

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 19, 1951

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkhill, Perring and Tymeson.

Mr. Van Zile representing the Takoma Park Chamber of Commerce addressed the Mayor and Council on the matter of the erection of a church on Triangle Park. Mr. Van Zile pointed out to the Council that the Chamber of Commerce had made various attempts to contact representatives of the General Conference and Review and Herald in an effort to acquire the Park for the City, but had been unsuccessful in so doing. He stated that it was the opinion of many citizens that the Park belonged to the City. The Chamber of Commerce's principal objection to the erection of a church is the traffic problem that would be involved, and secondly the citizens of the City would like to keep it a Park. After further discussion it was agreed that another meeting would be endeavored to be scheduled whereby the members of the Council, representatives of the Joint Committee and Citizen Associations, Community League and Chamber of Commerce and representatives from General Conference, Review & Herald and the Church would review the proposed construction and problems involved.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Perring moved that the resignation of Kenneth B. Hamilton of the Fire Department be accepted.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

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

Earl Wilson, 120 Albany Ave.      Raymond Hill, 124 Carroll Ave.  
Richard Burns, 815 Carroll Ave.      Ray Hanna      900 Hudson Ave.  
Richard Hill, 306 Longbranch Pkwy  
Russell Ridgeway, 7808 Takoma Ave.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

In regard to the duties performed by the Special Police Officers under the Civil Defense program, Councilman Perring advised the Mayor that he and Chief Thomas would work out a systematic plan for the training and use of the Special Police Officers.

Councilman Perring moved that the appointment of Donald Grigsby Farran, 3407 39th Avenue, Colmar Manor, Maryland be accepted as fireman to serve in the Takoma Park Fire Department.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring moved that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for the purchase of clubs to be used by Special Police Officers in the performance of their duties.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring submitted the following bids on a pumper for the Fire Department:

<u>Ward LaFrance Truck Corp.</u>	
Model 150T, 1250 GPM	21,705.80
Model 115T, 1000 GPM	19,995.60
<u>American LaFrance</u>	24,450.00
<u>Segrave Corp.</u>	
1250 GPM	24,942.50
1000 GPM	20,342.00
<u>Four Wheeled Drive Co.</u>	
Model 1250T	20,912.50

Councilman Oosterhous moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.1045

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

Section 1. WHEREAS sealed bids having been received for the purchase of one (1) fire pumping engine of at least 1000 gallon per minute capacity and a motor of at least 200 brake horse power in accordance with specifications, after being duly advertised in accordance with the law; AND WHEREAS, each bid was carefully reviewed and given every consideration; BE IT ORDAINED that the bid submitted by Federal Baltimore Truck Corporation, Inc. duly authorized distributor of FWD Fire Apparatus, of Baltimore, Maryland, in the amount of \$20,912.50 for one (1) FWD, Model F-1250T, 1250 gallon pumper with two (2) stage pump and 400 gallon booster tank and other equipment in accordance with specifications submitted by said Federal Baltimore Truck Corporation, Inc. be accepted and a contract awarded to the Federal Baltimore Truck Corporation, Inc., duly authorized distributor of FWD Fire Apparatus of Baltimore, Maryland in the amount of \$20,912.50.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Oosterhous, Parkhill and Perring. Not voting: Councilmen McClenon and Tymeson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Tymeson brought up the question of the misplacement of the Trafficounter.

Councilman McClenon moved that we pay the original cost price to the Maryland State Road Commission for the Trafficounter.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck amended the motion that we pay the original cost of the Trafficounter which was \$298.40 and that the cost be charged against the Reserve Fund in view of the fact that there is no budget item for this.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills which were reviewed at the Council meeting held February 26, 1951 be approved.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

LAW & ORDINANCE: Councilman McClenon brought up the matter of disease to Elm trees known as Dutch Elm Disease and suggested that there should be passed whatever ordinance might be necessary to put this drive into effect in Takoma Park in order to get rid of this disease. He suggested that this matter be referred to Corporation Counsel for consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Klinck moved that Mr. Earl W. Thomas, the present Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Department be designated as the acting Superintendent of Public Works Department for the remainder of our fiscal year and that his salary be increased to \$3620.00 per annum for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

UPON BEING put to question the motion was carried with the vote showing as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck and Parkhill. Nays: Councilmen McClenon and Tymeson. Absent: Councilman Perring and Oosterhous.

The Council unanimously went on record as opposing the reduction or discontinuance of any bus route within the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Klinck moved that all plans for the installation or relocation of power company or telephone company poles within the City limits of Takoma Park be submitted to the Public Works Superintendent for his approval before permit is granted.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being properly seconded the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck presented the preliminary paving plan for the area from Denwood Avenue to the bottleneck of Grant, Carroll, Ethan Allen and Sycamore Avenues and stated that upon completion of this work it would be the first four-way thoroughfare within the City of Takoma Park.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Councilman Parkhill presented the following letter from the Girl Scouts expressing their appreciation for the use of the gymnasium in the Fire House:

" Takoma Park, Md.  
March 15, 1951

My dear Mr. Parkhill,

Please permit me to thank you for your kindness in allowing Girl Scout Troop 36 to hold our Square Dance at the fire house.

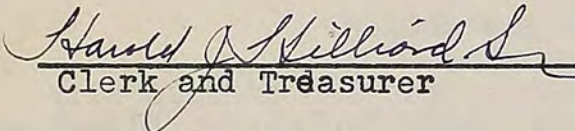
It was my first dance and if every one enjoyed herself as I did it was a real success.

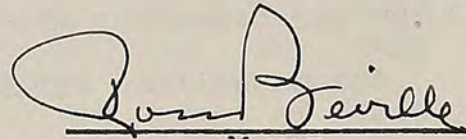
I thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn Anne Jones"

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion properly seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

  
Clerk and Treasurer

  
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 26, 1951

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M.. Those present: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkhill, Perring and Tymeson.

Council Parkhill moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 26, 1951 and March 19, 1951.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Oosterhous stated that the minutes of March 19, 1951 should show the following corrections:

In referring to the question of Triangle Park, Councilman Oosterhous stated that he and Councilman Eccleston had made several attempts within the past year to arrange a meeting with Representatives of the General Conference and Review and Herald to talk about the City acquiring the Park but had been unsuccessful in so doing.

In regard to the purchasing of a new pumper for the Fire Department, Councilman Oosterhous asked Chief McBride when we would need the necessary replacement for pumping equipment in the Fire Department. Chief McBride replied that on a 20 year basis not less than (6) six years and it would probably be 10 years.

Mrs. Abercrombie acting as Clerk in the absence of Mr. Hilliard presented the Financial Statement for the month of February:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1/31/51 Bank Balance		77,253.99
<u>REVENUES</u>		
General Property Taxes	3,005.29	
Railroads & Public Utilities	117.26	
Interest & Penalties	103.15	
Franchise Tax	5.00	
Fire Tax-22nd Precinct, Montg. Co.	460.37	
Parking meter Revenue	429.30	
Construction Permits	512.58	
Excavation "	5.00	
Dog license	.25	
Parking Meter Fines	5.00	
Taxicab Badge Deposits	13.75	
Misc. Revenue- P/W Dept. Mens Share Ldy.	37.80	
" " " Rainclothing	31.00	
" " Comm. Pay Tele.-Police Dept	.26	
" " Vending Mch P/W Dept.	3.10	

Misc. Revenue	Dividend	Bryan Davis	94.75	
Commercial Trash Pickup			85.50	4,909.36
				<u>82,163.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

General Office	Salaries		1,061.66	
	Supplies		119.38	
	Postage		15.00	
	Telephone		50.80	
	Rent		110.00	
	Adv. Legal		5.88	
	Clerk's Misc. Expense		48.75	
	Mayor & Council "		23.30	
	Misc. Expense		86.00	
	Justice of Peace Salary		50.00	
	Legal Council "		80.00	
			<u>1,650.77</u>	
	Gymnasium Repairs		628.41	
Municipal Bldg.	Maint.	300.43		
"	"	Lights	5.50	
"	"	Fuel	66.65	
"	"	Gas	.75	
"	"	Ins.	32.40	
			<u>405.73</u>	
Police Dept.	Salaries	2,780.80		
	Office Supplies	3.30		
	Telephone	65.40		
	Lights	14.92		
	Fuel	33.32		
	Gas	1.34		
	Car Wash	8.75		
	" Repairs	136.32		
	Clothing Allowance	200.00		
	Bldg. Maintenance	28.35		
	Misc. Operating Exp.	13.02		
			<u>3,285.52</u>	

Fire Department

Salaries	1,814.96	
Telephone	22.37	
Lights	37.46	
Fuel	136.97	
Gasoline	4.72	
Truck Repairs	14.55	
Firefighting Suppl.	43.01	
Bldg. Maint.	464.17	
Janitor	4.03	
Clothing Uniform	33.75	
Protective Equipment	12.00	
Laundry	18.89	
	<u>2,606.88</u>	2,606.88

Public Works Dept.

Highways

Salaries	338.33	
Office Supplies	12.90	
Telephone	22.62	
Lights	7.46	
Fuel	16.66	
Gas	.67	
Wages	331.50	
Truck Repairs	383.73	
Street Maintenance	1,232.76	
Bldg. " Repairs	204.00	
Spec. Street Imp.	2,692.05	
	<u>5,242.68</u>	5,242.68

Street Lights	661.67	
Traffic "	13.68	
" " Exp.	3.42	
	<u>678.77</u>	678.77

Public Works Dept.

Sanitation

Salaries	338.33	
telephone	22.62	
Eights	7.47	
Fuel	16.67	
Gas	.67	
Storm Sewer Maint.	153.30	
Wages-Street San.	1,132.17	
Motorized Vehicle Expense	165.00	
Wages, Refuse Coll.	2,647.95	
Truck Repairs	290.45	
Refuse Disposal fee	551.30	
" Supp.	501.66	
Laundry	205.85	
	<u>6,033.44</u>	6,033.44

Disbursements, Con'td.  
Public Works Department  
Recreation

Wages-Park & Playgrounds	521.08	
Maint.	6.20	
Playground Equipment	493.49	
Spring Park Renovation	<u>175.00</u>	1,195.77

MISCELLANEOUS

Henry Fields Retirement	25.00		
Parking Meter Expense	85.16		
Gasoline purchased	214.00		
Collected from Parking Meter	<u>85.59</u>	<u>409.75</u>	<u>22,137.72</u>
			60,025.63
Check #0530 cancelled			1.95
Bank Bal. 2/28/51			<u>60,027.58</u>

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mr. Irving G. McNayr acknowledging receipt of our letter of February 27, 1951 informing him of the appointment of Mr. J. Wilson Dodd in place of Mr. Luke Bennett as Justice of the Peace; effective March 1, 1951. Referred to Law and Ordinance file.

Letter from the PTA Takoma Park Elementary School commending the action of the Council in placing the signs on Philadelphia Avenue adjacent to the school, which they feel has already caused the reduction of speed to a great extent. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Letter from J. Douglas Bradshaw advising that the heirs of the late Edith C. Knight have requested that he obtain sealed bids for the purchase of premises at 11 Columbia Ave., Takoma Park, Md. and that since we have indicated an interest in this property, asked that we submit our bid in writing to him prior to April 2, 1951. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee.

Letter from Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission regarding rezoning of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12; Block C; Cunningham Subdivision from R55 to R35. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee to be discussed in Executive Session.

Letter from Citizens Building, Inc. advising of the increase in rent from \$110.00 per month to \$125.00, effective April 1, 1951. Referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from Bart Delmar Wigby, attorney, regarding injury received by Mr. Lorentz E. Wigby, 424 Ethan Allen Ave., Takoma Park, Md. while he was walking in 6800 block of Prince George's Ave. and which injury was caused by his stepping into an unmarked and unguarded hole. Referred to Corporation Counsel.



Letter from State of Maryland State Roads Commission requesting that their Special Attorney, Mr. Andrew W. Starratt, Jr. and Mr. Geo. N. Lewis, Jr., Director confer with the Mayor and Council in regard to the 15 mile limit signs erected along State highways. The Mayor asked that the letter be turned over to him and he would take proper procedures.

Letter read by Robt. Bainum, of Brown Agency, suggesting to the Mayor and Council the possibility of the City purchasing the Building at 18 Carroll Ave. for a municipal building. Referred to Councilman Oosterhous, Chr. of Civic Improvement Committee.

OPEN MEETING: Gordon Cole of 7115 Garland Ave., zoning chairman of the Sligo Terr. Citizen Assn. addressed the Council regarding the rezoning of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12; Block C; Cunningham Subdivision which is on Davis Av. between Flower and Central Ave. which area is classified as R55, single family dwellings. The petition asks that this area be rezoned from R55 to R35, multiple family dwellings. He stated that this entire area was classified as R55 but yet there were any number of violations as the single family dwelling have been converted into multiple family dwellings. A survey was made about a month ago in writing by block workers designated by the Sligo Park Terrace Citizen Assn. of this area to get the opinion of the neighborhood in regard to this condition within this area and it showed that 90% of the citizens were opposed to multiple family dwellings. He stated that he thought perhaps the violations were probably due to the house shortage brought on during the war. He also brought up the point that every house within this area was zoned R55, single family dwelling but one, which was zoned R35 and that was spot-zoned. He made recommendation in behalf of the Sligo Terrace Citizen Assn. that the Council oppose this petition to rezone this area from R55 to R35.

Mr. Loveday, 807 Davis Ave. addressed the Council and stated he was ready to support the Sligo Terrace Citizen Assn. in recommending that the Petition for rezoning the area in question from R55 to R35 be opposed.

Mr. Henry J. McDermott, 820 Davis Ave addressed the Council opposing the petition for rezoning.

Mr. George W. Davis, 818 Davis Ave. addressed the Council stating he was strongly opposed to the granting of the petition for rezoning the area in question from R55 to R35.

Mr. Robt. Mohr, 217 Spring Ave., addressed the Council opposing the petition for rezoning.

Mr. Robt. Bainum, 904 Domer Ave., address the Council favoring the zoning petition.

Mr. Gordon Cole, 7115 Garland Ave., addressed the Council giving the following explanation about the property on Davis Avenue which was rezoned R35 and owned by Mr. Branson: In Oct. 1950 the Board of County Commissioners heard this petition and it was denied, but Mr. Branson repealed it and the hearing was granted, after which the new body of County Commissioners reversed the decision and granted him the rezoning but the petition is to be heard again.

Mr. Justin Brown, 34 Carroll Avenue addressed the Council, explaining that the type of houses he was intending to build on the lots specified in the petition for rezoning were cape-cod type with 3 small rooms on terrace to be used as small apartment and would cost approximately \$25,000.00 each. He further stated that the attic would not be finished as there would have to be plumbing put in and he was not having that done and anyone that cares to could inspect the work daily to see that those plans were carried out.

Mr. Henry Haase, 906 Jackson Ave, addressed the Council in great length expressing his disapproval of the rezoning petition from R55 to R35.

Mr. Lester, 904 Jackson Ave., addressed the Council opposing the petition.

Mr. Werback, 6607 Cockerille Ave., addressed the Council, reading to the Council a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council regarding recommendations for a playground at the Cockerille end of Spring Park.

The Mayor stated he had the original of this letter in his possession and would pass it to the Park & Playground Committee for their consideration.

Mr. Mohr, 217 Spring Ave. addressed the Council as being strongly in favor of having a playground in Spring Park and that area is badly in need of such.

Councilman Perring stated that there are plans for a playground in the Master Planning program within that area but there is some fill-in work needed.

Mr. Dunn, 616 Albemarle Ave., addressed the Council inquiring about the completion of Maple Ave at the bridge.

Councilman Klinck explained that every consideration was being given this problem but that they did not want to be too hasty with the repair work as this might involve quite a good sum of money and would rather wait until definite plans were worked out and the work done with satisfaction once and for all, to the best interest of all the taxpayers.

Mayor Beville confirmed Councilman Klinck's statement adding that there could very readily be \$12,000.00 or \$13,000.00 of the taxpayer's money spent but the Council is here to represent the citizens and to do what they feel is right for their interests.

Mr. Dunn, addressed the Council, asking that the ditches on Kennebec Ave., might be removed as the existing condition is very dangerous to children, and that there was a leakage in the water line. This was referred to the attention of the Superintendent of Public Works for further inspection and consideration.

Mr. Mohr, 217 Spring Ave., addressed the Council asking if any consideration had been given to encourage the question about the Powell tract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PUBLIC WORKS: After a lengthy discussion regarding the paving of Hancock, Sheridan & Lincoln Avenues which has not been satisfactorily completed, Councilman Klinck moved that in view of the condition of the streets on Lincoln & Hancock Avenue that the contractor not be reimbursed any further on this contract until the Council has been assured that the paving of Hancock, Sheridan and Lincoln Avenues conforms in very respect to the specifications.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Perring suggested that the contractor and bonding company be notified of the unsatisfactory condition of these streets.

Mayor Beville brought up the question of the streets in Gorin project. He stated that the streets, including the ones which the City have accepted, had deteriorated very greatly. After a lengthy discussion on this matter it was the general opinion of the Council that the City not accept any further streets from Gorin until properly inspected and that any future work performed by Gorin must come up to specifications.

Mayor Beville stated that City should investigate this problem a little more thoroughly and make some attempt to determine the cost to the City incase the City might have to make replacement.

LAW & ORDINANCE: Councilman McClenon presented Ordinance drawn by Corporation Counsel amending Ordinance #532, adopted 12/4/34 entitled Traffic Regulattions for the Town of Takoma Park, Maryland". It was suggested to hold this over for consideration at next meeting.

FINANCE: Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills totaling \$6486.92 be approved.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

**CIVIC IMPROVEMENT:** Councilman Oosterhous stated that there had been several requests from Civic organizations in Prince George's County asking the City Council to adopt Resolution to be presented to the County Commissioners urging that a recreational program be included in their next budget.

Councilman Oosterhous moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland endorses a recreational program within Prince George's County and requests the Board of County Commissioners to implement the recreational program by providing funds for the support and maintenance of such a program in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.  
Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Oosterhous stated that the Joint Committee had asked the Council to urge the County Commissioners to consider the purchase of the Powell tract for the purpose of a Junior High School.

Councilman Perring moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland go on record as advocating it to be to the best interest of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland to have a school located within or as near to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland as feasible, and be it further RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland considers the Powell tract located adjacent to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland as a potentially good site for a location of a school and that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland requests the proper authorities of Prince George's County to take such steps that may be necessary to acquire this tract for the building of a school.

Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Oosterhous made a motion to accept the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1046

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

Section 1. THAT the Plat of the resubdivision of part of the lands conveyed by Laurence C. Miller and Jessie L. Miller, his wife, to Samuel Lenkin and Fannie R. Lenkin, his wife, by deed dated March 9, 1950, and recorded in Liber 1208 at Folio 280 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and being a resubdivision of Lots 26 and 27, Block 117, and Lots 1,2,3 and 15, Block 118, Glazewood Manor, as per plat recorded in plat Book WWW16 at Plat 51 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, and that stones marked thus □, and iron pipes marked thus O, have been placed as indicated to the approved finish grade. The total area included in this resubdivision is 0.7654 acres of land.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

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

Regarding the acceptance of the petition for rezoning problem on Davis Avenue, Councilman Oosterhous stated it appeared that in view of the citizens and representatives of the Citizen Ass. present, that they were in opposition to the proposal and Councilman Oosterhous therefore made the motion that the City Council notify the Park and Planning Commission that the City of Takoma Park is opposed to the granting of the Application for rezoning from R55 to R35.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried with a vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous and Parkhill. Nays: Councilmen Perring and Tymeson. Absent: None

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Perring stated he would like to invite the Community League and other Civic Organizations to give a figure of how much the City should spend in the Police and Fire Departments for the next fiscal year.

Councilman Perring submitted map and chart showing schedules for the City to follow in connection with the Civil Defense program and explained in detail the procedures.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion

✓ Councilman Oosterhous moved that the Council approve in principle the Civil Defense program as outlined by Councilman Perring.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkhill stated that separate gas meters had been placed in the Gym in the Fire House which would aid greatly in reducing the gas bill.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion properly seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 11:30P.M.

*Harold J. Williard, Jr.*

Clerk & Treasurer

*Joseph Jewell*

Mayor