

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
February 27, 1950

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Post at 8:10 p. m.  
Those present: Mayor Post, Councilmen Beville, Heffner, McClenon,  
Nies, Oosterhous, Parkerson and Perring. Absent: None.

Mayor Post moved that the minutes of the last meetings be accepted as printed, if there were no corrections. Councilman Oosterhous requested that the minutes of January 23rd be corrected by changing the phrases on page 9 from "he would like to go on record as changing his point of view" to read "he would like to go on record as registering his point of view", and from "that he felt the Council was too hasty" to read "that he felt the Council was criticized for being too hasty". The minutes of the meetings were accepted with these changes.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented the financial statement for the month of January:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

General Property Taxes	5,139.57	
Less Discount	<u>14.30</u>	5,125.27
Penalties		111.09
Delinquent Taxes		8.76
State of Md. Admission Tax		1.24
State of Md. Income Tax		1,599.33
State of Md. Franchise Tax		23.75
Mont. Co. Fire Tax		294.83
Mont. Co. Business Licenses		24.91
Mont. Co. Trial Magistrate Fines		470.00
Mont. Co. Police Revenue		3,982.54
Parking Meter: Collections		460.09
Violations		8.00
Taxicab Stand Rental		175.00
Misc. Constr. Permit		1.00
Dog License		115.00
Misc. Licenses		9.00
Insurance Premium Refund		70.85
Commercial Trash Pickup		157.00
Recovery of Clothing Allowance P/W Dept		74.00
Misc.		2.50
Special Assessments		<u>247.11</u>
		<u>\$12,961.27</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Special Assessment - Accounts Rec'd	3,451.50
Special Assessment - Interest	52.36
	<u>\$3,503.86</u>



## GENERAL ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS

## Office:

Salaries	1,195.66	
Postage	15.00	
Telephone-Supplies	42.74	
Rent	100.00	
Assoc. Dues (Not Inst of Munic Clks)	110.00	
Clerk & Treas Misc Expense (2 mos)	97.45	
Misc Expense	26.45	
Planning & Zonning (New Munic Bldg)	7.48	
Stationery - Supplies	68.95	\$1,563.73

Justice of Peace	56.66	56.66
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Corporation Counsel Salary	80.00	80.00
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## Municipal Bldg:

Fuel	45.20	
Gas	.75	
Lights	3.75	
Repair	24.35	74.05

## Police Dept:

Salaries	2,830.00	
Clothing Allowance	899.20	
Telephones	53.85	
Electric Lights	15.74	
Gas	2.02	
Fuel	47.91	
Auto Repair	10.84	
Tires-Tubes	8.97	
Car Wash	7.00	
Misc Expense	15.23	3,890.76

## Fire Dept:

Salaries	1,645.00	
Telephone	17.94	
Electric Lights	26.94	
Gas	12.62	
Auto Repairs	28.59	
Oil	35.40	
Laundry	6.73	
Firefighting Supplies	8.00	
Fuel	213.82	
Insurance	83.60	2,078.64

Public WorksStreets:

Salaries	333.33	
Wages	1,408.69	
Telephone	50.78	
Stationery-Supplies	27.25	
Office Equipment	16.79	
Warehouse Supplies	52.42	
Garage Renovation	82.76	
Auto Repairs	64.09	



Auto Equipment	35.83	
Grease	2.00	
Misc Expense	13.15	
Street Repair Materials	<u>858.23</u>	2,945.23

## Refuse:

Salaries	333.33	
Wages	3,303.00	
Disposal	537.00	
Repairs - Trucks	77.21	
Accessories - Trucks	12.13	
Tires-Tubes - Trucks	112.00	
Oil - Trucks	7.00	
Grease - Trucks	1.40	
Supplies	<u>1.70</u>	4,383.77

## Recreation:

Wages	<u>211.90</u>	211.90
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## Lights:

Street Lights	655.85	
Traffic Lights	<u>13.43</u>	699.28

## Misc:

General Retirement	809.47	
H. Fields Retirement	25.00	
Refund 1949 Taxes (Pd. Twice)	57.06	
Gasoline Account	632.78	
Dog Expense (Tags)	<u>28.50</u>	
		<u>1,552.81</u>
		<u><u>17,506.83</u></u>

## SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on Contract	10,333.49	
Certificate of Indebtedness Expense	<u>83.50</u>	<u>10,416.99</u>

BANK STATEMENT

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

12/31/49 - Balance, Citiz. Bank	7,322.08	
1/16/50 Transfer fr Suburban Bank	10,000.00	
Deposits, January 1950	<u>12,588.94</u>	
	29,911.01	
1/31/50 Withdrawn, January 1950	<u>17,506.83</u>	
Balance		12,404.18
12/31/49 Balance, Suburban Bank	11,110.55	
Trans. to Citiz. Bank	<u>10,000.00</u>	
	1,110.55	
Deposits, January 1950	<u>372.33</u>	
		<u>1,482.88</u>
1/31/50 Balance, both banks		<u>13,887.06</u>
9/1/49 Certificate of Deposit		25,000.00



## SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

12/31/49	Balance, Citizens Bank	53,793.64	
	Deposits, January 1950	<u>3,503.86</u>	
		57,297.50	
	Withdrawn, January, 1950	<u>10,416.99</u>	
1/31/49	Balance, Citizens Bank		<u>46,880.51</u>

Mayor Post stated that if there were no objections, the financial statement would be accepted as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS - The Clerk and Treasurer read the following communications:

Letter from Ronald Senseman, dated February 7, 1950, addressed to Mayor Post, stating his position regarding a municipal building for Takoma Park. No action.

Letter from Blair Lee, III, Park and Planning Commission, dated February 9, 1950, to 75 citizens of Takoma Park, regarding their petition to oppose commercialization of a large area of Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Petition from citizens protesting reclassification of property at Kennebec and Roanoke Avenue, Permit No. A-651. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Letter from Perry O. Silkinson, Chairman, Prince George's Delegation, dated February 15, addressed to Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., Executive Secretary, replying to letter concerning a law to permit municipalities to limit speed of vehicles on state roads, both in and near the cities concerned. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

Letter from Takoma Park Elementary School dated January 31, addressed to Mayor Post, thanking Council for replacing see-saws at school. Referred to Councilman Ferring.

Letter from Eric W. Andberg, dated February 13, 1950, to Mayor and Council, enclosing petition of 67 citizens protesting reclassification of area of Block 33, Gilbert Subdivision, Petition No. A-1417. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Letter from J. Roger Hodges, dated February 11, 1950, stating he has been appointed Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County, and applying for appointment as Justice of the Peace for Takoma Park. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.

Letter from Clifford J. Waldron, Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, dated January 31, 1950, to Editor, Takoma Journal, requesting widening of streets be made a fifth point of the Four-Point Program. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Letter from Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, S. Michael Derato, Recording Secretary, dated February 18, 1950, to Mayor and Council, opposing street-widening and off-street parking taking



precedence over other parts of Four-Point Program. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Letter from Takoma Park Historical Society, dated February 24, 1950, to Mayor and Council, stating that society had passed a resolution that the City of Takoma Park erect a Takoma Memorial Civic Center on Manor Circle, the foyer to include bronze plaques listing all servicemen serving in the past three wars, with gold stars in appropriate cases; this construction to be paid for with bonds issued for a twenty-year period. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Petition from Laurel and Carroll Avenues businessmen, dated February 21, 1950, to Mayor and Council, calling attention to disrepair of parking meters located on those streets. Referred to Municipal Services Committee.

Petition from citizens near Lee Avenue to Mayor and Council to prohibit parking on both sides of Lee Avenue and limit parking to the southerly side only. Referred to Municipal Services Committee.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented the bills for the month of February, totaling \$8,456.92 in general accounts, and \$19,608.60 in the special improvement account. Councilman McClenon moved that the bills be accepted and payment directed.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion, and upon being put to vote the motion was carried.

Mayor Post welcomed those citizens who appeared at the meeting and called upon any who desired to address the Council.

Dr. Hooker, President of the Historical Society, addressed the Council. He stated that his group has had under consideration for some time the erection of some type of memorial to our servicemen. At present, the only memorial is the one which has been erected to Benjamin F. Gilbert, the founder of Takoma Park. The Historical Society is in favor of erecting a Municipal Memorial Civic Center and to include in the foyer thereof bronze plaques listing all servicemen from the City of Takoma Park who have served in the Spanish-American war, World War I and World War II. They feel that Manor Circle would be the best location for such a center.

Mr. Rupert L. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Avenue, addressed the Council concerning the re-zoning of the area at Roanoke and Kennebec Avenues. He stated that he believed this was a ridiculous place to permit commercialization, as the street is narrow and in the center of a residential area, only one block from Carroll Avenue. In order to permit traffic movement, "no parking" signs have been erected on both sides of the street.

Mayor Densfield, representing the American Legion, addressed the Council. He stated the Legion definitely favored the placing of the bronze plaque memorial in the proposed municipal building, and that they would assist and support the project in any way possible.

The vice commander of the VFW, Mr. Dunn, stated his organization wanted to go on record as also approving the memorial plaque.



Mrs. Mina E. Fisher, VFW Auxiliary, stated that her organization would assist in any way possible in the erection of the plaque.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Beville brought up the problem of water standing on Kennebec and Erie Avenues where they intersect Flower Avenue, caused when the State resurfaced Flower so that it is two or three inches higher than the other two streets. He stated that there are only two solutions, to install storm drains, or resurface the two streets, bringing them up to the higher grade. Both these procedures would be expensive. The Superintendent of Public Works stated he believed storm drains would be best, and that they would cost about \$2000.

Mayor Post directed the matter be held over for further study.

Councilman Nies moved that the City Clerk and Treasurer be granted permission to attend the Clerk's Convention at Covington, Kentucky, May 24-27, and he be given \$125.00 to cover expenses for this meeting.

Councilman McClenon seconded this motion.

Upon being put to vote the motion was carried.

Councilman Ferring presented a proposed plan for a cascade in Spring Park, as prepared by the Park and Planning Commission, and moved that authorization be granted to prepare complete working plans of this cascade, as proposed, so that it will be possible to advertise for bids.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to vote the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson presented applications for Taxi Ownership and Taxicab driver permits, as follows, and moved they be approved:

Taxi ownership - Ralph Roger Perkins, 910 Carroll Avenue  
 Taxi Drivers - John R. David  
                   Willis A Coffeen  
                   Orville W. Kierstead  
                   Richard D. Alden

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to vote the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson moved the Fire Department be authorized to erect an auxiliary fire siren in the area of Flower and Hudson Avenues, at a cost of \$260.00, as recommended by the Fire Board.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkerson brought up the petition from the merchants on Laurel and Carroll Avenues regarding the parking meters. He stated that he felt no action was necessary, as the petition has



already had the effect of stimulating action on checking the meters.

Sergeant Bell stated that 34 parking violation tickets had been issued in the past two months, of which only 8 were issued for the Laurel and Carroll Avenue area concerned.

Councilman Parkerson instructed the Executive Secretary to reply to the merchants, stating their complaint had been investigated, and the Police Department is making every possible effort to correct every inconvenience and injustice which has been caused, also that the situation complained about has obviously not been widespread.

Council Parkerson brought up the matter of parking on Lee Avenue, and moved that an ordinance be passed as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 978

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

Section 1. That the parking of any commercial or passenger vehicle of any type shall be prohibited at any time on the Couth side of Lee Avenue, from Carroll Avenue to Hancock Avenue.

Section 2, It is further ordained that the failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance is subject to the penalties prescribed by the City of Takoma Park in the ordinance governing traffic regulations.

Upon being put to vote the ordinance was passed by role call vote recorded as follows: In favor - Councilmen Nies, Beville, McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkerson, Perring and Heffner. Opposed - none.

Councilman Beville moved the following ordinance to remove the stop sign on Columbia Avenue at the intersection of Columbia and Poplar Avenues be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 979

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

Section 1. That the Ordinance requiring all vehicles proceeding on Columbia Avenue to stop before proceeding across the intersection of said Avenue and Poplar Avenue be repealed.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that that the "Stop" signs erected on Columbia Avenue at its intersection with Poplar Avenue be removed.

Councilman Parkerson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to vote the ordinance was passed by a role call vote recorded as follows: In favor - Councilmen Beville,



McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkerson, Nies and Perring. Opposed - Councilman Heffner.

Councilman Parkerson stated that Mr. Luke Bennett, Justice of the Peace for the Montgomery County section of Takoma Park, is unable to receive compensation from the County for his work here because he has not been appointed on a permanent basis. Councilman Parkerson moved that we appoint Mr. Bennett as a permanent Justice of the Peace.

Councilman McClenon objected to this motion, stating that if passed it would preclude any action on Mr. Hodges' request for appointment, a matter which has not been considered by the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Upon being put to question the motion failed, with vote recorded as follows: In favor - Councilmen Perring, Parkerson and Heffner. Opposed - Councilmen Nies, Beville, McClenon and Oosterhous.

Councilman Oosterhous presented the petition of the citizens protesting the zoning reclassification at Kennebec and Roanoke Avenues, and recommended no action be taken as this reclassification has already taken effect.

Councilman Oosterhous stated that it was his feeling that the citizens associations were in favor of the erection of a municipal center and moved that the city council authorize the submission to the voters at a special election for their decision the issuance of \$200,000.00 in general improvement bonds for a new municipal building which shall be a civic center and a memorial to our war veterans.

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Councilman McClenon stated that he felt we do not know the feeling of the citizens on this subject sufficiently to call an election at this time, and that before such action is taken we should have a mass meeting to determine their reaction.

Councilman Beville stated that the erection of such a building would not in any way affect the alternate proposal of street widening and off-street parking, since a bond issue of \$200,000.00 would take only \$16,00--\$18,000 per year, and that other funds would still be available for the other program.

Councilman Parkerson stated he would vote \$50,000 for a municipal auditorium.

Councilman McClenon moved the motion be amended to substitute for the \$200,000.00 figure the amount of \$100,000.00.

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion failed with a vote recorded as follows: In favor - Councilmen Perring, McClenon. Opposed: Councilmen Heffner, Nies, Parkerson, Beville and Oosterhous.



Councilman Parkerson moved that we defer action until the new Council takes office.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to vote the motion failed with a vote recorded as follows: In favor - Councilmen Perring, McClenon and Parkerson. Opposed - Councilmen Heffner, Nies, Oosterhous and Beville.

The motion made by Councilman Oosterhous and amended to read "That the City Council authorize the submission to the voters at a special election for their decision the issuance of up to \$200,000.00 in general improvement bonds for a new municipal building which shall be a civic center and a memorial to our war veterans", and seconded by Councilman Beville, was put to vote.

The motion carried with votes recorded as follows: In favor - Councilmen Nies, Beville, Perring, McClenon and Oosterhous. Opposed - Councilmen Parkerson and Heffner.

Mayor Post presented the Councilmen with badges for their past two years service. The Council moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor for the presentation.

Councilman McClenon moved that we designate the following as judges and clerks of election:

CLERKS: Mrs. T. B. Gough, 7113 Garland Avenue  
Mrs. Irene Forehand, 121 Maple Avenue  
Mrs. Marguerite Ferry, 11 Poplar Avenue  
Lauraline K. Schleicher, 401 Lincoln Avenue

JUDGES: Ethel C. Lind, 1 Woodland Avenue  
Alfreda Hare, 809 Davis Avenue  
Gwladine Gooch, 7312 Glenside Drive  
Myrtle Carter, 7208 - 13th Place  
Peter Remsen, 7332 Piney Branch Road  
Frank Troll, 6 Hickory Avenue  
Georgina M. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Avenue  
Alfred L. Lillie, 25 Denwood Avenue

Councilman Beville seconded the motion.

Upon being put to vote, the motion was carried.

Mayor Post announced the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1950, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

*Harold J. Hilliard Sr.*  
Clerk & Treasurer

*John C. Post*  
Mayor