decide on the location.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

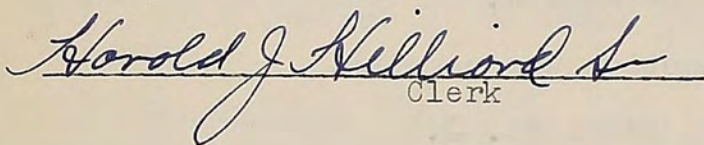
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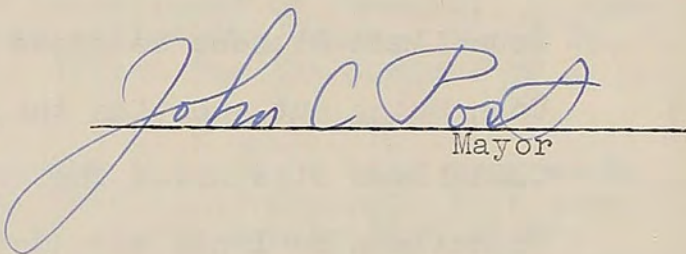
Councilman Githens addressed the Council to seek the approval of Council to make investigation to determine all the facts relative to the disposal of garbage and trash by an annual levy disposal tax instead of from the ad valorem funds. Also what the amount would be if we would put on our tax bills a disposal tax using rates the same as those of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Councilman Githens moved that the Civic Improvements Committee be authorized to make a survey to ascertain the feasibility of making a change in our ad valorem tax and assess a specific tax for disposal service.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Upon motion properly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
March 21, 1949

Meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock P.M. Those present: Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies and Parkerson. Absent: Councilman Perring.

Councilman Beville stated that after reviewing all applicants for the position of Superintendent of Public Works, it was proposed to recommend appointment of Mr. Hugh E. Hegarty. After a lengthy discussion as to Mr. Hegarty's title, Councilman Nies moved that we employ Mr. Hugh E. Hegarty as Associate Superintendent of Public Works effective as soon as he can assume the position at a salary of \$5,000.00 a year.

Motion seconded by Councilman Parkerson.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Githens, Chairman of Civic Improvements Committee, addressed Council to seek authority to take some sort of action on the Convalescent Home at 120 Albany Avenue. This is in a Class "A" Residential Zone and it was stated that a Convalescent Home should not be classed as such. The Clerk and Treasurer was instructed to write a letter to State Board of Health to see if this place can meet requirements.

Councilman Githens also asked if we could have a meeting with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission or should one or two of the Councilmen go to them and talk on a free basis as to informing us of the Plumbing Permits they issue to any resident within the City limits. Councilman McClenon suggested that all this be put in abeyance until Mayor Post talks with Mr. J. Bond Smith.

Councilman Parkerson, Chairman of Municipal Service Committee, brought up the question of why a contract was taken away from John Meiklejohn, Inc. and given to E. C. Keys in Silver Spring. The Clerk and Treasurer explained that it was suggested to him by one of the Councilmen, and no record of Contract is on file in the City Office. Councilman Beville moved that the matter be referred to the Municipal Service Committee for recommendations.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Mayor Post read the following communication from the Associated Health and Welfare Agencies dated March 18, 1949:

"At a meeting of this organization, held March 1, 1949, it was voted to request that immediate action be taken, requiring property owners to install disposal facilities which can be connected with sanitary sewers wherever such connections are available.

The high incidence of polio last year in our community and the possible relation between polio and the presence of outhouses make such action appear imperative."

After further discussion, Mayor Post referred the matter to the Law and Ordinance on the matter provided there is one.

Upon motion properly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Harold J. Hilliard, Sr.
Clerk

John C. Post
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
March 28, 1949

Meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. Those present: Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Perring and Parkerson. Absent: None.

In regard to the Regular Minutes of February 28, 1949, Mayor Post stated that in addition to "heating and lighting" as charges for the gymnasium, we should add "cleaning up."

Councilman Perring moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to the Special Minutes of March 14, 1949, Councilman Heffner stated that a Roll Call Vote was not recorded on the motion of Councilman Nies to adopt No. 4 of the recommendations submitted by the Finance Committee with changes as presented. The Roll Call Vote was as follows: Voting Yea: Councilmen Beville, Githens, McClenon, Nies and Perring. Voting Nay: Councilman Heffner.

Councilman Perring moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved that the reading of the Special Minutes of March 21, 1949, be postponed until the next meeting.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Bills were read by the Clerk and Treasurer. Councilman Nies moved that we approve the bills (with the exception of the Suburban Engineering & Construction Company in the amount of \$306.65) in the amount of \$2,818.21.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

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

RECEIPTS

General Taxes-----	\$ 1,344.00
Interest and Pnalties-----	259.84
Special Assessments-----	1,486.22
Building Permits-----	33.00
Electrical Permits-----	9.00
Dog Tax-----	107.00
Parking Meters: Collections-----	498.15
" " Violations-----	146.00
Gas & Mtr. Veh. Tax - Prince Geo. County-----	714.09
Gas & Mtr. Veh. Tax - Montgomery County-----	1,409.20
Fire Tax December 1949, Montgomery County---	434.06
Share Racing Revenue, 1948, Montgomery Co.--	8,871.31
Franchise Tax - State of Maryland-----	10.00
Police Telephone - Montgomery County-----	12.00
Refund call charged - SI 0278-----	3.37
Rent Fire Hall Special Election - Mont. Co.-	15.00

\$15,352.24

DISBURSEMENTS

STREETS: Salaries	\$ 792.98	
Labor	529.89	
Material	138.02	
Material - Storm Sewers	15.63	
Auto Repairs	12.55	
Gasoline & Oil	52.09	
Supplies - Hardware	7.85	
Sign	4.00	\$ 1,553.01
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REFUSE: Trash: Labor	1,320.00	
Disposal	331.30	
Auto Repairs	40.29	
Gasoline & Oil	45.10	
Supplies - Hardware	2.25	
Equipment - Canvas Cover	20.00	
Garbage: Labor	843.70	
Auto Repairs	20.19	
Gasoline & Oil	60.28	
Ashes: Labor	501.31	\$ 3,184.42
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LIGHTS: Streets	597.63	
Traffic	8.83	\$ 606.46
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POLICE: Salaries	1,648.33	
Clothing Allowance	80.00	
Auto Repairs	30.65	
Gasoline & Oil	217.03	
Two Tires	20.70	
Equipment & Radio	19.00	
Supplies - Hardware	4.24	
Supplies - Office	23.75	
Telephones	39.93	
Lights & Gas	16.22	
Fuel (Coal)	39.40	
School Expense (Police)	3.15	
Electric Work - Station	3.00	\$ 2,145.40
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OFFICE: Salaries	\$ 837.02	
Audit	125.00	
Rent	100.00	
Partition in office	190.00	
Telephones	48.94	
Supplies	127.13	
Postage	9.00	
Change name of Clk.& Treas. on door	6.00	
Recording Fee	2.00	
Typewriter Repair	2.25	
Equipment: Mimeograph Machine	88.25	
Gasoline used by Clerk & Treasurer	2.80	\$ 1,538.39

FIRE DEPT: Salaries	1,375.00	
Insurance Premiums	236.62	
Quarter payment and int. on note	635.00	
Supplies - Hardware	50.28	
Supplies - Office	10.75	
Fuel	176.02	
Lights and Gas	45.31	
Telephone	8.16	
Auto Repairs	25.00	
Gasoline & Oil	25.24	
Electrical Work	4.50	
Clothes	37.00	
Laundry	17.53	
Apparatus Expense	3.37	
Apparatus Equip. (Wheat Lamps)	35.90	
Remodeling Bldg. (Sickler)	915.00	
Repairing Furnance (Sickler)	219.98	
Building Maintenance (Sickler)	26.04	\$ 3,846.70

ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Paving Project #1	8,489.19	
Paving Project #2	4.00	
Paving Project #3	32.02	\$ 8,525.21

MISCELLANEOUS:

Rubber coats, hats, boots (Supt. of Public Works Dept.)	239.83	
Municipal Building Expense	84.02	
Montgomery County Police Telephone	12.00	
Salaries: Building Inspector	83.33	
Electrical Inspector	50.00	
Health Officer	41.67	
Justice of Peace - Prince Georges Co.	25.00	
Justice of Peace - Montgomery County	25.00	
Henry Fields Retirement	25.00	
Dinner - City and County Councils	57.25	
Insurance Premium	6.51	
Jacob's Invoice Overpaid	48.97	\$ 698.58
		\$22,098.17

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

1/31/49 - On hand Citizen Bank	\$67,723.66	
Deposits February 1949	<u>3,269.20</u>	
	70,992.86	
Withdrawn February 1949	<u>15,124.88</u>	
2/28/49 On hand		\$55,867.98
1/31/49 - On hand Sub. Nat'l Bank T.P.	\$27,392.84	
Deposits February 1949	<u>12,083.04</u>	
	39,475.88	
Withdrawn February 1949	<u>6,973.29</u>	
2/28/49 - On hand		\$32,502.59
2/28/49 - On hand all banks		<u>\$88,370.57</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from E. J. Milligan, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia, advising that the Capital Transit is proposing to change the operation of a certain number of the J-1 busses on their outbound trip, in the afternoon, to operate over the authorized J-6 route to the terminal at Laurel and Eastern Avenues. Councilman Parkerson suggested that the Clerk and Treasurer reply to this letter with our thanks.

Letter from Leo V. Glorius asking for relief on the roadway from 916 to 1002 East West Highway, Takoma Park, Maryland, was referred to the Streets & Highways Committee.

Letter from John E. Lady reporting the condition on Sheridan Avenue, and asking for minor repairs. This was referred to the Streets and Highways Committee.

Letter from Major William F. Fischer regarding his resignation. This was referred to the Finance Committee and the Streets & Highways Committee.

Letter from H. E. Preston regarding street improvements on Heather Avenue under Ordinance No. 931. The Clerk and Treasurer was instructed to notify him that this project is abandoned for the time being.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. Paul Kelly, 8 Elwyn Court, addressed Council in regard to drainage from Ritchie Avenue across his property. Mr. Kelly stated he had addressed Council before on this problem and was urging them for immediate consideration of his problem. The matter was discussed and Mr. Kelly was informed by Mayor Post that his petition had been approved and was recorded in the Minutes of January 24, 1949, and as soon as he was ready to make a dedication, Mr. Gingerich, our Corporation Counsel, would be ready to go ahead with the Dedicatory Deed which was the only thing holding up the project.

J. S. Barrows, 47 Carroll Avenue, addressed Council in regard to the establishment of a Plumbing Shop at 51 Carroll Avenue. He stated a petition had been signed by approximately sixteen property owners. The Clerk and Treasurer explained to him that he had contacted the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and they stated this was a Commercial D Zone and a Plumbing Shop could go in

there unless they intended to store equipment and cut or join pipe in which case it would be zoned as Industrial. Mayor Post suggested he put this in writing and mail to the Clerk and Treasurer.

Emma Brent, 300 Hancock Avenue, addressed Council and stated cement and stumps were placed on Lee Avenue by her house where the water runs down. This caused the water to back up and flood her place; therefore, she asked Council for some relief. Mayor Post referred the matter to the Streets & Highways Committee.

R. L. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Avenue, addressed Council again in regard to two poles (4 x 4) stuck up on sharp curve on Maple Avenue. He also addressed Council about the hard surface being washed away by water at the foot of Albermarle and Kennebec Avenues. Mayor Post suggested that Councilman Beville and Mr. Dunn get together to discuss the matter further.

Mrs. Phillip Woods, 313 Ethan Allen Avenue, addressed Council about the City Manager Plan. Mayor Post stated it was dead.

Mrs. William F. Fischer, addressed Council again to see if there was anything more they could possible do to get the property on Ritchie Avenue for a Colored Playground. Mayor Post stated this matter had been discussed at the Special Meeting of January 5, 1949, and had been deferred until March for further consideration.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS: Councilman Beville explained that due to a change of Corporation Counsel and the resignation of the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works at a critical moment the work to be done on Mr. Paul Kelly's property was delayed, and it is just a matter now of securing formal deed.

Councilman Beville stated the Streets & Highways Committee recommended that Hancock and Sheridan Avenues and Heather Avenue be denied paving, and Dogwood, Barclay, and the two Service Drives are to be paved. After discussion of this, also the paving of street approaches into State highways, Councilman Beville presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 936

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

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 Dogwood Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 929, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting December 1, 1948, and the improvement of said Dogwood Avenue is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance.

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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 cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Perring, and the Ordinance was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies, Parkerson and Perring. Voting Nay: None.

Councilman Beville presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 937

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 Barclay Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 930, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting December 1, 1948, and the improvement of said Barclay Avenue 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 cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Nies and the Ordinance was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies, Parkerson, and Perring. Voting Nay: None.

Councilman Beville moved that the work proposed for Hancock and Sheridan Avenues under Ordinance 928 be tabled.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried with Councilman Parkerson voting Nay.

Councilman Beville moved that the work proposed for Heather Avenue under Ordinance No. 931 be tabled.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried with Councilman Parkerson voting Nay.

Councilman Beville presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 938

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

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 No. 2, as advertised in Ordinance No. 932, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting December 1, 1948, and the improvement of said Service Drive No. 2 is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine with the terms of said Ordinance. 18.226

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 cent per annum, said interest beginning thirty days from the date of levy.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Perring, and the Ordinance was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea: Councilman Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies, Parkerson and Perring. Voting Nay: None.

Councilman Beville stated it was the recommendation of the Streets and Highways Committee that the street approaches to State Highways be paved and he so moved.

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried with Councilman Heffner voting Nay.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE: Councilman Parkerson moved that Dale Buck Walters' temporary Taxicab Operator's Permit be made permanent.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson moved that Lloyd L. Diminyatz's temporary Taxicab Operator's Permit be made permanent.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson moved that Frederick Eugene Ricker's temporary Taxicab Operator's Permit be made permanent.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson moved that Robert Edward Ralls be granted a Taxicab Operator's Permit.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson stated that the Fire Board recommended the appointment of Earl W. Thomas to fill the vacancy created by resignation of S. J. LaScola, Jr. at a salary of \$2280.00 per year and the application of Franklin Brown Cook be placed on file in the City Clerk's Office for future reference.

Councilman Parkerson moved that his appointment be made permanent.

Councilman Heffner seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson read communication from Chief McBride regarding urgent need of fire siren. Action was deferred.

Mayor Post instructed Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, to draw up Ordinance to change our Electrical Code in compliance with the

Regular Minutes of February 28, 1949.

Councilman Nies stated to Council that Senator Davis had called Mayor Post and told him that the Mayor and Council had been greatly criticized regarding bill submitted to Legislature to eliminate discount on bills paid in July, August, September and October, and the penalty date set up to September 1st. The matter was discussed and Councilman Perring moved that the Council take a record vote to reconsider the possibility of eliminating the tax discount.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion of the Minutes of December 29, 1948, which as follows:

"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: Councilman Parkerson, Nies and McClenon. Deciding Vote: Mayor Post voted Yea.

Councilman Beville moved to advance the tax due date to September 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."

The roll call vote for original motion was as follows: Voting Yea: Councilmen Perring, Beville, and Githens. Voting Nay: Councilmen McClenon, Nies, Heffner and Parkerson.

The original motion was rescinded, and the discounts remain in effect.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS: Councilman Githens reported to Council that the Carrs, owner of the Convalescent Home at 7204 Hilton Avenue, had moved. Another Convalescent Home opening at 120 Albany Avenue is being investigated.

In regard to the Sligo Park Terrace Citizens Association asking permission to plant more trees, Councilman Githens stated four members of the Council were consulted and they told them to go ahead with the tree planting. Councilman Githens moved that we grant retroactive permission to the Sligo Park Terrace Citizens Association to plant the trees on Garland Avenue, Central Avenue, and Trescott Avenue as recently requested, the work to be done in accordance with the instructions from the Superintendent of Public Works.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Githens stated to Council that due to renovation of the Fire House it was doubtful if we would have the funds to work over 8 Columbia Avenue as contemplated. Therefore, the present Civic and Health organizations meeting there can reasonably expect

to remain for a year.

Councilman Beville moved that Major Fischer start on his Leave of Absence on April 11, 1949, and that we continue his full pay up until the end of his term of appointment including June 30, 1949.

Councilman Heffner seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Mayor Post stated a Hearing on Master Zoning plan for Prince Georges County and the Park and Planning Commission will be held on March 30, 1949, and we are urged to attend.

Mayor Post announced that there would be a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council on Monday, April 18, 1949.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 11:20 p. m.

Harold J. Hilliard Jr
Clerk

John C. Post
Mayor