

MAYOR & COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 1951

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

Councilman Parkhill moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 26 meeting.

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 November as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 1951
Summary

Cash on hand	Citz. Bank	127,857.76			
10/31/51	Sub. Trust	10,287.91			
		<u>138,145.67</u>			
<u>Revenues</u>					
1.0	Gen. Taxes	8910.92	237,930.51	29,496.89	267,427.40
2.0	Lic. & Permits	509.87	13,270.36	6,654.64	19,925.00
3.0	Fines & Forf.	6.00	104.00	1,696.00	1,800.00
4.0	Use of Money and Property			125.00	125.00
5.0	Rev. fr oth sources	322.69	218.00	22,987.00	23,205.00
6.0	Serv. chg. fr current serv.	111.00	9,860.48	669.00	531.00
			<u>148,006.15</u>	<u>252,191.87</u>	<u>61,490.53</u>
					<u>313,682.40</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>					
10.	Genl. Govt.				
	Clerk's Office	2121.40	9,403.44	14,191.56	23,595.00
10.	Govt. Bldgs.	1365.17	3,277.33	10,682.67	13,960.00
10.	P.W. Repair Shop	2057.92	7,370.72	5,434.28	12,805.00
11.1	Police Dept.	4105.42	21,952.96	24,974.54	46,927.50
11.2	Fire Dept.	2652.29	16,543.91	22,201.09	38,745.00
12.1	P.W. Dept. Office	774.90	5,146.97	4,108.03	9,255.00
12.2	" " Hghwys	3262.46	26,024.87	8,225.13	34,250.00
12.4	" " Oth "	479.22	5,590.05	15,909.95	21,500.00
12.5	" " Hghwy.				
	Lighting	850.63	3,654.68	4,125.32	7,780.00
13.2	P.W. Dept. Sani.	4715.47	19,120.25	30,079.75	49,200.00
19.3	" " Recrea.	467.88	2,088.12	5,654.88	7,743.00
19.4	Cultural-Library		7,374.55	2,225.45	9,600.00
21.	Miscellaneous	603.07	4,576.77	2,556.89	7,133.66
			<u>124,550.32</u>	<u>132,124.62</u>	<u>150,369.54</u>
					<u>282,494.16</u>
11/30/51	Bal. Citizen Bank		114,030.35		
	" Sub. Trust		10,519.97		
11/30/51	" Both Banks		<u>124,550.32</u>		

10/31/51 - Bal. Citizen Bank	19,380.92
Deposits during Nov. 1951	<u>2,332.33</u>
	21,713.25
No withdrawals in Nov.	<u>- -</u>
	21,713.25

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Anthony L. Decharo submitting his resignation as a Police Officer effective December 19, 1951. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Letter from Mr. Clifford Ketzal, Associate Director of Governmental Affairs Institute, expressing appreciation for the warmth and friendship extended to their German visitors. Mr. Ketzal also asked if it would be possible to obtain some of the pictures that were taken at the Police and Fire Headquarters. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

Letter from Mr. J. Douglas Bradshaw offering the sum of \$200.00 for a Deed to the City's interest in Lot 59, Block 87, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, which was sold for non-payment of taxes in the name of Frederick D. B. Austin and Catherine B. Austin, his wife.

Letter from Mr. David Macdonald, Montgomery County Attorney stating that the County Council considered the proposal of our Council to "hold the line" on zoning violations in the City of Takoma Park, and that the County Council agreed with our suggestion and that they would take steps to prevent further violation. To be filed in Law and Ordinance file.

Letter from Mr. A. Morton Thomas, Director of Inspection and Licenses in Montgomery County stating that 8204 Roanoke Avenue is not in violation of the zoning ordinance or building code. To be filed in Civic Improvement file.

Letter from Rev. H. R. Hodgson on behalf of the Grace Methodist Church Board requesting that signs on Kentland Avenue be changed to "No Parking 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays only", and also that consideration be given to extending the restricted zone to the entire block of Kentland Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Letter from Mr. A. Morton Thomas advising that the property at 8204 Roanoke Avenue is zoned Residential "B" and that a building permit was issued on June 14, 1951, for the erection of a two and one-half story dwelling in compliance with the zoning ordinance. Also, that the west side of the 8300 block of Roanoke Avenue is zoned Residential "C" and that building permits have been issued since June of 1950 continuously up to approximately three months ago for 11 apartment buildings of 6 units each in compliance with the zoning ordinance. To be filed in Civic Improvements file.

Letter from three Germans that recently visited the City of Takoma Park expressing their gratitude for the kind reception given them. To be filed in Public Welfare file.

Letter from Mr. John A. Beilien, Engineer of the Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau, stating no change would be made in the Fire Insurance rates in Takoma Park if we accept primary responsibility for the area from the corporate limits to Riggs Road. However, in view of the added responsibility involved, efforts should be made to

continue to comply with the following recommendations: (1) that a paid assistant Chief be appointed to the Fire Department, (2) that the practice of adding additional paid personnel to the Fire Department be continued so that eventually the manual strength of companies after providing for vacations and sickness or injuries, will be seven men on duty in Ladder and Pumper Companies. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Letter from Mrs. Elmer J. White in defense of the Mayor and Council regarding the use of our fire rescue squad and equipment outside the City limits. To be filed in Public Safety file.

Letter from Mrs. Edward Dean thanking the City for installing a street light in front of 7322 Glenside Drive. To be filed in Public Safety file.

Letter from Mrs. Virginia E. Yager, Secretary, Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School, thanking the Mayor and Council and Public Works Department for assistance in moving and installing the school's outdoor play equipment. To be filed in Public Welfare file.

Letter from Mr. Charles Howe, Montgomery County Fire Marshal, stating inspections are made by their office of private educational institutions in accordance with Montgomery County Code 1950, Subchapter A, Licensing and Regulation of Private Schools, Generally, Section 152-3 (e) (2) and Subchapter A, Hospitals, Sanitariums, Nursing Homes and Care Homes, Chapter 147A-3 (e) (2). These inspections are made at the direction of the Director of Inspection and Licenses to determine if these institutions are in compliance with the fire prevention code of Montgomery County and may be licensed. To be filed in Public Safety file.

Letter from Mr. Perce L. Wolfe, Building Inspector for Prince Georges County, stating that if the complainant could produce a receipt of sale from a transaction made at 6920 Prince Georges Avenue, they would have a better chance to prosecute. To be filed in Civic Improvement file.

Letter from Mr. S. Michael Derato, President of Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, regarding the recent refusal of the Fire Department to respond to a call outside the City limits. This letter was printed in the Takoma Journal. To be filed in Public Safety file.

Letter from Mr. H. R. Hodgson regarding the refusal of the Fire Department to respond to a call outside the City limits. This letter was not read as it had been printed in the Takoma Journal. To be filed in Public Safety file.

Letter from Mr. C. M. Edwards, Secretary of the Church Council, stating that the Trustees of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at New Hampshire Avenue Extended and Kingwood Drive, were authorized to file a petition for a surface road and curbing on the church property, identified as Lots 4 to 9, inclusive, Block 5, Section 1, Green Hill Farms, and that it was their desire to incorporate their petition with the original petition. The Clerk was requested to acknowledge receipt of petition and tell them that it has been referred to the Public Works Committee for study and that they will hear further as soon as the Committee reports.

Letter from Mr. H. D. Smith of the Chamber of Commerce, asking for the approval of Mayor and Council regarding their proposal to place wooden benches with steel frames at a number of places in Takoma Park. Referred to Executive Session.

OPEN MEETING: Mr. Gordon Cole, 7115 Garland Avenue, stated that some of the citizens had suggested a community celebration twelve days after Christmas, which would consist of a spectacular burning of Christmas trees and would signify the end of the Christmas season. Mr. Cole asked for the support and approval of Council in obtaining a permit to hold such an event, in obtaining services of our Fire Department for the supervision of this burning, and in obtaining services of our Public Works Department for the collecting of the Christmas trees. Mayor Beville referred the general idea to the Public Welfare Committee and appointed Councilman Parkhill as the Council's representative to any Committee that is formed to carry out these plans, and referred the matter of collecting the trees to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Hammond of the American Automobile Association presented a report of the National Pedestrian Protection Contest, in which Takoma Park has entered, and explained the importance of including all information in the questionnaire that we fill out.

Mr. Kalomis stated that he thought he lived on Elson Street in the City of Takoma Park, but Mr. Thomas had informed him there was no Elson Street in the City. It was decided that the map had the wrong street name, and that a sign designating Elson Street should be placed on the eastern side of 14th Avenue.

Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 13th Place, congratulated the Mayor and Council on their progressive action in regard to zoning, and the Police Department on their notable services during the recent snow storm.

Mr. S. M. Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, complimented the Public Works Department for their good work in the recent snow storm, and asked that Larch Avenue coming down to New Hampshire Avenue be kept in mind when there was ice on any roadway in the City.

Mr. Robert Mohr, 217 Spring Avenue, asked that Council consider a recommendation made by Mr. Werback approximately two years ago regarding containers of sand being placed on the steep hills in Takoma Park. Referred to Public Works Department.

Mayor Beville commended the Public Works Department for the excellent work they did during the last storm.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, commended the Public Works Department for clearing the streets so quickly during the recent storm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Klinck presented the estimated cost for improvement of New Hampshire Avenue Service Drive from Kingwood Drive to Merwood Drive as prepared by the Superintendent of Public Works, and instructed the Clerk and Treasurer to reply to the signers of the petition and advise them of the type of service drive and the estimated cost, as he had just presented.

Councilman Klinck presented letter from Mr. Joseph P. B. Barber, 8326 Roanoke Avenue, requesting the Council to pave Wabash Avenue about 60 feet from Flower Avenue, as it is a hazard, and suggested that the Clerk and Treasurer reply to this letter and set forth the normal procedure for paving requests.

Councilman Klinck presented letter from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission concerning mutual agreement for storm drainage construction on Second Avenue as follows:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23, 1951, relative to the conditions under which the Commission would participate in the cost of the proposed storm drainage construction in Second Avenue, Takoma Park.

"The Commission will contribute one-half of the cost of the storm drainage construction in Second Avenue, Takoma Park, between Eastern Avenue and the stream crossing between Westmoreland and Allegheny Streets in accordance with plans approved by the Commission's engineering department, subject to the following conditions:

1. That competitive bids be received on the work and that after their receipt they be reviewed and approved by the Commission.
2. That the contractor shall execute a suitable bond indemnifying both the City of Takoma Park and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from all loss or damage which may result from the construction of the project by the contractor.
3. That the work be subject to the general supervision of the Commission, but that the detailed engineering and inspection during construction be under the supervision of the proper Takoma Park authorities.
4. That upon completion of the contract final inspection be made by the Commission and any faulty work disclosed by such inspection be corrected before the Commission makes any payment of monies.
5. That the final measurements of the work and the final cost of the same be checked by the Commission's engineering department and approved by the Commission.
6. That the City of Takoma Park understand and considers it necessary that a 48-inch drain be constructed from the outlet from the Second Avenue storm drain across Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 12, Pinecrest Subdivision, to connect to the existing drain in Allegheny Avenue, along with pertinent catch basins. It is proposed that the City of Takoma Park and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission proceed with this construction on an equal share basis on all costs incurred. It is understood that because of this year's budget limitations the City of Takoma Park is unable to join in this cost, however, it is mutually understood that if the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall make a sufficient allocation for their share of the construction cost, in

the next fiscal year the Takoma Park Council shall, when so advised, authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to include the amount of their share for the fiscal year 1952-53."

(Councilman Klinck referred to the last paragraph of this letter and gave the Council the benefit of his understanding and interpretation. At this point, Mayor Beville stated that he wanted Councilman Klinck's interpretation of the last paragraph of this letter recorded in the minutes and asked him if he would please repeat his interpretation of this paragraph, which is as follows: That we could not join in with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission on any joint construction of the storm drainage across Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 12, Pinecrest Subdivision, this year, but we would recommend that when the Washington Suburban Sanitary allocates an amount equivalent to one-half of the cost of this construction that the City Council would, in turn, authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to insert a request in his 1952-53 budget for an amount equal to one-half the estimated total cost for this construction)

Councilman Klinck moved that we agree with the provisions as stipulated in this letter and so advise the Commission that this is our understanding of the mutual agreement.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck stated it was his feeling that the citizens should be kept informed as to the situation on Maple Avenue, and it was agreed by the Council that two appropriate signs should be erected just past the section where the stream is to be relocated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, to read as follows: "We regret your inconvenience in awaiting construction. After negotiations by the City of Takoma Park, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has agreed to relocate a portion of this stream as soon as possible. Upon completion of this work we can eliminate two bridges and proceed with our Maple Avenue plans." Mayor Beville suggested that the Public Works Department repaint and strengthen the barricades at the bridge wash out.

Councilman Klinck stated that he had asked Mr. Thomas B. McNeill to establish center line of existing right of way on Maple Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to Sligo Parkway, as they proposed to proceed to grade the full width of that right of way at the earliest possible time, and that he proposed to continue all efforts to make Maple Avenue the traffic-carrying artery that it should be. Mr. Shaw stated that upon completion of the relocation plans, he would like to discuss further with us the details of the proposed type of relocation structure.

Councilman Klinck reported that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has given us the line and grade for the culvert to be constructed on West Grant Avenue and that as soon as plans and specifications are approved by the Commission, which we expect to be very soon, we shall proceed to advertise for bids for the West Grant Avenue culvert construction.

Councilman Parkhill moved adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during the past year the Council has observed and noted the faithful and efficient services rendered by the officials and employees of the City of Takoma Park, and
 WHEREAS, in recognition of the outstanding services to the citizens of Takoma Park and splendid spirit of cooperation with the Council,
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council desires to take this opportunity to express to the Department Heads and all employees of the City their sincere thanks and appreciation, and wish EACH AND EVERYONE a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In regard to the proposal of Mr. Herbert D. Smith, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to place benches in the City of Takoma Park, Mayor Beville authorized Chief Thomas to accompany Mr. Smith in order to ascertain the most suitable spot for these benches.

In regard to Mr. Shure's letter to the Mayor and Council asking them to recommend the reclassification of Lots 35 and 36 in Carroll Manor Addition to Takoma Park, the matter was deferred to the next meeting, and the Clerk was instructed to check the minutes of a previous meeting in which this subject was discussed.

Councilman Oosterhous moved adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1097

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

Section 1. THAT the "No Parking" signs on Kentland Avenue be changed to "No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sundays Only."

Section 2. AND that the Public Works Department be 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 McClenon seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkhill, and Tymeson. Absent: Councilman Perring.

Councilman Eccleston moved the appointment of J. R. Boetker as Special Police Officer of the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Eccleston moved that the request of Chief McBride to be on annual leave from January 5 to January 18, 1952, be granted.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Eccleston moved that we accept the resignation of Anthony L. Decharo effective December 19, 1951.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Council agreed upon having a decommissioning ceremony for our American LaFrance Fire Pumper.

The matter of completing the first floor of the Fire House was discussed, and it was agreed that a recommendation of the Finance Committee should be submitted to Council before authorizing this expenditure.

Councilman Parkhill moved adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1098

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 894 of July 28, 1947 (18:48), as amended, is further amended by inserting before the last paragraph thereof:

*Ref. Sec'd
p. 119*

"There shall be a parking meter zone on the west side of Laurel Avenue, at the place heretofore reserved for parking official vehicles, between Carroll Avenue and the taxicab stand. There shall be not less than three parking meters at the place described in this paragraph."

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, McClenon, Oosterhous, Parkhill and Tymeson. Absent: Councilman Perring.

88 In regard to Mr. Bradshaw's letter offering the City \$200.00 for Lot 59, Block 87, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Councilman Tymeson moved that the Council ask \$300.00 for this lot.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson recommended payment of bills in the amount of \$11,700.91.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson asked that each Councilman turn in his bills monthly so that they can be approved currently.

Councilman Tymeson presented bid for the purchase of the American LaFrance Pumper from the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., in which they submitted an offer of \$2110.10. After considerable discussion, Councilman Tymeson moved that the bid be accepted and that upon the receipt of the money by the Treasurer we arrange to deliver the apparatus to the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department as soon as practicable.

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that each City employee receive a two pound box of candy with the Mayor's signature on an enclosed card.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved the restoration of the Clerk and Treasurer's salary, as provided for by the Budget, as of the first of the year.


Councilman Oosterhous seconded the motion.

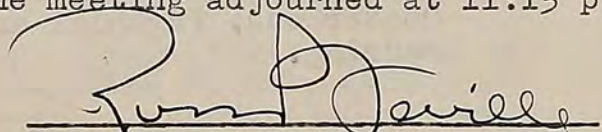
Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

RB: Mayor Beville referred the matter of the Rooming House Ordinance to Civic Improvements Committee and stated that Councilman McClenon should sit in on their discussion as an honorary member.

Councilman McClenon presented three proposals of the Maryland Municipal League and stated his Committee would be prepared to report on these proposals at the January meeting.

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