

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
June 2, 1949

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. Those present were Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies and Parkerson, Councilman Perring being absent.

Mayor Post addressed those present stating that the Finance Committee has been working on the Budget in preparation for the meeting with the public. At this time Mayor Post turned the meeting over to Councilman Nies, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Councilman Nies addressed those present and stated that a budget had been prepared based on a tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100.00 valuation and there were copies for those present to look over and he would have the Clerk read the Budget, Department by Department, and if there were any questions we would be very glad to discuss them. The Clerk first read the message of the Budget and then read the estimated revenues.

Mrs Phillip Woods addressed the Council and asked if the 10% reserve could be used toward building a Municipal Building. Mrs Woods was informed that the 10% reserve is a contingency for emergency expenditures.

Mr. F. B. Linton addressed the Council and asked permission to read a proposed Budget he had prepared himself. Mr. Linton recommended that a Budget be adopted which would provide for expenditures not over \$40,000.00 of last year's budget and thereby reduce the tax rate to 83¢ per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

Mrs. James C. Robertson, 7222 Flower Avenue, addressed the Council and stated that Prince Georges County residents had been paying the high assessment for two years.

A representative of the League of Women Voters thanked the Council for preparing the Budget Message.

Mrs. James C. Robertson addressed the Council and called their attention to the item in the Budget that called for purchase of ground for playground for colored children and stated the item should read "purchase of playground".

The representative of the League of Women Voters also expressed her opinion that the item should read "purchase of playground".

The Clerk first read the Legislative and Executive expenditures of the General Government.

Mr. V. P. Russo, 501 Philadelphia Avenue, of the Community League, addressed the Council and called attention to Item 10.141 in the Budget Expenditures and asked if there was need for the increased clerical help over what the Clerk's Office has had heretofore.

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Councilman Nies requested that Councilman McClenon answer this question. Councilman Nies stated that the Ordinances of the City had to be codified and brought up to date for a period of years back, and in order to do this it would require the full time of a girl to complete the work. He stated that this is necessary in order that the City may have an up to date current file of all the Ordinance now in force in order that any lawyer or citizen could have ready access to any of the City's laws. Councilman Nies stated that he would like to add that inasmuch as the City is required by law to establish a new uniform system of accounts by January 1950, we had begun work on this new accounting system and thought it would be better to start with our Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1949, and this increased work will necessitate the employment of even more additional personnel, in order to comply with the law which makes it mandatory that we file certain forms in order to be assured of continuing to receive our pro rata share of State Revenues.

Mr. C. E. Kyle addressed the Council and asked if the increase in the office personnel would call for larger offices. He was informed that the present office would be kept.

The expenditures of the Police Department was next read.

Mr. Robert E. Mohr, 217 Spring Avenue addressed the Council and stated that he would like to suggest that the Council consider increasing the Chief of Police salary to \$4500.00.

The expenditures of the Fire Department was next read.

Councilman Nies stated that the item of \$28,000.00 for the aerial truck was made up with the \$15,000.00 in last year's Budget and \$13,000.00 in this year's Budget.

Mr. R. L. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Avenue, addressed the Council and asked why the \$900.00 was eliminated from the Budget, \$450.00 for radio for the new aerial truck and the other \$450.00 estimated charges on a private telephone which Chief McBride had in his home which would give a direct line to the radio station at the Fire Department in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Councilman Nies stated that a note would be made of the \$900.00 item.

Mr. R. L. Dunn asked if the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall were one and the same person and he was informed that it could be if Mr. McBride accepted the position of both.

The item of \$1450.00 for fuel was questioned. Mr. McBride was asked to answer and stated that the condition of the building was such that made it necessary to use a large amount of fuel and the thermostat is kept at 67 all winter.

Mrs. James Robertson asked if the garbage was sold and was informed that it is not.

The matter of the Public Works Department increasing its personnel around 50% was discussed and the point was brought out that in order to give service to the residents of the City it is necessary to have equipment and sufficient men to give service.

Mr. Hegarty, Superintendent of Public Works, was introduced and Mr. Hegarty stated that we would get a new truck in a few days and the trash and garbage picking service would improve very much.

Mrs. Phillip Woods addressed the Council and asked why the reduction in the Health Officer's pay and was informed that it was hard to get this position filled and the City would rely upon the County Health Officer.

The question was asked if the appointment of a Health Officer was the total of our health program. Councilman Heffner discussed the Health and Welfare Center and the work it is doing and he explained that the Montgomery County Board of Health furnishes the nurse.

Mrs. James A. Hash of 424 Lincoln Avenue stated that if a nurse was paid for by the City that both counties within the City limits would receive equal benefits.

Councilman Nies explained that for the past years the County has furnished the City with four County Police and three clerks, but beginning August 16 the County will pay the City 12¢ per \$100.00 assessed valuation and the City will have their own Police and Clerks. Something like this, no doubt, could be worked out with the County Board of Health.

The question was asked if the City Council could not do something to bring pressure to bear on the Prince Georges County Commissioners and Councilman McClenon stated that the people of Prince Georges County should do something themselves to bring pressure to bear on Prince Georges County, who refuse to do anything for the City of Takoma Park.

Expenditures under Recreation and Cultural was next read and Mrs. James Robertson called attention to Council that only 1/15 of the Budget is for culture for our City which is a small amount.

Mrs. James Robertson, 7222 Flower Avenue, addressed the Council and asked what provisions were made in the Budget for a playground in the Prince Georges portion of the City of Takoma Park. Mayor Post stated that we were working in close cooperation with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in an endeavor to get their assistance in the establishment of parks and playgrounds in the Prince Georges section of the City, similar to what they propose to do in the Montgomery County portion of the City. Mayor Post further stated that Mr. E. Brooke Lee had promised him the facilities of the Park and Planning Commission for this purpose, and that out of the 15¢ per \$100.00 assessed valuation paid to the Park and Planning Commission we would receive some of this money for our parks and playgrounds.

Mayor Post also stated that he did not like for people to refer to the Prince Georges section and the Montgomery County section as it is all in the City of Takoma Park and to think in terms of one united city.

Mr. C. E. Kyle brought up the question of retirement that is being paid Henry Fields by the City and stated in his opinion it is inadequate.

Councilman Nies introduced to those present the members of his Committee, Councilman McClenon and Councilman Githens.

Dr. J. R. Magness, 5 Valley View Avenue made a motion that the group of citizens present express their appreciation to the Council and Finance Committee for preparing the excellent Budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Vincent P. Russo and carried.

Mrs. Hash also commended the Council.

Mr. Mohr brought up the question again of the Chief of Police salary increase to \$4500.00 and asked those present to vote by raising their hands if they agreed.

Lt. Thomas thanked the people for their response to Mr. Mohr's request.

Councilman Heffner stated that on Tuesday of this coming week the Health and Welfare Department will have a meeting and he would like to see some of the people from the newer section of the City come and help us carry on.

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Mayor Post opened the meeting and then turned it over to Councilman Nies, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The matter of making the Chief of Police Salary \$4500.00, equal to that of the Chief of the Fire Department, was discussed.

The Council agreed to reduce miscellaneous expenditures in the Police Budget by \$300 and add this amount to the salary of the Chief. A discussion was held concerning raising the salary of the Sergeant of the Fire Department to \$3000.00 to equal the Sergeant of Police salary.

The firemen's salary was discussed and Councilman Githens stated that the firemen's wage scale should be increased and recommended that a serious study be made as the men are being underpaid. Councilman Nies stated that we will leave it as it is and give study to it, and in six months maybe increase the wage scale. Councilman Githens proposed that the Secretary remind the Council in six months time to report for a raise in the firemen's wage scale.

Councilman Beville moved that the Clerk be instructed to negotiate with the Suburban National Bank of Takoma Park to pay off the Fire Department note.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

The \$900.00 item eliminated in the Fire Department Budget was discussed and it was agreed that if it is necessary to purchase these two items they can be taken care of in the Budget.

Councilman McClenon moved that Item "F" under 12.202 (Highways) of the Budget be reduced \$1000.00 making \$24,000.00, and Item "B" under 13.401 (Sanitation and Waste Removal) of the budget be reduced \$2000.00 making this item \$38,000.00, in order to make the tax rate \$1.11 per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

After discussion the motion was put to a yea and nay vote, with the result as follows: Voting yea, Councilmen Heffner, McClenon and Parkerson, voting nay, Councilmen Beville, Githens and Nies. The vote being a tie vote, Mayor Post was entitled to a vote, and voted nay. The motion was lost.

After further discussion on the Budget, Councilman Nies offered the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 947

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

Section 1. In accordance with amendments Sub-sections (A) and (B) of Section 1194 of the Montgomery County Code (1947 Edition), being Sub-sections (A) and (B) of Section 1300 of the Prince Georges County Code (1943 Edition), being also Articles 16 and 17, respectively of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "Takoma Park", sub-heading "Budget and

Taxes", the following budget is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949.

Budget Message for Fiscal Year 1949-50
Prepared by the Finance Committee of the City Council
Takoma Park, Maryland

The appended tentative budget represents many hours of work. The Finance Committee has cut down the proposed expenditures to what is considered to be a practical minimum. The original proposals would have called for a tax rate in the neighborhood of \$1.50 per \$100.00. Reductions have been made in the proposals made for all City departments so that a proposed tax rate of \$1.13 for the coming year has been achieved. Of this rate, 30 cents is for garbage and trash collection, which in nearby communities is paid for separately and is not included in the ad valorem tax rate.

The Committee has attempted to compromise between the opposing philosophies of a strict "pay-as-you-go" policy and that of deferring the burden of capital improvement costs to future generations. We have arranged for the cost of the new aerial ladder truck to be spread over three years, and for the cost of renovating the fire house over two years.

Budgeting down to the last dollar is impossible for several reasons. There have been so many protests over the recent County re-assessments that the exact tax base is quite uncertain. We have used \$13,000,000 as the best estimate we could get for the Montgomery County part of the City. The tax base for the Prince George's part has been assumed to be \$5,000,000, which we feel certain is fairly accurate.

In answer to pleas for a lower tax rate, we point out that municipal and county rates are not set arbitrarily. The people's representatives first must make up their minds as to what the majority of the population would like to have in the way of services and facilities and are willing to pay for, and to estimate how much these will cost. The tax rate is simply a function of costs, income from other-than-real-property taxes, and the tax base.

This year's budget estimate looks a lot different from earlier ones because we are now using a coded accounting system which makes it possible to distinguish between current expenses and capital outlay, and in general to have a better picture of what is going on. The first column of amounts shows last year's budget (not last year's income or expenditures) worked into the new accounting scheme as well as could be done. The second

column shows the estimated requirements for the coming year, as arrived at by the Committee.

It should not be assumed that the big jump in estimated revenues, \$105,015.00, is a direct reflection of the recent re-assessments of property. Only \$40,900.00 of this amount represents increase in estimated real property tax receipts. The remaining increase is primarily a more realistic appraisal of the City's revenues from other sources than real property taxes. The City's total receipts for the present year have been greatly in excess of the estimated amount of \$209,175.00. We have been receiving the additional money and spending it even though it did not appear in last year's budget. This circumstance is not anybody's fault. It just happens that the revenues collected by the State and turned over to the City have been on the increase, and the State has not been able to advise the City in advance how much the increases would be. This year's estimate of total receipts, \$314,190.00, is a reflection of the present year's experience and is thought to be a much more accurate figure than last year's estimate was.

The total expenditure for the Police Department is increased by an amount approximately equal to the anticipated refund of police money from Montgomery County. This refund, on the basis of a new County law, will be in lieu of patrolling within the City limits by County Police. It is understood that after August 15, 1949, the City police alone will be responsible for patrolling. This, we feel, will be a more efficient arrangement.

The operating budget of the Fire Department remains virtually unchanged. The increase in Fire Department expenditure lies in capital outlay for renovation of the building and purchase of an aerial ladder truck. The excellent services of the personnel of the Volunteer Fire Company will continue to be, as heretofore, the backbone of the fire protection service.

Provision has been made in the Highways budget for a modest outlay for a new road repair truck, a street roller, a concrete mixer, and a power-driven lawn mower. This new equipment should result in appreciably better condition of streets, curbs, gutters, and lawns on City land. We have also provided for a skilled mechanic whose major responsibility will be maintenance of all of the City's motive and mechanical equipment. Preventive maintenance on the City's 15-odd vehicles should be a paying proposition in the long run.

A considerable number of new street lights have been ordered, which accounts for the increase in street-lighting cost. Pepco has been very slow in installing these lights because of shortage of materials.

No capital outlay is required for garbage and trash removal because we have two new and modern garbage-collection trucks out of this year's revenues. It is felt that a definite improvement in this service has already been effected.

The money allocated for municipal parks and playgrounds has been raised from \$3800 to \$11,000. This should provide for purchase of ground for a playground for our colored children and for much-needed improvements in our parks.

The total amount of money to be spent for capital improvements during the coming fiscal year is \$78,785.00 of this, \$15,000.00 was provided for in last year's budget and \$18,250.00 will be held over to the next fiscal year.

In closing, the Finance Committee would like to draw attention to one of the advantages of living in an incorporated municipality, in that \$113,790.00 will be coming to the City from sources other than the ad valorem \$1.13 tax assessed against real property. In other words, more than one-third of the City's expenditures will be defrayed by other than city tax money. We get a surprising amount of money from various State sources. Item 1.36, estimated at \$17,000, should bring home the fact that the citizens of Takoma Park should buy their gasoline (as well as other items) within the corporate limits, because by so doing, a part of the state gasoline tax comes back into their own pockets via the City budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilman Nies, Chairman
Councilman Githens
Councilman McClenon

Tentative Summary of Budgeted Expenditure

| <u>Code No.</u> | | <u>1949-50</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 | General Government | 25,580.00 |
| 11.1 | Police Department | 41,570.00 |
| 11.2 | Fire Department (Public) | 75,650.00 |
| 11.9 | Other Protection (Safety) | 50.00 |
| 12 | Highways | 88,325.00 |
| 13 | Sanitation & Waste Removal | 53,025.00 |
| 14 | Conservation of Health | 300.00 |
| 19 | Recreation | 20,000.00 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous | 5,271.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET | | <u>309,771.00</u> |

ESTIMATED REVENUES

1 TAXES

| | <u>1949-50</u> |
|---|----------------|
| 1.1 Real and Personal Property | |
| Estimated Tax base | 18,000,000 |
| Proposed tax rate | 1.13 |
| 1.11 Real Property | 203,400.00 |
| 1.13 Railroads & Public Utilities | 8,000.00 |
| 1.2 Penalties & Interest-Delinquent Taxes | |
| 1.21 Penalty & Interest | 1,825.00 |
| 1.22 Delinquent Taxes | 250.00 |
| 1.23 Overpaid Taxes | |
| 1.3 Other Taxes | |
| 1.31 Admission | 10.00 |
| 1.32 Income | 30,000.00 |
| 1.33 Franchise | 150.00 |
| 1.34 Race Track | 11,200.00 |
| 1.35 Recordation | 5.00 |
| 1.36 Gas & Motor Vehicle | 17,000.00 |
| 1.39 Other | |
| A. Bank Share Tax - Montg. County | 1,200.00 |
| B. Corporation Share Tax | 25.00 |
| C. Fire Tax, 22nd Precinct | 5,000.00 |
| D. Fire Equipment, Montg. County | 1,500.00 |
| 1.4 Discount on Taxes - Debit Revenues | - 3,000.00 |

2 LICENSES & PERMITS

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 2.1 Street Use | |
| 2.11 Parking Meter | 6,000.00 |
| 2.12 Street Privileges & Permits | |
| A. Taxicab Rental | 325.00 |
| B. Storage Permits | 5.00 |
| C. Paving Permits | 145.00 |
| D. Grading Permits | 100.00 |
| E. Excavation Permits | 25.00 |
| F. Huckster Permits | 24.00 |
| G. Identification | 11.00 |
| 2.2 Business | |
| 2.23 Trader's License | 1,200.00 |
| 2.3 Motor Vehicle | |
| A. Share Auto Tag Fees | 12,000.00 |

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| 2.4 | Other Licenses & Permits | |
| 2.41 | Dog Permits | 600.00 |
| 2.49 | Other | |
| | A. Chicken Permits | 15.00 |
| | B. Trailer Permits | 15.00 |

3 FINES AND FORFEITURES

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|------|-------------------|----------|
| 3.1 | Trial Magistrate | 1,000.00 |
| 3.2 | Other Court Fines | |
| 3.21 | Parking Meter | 1,000.00 |

4 REVENUE FROM USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|--------|
| 4.1 | Interest & Dividends | 175.00 |
| 4.2 | Rents & Concessions | |
| 4.21 | Fire Dept. Bldg. Gym. | 400.00 |

5 REVENUE FROM OTHER AGENCIES

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| 5.9 | Revenue From Montg. Co. for Police Dept. | 13,650.00 |
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6 SERVICE CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

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| 6.120 | Miscellaneous | |
| 6.129 | Other | |
| | A. Taxicab Badge Deposits | 35.00 |
| | B. Misc. Receipts | 900.00 |
| 6.3 | Highways | |
| 6.31 | Special Assessments | |

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| Total Estimated Receipts | 314,190.00 |
| Estimated Balance on hand 6/30 | 30,000.00 |

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| 10% Reserve; required by law | 344,190.00 |
| | 34,419.00 |

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| Net amount budgeted for expenditure | 309,771.00 |
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TENTATIVE ITEMIZED BUDGETED EXPENDITURE

10 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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10.1 LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE

10.14 City Office

10.141 Salaries:

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|----------|
| A. | 1. Clerk & Treasurer | 4500.00 |
| | 2. Exec. Secy to Council | 500.00 |
| B. | Clerk to Treasurer | 2700.00 |
| C. | Secretary-Clerk | 2520.00 |
| D. | Clerk-Stenographer | 2400.00 |
| E. | Clerk-Typist | 1860.00 |
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| | | 14480.00 |

10.142 Other Operating Expenses:

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------|---------|
| A. | Postage | 300.00 |
| B. | Supplies | |
| | 1. Printing | 585.00 |
| | 2. Stationery | 500.00 |
| C. | Telephone | 800.00 |
| D. | Advertising-Legal | 100.00 |
| E. | Equipment Repairs | 100.00 |
| F. | Rent | 1200.00 |
| G. | Association Dues | 400.00 |
| H. | Clerk's Misc. Expense | 590.00 |
| I. | Mayor & Council Misc. Expense | 300.00 |
| J. | Insurance & Clerk's Bond | 635.00 |
| K. | Miscellaneous | 300.00 |

10.143 Capital Outlay

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| 700.00 |
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| 6510.00 |

10.2 JUDICIAL

10.29 Justice of the Peace

10.291 Salaries

600.00

10.3 ELECTION

10.31 Registration and Election

10.312 Other Operating Expenses

500.00

10.4 FINANCE

10.42 Accounting and Auditing

10.422 Other Operating Expense

250.00

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| 10.5 | <u>LAW</u> | |
| 10.51 | Legal Counsel | |
| | 10.511 Salary | 960.00 |
| 10.59 | Other | |
| | 10.592 Law & Ordinance Planning | 130.00 |
| 10.6 | <u>PLANNING & ZONING</u> | |
| 10.69 | Other | |
| | 10.692 Other Operating Expense | 500.00 |
| 10.8 | <u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</u> | |
| 10.81 | Municipally Owned Buildings | |
| | 10.812 8 Columbia Avenue | |
| | A. General Operating Expense | 1500.00 |
| | B. Insurance | 150.00 |
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| | | 4590.00 |
| TOTAL, | GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 25580.00 |

11 PUBLIC SAFETY

11.1 POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | | |
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| 11.11 | Municipally Operated Department | |
| 11.111 | Salaries | |
| | A. Chief | 4500.00 |
| | B. Sgt. of Police | 3300.00 |
| | C. Cpl. of Police | 3000.00 |
| | D. Cpl. of Police | 3000.00 |
| | E. Officer | 2640.00 |
| | F. Officer | 2640.00 |
| | G. Officer | 2640.00 |
| | H. Officer | 2640.00 |
| | I. 4 New Men | 7960.00 |
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| | | 32320.00 |
| 11.112 | Other Operating Expenses | |
| | A. Auto expense | |
| | 1. Gasoline | 2000.00 |
| | 2. Oil | 300.00 |
| | 3. Antifreeze | 50.00 |
| | 4. Grease | 100.00 |
| | 5. Car Wash | 100.00 |
| | 6. Repairs | 1000.00 |
| | 7. Tires-tubes | 250.00 |

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| B. Clothing Allowance | 2880.00 |
| C. Utilities | |
| 1. Gas | 35.00 |
| 2. Electricity | 150.00 |
| 3. Telephones | 600.00 |
| 4. Fuel | 150.00 |
| D. Building Maintenance | 400.00 |
| E. Insurance | 300.00 |
| F. Adm. Supplies | 100.00 |
| G. Miscellaneous | 300.00 |
| | <u>8715.00</u> |

11.113 Capital Outlay

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| A. Equipment Replacements | 205.00 |
| B. 1 Police Radio (receiver only, for station) | 200.00 |
| C. 2 new revolvers @ \$50.00 | 100.00 |
| D. 2 new pairs handcuffs @ \$15.00 | 30.00 |
| | <u>535.00</u> |

TOTAL, POLICE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING CAPITAL OUTLAY 41,570.00

11.2 FIRE DEPARTMENT

11.21 Municipally Operated Department

11.211 Salaries

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|------------------|-----------------|
| A. 1. Chief | 4000.00 |
| 2. Fire Marshall | 500.00 |
| B. Sgt. | 3000.00 |
| C. Fireman | 2640.00 |
| D. Fireman | 2520.00 |
| E. Fireman | 2400.00 |
| F. Fireman | 2400.00 |
| G. Fireman | 2400.00 |
| | <u>19860.00</u> |

11.212 Other Operating Expenses

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|-------------------|--------|
| A. Truck Expenses | |
| 1. Gasoline | 225.00 |
| 2. Oil | 35.00 |
| 3. Grease | 20.00 |
| 4. Antifreeze | 60.00 |
| 5. Repairs | 500.00 |
| 6. Tires | 500.00 |

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| B. Utilities | |
| 1. Telephone | 215.00 |
| 2. Gas | 35.00 |
| 3. Electricity | 300.00 |
| 4. Fuel | 1450.00 |
| C. Building Maintenance | 500.00 |
| D. Insurance | 1000.00 |
| E. Clothing & Uniforms | |
| 1. Paid Personnel | 600.00 |
| 2. Volunteer Personnel | 600.00 |
| F. Supplies | |
| 1. Firefighting | 200.00 |
| 2. First Aid | 200.00 |
| 3. Building and Janitor | 200.00 |
| 4. Adm. Stationery | 100.00 |
| G. Laundry | 150.00 |
| H. Personnel Protective Equipment | 350.00 |
| I. Interest on Mortgage | 550.00 |
| J. Volunteer Fire Department | 3500.00 |
| K. Miscellaneous | 200.00 |
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| | 11490.00 |

11.213 Capital Outlay

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| A. Equipment Replacements | 1800.00 |
| B. Mortgage | 2000.00 |
| C. Renovation of Bldg.* | 12500.00 |
| D. Apparatus (aerial truck)** | 28000.00 |
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TOTAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT

75650.00

* \$12,500 deferred to Fiscal 50-51
 ** \$ 5,750 " " " " " "

11.3 PROTECTIVE INSPECTION

11.311 Salaries

| | |
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| A. Building Inspector | ---- |
| B. Electrical Inspector | ---- |

11.9 OTHER PROTECTION

11.912 Dog Expense

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| 50.00 |
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| 50.00 |

12 HIGHWAYS

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12.201 Salaries and Wages

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| A. Supt. of Public Works | *2500.00 |
| B. Asst. Supt. | **1600.00 |
| C. Driver | 3200.00 |
| D. Mechanic | 3000.00 |
| E. Laborers | 14400.00 |

12.202 Other Operating Expenses

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| A. Truck | |
| 1. Gasoline | 450.00 |
| 2. Oil | 100.00 |
| 3. Grease | 50.00 |
| 4. Antifreeze | 25.00 |
| 5. Repairs | 500.00 |
| 6. Tires | 200.00 |
| B. Engineers Fees (includes new map with lots and blocks) | 5000.00 |
| C. Material (street repairs) | 12000.00 |
| D. Subcontract Work | 3500.00 |
| E. Insurance | 700.00 |
| F. City's share of special improvements | 25000.00 |
| G. Miscellaneous | 100.00 |
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| | 72325.00 |

12.203 Capital Outlay

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| A. New Truck | |
| B. Road Roller | |
| C. Concrete Mixer | |
| D. Power Mower | |

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| Total Capital Outlay | 7500.00 |
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12.4 Highway Lighting

12.402 Operating Expenses

TOTAL HIGHWAYS

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| 8500.00 |
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| 88325.00 |

* \$2000 for Fiscal 48-49 and \$2500 for Fiscal 49-50 applied on Sanitation and Waste Removal.

** \$1600 for Fiscal 49-50 applied on Sanitation and Waste Removal

13 SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL

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13.1 Supervision

13.101 Salaries

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| A. Supt. of Public Works | *2500.00 |
| B. Asst. Supt. | **1600.00 |

13.4 Waste Collection and Disposal

13.401 Wages

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| A. Leadingman | 2800.00 |
| B. Laborers | 40000.00 |

13.402 Operating Expenses

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| A. Trucks | |
| 1. Gasoline | 1200.00 |
| 2. Oil | 150.00 |
| 3. Grease | 75.00 |
| 4. Antifreeze | 50.00 |
| 5. Repairs | 250.00 |
| 6. Tires | 400.00 |

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| B. Disposal | 3000.00 |
| C. Supplies | 100.00 |
| D. Insurance | 700.00 |
| E. Miscellaneous | 200.00 |
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| | 53025.00 |

13.403 Capital Outlay

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| TOTAL, SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL | 53025.00 |
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* \$2000 for fiscal 48-49 and \$2500 for Fiscal 49-50 applied on Highways

** \$1600 applied on Highways

14 CONSERVATION OF HEALTH

14.9 Other Conservation of Health

14.901 Salaries - Fees

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| A. Health Officer | 300.00 |
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19 RECREATION

| | <u>1949-50</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 19.1 Cultural | |
| 19.102 Library Fee | 9000.00 |
| 19.3 Municipal Parks | |
| 19.302 Other Operating Expenses | |
| A. Maintenance | 3000.00 |
| 19.303 Capital Outlay | |
| A. Improvements | 6000.00 |
| B. Playground for Richie Ave. Area | 2000.00 |
| Total Capital Outlay | <u>8000.00</u> |
| TOTAL, RECREATION | 20,000.00 |

21 MISCELLANEOUS

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|---|---------------|
| 21.2 Pension Contributions and Payments | |
| 21.201 Salaries | |
| A. Henry Fields (retirement) | 300.00 |
| B. General Retirement | 3350.00 |
| 21.3 Workmens Compensation | |
| 21.302 Other Operating Expenses | **1000.00 |
| 21.9 Other Miscellaneous | |
| 21.902 Other Operating Expenses | <u>621.00</u> |
| TOTAL, MISCELLANEOUS | 5,271.00 |

** Covers Workmens Compensation.

Section 2. Salaries herein provided may be paid monthly or semi-monthly, as the recipient may desire. Rentals shall be paid at the end of each month. All bills where possible to discount same may be paid within the discount period.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Githens.

Upon a yea and nay vote, same was adopted. Voting yea, Councilmen Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies and Parkerson. Voting nay, none.

Councilman Nies offered the following Ordinance covering the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949, and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 948

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

Section 1. That a general tax rate of One Dollar and Thirteen (\$.13) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, be and the same is hereby levied and approved for the purpose of meeting any and all general and special expenses for the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949.

The adoption of this Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Githens.

Upon a yea and nay vote, same was adopted. Voting yea, Councilman Beville, Githens, Heffner, McClenon, Nies and Parkerson. Voting nay, none.

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

Harold J. Hilliard
Clerk & Treasurer

John C. Fort
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
June 23, 1949

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. Present were Mayor Post, Councilman Beville, Councilman Githens, Councilman Heffner, Councilman Nies and Councilman Perring. Absent: Councilman McClenon and Parkerson.

After a roll call, Mayor Post turned the meeting over to Councilman Beville, Chairman of the Streets and Highways Committee, who gave a brief resume of the purpose of the meeting.

Ordinances for street improvements were presented in order of sequence and results of the hearing were as follows:

Ordinance No. 940, covering Albemarle Service Drive - Albemarle Avenue to Maple Avenue: In favor: Mr. Max W. Shoup, Mr. William Steele, Mr. F. Lee, Mr. O. J. Gibbs and Mr. C. L. Hubbell.

Ordinance No. 941, covering improvement of Heather Service Drive from Heather Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway: In favor: Mr. H. W. Evans, Mr. H. Earl Russell, Mr. A. A. Waechter, Mr. Louis Cassels, Mr. John A. O'Donnough, Mr. E. W. Shockey, Mr. Charles P. Hutson, Mr. C. M. Levinson, and Mr. L. R. Kaplan. Opposed: Mr. H. E. Preston, Mrs. Elizabeth Yorkdale, Mr. William A. Mellen and Mrs. Marie C. Hansen.

Ordinance No. 942, covering improvement of Eastern Avenue from Second Street to Ash Avenue: In favor of: John L. Young, Mrs. Mabel Titlington, Mrs. Marion Abrahams, Mr. Robert Garrison, Mr. Alfred Robinson, Mr. Fred Southgate, Mr. Hubert Healey, Mr. Joseph W. Romm, Mr. L. E. Lee, Mrs. D. W. Carpenter, and Mr. William J. Heale. Opposed: Mrs. Mattie C. Wallace. Mr. Hilliard read a petition of home owners in this neighborhood, stating that they were in favor of this improvement.

Ordinance No. 943, covering improvement of Boyd Avenue from Elm Avenue to Larch Avenue - No representation of citizens at meeting.

Ordinance No. 944, covering improvement of Kentland Avenue from Hopewell Avenue to East West Highway. Opposed: Mr. Leo B. Glorius, Mr. Ralph Goetz, Mr. Francis X. McGrath, Mr. G. Gates Waddell and Mr. Benjamin F. Thorn.

Ordinance No. 945, covering improvement of Central Avenue from Garland Avenue to end of Lot 1, Block 38-F in Fletcher's Addition: In favor of: Mr. Robert Donovan, Mr. R. L. Butt, Mr. Ed Rogers, Mr. M. R. Littman, Mr. Kenneth R. Foresman, Mr. William C. Hughes and Mr. Blake B. Espey. Opposed: Mr. Norman Gataer and Mr. C. A. Nix.

With regard to Ordinance No. 945, the aforementioned citizens raised the question that since they were told at the time they purchased their property from Mr. Joseph Light that the purchase price would include street improvements, and since this has not proven to be true, is it fair to expect them to pay again to have this work done. It was decided to refer the matter to the Corporation Counsel for investigation of the legal aspects.

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
June 27, 1949

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

Councilman Nies moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes for the Special Meeting of May 18, 1949, the Regular Meeting of May 23, 1949, and the Special Meeting of June 2, 1949.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer submitted bills in the amount of \$11,500.20, and Councilman Nies moved that they be approved for payment.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

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| General Taxes | \$3192.24 |
| Interest and Penalties | 340.98 |
| Special Assessments | 564.56 |
| Building Permits | 8.00 |
| Excavation | 10.00 |
| Dog Tax | 39.00 |
| Misc. Permits | 2.00 |
| Taxicab Stand Rental | 25.00 |
| " Badge Deposit | 5.50 |
| Overpaid Taxes | 1.20 |
| Public Works Dept. (Sale) | 8.75 |
| Refuse Dept. (Garbage) | 12.50 |
| Police Dept. - Ins. Fire damage | 81.95 |
| Municipal Bldg. - Contribution from P.T.A. | 50.00 |
| Montg. Co. Police File | 12.00 |
| " " License | 126.72 |
| " " Fines | 534.50 |
| " " Fire Tax | 114.49 |
| Gas & Motor Vehicle Tax, Pr. Geo. Co. | 1091.02 |
| " " " " , Montg. Co. | 2152.95 |
| Franchise Tax | 102.50 |
| Parking meter & Collection | 469.75 |
| " " violation | 66.00 |
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| | \$9011.61 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| PUBLIC WORKS: | Office Salary | | | |
| | Supt. | 333.32 | | |
| | Asst.Supt. | <u>416.66</u> | 749.98 | |
| | Supplies | | 34.35 | |
| | Ad - Help Wanted | | 7.68 | |
| | Printing Supplies | | 33.15 | |
| | Equipment (Desk) | | 91.80 | |
| | Legal Adv. | | <u>7.05</u> | \$ 924.01 |
| STREETS: | Labor | | 1537.99 | |
| | Materials (streets) | | 87.63 | |
| | Street Sign | | 55.00 | |
| | Materials (S.S.) | | 104.40 | |
| | Supplies | | .97 | |
| | Oil | | 3.60 | |
| | Repairs - Trucks | | 85.41 | |
| | Equipment (Thermometer) | | <u>10.78</u> | \$1885.78 |
| REFUSE: | Trash: Labor | | 2579.30 | |
| | Disposal | | 295.90 | |
| | Truck repairs | | 4.04 | |
| | Garbage: Labor | | 975.30 | |
| | Truck Repair | | 101.05 | |
| | Oil | | 3.20 | |
| | Supplies | | <u>31.14</u> | \$3989.93 |
| LIGHTS: | Street | | 597.79 | |
| | Traffic | | <u>15.46</u> | \$ 613.25 |
| POLICE: | Salaries: Lt. | 275.00 | | |
| | Sgt. | 240.00 | | |
| | Officers | <u>1240.00</u> | 1755.00 | |
| | Clothing Allowance | | 340.00 | |
| | Telephone | | 50.35 | |
| | Utilities, Gas & Light | | 13.81 | |
| | Fuel | | 39.40 | |
| | Stationery Supplies | | 15.58 | |
| | Hardware | | 10.01 | |
| | Car Maintenance - Oil | | 8.82 | |
| | Car Repairs | | 24.84 | |
| | Car Tires | | 20.70 | |
| | Station Renovation | | <u>285.09</u> | \$2563.60 |
| OFFICE: | Salaries: Clk.& Treas. | 300.00 | | |
| | Asst.Clerk | 208.32 | | |
| | Asst. #1 | 195.00 | | |
| | Asst. #2 | 150.00 | | |
| | Asst. #3 | <u>188.26</u> | 1041.58 | |
| | Rent | | 100.00 | |
| | Telephone | | 41.93 | |
| | Stationery Supplies | | 57.70 | |
| | Hardware | | 1.73 | |
| | Postage | | 12.00 | |
| | Janitor | | 6.00 | |
| | Repair Elec. Fan | | 6.40 | |
| | Equipment (Desk) | | <u>99.50</u> | \$1366.84 |

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| FIRE DEPT.: | Salaries: Chief | 375.00 | |
| | Firemen | <u>1190.00</u> | |
| | Note & Int. Sub. Bank | 1565.00 | |
| | Telephone | 630.00 | |
| | Utilities | 20.48 | |
| | Fuel | 35.59 | |
| | Laundry | 43.39 | |
| | Repair Apparatus | 15.42 | |
| | Fire Fighting Supplies | 14.80 | |
| | Hardware | 17.50 | |
| | Lettering (4 pc. app.) | .98 | |
| | Fire Bldg. Renovation | 94.00 | |
| | | <u>600.00</u> | \$ 3037.16 |
| PARKS: Playground: | Labor | 433.51 | |
| | Equipment | 14.50 | |
| | | <u>448.01</u> | \$ 448.01 |
| ASSESSABLE IMPROVEMENT: | | | |
| | Paving Project #1 | 14,690.09 | |
| | Widening Lincoln Ave. | 160.00 | |
| | | <u>14,850.09</u> | \$14,850.09 |
| MISCELLANEOUS: | | | |
| | Municipal Bldg. Expense | 119.93 | |
| | Montg. Co. Police Tele. | 12.00 | |
| | Parking Meter Expense | 15.05 | |
| | Traffic Light " | 12.00 | |
| | Gasoline and Oil | 205.00 | |
| | Dues - Montg. Co. Civic Fed. | 15.00 | |
| | Clerk & Treas. Exp. | 50.10 | |
| | Clerk & Treas. Exp. (Conv.) | 130.39 | |
| | Redemption property sold tax sale in error | 42.95 | |
| | Bldg. Insp. Salary | 83.33 | |
| | Elec. Insp. Salary | 50.00 | |
| | Corp. Counsel Comp. | 80.00 | |
| | Henry Field's Retirement | 25.00 | |
| | Justice of Peace, Montg. Co. | 25.00 | |
| | Justice of Peace, Pr. Geo. Co. | 25.00 | |
| | | <u>890.75</u> | \$ 890.75 |
| | | | \$30,569.42 |

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS:

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|---------|---|------------------|-------------|
| 4/30/49 | Balance Citizen's Bank | 55,988.37 | |
| | Deposit May 1949 | 9,011.61 | |
| | | <u>64,999.98</u> | |
| | Withdrawals | 9,046.02 | |
| | | <u>55,953.96</u> | |
| | Transfer Funds to Suburban Nat'l 5/21/49 | 5,000.00 | |
| | | <u>50,953.96</u> | \$50,953.96 |
| 5/31/49 | Balance Citizens' Bank | | |
| 4/30/49 | Balance Sub. Nat'l Deposit May 1949 | 18,578.38 | |
| | | <u>18,578.38</u> | |
| | Transfer Funds from Citizens' Bank 5/21/49 | 5,000.00 | |
| | | <u>23,578.38</u> | |
| | Withdrawn May 1949 | 21,523.40 | |

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| 5/31/49 | Balance | <u>2,054.98</u> |
| 5/31/49 | Balance Both Banks | \$53,008.94 |

COMMUNICATIONS: A petition signed by Mrs. Mildred H. Ford, 604 Erie Ave., Joan and Jack C. Lintner, 600 Albemarle Avenue, Gerald E. Oliver, 606 Albemarle Avenue, Frances Maher, 600 $\frac{1}{2}$ Erie Avenue, Leland D. Smith, 602 Albemarle Avenue, concerning the proposed improvement of the alley on the Gilbert Subdivision between Albemarle and Sligo Parkway. They registered a definite negative vote against the elaborate improvements as now planned for this Alley. Referred to Streets & Highways Committee.

A letter from Mr. Daniel M. Lewis, Secretary, and Mr. Lee Jordan, President of the Citizens' Association of Takoma Park, Maryland, stating that the condition of Ritchie Avenue east from Piney Branch Road to where the concreted street begins is bad, and the residents of that section are desirous of making this a Macadam street. Also, the residents of Cherry Avenue south to Larch and Larch Avenue in both directions (East and West) need attention very much. Referred to Streets & Highways.

Letter from Roy C. Potts, Secretary, Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce, stating the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a number of public concerts to be given in the Park, and in connection with these arrangements, the following requests of the City Council were made:

1. Permit to hold these public concerts at the time and place stated above.
2. Permit to hang two banners across Carroll Avenue, one at the corner of Willow and Carroll and the other East of the corner of Denwood and Carroll.
3. Permit for sale of ice cream, popcicles, and the like at the entrances to the park.
4. Police surveillance in and about the park area where the concerts are to be held while they are in progress.

This was referred to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee.

Letter from Clifford J. Waldron, Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, opposing the rezoning from Residential "A" to Residential "C" of Mr. Leopold Wagner's petition No. 1329, Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 13, Gibbs and Kosaks Subdivisions, Takoma Park, Maryland. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.

Petition from Owners of property at 13th Avenue and Elm Place requesting Council to pave. Referred to Streets & Highways Committee.

Letter from Ellery Denison, Secretary, East Takoma Park Citizens' Association, stating that the Association passed a motion recommending that Kentland Avenue between Hopewell and the East-West Highway be paved by the City, and if the property owners involved do not volunteer to pay their share that public hearing be held and the paving ordered laid down. Also a catch water basin installed at this point to alleviate the drainage problem. Referred to Streets & Highways.

Letter from Flora G. Pollack, Secretary, Sligo Park Terrace

Citizens' Association, expressing appreciation for efforts in behalf of the community in the matter of street lights on Garland and Central Avenues and Minter Place and for channeling of the underground spring between Garland and Central Avenues. Mayor Post ordered this filed.

Letter from Clifford J. Waldron, Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, regarding the deplorable condition of Westmoreland Ave. and Second Avenue. Also, to the hazardous conditions existing at the intersections of Second and Westmoreland, and Second, Cockerille and Spring Avenues. It was requested that a study be made of the practicability of cutting back the curbing at these intersections. Referred to the Streets & Highways Committee.

Letter from Oliver W. Youngblood, suggesting that the Lions Club, City of Takoma Park, and the National Park and Planning Committee of Maryland combine their funds and plan real useful and much needed recreation facilities on the Hodges Tract which has already been purchased. Referred to the Park and Playgrounds Committee.

Letter from Col. E. Brooke Lee, Vice-Chairman and Park Commissioner of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in regard to the Master Zoning Plan for the City of Takoma Park. He stated that real progress is being consistently made, and they hoped to be able to release preliminary copies of the proposed plan for consideration by the Council in the near future. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Letter from A. V. Cobb, 106 Elm Avenue, stating he was having a residence built on Elm Avenue, Lot 21, Block 33, Gilbert's Subdivision. Also a residence on Heather Avenue, Lot 1, Block 33, Gilbert Subdivision. He would like the City to complete rebuilding of sidewalk along Lot 21 at an early date. Also, have the sidewalk continued the entire Heather Avenue, Lot 1. Referred to Streets & Highways.

Letter from Mr. Plummer M. Shearin, Clerk, Montg. Co. Council, enclosing copies of the proposed amendments to Sections XIV and XV of the Zoning Ordinance for Council's suggestions pertaining to the proposed amendments. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Letter from George L. Hall, Chief Engineer, Department of Health, commending the City of Takoma Park for the improvement in refuse disposal methods. Referred to Municipal Service Committee.

Letter from Gorin Brothers asking the City of Takoma Park to participate in installation of storm water drainage in subdivision known as New Hampshire Gardens. The cost is \$26,000. and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission agreed to bear \$9,200. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from Dr. Sherwood Githens, Jr., submitting resignation as Councilman to take effect June 30, 1949. Referred to Mayor Post.

Letter from Chief McBride, Fire Chief, stating recommendations were made to the Mayor and Council by Mr. Charles H. Howe, Jr., Chief Engineer of Public Protection, Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau, for changing the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, from Class "C" to Class "B". Referred to Municipal Service and Law and Ordinance Committees.

Note from Father King of the Catholic Church on Ethan Allen Avenue requesting a letter giving permission to hold a carnival on the Church grounds from July 11th to 16th, inclusive, Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. W. H. Dieterick, 1209 Elson Place, stated to Council that the street was not paved and as a Representative he would like to know if anything has been decided and what is going to be done.

Mr. J. W. Stickler, Past President of the Pine Crest Citizens' Association stated that this Association was petitioning the Prince George's County Commissioners for improvements to Highland Avenue, Westmoreland Avenue and Second Avenue, but that parts of these streets were in Takoma Park. He asked for the attitude of the Council toward certain changes in grade which would be required. He also wanted to know if the City would participate.

Councilman Beville stated that Second Avenue is one that the City would like to improve but not until it is widened. Informal survey made to determine best method to widen resulted in the decision to actually expand it into the County. On the City side, the houses are too close to the street. He also stated they should try to arrange a dedication and then go ahead and arrive at an agreement as to how the streets should be done. The same applies to Highland and Westmoreland Avenues.

Mr. Walter Smith collaborated further on the matter and Mr. R. E. Light, President of the Pine Crest Citizens' Association, stressed the importance of cooperation in the matter. Mayor Post asked that they meet with Councilman Beville, the other two members of the Streets Committee and Mr. Hegarty, Superintendent of Public Works, to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Jack Krochmal, 27 Laurel Avenue, addressed Council in regard to collection and disposal of Trash and Garbage. This matter was discussed at the Executive Session.

Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 13th Place, addressed Council in regard to the southern part of Hillwood Manor. He stated the roads were in a deplorable condition last year due to the excessive rains, and the Council did a very good job in having it repaired. He stated that Carole Highlands had completed its road building program which meant considerable relief and improvement of conditions for Hillwood Manor. He asked that Council look into that part of Elson Street on the edge of the City where there is a paved portion. The balance of Elson Street should also be examined to determine whether there could be any immediate repairs; also, that portion of Erskine Street between 14th Avenue and the City line which has been surfaced and is in good condition. However, during last Saturday's rain and other heavy rain, a certain amount of gravel washes down the slope from Carole Highlands, which resulted in destruction of the new street and should be rectified. He stated 14th Avenue south of Erskine needs several holes filled and in the junction of Elson Place where the water crosses 14th Avenue is being further damaged. Also Elson Place running from 14th Avenue down to 13th Avenue is in need of restoration due to rain water, and the sewer outlet at the northeast corner of Elson and 13th Place is blocked and a portion of the curb has been washed away. He stated

this had been in a state of disrepair for sometime, and he would be very glad to meet with members of the Streets and Highways Committee to review the matter.

Mr. Roger Fowler, 7203 Garland Avenue, asked what action was being taken in regard to the storm sewer on his property. He stated that members of the Council and City Officials had inspected the situation and all were agreed that something should be done. He stated that the sewer was installed by the J. C. Light Construction Company but was not completed. Mr. Hegarty stated that this sewer served a rather extensive drainage area and the completion of the job would cost approximately \$2,000.00 provided the necessary right of way could be obtained by dedication. Councilman Beville asked if it would be possible to do the work and assess the builder. Mr. Fowler stated that in his opinion the former Council should not have accepted the street and storm drain in the condition in which it was left. Councilman Perring stated he felt that inasmuch as this storm sewer had been accepted by the former Council that it was a municipal function to complete the job. Further discussion was deferred until the Executive Session by Mayor Post.

Mr. R. L. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Avenue, stated that since we had purchased a new power mower, we should cut the grass that is about 18 inches high in Central Park. Also, what has been decided about the corner of Albemarle and Kennebec Avenues. Councilman Perring answered by saying we would take care of grass next week, and Mr. Hegarty explained we would patch intersection of Albemarle and Kennebec in the very near future.

Mr. Leo V. Glorius, 1000 East-West Highway, addressed Council opposing the improvement of Kentland Avenue.

Mr. B. F. Thorn, 1001 Hopewell Avenue, addressed Council in regard to the same problem, and stated he did not receive a letter informing him of the Hearing. Mayor Post stated this Hearing was advertised in the paper and held on June 23, 1949.

Mr. Clayton Railey, 308 Cedar Avenue, addressed Council regarding vacant lot and valley that is known as the Potts place. He stated the weeds, etc., were terrible and the dirt washes halfway over the sidewalk. Councilman Parkerson asked the Chief of Police to go out and look into this condition and report back to Mr. Hegarty.

Mr. A. Waechter, 911 Sligo Parkway, addressed Council in regard to the status of Heather Service Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Perring moved that we accept Councilman Githens resignation with regret. At this point, Councilman McClenon suggested that the motion be amended to acceptance of Councilman Githen's resignation with an expression of appreciation for distinguished service, and to wish him the sincere good wishes of the Council in the field in which his new work will take him, and to also state that we hope he will not regret his move but will be very happy in his new work. Councilman Perring amended the motion accordingly.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Mayor Post expressed to Councilman Githens our feeling of great loss by his resignation, and presented him with an engraved gold badge which read "Faithful Service".

Councilman Perring stated that purchase of a playground for colored had been set up in the budget, and the most desirable was located on Ritchie Avenue. He moved that the City Attorney be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of that tract of land and to report back on what the negotiation develops.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to the letter from Mr. Oliver W. Youngblood suggesting the Lions Club, City of Takoma Park and National Park and Planning Committee combine their funds for useful and much needed recreation facilities on the Hodges Tract, Councilman Perring stated he believed this was already on the plans of the Park and Planning Commission and asked that the Clerk and Treasurer advise Mr. Youngblood that the Park and Planning Commission is planning an extensive recreational area, and sometime in the future when the tract has been developed, we will consider his letter further.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE: In regard to a number of concerts to be given in the Park by the Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Parkerson moved that the request of the Chamber of Commerce for the holding of these Concerts be granted.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to Father King's request to hold a Carnival on the Church grounds, Councilman Parkerson moved that he be granted a permit to conduct his Carnival as requested with the understanding that there will be no loud, unnecessary, or objectionable noises, and that the Carnival is being conducted in a residential area and should be conducted in keeping with the customs of the residents of that area, and the police will be the sole judge of whether or not there is unreasonable noise.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to the collection of Trash and Garbage for Commercial District, Mr. Hegarty submitted a special report which estimated that the cost of commercial trash collection would be \$3,000.00. On the basis of the taxes that the Merchants pay, he estimated that the City should bear approximately one-third of the cost. The balance would come from merchants. After further discussion, Councilman Parkerson moved that the City Engineer and the City Clerk and Treasurer be instructed to meet with the Municipal Service Committee and draw up a plan of procedure to put this matter of collecting Garbage and Trash into operation as soon as possible.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Mr. Parkerson moved that the present officers of the Fire Department and Police Department be continued in their present positions for the fiscal year 1949-50, and the automatic increases that we have set up for members of the Fire Department and Police Department be put into effect.

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson moved that the salary of the Chief of Police for the forthcoming year be \$4,500.00 and the salary of Fire Chief be fixed at \$4,000.00 a year as Fire Chief and \$500.00 a year as Fire Marshall.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

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

In regard to the Takoma Park Taxi Association requesting permission to lengthen telephone booth three feet to put in a booster for the telephone system, Councilman Parkerson moved that Mr. Hegarty be authorized to investigate the matter and issue the necessary permit.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Heffner suggested we send Captain John Bruff a letter of thanks for reporting a Policeman. Councilman Githens thought it would be better that each Councilman give their personal thanks to him.

Mayor Post expressed his appreciation to Council for the work they had done as Chairmen and Members of their respective Committees, and asked that they accept the same appointments for the coming year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: In regard to Lot 28, Block 17, Pinecrest Subdivision and Lot 9, Block 36, Gilberts Subdivision, it was the recommendation of Mr. Gingerich to offer these lots for sale for amount of taxes plus interest and cost to the Capital Mortgage and Title Company and that they be advertised for sale if the offer was not accepted. Councilman Nies then moved that the Clerk and Treasurer contact Mr. Gray, Capital Mortgage and Title Company, Inc. and offer these lots for sale for amount of taxes plus interest and cost.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies recommended the reappointment of Mr. Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., City Clerk and Treasurer; also, Mr. Hilliard be appointed as Executive Secretary for the fiscal year 1949-50.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCE: Councilman McClenon explained that we had all Ordinances since 1938 consolidated in one large book and hoped to eventually get back to the beginning. He also stated

that if anyone had some additional amendments that would be desirable to the City Manager plan, he would like for them to contact a member of the Advisory Committee.

Councilman McClenon recommended the reappointment of Mr. Vincent Gingerich at \$960.00 a year in accordance with the budget.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Councilman Beville recommended the reappointment of Mr. Hugh E. Hegarty, Superintendent of Public Works for the salary of \$5,000.00 a year as set up in the budget.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Beville moved the adoption of the following Ordinance advertising for bids to carry out the provisions of Ordinance No. 940, dealing specifically with Albemarle Service Drive from Albemarle Ave. to Maple Avenue in Block 53, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, abutting Lots 32 through 55.

ORDINANCE NO. 949

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 Albemarle Service Drive as advertised in Ordinance No. 940, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting May 18, 1949, and the improvement of said Albemarle Service Drive is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance. *p. 54-55*

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.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a Roll Call vote recorded as follows: Councilman Beville, Aye; Councilman Githens, Aye; Councilman Heffner, Aye; Councilman McClenon, Aye; Councilman Nies, Aye; Councilman Parkerson, Aye; Councilman Perring, Aye.

Councilman Beville moved the adoption of an Ordinance advertising for bids to carry out the provisions of Ordinance No. 945.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

Councilman Perring moved that this motion be tabled unless Mr. Gingerich had a report.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

After further discussion, Councilman Perring moved that the motion be reconsidered.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Beville then moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to advertise for bids to carry out the provisions of Ordinance No. 945, dealing specifically with Central Avenue from Garland Avenue to the end of Lot 1, Block 38 F in Fletchers' Addition, abutting Lots 1 through 9 and in Block 38E abutting Lots 1 through 4.

ORDINANCE NO. ⁹⁵⁰940

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 Central Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 945, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting May 18, 1949, and the improvement of said Central 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.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Councilman Beville, Aye; Councilman Githens, Aye; Councilman Heffner, Aye; Councilman McClenon, Aye; Councilman Nies, Aye; Councilman Parkerson, Aye; Councilman Perring, Aye.

Councilman Beville moved the adoption of the following Ordinance advertising for bids to carry out the provisions of Ordinance No. 943, dealing specifically with Boyd Avenue from Elm Avenue to Larch Avenue in Glazewood Manor, Block 107, abutting Lots 8 through 15; Block 117, abutting Lot 15; Block 118, abutting Lots 7 through 10; Block 119 abutting Lot 9.

ORDINANCE NO. 951

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 Boyd Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 943, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting May 18, 1949, and the improvement of said Boyd Avenue is hereby authorized in such manner as the Mayor and Council may determine within the terms of said Ordinance. *p. 56-57*

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.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Councilman Beville, Aye; Councilman Githens, Aye; Councilman Heffner, Aye; Councilman McClenon, Aye; Councilman Nies, Aye; Councilman Parkerson, Aye; Councilman Perring, Aye.

Councilman Beville moved the adoption of the following Ordinance advertising for bids to carry out the provisions of Ordinance No. 942, dealing specifically with Eastern Avenue from Second Street to Ash Avenue in Pinecrest Subdivision, Block 14, abutting Lots 1 through 10, and Block 17, abutting Lots 1 through 17.

ORDINANCE NO. 952

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 Eastern Avenue, as advertised in Ordinance No. 942, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting May 18, 1949, and the improvement of said Eastern 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.

Councilman Githens seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Councilman Beville, Aye; Councilman Githens, Aye; Councilman Heffner, Aye; Councilman McClenon, Aye; Councilman Nies, Aye; Councilman Parkerson, Aye; Councilman Perring, Aye.

Councilman Beville stated a number of residents on Elson Place want the Council to hold a Hearing, not to determine whether we should pave the street, but to determine who should pay for the street. Councilman Beville stated the Council does not have authority to judge who should pay for the street, and this was a situation between the Citizens and the Developer. The Council will vote to pave the street anytime residents want it done.

In regard to the Storm Sewer on Garland Avenue, Councilman Perring moved that necessary repairs to the storm sewer be made provided the necessary dedication of right of way is made by the property owners.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Councilman Githens moved that the motion be tabled until Mr. Gingerich looked into the legal aspects of the matter.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Post asked that this matter be brought up without fail at the next meeting.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS: Councilman Githens stated that in regard to the letter from Mr. Plummer M. Shearin enclosing copies of the proposed amendments to Sections XIV and XV of the Zoning Ordinance for Council's suggestions, he thought additional suggestions were unnecessary.

Councilman McClenon moved that we file in our records and send a letter of thanks to Mr. Shearin.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to the letter from Col. E. Brooke Lee regarding Master Zoning Plan for the City of Takoma Park, Councilman Githens suggested we reply that we are greatly interested in this matter and appreciate having been kept advised and would appreciate further word from the Park and Planning Commission.

In regard to the Notice of Changes in Garbage and Trash Collections, Councilman Githens asked if Council would be interested in having this done on cardboard, and on the reverse side put other information such as emergency telephone numbers, etc. After further discussion, Councilman Githens moved that the Council authorize the Civic Improvements Committee to collaborate with all the City Officers that would be involved and in the next few days prepare a notice as described which will be distributed and paid for by City funds.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to letter from U. S. Public Health Service regarding the New Bethesda Medical Center, Councilman Githens recommended that we reply and thank them for sending us the information.

In regard to Petition 1329, Leopold Wagner, Owner of Property known as Bonifant Flats, with the Park and Planning Commission requesting the rezoning of that land from Residential "A" to Residential "C", Councilman Githens stated this was referred to the Spring Park Citizens' Association and the Joint Committee and both opposed this rezoning. Councilman Githens recommended that due to the fact this has been given careful study by people living in that portion of the City, we oppose this petition.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Githens asked that we write a letter to the Park and Planning Commission opposing the proposed rezoning from Residential "A" to Residential "C" of that particular property.

Councilman Githens stated that a proposal to adopt an Ordinance accepting a plat of a subdivision of a portion of land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald S. Senseman which lies between Sligo Creek and Roanoke Avenue bereferred to the City Engineer. The proposal has been approved by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Councilman Githens stated that the survey for obtaining a proposed set of changes in street names and numbers has been completed and they were in a position to have a meeting of the Civic Improvement Committee including Citizens, but due to the hot weather, the meeting should be postponed until September.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 11:45 p. m.

CLOSED SESSION
MAYOR & COUNCIL
June 27, 1949

At 11:55 p. m., Mayor Post convened the private session of the Council for the purpose of appointing a Councilman to replace Dr. Sherwood Githens, Jr., whose resignation had been accepted by the Council to become effective June 30, 1949.

Mayor Post submitted the following letters to the Council from the various Citizens' Associations presenting names of certain Citizens recommended by their respective Committees to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Githens:

The Spring Park Community Association:

Mr. Robert Mohr

The Joint Committee of the Prince Georges Civic Associations:

Mr. Lawrence A. Oosterhous
Mr. Ray H. Eccleston

The Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association:

Mr. Ray H. Eccleston

The East Takoma Citizens' Association:

Mr. Ellery Denison
Mr. L. A. Oosterhous
Mr. Elmer White

The Sligo Park Terrace Citizens' Association:

Mr. Lawrence A. Oosterhous

The Hampshire Greens Community Association:

Mr. Edward Dawson

Mayor Post then presented Council with a letter from Mr. Ellery Denison requesting that his name be withdrawn from consideration.

At this point, the Mayor requested the Council to consider the name of each individual as recommended by the Citizens' Committees in order that each one would receive the fullest consideration. The Mayor further stated that he would appreciate it if each Councilman would feel free to express his views on each candidate as this would be held strictly confidential.

Therefore, the qualifications and willingness to serve of each person were reviewed.

The result of this discussion was the nomination of Mr. Lawrence A. Oosterhous by Councilman Perring and seconded by Councilman McClenon.

After further discussion, a motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and adopted.

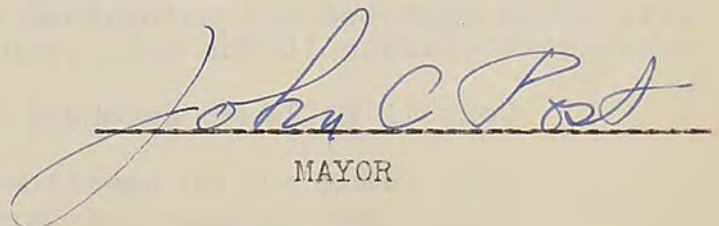
A motion was then made that the Clerk cast a ballot electing Mr. Lawrence A. Oosterhous to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Githens.

This motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 A. M.



CLERK AND TREASURER



MAYOR