

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
October 13, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Mayor Beville. Those present: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, McClenon, and Tymeson. Absent: Councilman Parkhill, who reported ill. Councilman McClenon was excused to attend another meeting.

Mayor Beville referred to letter from Mrs. R. C. Satterfield, 1202 Myrtle Avenue in which she was strongly against the Council's action in ending Rent Control and asked that this be reconsidered and advise her. Mayor Beville directed the City Clerk to reply to this letter stating that the matter was taken up with the Corporation Counsel of the City and his advice was that there is no further action possible.

Mayor Beville made the appointment of Councilman Tymeson, Chairman Councilmen Klinck and Kramer to serve on a special committee that was authorized by the Council at its last meeting for the purpose of studying the desirability and means, if found desirable, of giving permanent tenure to salaried city employees.

Mr. Hilliard advised the Council that the County attorney had notified him that the Risher-Welsh case will be prosecuted.

Mayor Beville asked that definite arrangements be made immediately to erect a sign for the front of the building, reading:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

Municipal Building

8 Columbia Avenue

Also there should be a double sign at the corner of Columbia Avenue and Carroll Avenue reading "City Offices" with arrow pointing thereto.

Mayor Beville made mention of report submitted by Chief McBride regarding the multiple violations of City and County Codes and asked that this be referred to Public Safety Committee for study.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Tymeson advised the Council that the meter collections show an increase. The month of September showed an increase of \$100.00 over the month of August.

Councilman Tymeson stated that through his investigation he found the majority of citizens favored 20 minute meters in front of the banks.

Following a discussion regarding the lack of parking facilities in front and below the Citizens Bank, especially on Saturday when four meters directly in front of the church are covered, it was suggested that only two meters be covered. This problem was referred to Public Safety Committee for investigation to obtain better traffic control within this area.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Eccleston reported that he had received a letter from the State Board of Health addressed to the Mayor and Council inviting them to attend a land-fill demonstration at Greenbelt at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, October 15, 1952 and



informed the Council that Earl Thomas and himself attended a similar demonstration at Alexandria some time ago and felt this worthwhile and hoped as many Councilmen as possible could attend.

A meeting was set for Wednesday, October 22, 1952, at 8:00 P.M. at 8 Columbia Avenue for the purpose of the Council meeting with Mr. Koch, Health Inspector for Montgomery County.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Lucas reported that work was progressing in the parks and was in the state of completion.

Mayor Beville suggested that Councilman Lucas prepare a digest of the Library's annual reports and submit to the Council in order that a study could be made of their expenditures.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The matter of the enforcement of a City fire code was discussed in great detail. Some time ago the Fire Board recommended that a Fire Marshall be hired and the City Fire Code enforced but to date this has not been done. In this connection Councilman Kramer suggested that the City Fire Code be either enforced or rescinded. It was mentioned that if the City had a fire code it would prevent the County Fire Code from being enforced within the City limits and if the County fire code was enforced it would only apply to Montgomery County as Prince George's County has no fire code. Further discussion pointed out that the building code, electric code, health regulations, zoning violations and fire code, all tie in with the rooming house ordinance and that it might be feasible for the City to have their own inspector of licenses and inspection who would then have jurisdiction over the enforcement of such codes and regulations. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation to ascertain whether or not there might be any funds which would be available to hire a person to head such a department.

Councilman Kramer asked that the City Clerk write a letter to each of the store owners at Flower and Erie Avenues advising them that the Council has under consideration the establishment of parallel parking only, within this area.

Councilman Kramer moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1151

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

Section 1. THAT parking be restricted on Elm Avenue between Ethan Allen and Prince George's Avenue, beginning at a point on the curb line opposite the northeast corner of Lot 14, Block 26, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, southwesterly to the northwest corner of Lot 74, Block 16, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby 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 Lucas seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McClenon and Parkhill.

Councilman Kramer moved that the resignation of Officers Andrew Paulas and Gordon L. Rome of the Police Department be accepted.

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

Councilman Kramer moved that the resignation of Hans H. Peppel of the Fire Department be accepted.

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

Councilman Kramer brought to the Council's attention the emergency arising in the Police Department for new police and stated that there were already two vacancies and a possibility of more, and there had only been one applicant for the position. He stated he felt that due to this emergency there should be some pay scale set up for the Police and Fire Departments in order to create a higher morale within the departments and give some incentive to securing new police and firemen. After a very lengthy discussion on this matter Councilman Kramer moved the adoption of a Resoltuion proposing a pay scale for police and firemen as follows:

Privates	3,000.00 to 3500.00
Corp.	3,600.00 to 4100.00
Sgt.	4,200.00 to 4500.00
Chief	4,600.00 to 5000.00

effective July 1, 1953 with \$100.00 per annum each July 1st thereafter up to the maximum, with increases given up to applicable maximum in recognition of unusual meritorious services.

Councilman Kramer stressed the fact that he felt that due to this immediate emergency that some provision should be made in order that the privates might be given their increases now rather than to wait until July 1st, 1953.

The motion failed for the lack of a second.

After further discussion on this matter Councilman Kramer moved that the Finance Committee be requested to study this problem and report just how soon the police privates might be raised prior to the end of the year.

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

Councilman Kramer moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

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

Section 1. THAT parking be restricted on Elm Avenue between the intersection of Pine Avenue



and the driveway leading to the dwelling at 101 Elm Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT this area be designated by a yellow curb.

Section 3. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs.

Section 4. 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 Eccleston seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McClenon and Parkhill.

Councilman Kramer moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1153

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

Section 1. THAT a stop sign be erected on West Grant Avenue at Maple Avenue.

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

Section 3. AND FURTHER that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McClenon and Parkhill.

Councilman Kramer recommended that one-way traffic be established east in that section of the alley that runs from New Hampshire Avenue at University Lane, easterly to an intersection to the alley in the rear of the stores. It was suggested that a letter be written to Gude & Abrams advising them of the Council's intent and asking them to reply giving their views on the matter.

Councilman Kramer moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1154

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

Section 1. THAT parking be restricted on the



north side of Boyd Avenue from Carroll to Lincoln Avenues.

Section 2. AND that the Public Works Department is hereby 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 Eccleston seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McClenon and Parkhill.

Councilman Kramer made a motion to appoint James Elwood Merson as an officer to the Police Department for a probationary period of six months at a salary of \$2600.00 per annum.

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

Mayor Beville moved that the Council approve membership in the Prince George's County Municipal Assn., now being sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** Councilman Klinck moved that the City Clerk be instructed to convey to the Spring Park Community Assn. that it is the opinion of the Council, after extensive study, that the placing of sand or cinders on certain hilly streets during the winter months for the use of motorists would be impracticable.

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

Councilman Klinck moved that the City Clerk be instructed to send a copy of Mr. O. J. Gibson's letter asking that the "Old Dam" on Sligo be abandoned and resume its original course, to Park and Planning Commission and also ask if they recommend the advisability of the removal of this dam.

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

Councilman Klinck moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1155

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

WHEREAS, Larch Avenue from Elm Avenue to Hayward Avenue and Hayward Avenue from Larch to Lincoln Avenue, the existing paving has been improved in accordance with the specifications of the City of Takoma Park.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended that the City accept these



streets for maintenance in accordance, with the provisions of existing ordinances, and with the proviso that Linkin Homes Inc. deposit with the City the sum of \$900.00 to cover cost of any curb and gutter repair deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Public Works within a period of nine (9) months from date of this Ordinance.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McClenon and Parkhill.

Councilman Klinck moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1156

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

WHEREAS, Wildwood Drive, from Anne Street to Jackson Avenue, the existing paving has been improved in accordance with the specifications of the City of Takoma Park, and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent of Public Works has recommended that the City accept these streets for maintenance in accordance with the provisions of existing ordinances, the Council hereby officially accepts these streets in the name of the City of Takoma Park for maintenance under the provisions of ordinances now in effect.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McClenon, and Parkhill.

Councilman Klinck stated that he had been in contact with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in connection with the proposed enclosure of Brashears Run and he had been advised that the matter was still under consideration and he would keep the Council posted as to the progress.

Councilman Klinck stated that there had been no further progress made in the storm drain problem in North Takoma and that Corporation Counsel Gingerich had been directed to address a letter to the B & O Railroad and he did not know whether he had received any response or not.

In connection with the progress of Carroll Avenue, Councilman Klinck advised that the Corporation Counsel has yet to obtain some of the dedication deeds and as soon as the Corporation Counsel advises that the deeds have been signed and recorded the State Roads Commission will be free to proceed with the work.

Councilman Klinck moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:



## ORDINANCE NO. 1157

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

Section 1. THAT after carefully considering the manufacture of various types and costs of Tar Kettles it is the opinion that one (1) Littleford, Model 84-HD6, 325 gallon asphalt heating kettle, mounted on pneumatic tired wheels and complete with Motor spray attachment with 15' of insulated hand spray hose, angle type thermometer installed on kettle, and barrel hoist which is offered by the John C. Louis Company of Baltimore, Maryland should be purchased to replace the tar kettle recently destroyed by fire at a cost of \$1185.00, less the usual discount and government excise tax, if any.

Section 2. AND FURTHER that the insurance adjustment of \$450.00 for the destroyed kettle be applied as part of the purchase price of this new equipment.

Councilman Lucas seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Klinck reported on the Committees action in connection with the Maple Avenue improvement and stated that it was the recommendation of the committee that the improvement consists of a 46 foot concrete road-way with concrete curb and gutter on both sides together with such storm drain structures as may be required and the installation of a 3 foot wide walk on the northeast side from Philadelphia Avenue to a point approximately midway between Lincoln and Sherman Avenues. He recommended that the Public Works Department be authorized to advertise for bids on the proposed improvement of Maple Avenue as explained to the Council by the Public Works Committee merely in order to establish the approximate cost of the contemplated improvements, and this is not to be interpreted to preclude our regular policy of a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of our Charter.

Councilman Klinck, therefore, moved that the City advertise for bids for the complete job of the construction of Maple Avenue as soon as complete plans are received from the engineer, Thomas B. McNeill for street, curb, gutter and storm drain and side walk.

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

Councilman Klinck stated that from October 21-23, 1952 the State Roads was going to make a study of traffic load over all the state highways within the City.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion made, seconded and put to question, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 A.M.

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Mayor

  
Clerk and Treasurer



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
October 27, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Mayor Beville. Those present: Councilmen KLinck, Lucas, McClenon, Parkhill and Tymeson. Those absent: Councilmen Eccleston and Kramer.

Councilman McClenon brought several typographical errors appearing in the minutes of October 13, 1952, to the Clerk's attention. Councilman KLinck corrected the minutes as follows:

1. Page 6, the second section of Ordinance No. 1155, should read as follows: WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended that the City accept these streets for maintenance in accordance, with the provisions of existing ordinances, and with the proviso that Lenkin Homes Inc. deposit with the City the sum of \$900.00 to cover cost of any curb and gutter repair deemed necessary by the Supt. of Public Works within a period of nine (9) months from date of this ordinance.

2. Page 6, at the bottom of the page, the last paragraph is correct to read as follows: In connection with the progress of Carroll Avenue, Councilman KLinck advised that the Corporation Counsel has yet to obtain some of the dedication deeds and as soon as the Corporation Counsel advises that the deeds have been signed and recorded the State Roads Commission will be free to proceed with the work.

Councilman Parkhill 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 September.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
September 1952  
Summary

	Revenues Sept. 1952	Revenues to 9/30/52	Bal. Budget to 6/30/53	Total Budget
Cash on Hand CitizensBk.				
8/31/52	125559.88			
Cash on Hand Sub. Trust				
8/31/52	19689.67			
Bal. in Banks 8/31/52	145249.55			
<u>Revenues</u>				
1.0 Taxes: General	22134.39	215496.82	82665.75	298162.57
Penalties&Interest	.00	212.99	537.01	750.00
2.0 Licenses&Permit	12503.54	13674.82	8075.18	21750.00
3.0 Fines-Forfeitures	26.00	2107.15	892.85	3000.00
4.0 Use of Money-Prop.	.00	30.00	270.00	300.00
5.0 Revenues-other sources	371.52	27.82	32126.18	32154.00
6.0 Serv. Charges	.00	424.50	925.50	1350.00
Accounts Received	135.95			
	35171.40	231974.10	125492.47	357466.57
Less Discount	235.02	34936.38		
	<u>180185.93</u>			



	<u>Disbursements</u>	Revenues Sept. 1952	Disburse. to 9/30/52	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/52	Total Budget
10.	Gen'l Govt. Clks. Off.	2482.27	8204.58	21659.20	29863.78
10.	" " Govt. Bldgs.	568.67	1289.12	7370.88	8660.00
10.	" " P/W repr. Sh.	1277.21	4254.53	9760.47	14015.00
11.1	Police Dept.	4904.25	13570.77	42049.23	55620.00
11.2	Fire Dept.	3289.38	11752.19	40927.81	52680.00
12.1	P/W Dept: Office	687.48	2361.14	6183.86	8545.00
12.2	" " Highways	4094.08	8159.02	32494.31	40653.33
12.5	" " Street Lights	724.02	1479.37	7970.63	9450.00
12.6	" " Contingent Fund	.00	217.13	682.87	900.00
13.2	" " Sanitation	4804.26	14715.07	29734.93	44450.00
13.3	" " Recreation	2483.92	6280.04	1513.96	7794.00
19.4	Cultural: Library	7738.81	7738.81	3261.19	11000.00
21.1	Miscellaneous	759.19	1295.94	8704.06	10000.00
22.1	Capital Budget	10506.25	19829.38	42500.00	62329.38
23.1	Insurance	249.75	1866.00	3026.13	4892.13
	Accounts received	85.20	103013.09	257839.53	360852.62
	Cert. of Deposit	20000.00	64654.74		
	Bank Balance 9/30/52		115531.19		
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9/30/52	Bal. Citizens Bank	95124.44			
9/30/52	Bal. Sub. Tr.	20406.75			
			115531.19		

## Special Improvement Account

8/31/52	Bal. Citizens Bank	15257.95
	Deposits during Sept. 1952	1819.29
		<u>17077.24</u>
	Withdrawals - None	.00
9/30/52	Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>17077.24</u>

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter signed by Mildred P. Burr, M. G. Phoebus, Alfred V. Anderson and Mildred Burr Anderson expressing their appreciation to the Council for the ending of rent controls. Referred to Civic Improvements files.
2. Letter from Maurice E. Taylor, President of the Hampshire Greens Community Association, advising the Mayor and Council of a resolution passed by his group which urges the adoption of a measure by the City Council to provide security of tenure for City employees. Referred to special committee for the study of employee tenure.
3. Letter from J. Bond Smith, regarding claim for refund of G. Albert Gude and Joseph P. Abrams for \$348.98. Referred to Law and Ordinance Committee.
4. Letter from T. C. Downing, 3703 33rd Place, Washington, D. C., complaining about the condition of the road and paving of Westmoreland Avenue. Mr. Downing has recently built a home on this avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee for study.
5. Letter from Mrs. Keith T. Cox concerning the escaping coal gas in the apartment dwelling in which she lives, located at 1202 Myrtle Avenue. Mayor Beville asked Councilman Parkhill to investigate the



matter, and if the situation is as described in the letter, to see what action the City can take to clear up the trouble.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Schmidt, Highland Lane (between Westmoreland and Allegheny Aves.) stated that he owned property which borders on the City line, that is, a portion of the property is within the City. A blaze broke out on the part of the lot located outside of the City boundaries Sunday night. A neighbor reported the fire to the Silver Spring Fire Board, who in turn called the Takoma Park Fire Department, who refused to answer the call. The Brentwood Fire Department answered the call. Mr. Schmidt asked the Council how close a fire has to come to the City line before the Fire Department answers the call to protect Takoma Park citizens adjacent to the fire area.

Chief McBride explained the situation from the Fire Department's point of view. The first call turned over to Takoma by the Fire Board was for an address 6419 Eastern Avenue (the address of the neighbor who turned in the fire call), which address is one block outside the City boundary. The Fire Board referred this call to the Prince George's Fire Department. A second call was received by the Takoma Park Fire Department (this, too, from a neighbor of Mr. Schmidt) and the address given by the dispatcher was 5503 Westmoreland Avenue. Sgt. Carter informed the Fire Board that there was no such address. In checking the transcription of the call, it was found that the neighbor calling in to the Fire Board gave the correct address of 6503 Westmoreland, but apparently the dispatcher made an error in relaying the message.

Mayor Beville asked Chief McBride to state the City's policy in answering fire calls. Chief McBride explained that the City answers calls involving property within the corporate limits, and property immediately outside the corporate limits where City land is jeopardized.

Mayor Beville asked Chief McBride if Sgt. Carter requested a correction from the dispatcher. Chief McBride answered that Sgt. Carter had not realized a correction was necessary until some 30 minutes later when he received a call from a neighbor of Mr. Schmidt from the scene of the fire.

Chief McBride stated that he had some information pertinent to the letter received in regard to escaping coal gas at 1202 Myrtle Avenue. He informed the Council that his department had investigated this situation on three separate occasions. The coal gas does escape, and the reason for such a condition is the negligence of the janitor. He suggested that the owner of the property be notified of the situation and that he be asked to direct his janitor to give more careful attention to the furnace.

Mayor Beville stated that Ordinance No. 15 can be invoked to demand the elimination of this public menace by the owner of the property. The City Clerk was directed to ascertain the owner of the above described property and to write to him, quoting passages from Ordinance No. 15.

Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, stated that he had read in the Takoma Journal that the City of Takoma Park has joined a



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Mr. Ellery Denison commented on Councilman Kramer's recommendation appearing in the minutes of the October 13 meeting that one-way traffic be established east in that section of the alley that runs from New Hampshire Avenue at University Lane, easterly to an intersection to the alley in the rear of the stores. Mr. Denison stated that this may discourage residents of Langley Park from shopping at those stores, and he asked that the Council retain two-way traffic in that area.

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Mr. Harry Malone of the Public Works Department submitted his resignation to the City Council. Councilman Parkhill moved that the Council give a vote of thanks to Mr. Malone for the splendid job he has done while with the City.

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

The City Clerk was directed to present Mr. Malone with a letter expressing the Council's thanks for his excellent service to the City.

RESOLUTION

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the Chairman of this Committee for the work done.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that they wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to HARRY AUSTIN MALONE for the efficient manner in which he performed his work and the good results obtained through his efforts while employed in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works for the past 8 months, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the official Minutes of the City of Takoma Park, and a suitable copy be forwarded to Mr. Malone.

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RESOLUTION (to be forwarded)

Mr. Schmidt brought up the matter of placing a sign at the foot of Westmoreland Avenue hill indicating that it is a "Dear End" street.

Robert Mohr asked the Council to consider the question of getting an egress from Second Avenue to Eastern Avenue. The situation was reviewed, and it was determined that this matter has been brought before the County Commissioners on several occasions and they have it under consideration.

Mayor Beville congratulated the Advisory Committee on the excellent manner in which it has studied each question taken up. He thanked the Chairman of this Committee for the work done.



EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Civic Improvements Committee:

Councilman Parkhill stated that the Rooming House Ordinance has been thoroughly studied. His committee is referring it to the Law and Ordinances Committee, and Councilman Parkhill would like to meet with that Committee at the time they take this ordinance under consideration.

In regard to the Master Zoning Plan, Councilman Parkhill stated that he had met with the County Council. The Chairman of the County Council asked Councilman Parkhill if the City of Takoma Park would be interested in securing their own zoning privilege, to which Councilman Parkhill replied affirmatively.

Councilman Parkhill reported that his committee has made a careful study with regard to the ~~the~~ Library's request for more adequate quarters. They have conferred with architects, and they have been advised not to add a wing to 8 Columbia Avenue for the purpose of housing the Library. The favored suggestion is that when the City considers the development of the property known as 11 Columbia Avenue as a Community Center, further consideration will be given to the Library Association's request at that time. Such a proposal will have to be considered along with next year's budget.

Councilman Parkhill reported that the work on No. 11 Columbia Avenue should be completed in the near future.

The subdivision plat of Elmer D. Snook, involving the resub-division of old Lot 25 into Lot 26, Block B, Cunningham Subdivision, was referred back to the Park and Planning Commission for further clarification. It was suggested that the City Council should be furnished with a plat that shows not only the proposed resubdivision, but the way in which the property is presently subdivided.

The subdivision <sup>calcara</sup> plat of Jenny and Frank Kalkarra was referred to the Park and Planning Commission so that it might come before the City Council through the proper channels.

Councilman Parkhill moved that he be authorized to improve the Committee Room in the City Offices, at a sum not to exceed \$450.00.

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

Finance Committee:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bill in the amount of \$23,838.63 be approved and paid.

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

Councilman Tymeson stated that his committee is working on the question of a merit system for City employees. Letters have been sent out to approximately 20 cities. Councilman Tymeson will report on the result of these inquiries as soon as a representative number of returns are available.



In regard to the \$600.00 assessment against Mr. George Wolfe, Councilman Tymeson moved that the City Clerk be directed to proceed to collect this amount. A discussion followed and the problem and its history were reviewed. Mayor Beville agreed with Councilman Tymeson that this amount, in its entirety, should be collected. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that he had been approached by Mr. Wolfe with the suggestion that Mr. Wolfe might dedicate to the City a lot to be used for park land, with the proviso, in all probability, that the \$600.00 assessment against Mr. Wolfe be forgiven.

Mayor Beville called for a vote on the motion before the Council. The motion was restated as follows: Moved, that the \$600.00 assessment against Mr. George Wolfe not be reduced. (This motion carries the implication that the assessment is to be collected.)

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried with Councilman Klinck voting "nay".

Mayor Beville suggested that the question of the dedication of property by Mr. Wolfe in lieu of payment of this assessment be considered separately.

#### Public Welfare Committee:

In the absence of Councilman Eceeston, Mayor Beville reported on the meeting between the Public Welfare Committee and Mr. Koch, Chief Health Inspector for Montgomery County. Mr. Koch was very helpful and gave the committee several suggestions which they now have under consideration.

#### Law and Ordinances Committee:

Councilman McClenon, chairman Law and Ordinances Committee, gave the Council a brief summarization of the report of the Citizens Advisory Committee for amendments to the City Charter. The copies of this report will be filed in the City office for ready reference to any interested parties.

Councilman McClenon moved that the report of the Advisory Committee be released to the press. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

The Committee has made four recommendations and one negative recommendation in regard to Charter amendments. They are as follows:

1. (a). This may be called a "home rule" amendment. This amendment would strike out all the detailed powers of the Council and give it blanket authority to enact and provide for the enforcement of ordinances with respect to all municipal affairs, the only restrictions being those of the Charter or of the general laws of Maryland.

1. (b). This is also a "home rule" amendment, providing that amendments of the Charter may be submitted to the voters of the City by motion of the Council or by petition by 15 percent of the registered voters. The amendments must be proposed not less than 60 days before the election at which they are to be voted upon, whether it be a



general election or a special election. The Law and Ordinances Committee has inserted a provision to the effect that no signatures on the petition shall be valid unless they are made within 6 months of the date of the submission to the voters of said proposed amendment. The names on the petition must be checked against the list of registered voters, and there shall be a deposit with the City Treasurer against estimated cost of checking. It should also be stated that this deposit will be returned if there are found to be 15 percent of the registered voters included in the petition. Amendments must be published. Long amendments can be summarized in this publication, but the full text of the amendment must be available to the public. The Law and Ordinances Committee also changed this proposal so that when amendments are voted on, a 3/5 vote is required for ratification, rather than a bare majority. This amendment to the Charter not to become effective until after it has been submitted as a referendum of the voters of Takoma Park.

2. This proposed amendment would give a veto power to the Mayor. An ordinance, to be adopted, must be submitted to the Mayor for signature. Within five days, if he does not want to sign the ordinance, the Mayor must submit his reasons to the City Clerk. If he does not sign the ordinance nor submit his reasons for not doing so, the ordinance will become a valid ordinance. An affirmative vote by five councilmen is necessary to override the Mayor's veto.

3. This amendment incorporates the budget items that were included in the City Manager Bill. The important thing is that Part II of the budget document shall contain (1) detailed estimates of all proposed expenditures, showing the corresponding expenditures for each item for the current year and the preceding fiscal year, with explanations of increases or decreases recommended as compared with appropriations for the current fiscal year, (2) detailed estimates of anticipated revenues based on a recommended tax rate, and other income.

4. This amendment provides "the Council is further authorized to levy taxes on any person or corporation for any part of a taxable year on improvements created during the year".

5. The Advisory Committee's negative recommendation was against the establishment of a "Capital Items Fund".

The Advisory Committee submitted an enumerated list of questions which have been suggested for study. Councilman McClenon moved that the Council request the Committee to consider the following problems:

Item No.

- 14. Should the Library be made a City department?
- 2. Should the City have control of traffic on Takoma-owned streets?
- 5. Is the present maximum fine (\$50) too low?
- 16. Should election hours be changed?
- 8. Should the Council have the power to levy against property owners for labor, material, or service rendered for the property owner?
- 10. Should there be quarterly or semi-annual payment of taxes?



13. Should there be a lower tax rate on personal property and improvements on real estate than on unimproved real estate?
6. Should Councilmen have overlapping terms, either by annual elections, or by four year terms? Should they be elected at large?

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

Public Works Committee:

In regard to the improvement of Cherry and Colby Avenues, Councilman Klinck stated that he has been up over these streets and that their condition is far from satisfactory. It appears that no temporary solution to their condition is apparent other than to try to maintain the existing street paving. It seems that the only way to be able to do anything on these streets is to get up a paving plan which will show what area is needed to be acquired in order that we shall have available a 50 foot dedicated right of way on both of these streets. There is considerable less than that at the present time. Storm drainage requirements must also be estimated. We have no money available in the budget this year, but if the property owners are willing to dedicate the necessary land, we could proceed to draw up paving plans to see what is needed and what the cost will be. The only thing that we can do at present is to maintain the existing paving in as good condition as possible, but any major repairs or corrective measures are practically impossible until the situation has been studied and plans have been drawn up. Councilman Klinck then moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advise of these abutting property owners in accordance with the above remarks. The comments of these abutting property owners will be appreciated, and the Council should like to know their feelings with respect to proceeding with the plans for the work.

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

Councilman Klinck brought to the attention of the Public Safety Committee the street lighting situation existing on the East-West Highway from Carroll Avenue to Boston Avenue. Maple Avenue, between Tulip and Philadelphia Avenues, was also mentioned as a poorly lighted area. Mayor Beville referred this matter to the Public Safety Committee for investigation.

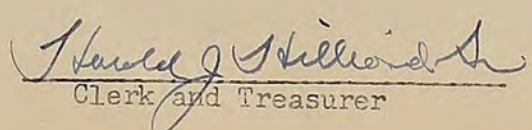
Public Welfare Committee:

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas stated that the storm drainage work in Spring Park has been completed.

Councilman Parkhill called the Council's attention to the new signs which have been placed in front of the Municipal Building and at the corner of Columbia and Carroll Avenues. The Council expressed their approval of these signs.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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 Mayor

  
 Clerk and Treasurer