

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
September 18, 1950

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, and Oosterhous. Absent: Councilmen Nies and Perring. Councilman Parkhill reported later.

Councilman Parkhill requested the Executive Secretary to contact Council for the purpose of adopting an Ordinance as authorization for Sam Schiattareggia and Sons to install complete concrete steps on the side of the Fire House in connection with the renovation of the gymnasium.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted on a telephone vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Nies, Oosterhous, Parkhill, and Perring.

Nays: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 1018

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

Section 1. That the Bid of Schiattareggia & Sons in the amount of \$790.00 be accepted for the complete construction of outside concrete steps and walkway at the Fire House in connection with the renovation of gymnasium in accordance with the plans and specifications of our Public Works Dept.

Section 2. AND further, that this work is to be done under the direction and supervision of our Superintendent of Public Works; payment to be made upon the completion and approval of the Superintendent of Public Works.

Adopted by Mayor & Council
September 8, 1950

In regard to the matter of crossing guards in the City of Takoma Park, Councilman Oosterhous moved the Council request the Montgomery County Council to reconsider its action in withdrawing the school crossing guards; thus depriving us of services formerly rendered by the County.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that the problem be referred to the Public Safety Committee with instructions to report to Council as soon as reply is received from County Council.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck read letter from the Montgomery Junior College, which was addressed to Mr. Hegarty, expressing their appreciation for work done on Chicago Avenue.

Councilman Klinck stated that a Public Works Conference was being held in New York from October 15 through October 18, 1950, and moved that he and the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to attend.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkhill stated to Council that Sickler Service had backed down on their original proposal for heating the gymnasium. A K and S Plumbing Company of Silver Spring, Maryland, explained their projectional type heaters in detail, which would cost the City \$3,264.00. After Council discussed the matter at length, it was agreed that the Public Welfare Committee should get an Engineer for designing a heating system for the Fire House.

Councilman Parkhill moved that authorization be granted for payment of \$250.00 covering cost of "Welcome Signs" for the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon read 1192 (J) of the City Charter, which states the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall in the month of September in each year employ a certified public accountant to make an audit of the books. He stated that Councilman Nies recommended the appointment of Willis and O'Connell. After discussion, it was suggested that the Mayor make a study of this matter and submit a nomination at the next regular meeting.

Councilman McClenon stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee on the City Charter suggested adding the following sentence to 1191 in order to prevent a minority of the Council from acting on the borrowing of money, or expenditure of any large sum; and he so moved;

✓ "Any single action of the Council relative to the borrowing of money or expenditures of \$10,000 or more, receiving less than 4 affirmative votes, shall be submitted to the Mayor for his approval. If he does not approve, it shall not become effective until it does receive an affirmative vote of 4 council members."

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon presented the matter of amending Section 1193 (G) of the City Charter as it was stated by the Bond Attorneys that it was very doubtful whether we could borrow under the General or Special Provisions. After discussion, the matter was referred to the next regular meeting.

Councilman McClenon stated the Council should sponsor a public meeting for discussion of the City Manager Bill in the near future.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

Harold J. Williard Jr
Clerk and Treasurer

Sam Deville
Mayor

MAYOR & COUNCIL
 REGULAR MEETING
 September 25, 1950

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Nies, Oosterhous, Parkhill and Perring. Absent: None.

Councilman Oosterhous moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 28 and September 18, 1950, with correction as presented by Councilman McClenon in minutes of September 18.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for the month of August as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AUGUST - - - - 1950

7/31/50 Cash on hand:				
	Citizens Bank	64,595.09		
	Sub. Nat'l T.P.	9,387.68		
		<u>73,982.77</u>		
			Receipts	Estimated
			<u>to 8/31/50</u>	<u>Bal. to 6/30/51</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>				
General Taxes	\$61,130.86			
Less Discount	<u>873.90</u>	\$60,256.96	152,495.76	110,984.24
Licenses and Permits	9,460.02		10,088.30	10,076.70
Fines and Forfeitures	8.00		12.00	1,188.00
Use of Money and Property	0.00		00.00	210.00
Revenues from other sources	510.01		743.62	14,861.38
Serv.Chgs.for current serv.	37.50	70,272.53	229.50	920.50
		<u>144,255.30</u>	<u>163,569.18</u>	<u>138,240.82</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General Government	1,831.12		4,632.50	23,340.50
Police Department	6,660.70		10,482.26	36,538.74
Fire Department	1,939.75		10,127.54	24,152.46
Street Department	8,208.61		14,919.34	51,625.66
Sanitation Department	6,320.85		11,286.76	67,243.24
Recreation	1,573.71		3,243.80	15,086.20
Miscellaneous	1,687.96	28,222.70	2,929.50	5,020.50
8/31/50 - Cash on Hand		<u>116,032.60</u>	<u>57,621.70</u>	<u>223,027.30</u>
8/31/50 - Bal. Citz. Bank	\$104,277.16			
" - Bal. Sub. Nat'l	<u>11,755.44</u>			
" " both banks	\$116,032.60			

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mrs. Vera Hash, Chairman of the Takoma Park Recreation Committee of Prince Georges County, extending thanks to Mayor and Council for the wonderful cooperation given them on their summer program. File with Parks and Playgrounds.

Letter from Dean Hugh G. Price, Montgomery Junior College, expressing deep appreciation for our communication of August 29, 1950, which extended a welcome to that organization.

Letter from Mr. Milton Kramer, President of Hampshire Greens Community Association, extending thanks to the City Government for installation of street lights on Kirklyn Avenue.

Letter from Mrs. Rex Hollis, 404 Poplar Avenue, requesting that "stop signs" be replaced at Poplar and Columbia Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Letter from Mr. Clarence E. Werback, President of the Spring Park Community Association, regarding hazardous conditions existing on Elm Avenue south of Ethan Allen and at the bend in the 600 block, and on Westmoreland Avenue at the bend just below the intersection of Ash, Elm and Westmoreland Avenues.

Letter from Irving McNayr, County Manager, stating it was the opinion of most of the Councilmen that the City should furnish their own crossing guards. Referred to Executive Meeting.

Letter from Mr. Roy P. Stokely, President of the Takoma Park Elementary School PTA, recording unanimous action of Executive Meeting of Monday, September 18, 1950, that Police Chief Thomas be supported in his request for 4 school crossing guards, and further that a study be made by the Mayor and Council of the whole traffic situation that has now become acute in order to protect the children. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Petition from James C. Trefz and Harold J. E. Cesell on Lee Avenue to continue sidewalk on the southerly side of Lee Avenue past the D.G.S. Store to connect with Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. E. W. Bowman, 315 Birch Avenue, addressed Council regarding the nuisance of model airplanes on the school grounds near his residence. He asked that the Police observe this nuisance and eliminate.

Mrs. Johnson, 406 Holly Avenue, addressed Council and stated she lived directly across from playground, and they were not opposed to the noise from the model airplanes.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, asked Council when the gymnasium would be available as their Recreation Center had disbanded, and would like the gymnasium one night a week for this purpose. She also requested one night a week for teen age canteen. The matter was referred to the Public Welfare Committee.

Mr. J. A. Walters, 254 Carroll Avenue, stated he was the owner of the Takoma Funeral Home, and in the last four or five weeks had

been stopped several times by the Takoma Park Policemen while on an emergency trip. Mr. Walters asked for the cooperation of our Police Department. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee for a complete investigation. 55

Mr. H. P. Ware, Elm Avenue, addressed Council regarding his interest in playgrounds for our children, and assured Council of the support they would receive if a playground was furnished the citizens in his area.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Oosterhous moved the reading of the bills be dispensed with.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies moved the payment of bills.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

After the Clerk and Treasurer reported no firm capable of auditing the City books in Takoma Park, Mayor Beville proposed the firm of Willis and O'Connell to audit our books under the same arrangements as last year.

Councilman Nies moved that we approve the Mayor's recommendation.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies suggested that we designate a date to be proclaimed as Community Chest week, and the Mayor and Council voiced their official approval of this Campaign for this year - contribution and participation.

Mayor Beville stated that United Nations Day was to be observed on October 24, 1950. Councilman McClenon stated the celebration should be referred to the Public Welfare Committee. Mayor Beville then referred the matter to the Public Welfare Committee.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman McClenon moved that the Council authorize the Law and Ordinance Committee to arrange a public meeting sometime in November for discussion of City Manager bill.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that we recommend the amendment of Section 1193 (G) so that it will provide for a vote of 3/5 instead of 2/3 of the registered voters voting at such an election.

✓ Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

It was agreed that the Law and Ordinance Committee would have a public meeting for discussion of proposed Ordinance regulating Hucksters, Canvassers, etc.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Councilman Parkhill moved that the Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery be granted their request to use Room No. 2 again next year.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Two bids were submitted for the heating of gymnasium at Fire Department: (1) Sickler Service in the amount of \$1,840.00, (2) A K and S Plumbing Company in the amount of \$3,264.00. After discussion, Councilman Perring moved that we employ a heating engineer at a fee not to exceed \$50.00 for the purpose of advising us on the type of heat to be used.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mr. Blair Lee, III, Vice-Chairman of Park and Planning Commission, discussed with the Council possibility of having Grant Avenue continued between Maple Avenue and West Grant Avenue. He stated that the Hodges Track when completed will be known as the Takoma Recreation Center, but will not have an entrance from the Takoma Park side unless this street is completed. At the present time, the only access is from the Silver Spring side off Piney Branch Road.

He further stated that he believed the Commission could be persuaded to acquire approximately three acres between Grant and Niagra Avenues along Maple Avenue in order to extend the center and include Brashears Run in the Park Lane. He said he felt sure the Commission would go along with the acquisition of this land if the Council would agree to continue Grant Avenue.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the stream could then be straightened, thereby eliminating the necessity of replacing the bridge, which was recently washed out on Maple Avenue. Councilman Klinck stated that the Mayor and Public Works Committee had been over the ground with Mr. Lee and concurred on the basical proposal. After some discussion, Councilman McClenon moved that we approve in principle the ideas that have been put forth, and refer it back to the Public Works Committee to work out details with the Park and Planning Commission.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Regarding the zoning problem, Mr. Lee stated to Council that they had been working on a new zoning Ordinance for Montgomery County for some eight or nine months, as there was no way of preparing a zoning plan for Takoma Park that would solve the problem in the

present Montgomery County Ordinance, which is a very old-fashioned one. Also, there would be no zoning plan proposed until such time as the new zoning ordinance for Montgomery County has been through legislature. Mr. Lee explained the difficulties and amount of work involved in preparing this Ordinance. Mayor Beville then stated two problems of the City: (1) Satisfy citizens as to what kind of area they live in---with a reasonable guarantee of a certain type, (2) receive from area the income we deserve. Mr. Lee added that he would mail a copy of the conversion proposal for the Council to study. 57

Councilman Klinck stated that the State Roads Commission approved request for allocation of Federal Funds for \$5,000.00 for widening of Carroll Avenue.

Councilman Klinck submitted the following items at the request of Mr. Van Zile, Chamber of Commerce, for consideration of Council: Enlargement of corporate area of Takoma Park, acquisition and development of adequate off-street parking, improvement of Aspen Street Underpass and Fire House, obtain Radio Station and Municipal Office Building.

It was agreed that further study would be given these items.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Councilman Perring moved the appointment of the following men as Special Police Officers:

John H. Scoltock	Alfred Lillie
Sam Hamacher	Carl Creeze
Thomas B. McNeill	Rush Jemison

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1019

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

Section 1. That Chicago Avenue from intersection of Takoma Avenue North to New York Avenue be made one-way, and that parking be permitted on the west side only.

Section 2. AND that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER, that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Nies, Oosterhous, Parkhill and Perring. Nays: None.

Councilman Perring presented the complaint of stop signs at Poplar and Columbia Avenues. Councilman Parkhill stated this should be met with better control. After discussion, Mayor Beville asked Chief Thomas to pay special attention to this area for the next month to see if we could straighten this matter out without stop signs.

Councilman Perring presented the complaint regarding the flying of model airplanes at the Elementary School on Holly Avenue. A survey made by the Police Department in this area revealed the following:

In favor - 24
 Against - 17
 Not voting - 6

After discussion, Councilman Perring moved that the flying of model airplanes be restricted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on week days; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Councilman Nies seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring presented two letters from the Fire Board. One requested that a letter of certification be sent to the Fire Marshal, Montgomery County, to the effect that Chief M. E. McBride is the authorized delegate and Deputy Chief H. W. Hirst is the authorized alternate to the Montgomery County Fire Board. Councilman Perring so moved.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The other communication stated that in accordance with the provisions recently added to City Ordinance 915 whereby Volunteer Fire Fighting Officers are sworn in by the Mayor of Takoma Park, the following recommendations and list were submitted:

Deputy Chief H. W. Hirst to be promoted to the rank of Sr. Deputy Chief of the Fire Department with full authority of the Fire Chief when the Chief is not available, said authority to be emergency activities.

Captain L. M. Brown to be promoted to the rank of Asst. Deputy Chief with administrative authority in the absence of the Fire Chief and next in rank to the Sr. Deputy Chief for emergency activities.

Captain H. C. Paul to remain as Captain with instruction and training responsibilities.

Lieutenant J. R. Willey to be promoted to the rank of Captain with instruction and training responsibilities.

Lieutenants T. J. Clark, E. A. Reifsnnyder, and E. C. Reid to remain as Lieutenants with instruction and training responsibilities.

C. G. Fiske to remain as Superintendent of Machinery with responsibilities as stated in the Rules and Regulations.

All officers to rank in the order named for emergency activities.

Sgt. R. E. Carter will be directly responsible for the paid personnel of the Fire Department and for all City owned property in the absence of the Fire Chief.

Councilman Perring moved that the men named be sworn in by the Mayor in accordance with the ranks requested.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In regard to the matter of crossing guards, Councilman Perring moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Montgomery County through the Board of Education formerly furnished crossing guards for the schools of Takoma Park, and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of said crossing guards has been taken from the Board of Education and placed under the Montgomery County Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Police Department has seen fit to discontinue the services of crossing guards in Takoma Park because of conflict of jurisdiction of Police Departments, and

WHEREAS, when the police departments of Montgomery County and Takoma Park were separated, and adjustment and compensatory arrangement agreed upon, the crossing guards were not included; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Montgomery County be requested to recompense the City of Takoma Park in the amount of \$180.00 per month for the employment and outfitting of necessary crossing guards during the school year.


Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Beville requested that a letter be sent to the Civic Improvements Committee to arrange for a general hearing for street numbering and renaming.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.


Clerk and Treasurer


Mayor