

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
November 20, 1950

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhaus, Parkhill and Perring. Absent: Councilman Nies.

The Clerk and Treasurer stated that all applications before the Board of Zoning Appeals for use of certain properties as Convalescent Homes have all been approved, including 120 Albany Avenue.

Mayor Beville presented a letter from Mr. Jesse F. Nicholson of the Park and Planning Commission, which stated they refused to pay the five special assessment tax bills in the amount of \$2,000.00. The matter was referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee for the purpose of expediting an investigation.

Mayor Beville presented letter from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission concerning sanitary conditions existing on Ritchie Avenue. The matter was referred to the Clerk and Treasurer.

Mayor Beville presented letter from the Maryland State Firemen's Association commending the Takoma Park Fire Department for having the largest number of firemen completing the courses of instruction given by the Fire Service Extension Department of the University of Maryland. Councilman Perring suggested the Mayor write a letter of congratulations.

Mayor Beville informed Council that he wrote the Park and Planning Commission regarding an apparent zoning violation on Lot 5, Block 116, Glazewood Manor Subdivision, in the vicinity of Elm and Larch Avenues, and he had received a letter stating the matter was being referred to Mr. Perce Wolfe, but thought we should take some immediate steps on the matter. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Civic Improvements Committee with instructions to obtain advice from our Corporation Counsel.

✓ Councilman McClenon moved that we go on record and ask the General Assembly to repeal Section 1193 K, along with 1193 G, which we have already asked for.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon moved that we adopt the following amendments to be incorporated in the City Manager Bill, and the City Clerk make 100 copies of the City Manager bill with new amendments inserted:

- ✓ 1. In the title, change "establishment of the City Manager form of government in the City of Takoma Park, and delineating the duties of the City Manager" (lines 5-7) to "office of City Manager in the City of Takoma Park; prescribing his duties."
- ✓ 2. In A, change ", but he" (line 2 of second paragraph) to ". He"; change "stating the Council's intention to remove him and the reasons therefor" (last two lines) to "setting forth the reasons for his removal. The City Manager shall be entitled to file in the records of the City a formal reply to the Council's statement."

3. In B, 2, transfer the last six words of the first sentence to the beginning of the eight line; strike out the first, second, third and fifth sentences on page 2.

4. In B, 4 (c), strike out the last three words. In the next paragraph, change "be" (line 1) to ", under a merit system established by ordinance, be made", and "and experience" (line 2) to ", experience and fitness." In the next paragraph, insert "by ordinance" after "shall" (line 1). In the last paragraph, insert "of not less than three members" after "appeals" (line 2).

5. In C, strike out "in the service" (line 4); insert after the second sentence "no appointive officer or employee of the City shall take an active part (other than voting) in any election for Mayor and Council."; insert after "indirect" (line 12) "(except as a stockholder owning less than 10 per cent of the stock of a corporation)."

6. In E, insert "appointed" before "officer" (line 4).

7. In G, 2, insert "may by ordinance prescribe" after "Council" (line 3).

8. In G, 4, change the last 11 words to "the Council may by ordinance prescribe or the City Manager may direct."

9. In I, 3, strike out the first 12 words; insert after "shall" (line 3) "at such time as may be fixed by the City Manager"; change "30" (last line on page 4) to "45."

10. In M and N, strike out "immediate" (line 2); insert "may by ordinance provide" after "Council" (M, line 4), and change "may be prescribed by the Council or by the City Manager" (N, lines 6-7) to "the Council may by ordinance prescribe or the City Manager may direct."

11. In O, change "ashes" (line 5) to "other refuse"; change "may be prescribed by the City Council or by the City Manager" (lines 8-9) to "the Council may by ordinance prescribe or the City Manager may direct."

12. In Q, change the last three lines to "under such regulations and restrictions as may be established by the Council."

13. In Section 4, change the last 8 lines of the second paragraph to "the Charter of the City of Takoma Park provide for the office of City Manager?", followed by the words "Yes" and "No".

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved that we have one meeting next month to be held on December 18, 1950, at the Community Center, which would be the public meeting.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring stated the appointment of two police officers was agreed by telephone, and in order to confirm, moved the appointment of William Zane Blankenship, 1025 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland and Richard Lawrence Keegan, 7209 Trescott Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved that all elected and appointed officials of the City of Takoma Park be required to sign the Ober Law.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring recommended appointment of Alex Tobey, 7207 Hilton Avenue and O. J. Forehand, 121 Maple Avenue, as special police officers.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1029

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

Section 1.. That a "stop sign" is to be erected on Jackson Avenue at the intersection with Flower Avenue.

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

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 McClenon seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Perring moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1030

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

Section 1. That a "stop sign" is to be erected on Garland Avenue at the intersection with Flower Avenue.

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

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 Klinck seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Perring presented letter from Ralph Shure regarding an adjustment of the rate scale in taxi service from 25¢ to 30¢, or charge 10¢ for each additional passenger and keep the 25¢ rate. Councilman Perring moved that the Council has no objection to the increase from 25¢ to 30¢ for one zone.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman McClenon suggested a meeting with the Montgomery County Delegation be arranged by the City Clerk sometime after the 18th of December and before the new Year. Preferably, December 20, 1950, or an alternate date.

Councilman Klinck presented letter from property owners in the City of Takoma Park petitioning the City Council to pave Wabash Avenue between East-Ridge and Sligo Creek Parkway. The matter was referred to the Superintendent of Public Works to find out if there were any other property owners involved, and to prepare an estimate of the cost.

Councilman Klinck reported that the paving project of Hancock and Sheridan Avenues has been completed.

It was suggested that the leaves collected with the leaf loader could be made into a compost pile, and information on this could be obtained from Maryland University.

Councilman Parkhill moved that we go on record to invite the Montgomery County Council and delegation to a dinner. This includes the Prince Georges County Commissioners and delegation at a separate date.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkhill presented letter and Doctor bill from Harold J. Seeley, 21 Denwood Avenue, pertaining to an injury to his daughters hand which allegedly was due to a defect in the sliding board at the North Takoma Playground. Councilman Parkhill stated that although our Corporation Counsel had ruled that the City was not liable in the premises that he felt the City was morally obligated to pay this bill, and he so moved.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

The motion was lost with Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous and Perring voting Nay. Councilman Parkhill voted Yea.

Councilman Parkhill brought out that there were no funds for the Public Welfare Committee. This brought up the Financial Report recently submitted by the City Clerk, and Councilman McClenon stated that he understood we would have approximately \$5,000.00 left at the end of the fiscal year, including what has been spent and the monthly recurrent expenses. Therefore, curtailment of expenses would be in order. Mayor Beville referred the matter to Finance Committee for a thorough investigation, including money for Public Welfare Committee.

Councilman Klinck stated he was in sympathy with what Councilman McClenon had said, and he wanted the budget items adhered to and would attempt to see that they were carried out. However, he thought it would be necessary to have a comparative report made available each month as to what has been spent and what still remains in that particular budget item (not every little sub-head, only the general budget item total).

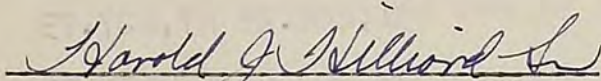
Mayor Beville then asked the Finance Committee to meet sometime this week for audit of the City's finances, and to comply with request that a report be submitted showing the amount expended and remaining in each general budget item. Mayor Beville further requested that notice be given to each member of the Finance Committee so they can submit report by next Monday night.

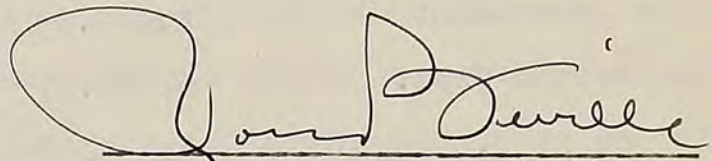
Councilman Klinck suggested that the Law and Ordinance Committee should consider the matter of setting up depreciation reserve and depreciation funds accounts. After discussion, it was agreed that this should be referred to the Finance Committee so that they can work out specific details. Mayor Beville requested that the Finance Committee also be notified that the Council has requested them to take under advisement a study of sinking funds or similar device to provide for purchase of capital equipment, and a report made to the Law and Ordinance Committee so that they may draw up proper legislation for this coming legislative term.

Councilman Eccleston presented the matter of the bid on Spring Park in the amount of \$1,675.00. It was suggested that we break this amount into two separate contracts - one for the cascade and one for the pool. Mayor Beville suggested that Mr. Hegarty contact the bidder and have him divide it up as it should be, and submit at regular meeting.

Councilman Parkhill read letter and Resolution from Office of the Housing Expediter. The matter was referred to the regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

  
CLERK AND TREASURER

  
MAYOR

MAYOR & COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 27, 1950

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Nies, Parkhill, and Perring. Councilmen Oosterhous reported late. Absent: None.

Councilman Eccleston moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 23 and November 20, 1950.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	October, 1950	Receipts to 10/31/50	Estimated Budget to 6/30/51
9/30/50 Cash on hand:			
Citizens Bank	90,094.57		
Suburban Nat'l	12,339.40		
	102,434.47		
<u>REVENUES</u>			
1.11 General Taxes \$36,337.40.			
Less disc. <u>217.05</u>	36,120.38	205,895.57	56,988.43
2.11 Licenses & Permits	611.53	11,369.12	8,795.88
3.11 Fines & Forfeitures	33.00	57.00	1,143.00
4.2 Use of Moneys & Property	15.00	15.00	195.00
5.9 Miscellaneous	267.54	11,313.00	4,292.00
6.4 Comm. Trash Pickup	<u>259.50</u>	<u>37,306.95</u>	<u>661.00</u>
	139,741.42	<u>229,138.69</u>	<u>72,075.31</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
10.1 Gen'l Government	1,729.89	10,837.40	17,135.60
11.1 Police Department	3,332.41	17,737.32	29,283.68
11.2 Fire Department	2,183.53	15,570.37	18,709.63
13.1 Sanitation Dept.	5,206.37	31,402.25	47,127.75
12.1 Street Dept.	6,667.57	27,893.09	38,651.91
19. Recreation	336.00	10,331.92	7,998.08
21. Miscellaneous	<u>1,848.87</u>	<u>21,304.64</u>	<u>835.32</u>
10/31/50 Balance	118,436.78	<u>20,887.03</u>	<u>159,741.97</u>
10/31/50 - Bal. Citizens Bank \$105,676.48			
10/31/50 - Bal. Suburban Bank 12,760.30			
10/31/50 - Bal. both banks \$118,436.78			

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mr. Perce L. Wolfe, Supervisor of Parks, reporting the plumbing fixtures that were installed on Lot 5, Block 116, Glazewood Manor Subdivision, in violation of the zoning ordinance has been removed. To be filed in Civic Improvements.

Letter addressed to Mr. Blair Lee by Mr. L. A. Gravelle, Chairman of Board of Zoning Appeals, requesting the status of the proposed Master Plan of Takoma Park, and letter answering Mr. Gravelle by Mr. Blair Lee stating it would be mid-summer of 1951 before a sectional zoning plan could be adopted.

Letter from Park and Planning Commission requesting recommendation of Council regarding Petition No. A-1593, which requests classification of Parcel B, University Lane and Anne Avenue, Chillum District, from R-55 to C-1 Zone.

Letter from Park and Planning Commission requesting recommendation of Council regarding Petition No. A-1601, which requests reclassification of Lots 1 and 2, Section 1; Block 4, Greenhill Farms Subdivision, From R-55 to the R-35 Zone.

Letter submitted by four property owners on Hancock Avenue complaining of noticeable and annoying dents that have appeared in their newly surfaced street. Referred to Public Works Committee.

Petition submitted by six property owners for the paving of Wabash Avenue between Eastridge Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway.

Letter from State Roads Commission submitting report from Mr. George N. Lewis, Jr. concerning traffic conditions on New Hampshire Avenue between University Lane and Ray Road, and our letter to Mr. Milton Kramer, President of Hampshire Greens Community Association, transmitting information.

Petition signed by fourteen families for the following improvements:

1. Street Light on Carroll Avenue between Wildwood Drive and Old Bladensburg Road.
2. Beautify strip of public land running between Carroll Avenue and the service road paralleling it from Wildwood Drive to Merrimac Drive.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. Thomas Brooks, who is associated with Mr. T. Howard Duckett - attorney for Mr. Joseph F. Horning - requested a postponement of the hearing on Petition No. A-1593. Councilman Perring moved that hearing on Petition No. A-1593 be deferred until the next regular meeting, December 18, 1950.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Young, 7500 New Hampshire Avenue, addressed Council on behalf of Mrs. Inez I. Swick, Owner of Lots 1 and 2, Section 1; Block 4, Green Hill Farms Subdivision, who has requested reclassification of this property from the R-55 to the R-35 Zone.

Mr. Milton Kramer, President of the Hampshire Greens Community Association; Mr. George E. Reed, 1204 Kingwood Drive; Mr. Kenneth Butler, 1200 Kingwood Drive; Mr. Paul Wilson, 7206 Wildwood Drive, Mr. Gerry and Mr. McKenny opposed this rezoning.

Mr. Thomas Hicks, 7211 Central Avenue, thanked Council for their decision and the Chief of Police for his cooperation regarding the "Drive Slow" signs in his area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Harry A. L. Barker, former Mayor of Riverdale, and now Chairman of Rent Advisory Board, addressed Council regarding rent control problems. After a full discussion, Councilman Oosterhous moved that the City Clerk request Mr. Tighewood to make a survey of the housing situation, and to reach a decision as soon as possible.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies recommended that the bills in the amount of \$8,244.46 be approved for payment.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Nies stated his Committee had studied the Budget and Auditor's Report, and would present it to the Mayor and Council at a special meeting next week.

Councilman McClenon stated the Citizens Advisory Committee was meeting December 1, 1950, to consider any last minute suggestions of amending City Charter.

After discussion of an Ordinance providing for the licensing, handling and disposition of dogs and the disposition and handling of ownerless cats, the matter was referred back to the Committee for further study.

Councilman Oosterhous presented Petition No. A-1601, filed by Inez I. Swick, requesting reclassification of Lots 1 and 2, Section 1; Block 4, Green Hill Farms Subdivision, from R-55 to R-35 Zone. He stated that all the evidence presented reflects this property as a single-family dwelling, and in view of this, he moved that we recommend to the Park and Planning Commission that this Petition be denied.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Klinck stated that the petition for paving of Wabash Avenue, which was referred to Mr. Hegarty for information, has not been completed.

Councilman Klinck stated that Mr. Hegarty has under advisement the problem of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hanson, owners of the vacant lot next door to 107 Baltimore Avenue, which is inadequate storm drainage on Baltimore Avenue - near the intersection of Takoma Avenue.

Councilman Klinck stated that the State Roads Commission reviewed the plans of our Engineer for the Widening of Carroll Avenue, and have recommended that the width be increased to a total of 48 feet.



Chief McBride asked who would be the proper person to notify him of people using the Recreation Center. Councilman Parkhill stated a list was being made up in the City office, and would be submitted to him.

Councilman Eccleston moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1031

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

Section 1. THAT the Bid of the Real Stone Company, Colmar Manor, Maryland, in which they agree to construct a pool over the drain at end of cascade, semi-circular in shape, about 8' in diameter and about 2' in height. Pool to be constructed of block faced and capped with flagstone. Inside walls also to be faced with stone. Also, construct two retaining walls as wings from each side of pool about 4' in length. These retaining walls to be of block construction faced with flagstone and to follow the general design in blue print, in the amount of \$800.00, is accepted and they are hereby authorized to proceed to furnish this work and materials.

Section 2. AND FURTHER, that Real Stone Company be required to furnish the necessary Performance Bond to insure that this work shall be performed in a workmanship like manner and the materials be furnished in accordance with the specifications.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Eccleston moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1032

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

Section 1. That the Bid of the Real Stone Company, Colmar Manor, Maryland, in which they agree to construct a cascade spillway from flagstone, laid in at least 4" of concrete, 4 to 5 ft. wide with a curb on each side, constructed of cinderblock faced with stone. Spillway to run from spring to pool, about 48' in length, and to have about 6 steps, more or less, as possible, depending on the fall. Lay flagstone in the sod for about 2½ ft. on each side of spillway, along its entire length, in the amount of \$875.00, is accepted and they are hereby authorized to proceed to furnish this work and materials.

Section 2. AND FURTHER, that Real Stone Company be required to furnish the necessary Performance Bond to insure that this work shall be performed in a workmanship like manner and the materials be furnished in accordance with the specifications.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Eccleston moved we spend up to \$499.00 for excavating and grading of the cascade.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Eccleston moved the purchase of a chain saw amounting to \$336.00.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

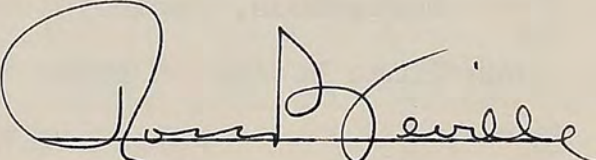
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In reference to the recent hearing on street renaming and street renumbering, Councilman Oosterhous stated he hoped that specific recommendations could be made within a week or two.

Councilman Perring stated the F. B. I. is conducting a school beginning January 8, 1951, at the Montgomery Junior College, and a complete agenda will be out in the near future.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p. m.

  
Clerk and Treasurer

  
Mayor