

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
September 8, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Beville. Those present: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, McClenon, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from County Commissioners of Prince George's County expressing their appreciation for our furnishing such a complete file on the zoning plan for the City of Takoma Park.
2. Letter from Mrs. O. L. Harvey, expressing appreciation and thanks for the prompt service rendered by the Fire and Police Departments when a call was put in regarding fallen electric wires.
3. Letter from Herbert D. Smith relative to rent control.
4. Letter from W. M. Bard requesting reinstalling a No Thru Street Sign at Heather and Elm Avenue.
5. Copy of letter from H. R. Hodgson to Gov. McKeldin advising of his resignation as Justice of Peace for Takoma Park on the Prince George's side.

Mayor Beville discussed the matter of reading of correspondence at the Council meetings. He was of the opinion that by refraining from reading the correspondence and instead forward copies to himself and each Councilman of all correspondence, everyone concerned would have a knowledge of the various matters. He agreed that the correspondence should be listed on the agenda in the usual manner, then if any of the councilmen wished a certain letter read his request would be granted. After a lengthy discussion on this matter Councilman McClenon moved that correspondence be listed by the Clerk on the agenda and not be read unless the Mayor or member of the Council asked for it to be read.

The motion failed with a roll call vote recorded as follows:
Yeas: Councilmen Parkhill, Eccleston and McClenon. Nays: Councilmen Lucas, Klinck, Tymeson and Kramer.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

It was advised that the hearing scheduled for Master zoning in Prince George's County on September 18th was postponed until a future date.

Councilman Parkhill moved that the preliminary subdivision plan proposing the resubdivision of Lots 1,2,3,4,10 and 11, Block 71, T.P.L. & T. Subdivision be approved.

Upon being seconded and put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkhill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1146

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

Section 1. THAT the plat of the resubdivision of Lot 15, Park of Lot 16, Block 14, New Hampshire Gardens into Lots 26 & 25, being a subdivision of part of the lands conveyed by Gorin & Horning, Inc. a District of Columbia Corporation to Gussie Gorin, Theresa E. Horning, Harry E. Gorin, and Louis Gorin, by deed dated April 16, 1942 and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Liber 653, Folio 174 from which Joseph F. Horning and Theresa E. Horning, his wife, relinquished their claim by a Quit Claim deed dated and recorded among the same Land Records in Liber at Folio ; is hereby accepted, subject to conditions as set forth in Ordinance No. 920 adopted by the Mayor and Council, January 5, 1949, as amended.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

The motion was carried and the ordinance was passed with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, McClenon, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

Councilman Parkhill reported that a recommendation on the Rent Control matter will be submitted at the Council meeting of Sept. 22, 1952.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: A committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19, 1952 at 7:30 at which time invitation was extended to Mr. R. W. Koch, Chief Inspector of Health of Montgomery County to be present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Tymeson moved that we appoint the proper crossing guards and that the payment for same be handled thru the reserve fund.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried. with Councilman McClenon voting Nay.

As a result of discussion regarding the fact that we receive remuneration from Montgomery County for police and fire protection, whereas we give the same protection in Prince George's County without any remuneration from the County, it was asked that the Law and Ordinances Committee draft a bill for legislature to prevent both counties collecting taxes in the City for services that the City already provide.

Councilman Tymeson asked the Council to take notice of the new trial 2 hour meter in front of the Suburban Bank.

Mayor Beville suggested that the meters in front of the banks be made 20 minute meters.

Relative to the application received for exemption of taxes by a blind veteran Corporation Counsel Gingerich submitted the law

in detail which in this case would exempt Mr. Chappell of the City taxes up to \$6000.00 valuation. In this respect Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council has received an application from J. Hiram Chappell, 715 Kennebec Ave., Takoma Park, Maryland for tax exemption under Article 81, Section 7 (35) amended by Chapter 30 of Laws of 1952,

WHEREAS, the said J. Hiram Chappell has submitted a doctor's certificate and further documentary proof that his physical incapacitation is such that he is entitled to a tax exemption under the Provisions of this Law, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that land and improvement titled in the name of J. Hiram Chappell be exempted for City taxes up to \$6000.00 assessed valuation.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the Resolution was adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Mr. Kramer referred to the condition which was referred to in a letter from Mr. Hansen relative to the alley on Piney Branch Road running in the rear of the Esso Station at the corner of Flower Avenue becoming very noisy and dangerous due to excess traffic and asked that the Council consider this situation. After considering this situation Councilman Kramer felt that there was nothing at all the Council could do in this matter and he stated he would dictate a letter to be sent to Mr. Hansen advising him of the Council's decision in the matter.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mayor Beville asked that the work started in the various parks be investigated and have completed as quickly as possible.

The relocation of the Library was discussed and Councilman Lucas stated that as a result of his Committee meeting with the Library Committee certain recommendations had been suggested and referred to Civic Improvement Committee for further study.

Regarding a discussion as to what the Contingent Fund should cover, Councilman Klinck suggested that the Finance Committee submit a definition as to the intent of the Contingent Fund in the Budget.

Mayor Beville proposed that Cockerille Avenue, northwesterly to the dead end of Cockerille be set for a hearing for curb, gutter, and resurfacing.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Klinck informed the Council that he had personally contacted Mr. Biertness, of Boyd Avenue, and advised him that after discussing the matter regarding the repairing of his driveway with Mr. E. W. Thomas, Superintendent of Public Works, it was decided that the repairs to the driveway be taken care of at the time the paving of Boyd Avenue was completed. As this plan met with Mr. Biertness' approval he agreed to the Boyd Avenue improvement.

Councilman Klinck moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the construction and paving of Boyd Avenue and that the Bid be awarded to the A. H. Smith Co.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

Councilman Klinck rescinded the previous motion to pass Ordinance for the paving of Boyd Avenue and awarding of the contract and moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1147

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

Section 1. THAT under authority granted by Section 1198 of the City Charter the Mayor and Council after due advertisement and hearing as provided therein are of the opinion that the public health, safety and comfort require the improvement of Boyd Avenue from Jackson Avenue westerly, with 2 inch bituminous surface course as set forth in Ordinance #1143 approved August 25, 1952, and the improvement of said street is hereby authorized.

Section 2. THAT the contract for the improvement as described above be and is hereby awarded to A. H. Smith at the rate of \$1.20 per sq. yd.

Section 3. Two-thirds of the cost of the work herein authorized shall be assessed against the abutting property thereon, and 1/3 from the general revenues of the City.

Section 4. Assessments under this Ordinance are payable in five annual installments, the first installment due and payable within 90 days from date of levy with interest at the rate of 6% per annum beginning 30 days from date of levy, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable within 90 days of the same date in each subsequent year. Balance due may be paid in full at any time plus the accumulated interest. Property delinquent January 1 of any year will be sold for the total amount of assessment, including interest and costs, then due.

Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was passed with a roll call vote recorded as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, McClenon, Parkhill and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Councilman Klinck moved that at the direction of the Council the City Clerk be directed to reply to Mr. Opha Mays communication regarding the storm drainage problem on Maple Ave.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved that Corporation Counsel Gingerich be directed to address a letter to B & O Railroad setting forth the storm drainage situation as it appears at Albany & Buffalo Avenues.

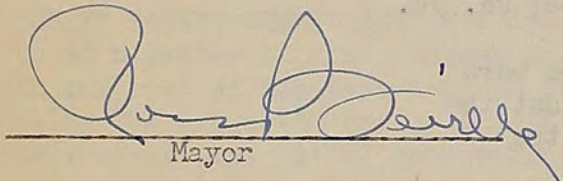
Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that at the present time the City has no liability for the storm drain in North Takoma as it is a drain over private property and there is no easement or no acceptance of the drain by the City.

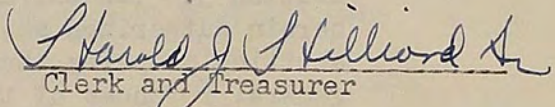
X It was suggested by Councilman Tymeson that on requests made to department heads, that they be made in writing and signed by the Party making the request in order that the department head could establish priorities for work requested, the primary reason being that each person requesting such work might be unaware of similar requests being made by other Councilmen. This suggestion was agreed by all present.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made and properly seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 12:20 A.M.

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Mayor



Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 22, 1952

Mayor Beville called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Lucas, Kramer, McClenon, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

Councilman Klinck requested that the minutes of September 8, 1952 be corrected so as to include the Corporation Counsel's statement with respect to the City's liability in the storm drainage condition existing in the North Takoma area which is as follows:

"At the present time the City has no liability for the storm drain in North Takoma as it is a drain over private property and there is no easement or no acceptance of the drain by the City".

Councilman McClenon moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and that they be approved as corrected.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard presented the Financial Statement for the month of August as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Revenues Aug. 1952	Revenues to 8/31/52	Bal. Budget to 8/31/52	Total Budget
Cash on Hand Citz. Bk.	108268.85			
Cash on Hand Sub. Tr.	17358.81			
Balance in Banks	125627.66			
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1.0 Taxes: General	55706.13	193418.77	104743.80	298162.57
2.0 Penalties	67.68	212.99	537.01	750.00
2.0 Licenses-Permits	680.68	1171.28	20578.72	21750.00
3.0 Fines-Forfeitures	114.20	2081.15	918.85	3000.00
4.0 Use of Money-Prop.	30.00	30.00	270.00	300.00
5.0 Revenues from other sources	383.44	14.91	32139.09	32154.00
6.0 Service Charges for Current Services	167.00	424.50	925.50	1350.00
	<u>57149.13</u>			
Less Discount	822.61	56326.52	160112.97	357466.57
		<u>181954.18</u>		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
		Bud. Spent to 8/31/52		
10. Gen'l. Gov't. Clk. Off.	2813.37	5722.31	24141.47	29863.78
10. " " Govt. Bld.	519.65	720.45	7939.55	8660.00
10. " " P/W				
Repair Shop	1531.98	2653.64	11361.36	14015.00
11.1 Police Dept.	4487.58	8575.79	47044.21	55620.00
11.2 Fire Dept.	2592.06	8413.99	44266.01	52680.00
12.1 P/W Dept.: Office	956.00	1678.19	6866.81	8545.00
12.2 " " Highways	2819.31	4064.94	34939.56	39004.50
12.5 " " St. Lights	755.35	755.35	8694.65	9450.00
12.6 " " Contingent Fd.	5.88	217.13	682.87	900.00
13.2 " " Sanitation	5823.28	9910.81	34539.19	44450.00
13.3 " " Recreation	2511.60	3796.12	3997.88	7794.00
19.4 Cultural: Library	.00	.00	11000.00	11000.00

21.1	Miscellaneous	2689.21	2453.02	7546.98	10000.00
22.1	Capital Budget	8923.13	9323.13	42500.00	51823.13
23.1	Insurance	207.04	1747.64	3144.49	4892.13
	Accts. Payable	69.19	60032.51	288665.03	348697.54

		36704.63			
Bank Bal. 8/31/52		<u>145249.55</u>			

Bal. 8/31/52	Citizens Bank	125559.88
Bal. 8/31/52	Sub. Tr. Co.	19689.67
Banks Bal. 8/31/52		<u>145249.55</u>

Special Improvement Account

7/31/52	Bal. Citizens Bank	14653.72
	Deposits during	
	Aug. 1952	604.23
		<u>15257.95</u>
8/31/52	No withdrawals	.00
	Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>15257.95</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Albert E. Smith, president of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, in regard to property located at 7414 Jackson Avenue, owned by Mr. V. B. Engeberg; Mr. Smith requested the investigation of said property to ascertain whether or not an apartment is being built in the basement. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee.
2. Letter from Wm. S. Gran, expressing his appreciation for police protection and collection of mail during his absence from the city. Referred to Public Safety Files.
3. Letter from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission advising the amount of water used by our Fire Department during the year 1951, and asking that we take every precaution against the misuse of this commodity. Referred to Public Safety Files.
4. Letter from O. J. Gibson asking that the city look into the matter of having the "old dam" on Sligo Creek removed. Referred to Public Works Department.
5. Letter from Robert Mandel, President, Spring Park Community Assn., regarding wage and personnel policies committee which was to have been appointed by the Mayor for the purpose of studying the advisability of setting up a merit system for city employees. Referred to Finance Committee.
6. Letter from Robert Mandel, President, Spring Park Community Assn., requesting that cinders be made available for use during icy weather. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
7. Letter from Robert Mandel, President, Spring Park Community Association, regarding the low salaries of city policemen. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, addressed the Council in regard to the motion to limit the amount of correspondence read at the public council meetings. This motion was presented at the Council's September Executive Meeting and was defeated. Mr. Derato stated that he felt that this motion was an attempt to keep letters of criticism under wrap. He congratulated the members of the Council who had voted this motion down.

Mr. Derato also spoke about the low salaries paid the City police. He discussed the fact that the force is minus several men due to resignations, and that on occasion there have been only two officers on duty, when twice that number were needed. Mr. Derato suggested that the repair and maintenance of the parking meters be turned over to one of the police officers to handle during his time off, in order to supplement his income and encourage him to stay on the force. Councilman Kramer responded to Mr. Derato's remarks by stating that he had talked with the last three men who had resigned from the force, and that in only one of the three cases was resignation due to the pay.

Mr. Vincent Amoroso, 8111 Carroll Avenue, questioned the Council about the committee which was supposed to have been set up to study the merit system for city employees.

Mayor Beville stated that he had heard much about this committee, but that he was not clear as to just what was intended for this committee to do; he added that perhaps this would be clarified during the course of the executive session this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Civic Improvements Committee:

Mr. Hilliard presented the following items of correspondence in regard to the problem of rent control in the City of Takoma Park.

1. A report from the Office of Rent Stabilization, made at the request of the City of Takoma Park. This study showed that a housing shortage exists in Takoma Park. The vacancy factor in Takoma Park is 1%, as compared to the normal vacancy factor of 5%.
2. Letter from Keith Cox, Hillwood Manor Apartments, stating his approval of the extension of rent controls.
3. Letter from Mr. Northrup, 7105 New Hampshire Avenue, requesting the continuance of rent controls.
4. Letter from Mr. H. H. Wilcox, 1108 Linden Avenue, asking that rent controls be extended.
5. Letter from H. Brooks Perring stating his disapproval of rent controls.
6. Letter from George M. Phoebus, 222 Park Avenue, in favor of ending rent controls.
7. Petition signed by 90 citizens, asking the end of rent control.
8. Letter from Robert E. Lohr asking that rent controls be discontinued.
9. Letter from George B. Kissinger stating his opposition to rent controls.
10. Letter from Mrs. R. C. Satisfield, 1202 Myrtle Avenue, in favor of the extension of rent controls.
11. Petition signed by 101 citizens in favor of the continuation of rent controls.

A partial tabulation of the citizens for and against rent controls, taken from the figures of the minutes of the hearing held previously and the correspondence and petitions presented this evening, showed that the two sides of the issue were well balanced, although those against rent controls slightly outnumbered those for their continuation.

Councilman McClenon reported that he had made a survey in regard to the housing situation in Takoma Park. After contacting several Takoma Park realtors, and studying newspaper ads, Councilman McClenon's survey seemed to indicate that there is somewhat of a housing shortage within the City.

Councilman Klinck stated that these spot checks, such as that made by Councilman McClenon and the one prepared by the Office of Rent Stabilization, were not entirely accurate. He further stated that to obtain a reasonable average as to the availability of rental units it would be necessary to tabulate figures over a period of weeks, or possibly months.

Mayor Beville summed up the arguments presented as follows: The Council has received a report from the Office of Rent Stabilization which seems to indicate that there is a housing shortage in the City. On the other hand a report was submitted to the Montgomery County Council by the Montgomery County Real Estate Board in opposition to the continuation of rent controls. However, the action of all the other governing bodies in the metropolitan area, with the exception of one or two, has been to continue rent controls.

Councilman Kramer reminded the Council that there has been only one official report on the Takoma Park housing situation, and this report indicated that a housing shortage does exist. He pointed out that Takoma Park should consider itself as part of the metropolitan area, and not as a completely isolated locality.

Councilman Kramer then moved that the Council find that there is a substantial shortage of housing accommodations in the City of Takoma Park, and that the Council request that rent controls be continued.

Councilman McClenon requested a roll call vote.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was defeated by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Kramer, and McClenon. Nays: Councilmen Klinck, Lucas, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

Councilman Parkhill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 11148

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

Section 1. THAT the plat of the subdivision of part of the land conveyed by Silver Spring Properties, Inc. to Thomas G. Owen & Claude W. Owen, Jr., Lots 1-2 and 3, by deed dated August 8, 1950 are recorded in Liber 11416, at Folio 59 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, be and the same is hereby approved subject to conditions as set forth in Ordinance No. 920, adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting, January 5, 1949.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, Eccleston, McClenon, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

Councilman Parkhill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 11149

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

Section 1. THAT the Plat of the resubdivision of the East part of Lot 2, Block 67 into Lot 101, conveyed by William D. Goldstein and Mildred S. Goldstein, is hereby approved subject to conditions as set forth in Ordinance No. 920 adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting on January 5, 1949.

Councilman Kramer seconded the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, Eccleston, McClenon, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

In regard to the preliminary subdivision plan, proposing the resubdivision of Lots 10 to 13, Block A, Gilbert & Woods Subdivision, which plat involves the turning over to the City for maintenance a small stretch of sidewalk, the City Clerk was directed to write Mr. Thornton on this matter, stating that the sidewalk must be put in good repair before the City will consider accepting it for maintenance. It was also requested that Mr. Thornton clarify the plat.

In regard to the plat for the resubdivision of Block 1 of Gude and Abrams Subdivision, it was requested that the City Clerk contact the Part and Planning Commission on this matter, inquiring as to why the plat was delivered to the City with no accompanying letter of transmittal, and why, also, the plat appears to have been approved by the Park and Planning Commission prior to its consideration by the City Council.

Councilman Parkhill presented a proposed agreement between the City of Takoma Park and Opha Mays, a contractor, for the dismantling of 11 Columbia Avenue. This contract provides that the Contractor shall dismantle the building and remove all material above the foundation, said material having been valued at less than \$400.00. Upon completion of the work, the property is to be inspected by the Superintendent of Public Works for conformance to the provisions of the contract. After the Superintendent of Public Works has inspected the job and given his approval, the Contractor will be paid the sum of \$100.00. Councilman Parkhill moved that the Council approve this agreement.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Beville reported on a meeting between the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission and members of the City Council of Takoma Park in regard to the enclosing of Brashears Run for its entire distance.

The representatives of these three bodies generally agreed that the enclosure of Brashears Run for its entire distance would be desirable, and would permit the maximum usage of the land. The total cost of such enclosure was estimated at \$125,000. It was pointed out that the City has already spent \$2700 in providing a crossing at Grant Avenue. Mr. Shaw, Chief Engineer of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, pointed out some of the costs involved in the enclosure of the creek. The back-fill along the pipes was estimated as costing \$20,000. The City of Takoma Park informally agreed to undertake this back-fill job. The City has already committed \$3,000 to the Sanitary Commission in lieu of furnishing right-of-ways. These donations by the City bring the cost of the construction for the WSSC down to between \$95,000 and \$100,000. Mr. Green of the Park and Planning Commission stated that his Commission would be willing to spend between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in the development of parking lots, steps to the

recreation center, and landscaping, etc. After this discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Shaw would restudy the project. At the meeting's conclusion, Mr. Bellamy, Commissioner of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, seemed to be favorably impressed with the idea of enclosing Brashears Run for its entire distance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kramer discussed the matter of a Justice of the Peace for the Prince George's County portion of the City of Takoma Park. He stated that after considering those available for the position, he had found one man with particularly good qualifications-- Mr. Earle H. Russell. Councilman Kramer stated, however, that Mr. Russell has not as yet been appointed Justice of the Peace by the Governor.

Councilman McClenon moved that the City of Takoma Park request the Governor to make the appointment of Mr. Earl H. Russell as Justice of the Peace.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

It was decided that a copy of this letter should be delivered to the Republican State Central Committee of Prince George's County.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills, in the amount of \$11,454.07 be approved.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson reported that the taxes collected to date are 65 percent of the budget; 55 percent of the total budget for the entire year's income is in. Councilman Tymeson further, reported that the City Clerk, by spending some \$350.00 for clerical assistance, had obtained \$8045.00 additional from the automobile tags. Councilman Tymeson told the Council that our budget is hitting right on the line; we are running 17 percent where we should be running 16-2/3 percent; however, when insurance and capital items are taken out--which are not running expenses--we are a little under 15 percent of our budget.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McClenon moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1150

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

THAT Ordinance No. 1095 of November 26, 1951 (21:74-77), as amended April 14, and May 19, 1952 (21:144,177), is further amended by inserting between Section 7 and Section 8 thereof the following:

"Section 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Motions

"All motions shall be made and seconded before being subject to debate. The Mayor may make or second a motion of any nature, the same as if he were a member of the Council."

Councilman Parkhill seconded the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows:

Yeas: Councilmen Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, Eccleston, McClenon, Parkhill, and Tymeson.

Councilman Kramer moved that employees of the City who are employed on a salary basis and who have held such employment for six months shall become permanent employees of the City, who need not be appointed yearly, but can be removed, except by death or resignation, only on the basis of reasons stated to said employee, with an opportunity for said employee to reply to such charges, or to hold a hearing, should he so desire.

The motion failed for lack of second.

Councilman Kramer moved that the Mayor appoint a Committee of Councilmen to study the desirability and means, if found desirable, of giving permanent tenure to salaried city employees, with the exception of

Councilman McClenon seconded the motion.

Councilman Klinck moved that the motion be amended so that it applies to all salaried city employees with the exception of the heads of the departments.

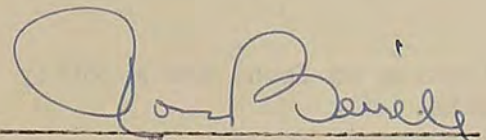
Upon being seconded and put to question, the proposed amendment was carried.

Upon being put to question, the motion, as amended, was carried.

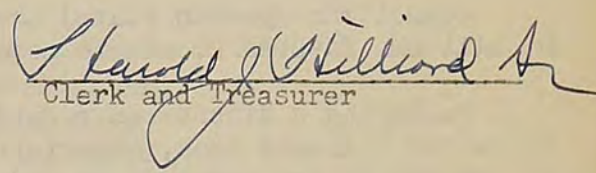
Mayor Beville called the Council's attention to the zoning violation case of Mrs. Maude Welsh. This case had been reported to the County by the City. Mr. Morton Thomas had inspected the premises and found a zoning violation. Upon the failure of Mrs. Welsh to remove the violation, the case was turned over to the State's Attorney for prosecution. The State's Attorney has elected to drop the case. The Council requested the Corporation Counsel to investigate this matter, and to discover, if possible, why the case was not prosecuted. It is the opinion of the City Council that the recent zoning study will be of no avail if zoning violations reported to the County by the City, and verified by County authorities, are not properly prosecuted.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion properly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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Mayor



Clerk and Treasurer