

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

Mayor Beville presented letter from the Community League requesting that a Hearing be set for Dog Ordinance No. 1035, also Ordinances 1039, 1040, and 1041, regarding one-way streets and no parking, and reminded Council that it was agreed that public opinion would be sought on these Ordinances since they were passed on an experimental basis.

Mayor Beville presented letter signed by Dr. R. Paul Schearrer commending the Fire Department for removing a cat from the Presbyterian Church.

Councilman Perring presented request from the Missionary College to hang streamers at Carroll and Maple Avenues, Flower and Carroll Avenues, and Maple Avenue on the school side of Flower Avenue. After discussion, Councilman Perring moved that the Missionary College be permitted to erect signs any place, which are properly installed for safety reasons.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and the Mayor directed that the Clerk write letter granting their request with the exception of Carroll and Maple Avenues, which is outside of our jurisdiction.

Councilman Perring presented letter from Mr. Dorr Halafax, 4 Dormer Avenue, requesting permission to park his truck in front of his residence, and moved that he be permitted to park his truck any place.

This motion failed for lack of a second, and the Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Halafax a letter to this effect.

Councilman Perring presented letter from State Roads Commission whereby they state that we do not have authority to regulate speed on State roads, and requested that our 15 mile speed limit signs erected in school zones be removed. According to the opinion of Andrew W. Starratt, Jr., which was enclosed with the letter from the State Roads Commission, the general laws provide adequate protection for Takoma Park, in that a vehicle must not travel at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, and the driver shall decrease his speed when special hazards exist, regardless of speed limits. No action was taken on the matter.

Councilman Perring moved that the City no longer employ the present Justice of Peace, Mr. Luke Bennett, after February 28, 1951, and that Mr. Wilson Dodd be appointed to act as Justice of Peace for the City as of March 1, 1951.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

After discussion, Councilman Oosterhous moved that the subject be tabled until the next meeting.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with 119 Councilmen Oosterhous, McClenon and Tymeson in favor; Councilmen Parkhill Klinck and Perring opposed; Councilman Eccleston not voting. Being a tie vote, Mayor Beville voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Oosterhous also brought up the matter of the Justice of Peace for Prince Georges County. This was also referred to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Councilman McClenon requested that the Law and Ordinance Committee meet in the City office Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Perring presented petition from citizens on Park Avenue whereby they request that Park Avenue, between Denwood and Carroll Avenues, be made a one-way street with parking privileges restored on one side of said Avenue. After discussion, Councilman Perring moved that Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1040 be repealed, and the following substituted thereof, 785-1043A

ORDINANCE NO. 1043

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

Section 1. THAT there shall be no-parking on Carroll Avenue from intersection of Lee Avenue to Flower Avenue; that Park Avenue be made a one-way street, south, from Denwood Avenue to Carroll Avenue with parking prohibited on the east side; and that there shall be no-parking on the south side of Erie Avenue from intersection of Albemarle Avenue to Maple Avenue.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Perring presented report of the Fire Board regarding bids for a new pumper. It is their recommendation to purchase the Seagrave engine at \$24,942.50, and the opinion of the Fire Chief, Fire Board and Public Safety Committee to purchase a new pumper as soon as possible. Councilman Perring suggested that the matter be referred to the regular meeting, and that in the meantime each Councilmen should take the opportunity to look at the bids, discuss the specifications with Chief McBride, and be prepared to take some action at regular meeting on February 26, 1951.

Councilman Parkhill stated that he had been in communication with the Rent Control Board and recommendation of extension of rent control was not in order until March 31, 1951.

Councilman Oosterhous presented the proposed amendments to zoning ordinance of Montgomery County, which have been approved by the Park and Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman McClenon stated that the Civic Federation had decided to endorse the amendments proposed, but requested Montgomery County to consider three additional items. After some discussion, it was brought out that Mr. Morton Thomas, Director of Inspection and Licenses, would talk on zoning at 8 Columbia Avenue, February 20, 1951.

Councilman Klinck presented letter from State Roads Commission requesting payment for the stolen traffic counter, which we borrowed. It was brought out that the Counter was on New Hampshire Avenue, a State highway, when it was stolen, and the Public Works Department reported it to Police. Councilman Perring requested Chief Thomas to have a report of his investigation at the meeting on Thursday evening February 22, 1951. Action was deferred pending this report.

Councilman Klinck presented petition from citizens on Wabash Avenue whereby they have requested the paving of this street from East Ridge Avenue to Sligo Parkway. It was agreed that the matter should be referred back to the petitioners with detailed information on the proposed improvement.

Councilman Klinck presented letter from Mr. Hugh E. Hegarty, who stated his last day of service would be at the close of business March 2, 1951, and requested an indefinite Military Furlough. After discussion, Councilman Klinck moved that Mr. Hugh E. Hegarty be paid whatever is due him in accumulated leave as of the date of March 2, 1951, and that he be granted Military Furlough.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

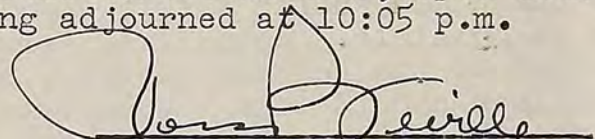
Councilman Klinck stated that the advancement of the Public Works Department had been due to a great extent by Mr. Hegarty's recommendation, and expressed his appreciation for his objectiveness, and wanted him to feel that we will miss him. He moved that the Council go on record as stating we appreciate sincerely the work, interest and courage expended by Mr. Hegarty in his capacity as Superintendent Of Public Works.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Mayor Beville requested that the Clerk prepare a letter to be sent to him with his signature.

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


Clerk and Treasurer


Mayor

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 26, 1951

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

Councilman McClenon moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 22 and February 19, 1951.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for the month of January

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenues to 1/31/51 Estimated Budget to 7/1/51 Total Budget

12/31/51 - Cash on hand
Citizens Bank
Sub. Nat'l

71,945.17
13,703.25
85,648.42

REVENUES

1.11 General Taxes	16,598.38	244,256.93	22,223.07	266,480.00
2.11 Licenses & Permits	512.19	12,856.86	7,308.14	20,165.00
3.11 Fines & Forfeitures	619.50	728.70	471.30	1,200.00
4.2 Use of Money & Prop.	.00	15.00	195.00	210.00
5.9 Revs. from other sources	87.92	10,047.30	5,557.70	15,605.00
6.4 Service chgs. for current service	201.00	759.00	391.00	1,150.00
	<u>103,667.41</u>	<u>268,663.79</u>	<u>36,146.21</u>	<u>304,810.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

10.1 General Government	3,594.31	21,161.90	6,811.10	27,973.00
11.1 Police Department	3,434.30	27,810.25	19,210.75	47,021.00
11.2 Fire Department	2,373.18	22,794.09	11,485.91	34,280.00
12.1 P/W Dept. Streets	3,435.04	52,194.59	14,350.41	66,545.00
13.1 " " San.	7,109.15	52,919.66	25,610.34	78,530.00
19.1 " " Recreation	4,740.28	15,395.28	2,934.72	18,330.00
21. Miscellaneous	1,727.16	6,484.44	1,465.56	7,950.00
	<u>198,760.21</u>	<u>198,760.21</u>	<u>81,868.79</u>	<u>280,629.00</u>

1/31/51 - Bal. Citizens Bank \$63,275.85
1/31/51 - Bal. Sub. Nat'l " 13,978.14
77,253.99

12/31/50 - Bal. Citz. Bank 859.46
Deposits during Jan. 1951 1,743.62
Withdrawals in Jan., 1951 2,603.08
Bal. Citizens Bank 512.50
\$2,090.58

1/31/51 - Bal. Citizens Bank

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mrs. Mary Rodriguez regarding the dangerous situation that exists on Eastern Avenue between Cedar and Piney Branch Road. When cars are parked on both sides of Eastern Avenue, it is impossible for other automobiles to pass each other. Requested Council to send letter to District Traffic Department recommending that parking be restricted on these two blocks to one-way. Referred to Public Safety.

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Krebill commending Mayor and Council for their action in having speed limit markers placed on Philadelphia Avenue in the Silver Spring Intermediate and Takoma Park Elementary School vicinity. Public Safety File.

Letter from Mrs. Julian H. McWhorter commending Police Department for signs that have been placed on Philadelphia Avenue. Public Safety File.

Letter from 650 members of the Silver Spring Intermediate School Parent-Teachers Association thanking the Council for "slow-traffic signs" on the East-West Highway near the school. Public Safety File.

Letter from the Secretary of the Board of District Commissioners stating they had referred our letter regarding one-way traffic on Maple Avenue to the proper Department, and we would be notified as soon as possible.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. H. P. Ware, 107 Elm Avenue, stated that they did not have enough recreational facilities in their area to keep the children off the street, and it would be nice if Mayor and Council would help them clean up the area and have some form of ball games.

Councilman Eccleston replied a certain amount of money was appropriated for Spring Park for cutting down trees, and it was their intention to make some sort of playground there.

Mr. Hugo Schulz, 230 Park Avenue, thanked Council for solving their problem by restoring parking to Park Avenue, and making it a one-way street.

Mr. E. R. Michael, 9 Allegheny Avenue, agreed with the letters that were written regarding signs in school zones. Mr. Michael also stated he would like a recreation area in Spring Park, and he was very much in favor of the Dog Ordinance.

Mr. Luke Bennett, 211 Maple Avenue, requested the Minutes be sent to the Community League, and agreed with the remarks of Mr. Schulz regarding Park Avenue.

Mr. C. J. Webster, 268 Park Avenue, addressed Council regarding Park Avenue and stated he was opposed to a one-way street here. Suggested allowing those with no driveways to park on street, and making Park Avenue a two-way street again.

Councilman Perring explained that the original overall plan called for a one-way street, and as a temporary expedient, Council continued it two-way with "no parking". After this, Council received a petition representing quite a number of residents for that area and containing a constructive criticism, which was making it one-way. We considered it practically unanimous to put parking back on one-way, and it so happened that this fitted in with our Master Plan for one-way streets. Councilman Perring further stated he thought we had reached the proper solution at the present time, and in time the benefits of the plan would outweigh the inconveniences.

Mrs. Joe White, 1003 Hopewell Avenue, stated the one-way signs were placed just to exclude Kentland Avenue, which was very confusing.

Mr. Luke Bennett, 211 Maple Avenue, asked that Maple Avenue be considered for a one-way street during certain hours.

Councilman Perring stated this had been considered. However, they were feeling their way along on the one-way street idea by taking it piecemeal, which causes more inconveniences than by adopting the whole plan at once.

Mrs. Edward Sweeney, 1103 Larch Avenue, stated she was in favor of Hopewell Avenue being a one-way street, but thought the direction should be reversed, as it forced her to run on New Hampshire Avenue and sometimes you had to wait five minutes to get on the Avenue.

Chief Thomas replied that signal lights at these intersections were the only solution. Councilman Perring stated a study would be made.

Mrs. Helen Dinges, 714 Flower Avenue, complained of the trash men going on her property three ways to collect trash. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Mrs. L. R. Caplan, 1007 Sligo Creek Parkway, stated she wished to go on record as favoring the Dog Ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman McClenon brought to the attention of Council letters from Mr. Alfred S. Robinson suggesting certain changes in the order of Councilmanic procedure before the adoption of Ordinances. Councilman McClenon stated it was a desirable policy of Council not to take action on certain legislation unless there had been some advance notice, but that it was not feasible to tie hands of Council with an Ordinance of this kind.

Councilman McClenon moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1044

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

Section 1. That Section 2 of Article 7 of Ordinance No. 532⁶⁷⁴ of the City of Takoma Park, titled "~~Traffic~~ Traffic Regulations," subtitled "Dogs and Cats," as amended by section 2 of Ordinance No. 1035 of December 18, 1950, is repealed and reordained to read as follows:

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Section 2. That it shall be the duty of any owner of a dog at all times either (a) to confine his dog securely on his own premises so that it cannot escape therefrom, or (b) to have the dog (1) accompanied by a responsible person and (2) effectively restrained by a leash or otherwise from molesting the person or property of any other person. Dogs running at large without being so accompanied and restrained shall be impounded for a period of five (5) days, and if not released by the end thereof upon the payment of an impounded fee of two (\$2.) dollars shall be disposed of. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section will subject the owner or harbinger of the dog to a fine not exceeding five (\$4) dollars, and in default of the fine so imposed to three (3) days' imprisonment for each violation.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective March 1, 1951; Provided, That no violation of section 2 of Ordinance No. 532, as amended by Ordinance No. 1035, prior to March 1, 1951, shall be punishable unless it is also a violation of the said section as amended by section 1 of this ordinance.

Councilman Perring seconded the motion.

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

Councilman McClenon brought out that it was the decision of the Committee not to write the Governor regarding the Justice of Peace in Prince Georges section of the City. It was understood that the name of our present Justice of Peace was on the list. In regard to the Justice of Peace in Montgomery County, Councilman Perring moved that we designate Mr. J. Wilson Dodd as a Justice of Peace, and pay him \$25.00 a month for the balance of the fiscal year, beginning March 1, 1951, and that the County Council be so informed of our action.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was carried with Councilman Oosterhous voting Nay.

Councilman Perring moved that the present Justice of Peace that is designated to act for the City be dropped from the payroll as of Midnight, February 28, 1951, and further compensation be discontinued and the County Council be so informed of our action.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with Councilmen Klinck, Parkhill, Perring and Tymeson voting Yea. Councilmen Eccleston, McClenon and Oosterhous voting Nay.

Councilman Klinck reported that he, Mr. Gingerich, and Mr. Thomas paid a visit to the State Roads Commission relative to the widening of Carroll Avenue, and found that matching funds in the amount of \$13,677.50 for public roads have been allotted to Takoma Park for the year 1950-51. The State Roads Commission will let the contract, advertise for bids, and inspect the construction. The entire cost is to be split 50-50 with the exception of condmenation cost, which is to be borne by the City.

Councilman Perring moved that the following men be appointed as ¹²⁵ Special Police Officers:

✓ Councilman Sydney Tymeson, 720 Flower Avenue
Henry J. Carr, 107 Holly Avenue
Milton Kramer, 7602 Hammond Avenue
Gordon Cole,
Cullen Barton, 420 Lincoln Avenue
Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue
Glenn T. Stiles, 7224 Minter Place
Morris Apple, 1204 Myrtle Avenue
Douglas Hodge, 7219 Central Ave
William S. Gran, 7204 Garland
Freeman Slye, 7314 Trescott Ave
Max Feldman, 7212 Garland Ave
Lester Rubin, 7206 Garland Ave

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring stated it was the unanimous recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that John P. Wolfe be appointed as Patrolman at the starting salary of \$2400.00, and he so moved.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring submitted report from police regarding the traffic counter that was stolen. After discussion, Council instructed the Clerk to write the State Roads and ask the amount of depreciated value on this traffic counter.

The following bids were received for Fire Pumper:

Seagrave:	7 man cab - 300 gal. tank	\$19,650.00
	Additional equip. as per specs.	4,442.50
	Special construction conforming with specifications	850.00
		<u>\$24,942.50</u>
American LaFrance:	5 man cab - 300 gal. tank, including all equip. except deluge nozzle and radio	\$22,750.00
	Deluge nozzle - single booster reel	750.00
	Booster reels as per specs.	350.00
	Radio	600.00
		<u>\$24,450.00</u>
F.W.D.:	3 man cab - 400 gal. tank	\$18,000.00
	Factory installation	300.00
	PRICE QUOTED SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT DELIVERY	<u>\$18,300.00</u>

Councilman Perring presented the discussion and decisions of the Fire Board regarding the purchase of a new fire pumper. It was the recommendation of the Fire Board to purchase the Seagrave 1250 gallon capacity pumper at \$24,942.50, and as an alternate bid (only in the case of meeting insurmountable situations), the 1000 gallon capacity pumper at \$20,400.00. After a full discussion by Council on this truck, Councilman Oosterhous moved that the City Clerk be authorized to call for bids for a 1000 gallon per minute pumper truck, and that there be at least 200 brake horsepower with the special equipment as specified by the Fire Board in the previous bid.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to come before Council, upon motion properly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m., and Council went into a Closed Session.

Harold J. Williams Sr.
Clerk and Treasurer

Tom Deville
Mayor