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EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 12, 1953

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

Councilman Klinck moved that the City Clerk be instructed to answer letter from Joint Committee which commended the Mayor and Council on job well done along Brashear's Run, in which he requested that they be thanked for their splendid cooperation in their interest in this matter.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Prince George's Takoma Civic Assns. commending the Council in their progress with Brashear's Run. Public Works file.

2. Letter from WSSC outlining progress of Commission in aiding the completion of the construction of drainage facilities along Brashear's Run. Public Works Committee.

3. Letter from Doran S. Platt, Jr. asking for the street paving and curb and gutter on Glenside Drive between Lancaster Road and Kingwood Drive. Public Works Committee.

4. Letter from Howard S. Fish expressing his appreciation for the CERTIFICATE OF GOOD WILL.

5. Letter from Clifton H. and Ella Mae Pohle asking for the paving of Cherry Avenue between Flower Avenue and Sligo Creek. Public Works Committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Lucas announced his committee would meet with the Library Assn. on Tuesday, January 13, 1953.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Councilman Parkhill presented memorandum from Superintendent of Public Works relative to the renovation to the Clerk's office and clerical office. After discussion on the matter Councilman Parkhill moved that acoustic tile and pine wainscoating be installed in the Clerk's office and acoustic tile down to the window sill be installed in the clerical office; the acoustic tile to be done by the employees of the public works department and the pine wainscoating done by carpenter, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

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

Councilman Parkhill moved that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to advise Mr. Mays that he must have the building at 11 Columbia Avenue completely cleared by February 1st.

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

Councilman Parkhill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1161 B

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

Section 1. THAT the Plat of the resubdivision of Block 5, New Hampshire Gardens, and Outlot A and Parts of Lots 7 and 8, Green Hill Farms into Lots 1 to 5, inclusive, Block 5, New Hampshire Gardens, Prince George's County, Maryland, conveyed by Joseph Horning and Theresa E. Horning, his wife, to William C. Rutley and William H. Donovan, joint tenants, by deed dated December , 1952 and recorded in Liber 1365 at Folio 452 and part of the land conveyed by Franklin G. Connor and Margaret B. Connor by deed dated December , 19 , and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Liber 3267 at Folio 927, 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 Eccleston seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Parkhill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1162

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

Section 1. THAT the Plat of the resubdivision of Lots 10-13 inclusive, Block A, Gilbert & Wood, into Lots 49-52 inclusive, Block A, Gilbert & Wood, Montgomery County, Maryland, conveyed by the Washington Loan & Trust Co. to Heber L. Thornton by deed dated December 26, 1919, recorded in Liber P. B. R. 290, Folio 94; and by E. Southard Parker and M. Isabella Parker, his wife, to Heber L. Thornton by deed dated December 30, 1919 and recorded in Liber P. B. R. 290, Folio 95; and part of the lands conveyed by Malcolm A. Coles, unmarried, to Heber L. Thornton and Corinne C. Thornton, joint tenants by deed dated December 20, 1923 and recorded in Liber 342, Folio 263; all recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, subject to acceptance of dedication agreed to previously, 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 Eccleston seconded the motion.

The Ordinance was passed with roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Lucas, Parkhill, and Tymeson. Nays: Councilman McClenon. Absent: Councilman Kramer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson suggested that after the Council considers the proposed tenure for City Employees that the Joint Committee be contacted to meet with the Council for the purpose of discussing final plans.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the Council approve the payment of the December bills.

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

Councilman Tymeson advised that the merit system for city employees has been prepared and is in the hands of the Council for further study and recommendation.

Councilman Tymeson reported that the proposed pay schedule which includes a recommendation for the boosting of the police and firemens starting pay to \$3000.00 is in the hands of the Council, but suggested that action be deferred until next meeting in order that the Chairman of Public Safety might have an opportunity for further study before making report.

Following a discussion on the adoption of ordinances, in principle authorizing the City Clerk to issue Certificate of Indebtedness for the Citizens' share of Special Improvement on Second Avenue, New Hampshire Ave. Service Drive, Boyd Ave. and Larch Ave. and Wildwood Drive, Councilman Klinck moved that after computation of the cost of street improvements that the City Clerk furnish a report of the estimated front foot assessed cost and overall cost, also the computed assessable front foot cost and present to the Council prior to the mailing of any bills to citizens.

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

After further discussion on the matter Mayor Beville moved that the Council adopt, in principle, the issuance of Certificate of Indebtedness to cover the citizens' share on Second Avenue, New Hampshire Ave., Service Drive, Boyd Avenue, Larch Avenue and Wildwood Drive and authorized Mr. Hilliard to proceed with negotiations for the issuance of the Certificate of Indebtedness.

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

Councilman Tymeson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to pay to Prince George's County 3¢ out of each dime and to Montgomery County 6¢ out of each dime collected during the March of Dime Campaign.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

The proposed Housing Ordinance was reviewed and deferred until next meeting for further action.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Parkhill read request from Chief McBride asking permission to attend the Fire Department Instructors' Conference in Memphis, Tenn., February 24th thru the 27th, with expenses amounting to \$150.00 to be taken from Contingent Fund which Councilman Parkhill so moved.

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

January 14, 1953

Mr. Chairman:

The following Real Estate Brokers, Builders, Investors, apartment house owners and citizens wish to file this protest to Section 3, Paragraph "B" of the proposed ordinance providing for the "Registration of Rooming Houses and Multiple Family Dwellings".

It is the opinion of the group that the value of apartment houses will be depreciated because of this additional tax burden on the property's income. It is a known fact that some investors and builders have abandoned proposed projects within the city limits because of the already high tax burden as compared with the adjoining communities. We know that this additional license fee coupled with already existing high taxes will cause investors to buy apartment houses elsewhere.

When we advertise an apartment building located in Takoma Park, the first question the prospect asks is, "Is it within the city limits?". They have already found that there is a disadvantage to investing in apartment houses within the town limits.

If this new proposed ordinance is passed, it cannot help but deflate the market value of all apartment houses because it will decrease the net income per year. An individual, when buying a building estimates the value of that building by its net income.

As a comparison with the District of Columbia apartment house license fee, I refer you to an apartment house named the Winchester Luxon, 6601 14th Street, N. W. It is a 65 unit apartment. The license fee is \$35.00. If this proposed ordinance was passed and this building was located in Takoma Park, the license fee would be \$135.00.

This group feels that the part of the ordinance dealing with Rooming Houses is satisfactory and will be a service to the community.

However, we strongly urge that Section 3, Paragraph "B" be deleted; and that the Mayor, the City Council and all Citizens of Takoma Park strive to create an incentive for builders, investors, and individuals to come to this fair city to live, instead of putting additional obstacles in their paths.

Respectfully submitted by,

Norm R. Ford

Cecil H. Gillon

Berby M. Aiken Realtor

Robert Bauman

Raffell Real Estate *by Leonard M. Raffell*

Sam Bauman *Sam Bauman*

Justin H. Bryan - Brundage

Scott Bauman

Wright Bros Builders

Paul S. Senseman

Councilman Parkhill moved that Chief McBride be authorized to arrange for the purchase of bed linens for the sleeping quarter of the Fire House in the amount of \$745.00.

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

✓ Councilman Parkhill stated that he had been contacted by Mrs. Salisbury regarding the progress of the Seal of Takoma Park. Mr. Coffman stated that due to the fact that the original plans had failed to have this seal drawn up, he would like the opinion of the Council as to whether or not they would give their consent to the engaging of another artist who would prepare a seal which would depict the growth and history of the City of Takoma Park. It was the consensus of the Council that this be granted.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Relative to the suit filed by Ida Burgess for alleged injuries, against the City and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that he had filed a Bill of Particulars and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has filed a demurrer.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Klinck advised the Council that practically all of the dedications for the widening of Carroll Avenue had been received.

Regarding the progress of Maple Avenue Councilman Klinck stated that consideration was being given to obtaining an adequate engineer service to devote full time for actual construction and that this project not to be paid in our usual manner but the overall plan set up and financed over a period of a few years. He stated that his committee will have something of this nature to present in the near future for approval, of the Council.

Mayor Beville asked that Councilman McClenon look into the matter of drawing up of Bill for the collection of Bill for the collection of taxes each six months.

Mayor Beville proposed that reports be made out in triplicate or quadruplet, and as complaints come into the office that full details of the complaint be recorded on these reports and then sent to the proper departments for settlement.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the City Office be allowed to close on Inauguration Day.

Following a slight discussion on the matter Councilman Klinck amended the prior motion to be that Inauguration Day be a holiday for all City employees the same as customary on all other holidays.

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

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


Mayor


Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 26, 1953

Mayor Beville called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, McClenon, Parkhill and Tymeson. Absent: None.

Councilman McClenon corrected the minutes of October 13, 1952, as follows: The following phrase should be added at the end of Ordinance No. 1155:

"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 Klinck corrected the minutes of December 8, 1952 and January 12, 1953 as follows:

December 8 - Page 2, paragraph 2 - The first phrase should be "Councilman Kramer moved the same veto power,"

Page 2, paragraph 4 - The motion was made by Councilman Kramer, not Councilman Klinck.

Page 4, paragraph 4 - this paragraph should read as follows: "Councilman Klinck suggested that inasmuch as the City intends to move the Police Department to the lower floor of 8 Columbia Avenue, the Health and Welfare Department should be given notice of this intention as soon as possible in order that it might have ample time to find a suitable location."

January 12 - Page 4 paragraph 5 - The middle of the paragraph - the phrase "but the overall plan up and financed" should read "but the overall plan set up and financed".

Councilman Eccleston moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the minutes 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 December, 1952, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 1952
Summary

	Revenues Nov. 1952	Revenues to 11/30/52	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/53	Total Budget
11/30/52 Cash on Hand Citiz. Bk.	65986.28			
11/30/52 Cash on Hand Sub. Tr.	21726.10			
11/30/52 Cash on Hand Both Banks	87712.38			

Revenues

1.0 Taxes: General	9849.35	260765.48	37397.09	298162.57
1.0 Penalties: Interest	77.83	322.57	427.43	750.00
2.0 Licenses: Permits	338.90	14917.77	6832.23	21750.00
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	.00	2114.15	885.85	3000.00
4.0 Use of Money - Prop.	.00	30.00	270.00	300.00
5.0 Rev. - Other Sources	799.23	970.15	31183.85	32154.00

	Revenues Nov. 1952	Revenues to 11/30/52	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/53	Total Budget
6.0 Service Charges	89.50	874.00	476.00	1350.00
Accounts Received	3.00	.00	.00	.00
	<u>11157.81</u>	<u>279994.12</u>	<u>77472.45</u>	<u>357466.57</u>
Less Discount	76.61	11081.20		
		<u>98793.58</u>		
Deposit of 4/21/52 by E. V. Hogan		4.54		
		<u>98798.12</u>		

Disbursements		Disbursements to 12/30/52	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/53	Total Budget
10. Gen. Gov't Clerks Off.	3256.54	16126.24	13737.54	29863.78
10. " " Gov't Bldgs.	1140.14	4273.26	4386.74	8660.00
10. " " P/W Shop	1296.45	9394.49	4620.51	14015.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5666.28	27642.11	27977.89	55620.00
11.2 Fire Dept.	3084.49	21368.64	31311.36	52680.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	769.60	5244.49	3300.51	8545.00
12.2 P/W Dept: Highways	1027.32	17244.05	24193.62	41437.67
12.5 " " St. Lighting	849.86	3953.74	5496.26	9450.00
12.6 " " Contingent Fd.	.00	217.13	682.87	900.00
13.2 " " Sanitation	6447.78	32357.25	12092.75	44450.00
19.1 " " Recreation	275.65	7517.08	276.92	7794.00
19.4 Cultural: Library	.00	7738.81	3261.19	11000.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	539.94	3234.28	6765.72	10000.00
22.1 Capital Budget	1605.34	34546.21	40845.21	75391.42
23.1 Insurance	728.76	3849.43	1042.70	4892.13
Accounts Received	41.13	26729.28		.00
Bank Balance 12/31/52 Both Banks	72068.84	194707.21	179991.79	374699.00
Sub. Tr. Bal. "	22009.93			
Citizens Bal. "	50058.91	Certificate of Deposit Citiz. Bank 20,000.00		
Banks Bal. "	<u>72068.84</u>			

Special Improvement Account

11/30/52	Bal. Citizens Bank	17963.11
	Deposit in Dec. 1952	456.44
		<u>18419.55</u>
	Withdrawals	17180.00
12/31/52	Balance Citizens Bank	<u>1239.55</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from H. Earle Russell, Justice of Peace for Prince George's portion of the City of Takoma Park, advising that he will be absent from the City from January 22nd to February 28th inclusive. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
2. Letter from Daniel M. Lewis asking that the gutters along Cherry Avenue be filled with broken concrete to prohibit the wash from cutting any deeper. Referred to Public Works Committee.
3. Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Hardy regarding zoning and converting of homes for apartments. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
4. Petition from citizens of 8400 block of Piney Branch Road requestion the erection of "No Parking" signs in the alley of that block. Referred to Public Safety Committee, for investigation and report to the Council at its next meeting.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Bailer of Travis Drive addressed the Council regarding the dumping of leaves and ashes by City Public Works Department employees on property across from his home.

He stated that the leaves were extremely unsightly and that both the leaves and the ashes became quite a nuisance in time of high winds. Mr. Bailer presented photographs of the situation for the Council's examination. Councilman Klinck discussed the problem in some detail with Mr. Bailer, and it was finally agreed that the two would meet at some later date to survey the situation together.

Mr. Bailer also spoke about the burning of paper, etc., by the Takoma Park Junior High School near his property. He presented partially burned papers which had blown into his yard from the school grounds. Mr. Bailer stated that he considered this matter a serious fire hazard. Chief McBride assured Mr. Bailer that he would report this condition to the Montgomery County Fire Marshall so that proper action might be taken.

Mr. Walter Prichard, 521 Albany Avenue, read a statement addressed by him to the Mayor and Council in commendation of the City's proposed Rooming House Ordinance.

Mrs. Dorothy Cole, 7115 Garland Avenue, requested information regarding the renovation of the hall in the Fire House. She reminded the Council that this hall is the only place in the City where teen agers may participate in active sports, most particularly basketball. If the ceiling is lowered in the process of renovation these active sports will most probably be prohibited. Mrs. Cole expressed the view that providing such a place for our children is important to the community.

Councilman Parkhill explained that this will have to be considered when definite plans are made for the reconstruction.

Mayor Beville explained to Mrs. Cole that the room as it is now is incomplete and does not give maximum usage. It is inadequate for public meetings -- and yet it is the only hall available for large city meetings. It is the Council's hope that the room may be improved so that it will serve the greatest number of citizens possible. If basketball must be sacrificed, there will be other compensations.

Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 - 13th Place, speaking on the same subject which Mrs. Cole introduced, stated that he felt the Council had an opportunity, in renovating the fire hall, to do the community a great service by giving it something in the form of a recreational center. He agreed with Mrs. Cole that a place for the children to participate in active sports was essential to community life.

Mrs. Dorothy Moffett, 7108 - 14th Avenue, stated her accordance with the statements made by Mrs. Cole and Mr. Denison.

Councilman Parkhill in reference to the above, informed the citizens that their points were well taken, and that something would be done along these lines if possible.

Mr. S. M. Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, suggested the possibility of the City buying the tract of land bounded by Sligo Creek Parkway, Aspen, Lincoln, and Elm for the purpose of building a recreation center. Mrs. Cole stated that she believed this property is owned by the Park and Planning Commission and that it is a part of their long-range plan.

Mr. M. E. Taylor, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Prince George's County, stated that this organization at its last meeting voted unanimously to endorse the 10 point program which the Council has proposed to present to the delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland from Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Public Works Committee:

In regard to the widening of Carroll Avenue, Councilman Klinck stated that we have just two more dedications to obtain. He further stated that the engineering plans should be ready by Thursday of this week to send to the State Roads Commission.

In the matter of the paving of street and curb and gutter on Glenside Drive between Lancaster Road and Kingwood Drive, Councilman Klinck stated that before such work may be instigated a public hearing will be necessary. A letter has been received from Mr. Doran S. Platt, Jr., regarding this subject. The street to be paved is a short street, with four lots on one side and five on the other. It will require an extension of the storm drainage pipe to carry the water to Long Branch Parkway. Councilman Klinck had no exact estimate as to what the City's cost of the paving would be, assuming the City assumed its usual one-third, but stated that it would be somewhere between \$600 and \$1,000. Councilman Klinck moved that the City undertake this project in its usual manner and that the public hearing be advertised. He moved further that the Superintendent of Public Works be directed to proceed to have the proposed street plans prepared prior to the hearing so that a close estimate of the entire cost would be available. Before the Ordinance was voted upon, Councilman Klinck pointed out that there is no item in the budget for this project, and that the cost would have to come from the City's Reserve Fund. He then moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1163
(TO BE FORWARDED)

*[Hearing on paving of Glenside Drive
Repealed 1.14.1]*

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

Councilman Tymeson moved for a reconsideration of the above Ordinance. Mayor Beville seconded the motion. There being no dissenting votes, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson stated that since there is no budget appropriation for this project he did not approve of withdrawing funds from the Reserve Fund, unless the situation is considered an emergency. He felt that the project might be carried over to the 1953-54 budget.

Councilman Klinck replied that he felt that this situation might be considered somewhat in the nature of an emergency. In view of the storm drainage condition here existing, which is contributed to by drainage from other areas, Councilman Klinck felt that the City should assume one-third of the total cost. He further stated that there is no street whatsoever and the lots are inaccessible by motor vehicle. Mr. Platt intends to build on his lot, and he would have no access whatsoever to the property. Councilman Klinck stated that he realized the need for the City drawing a line between subdivision property, in which case the subdivider is obligated to pave the street, and other individually owned or individual lots. Even though this is a case where no homes have as yet been built, and where somewhat of a subdivision condition exists, he felt the storm drainage problem warranted the City's accepting a portion of the cost in building the street.

Mayor Beville stated that he too felt that the street should be paved, but disagreed with Councilman Klinck that the City should assume one-third of the cost. It was his view that the City might do the work, but that the entire cost of the improvement should be assessed against the abutting property owners.

It was generally agreed that the City should have a policy in regard to paving of streets. It was suggested that when the right of way has never been used as such, and is not a street in the sense that it is travelled frequently or even occasionally, then the entire cost of the paving should be borne by the benefiting property owners. However, when the right of way is used as a street and gives access to homes or other establishments, then it should be considered as an established thoroughfare and the City should assume its normal one-third of the cost.

After further discussion, Councilman Klinck again presented his Ordinance, and moved its adoption with the understanding that he was doing so because of the unusual storm drainage problem in the area, and with the further understanding that the City's share of the cost must be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund.

Councilman Eccleston seconded the Ordinance. (Ordinance No. 1163)

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

In regard to the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin G. Connor which is now used as Holton Lane and which they have offered to dedicate to the City providing curb and gutter are installed, Councilman Klinck reported that the acquisition of this property comes under the jurisdiction of the Civic Improvements Committee. He stated however, that this seems like a logical request, and a logical solution to the problem.

At this time Councilman Parkhill stated that Mr. Hogan of Baltimore Avenue had asked to be heard and, not understanding our procedure, had arrived too late for the open meeting. Councilman Parkhill asked the Council to digress for a few moments and hear Mr. Hogan.

Mr. Hogan refreshed the Council's memory in regard to the problem existing concerning the 20 foot strip of land on Baltimore Avenue between Mr. Hogan's property and that of Mr. Wallace. He stated that a complaint had been brought against him by Mr. Wallace approximately six months ago. At that time the City was preparing to sell its interest in said 20 foot strip to its highest bidder. However, when the matter was brought to Court, Mr. Gingerich, on behalf of the City, agreed that the land would not be sold until the case had been decided. Counsel for the plaintiff then asked for no decision in the case, and the matter has been pending since that time. Mr. Hogan asked that the City sell their interest in this land to him, or that the City abandon their interests in this land and he would then pay up the back taxes on said property.

Counsel Gingerich reported to the Council that he had made a proposal to counsel for Mr. Wallace and Mr. Hogan that the best way of dissolving the whole difficulty would be for each litigant to buy a 10 foot strip of land. At that time, the proposal seemed to be met with favor. Since that time, however, Mr. Gingerich has contacted these attorneys as to what is being done, and as to what they want to do about the property and as yet he has received no commitment from either. Counsel Gingerich then suggested to Mr. Hogan that he request his attorney to file a motion for dismissal of the case for lack of prosecution. This he felt would bring the matter to a head, and would force the plaintiff to either go forward in the matter, or to drop the entire case.

Councilman McClenon asked that a letter received from Mr. S. M. Derato regarding the bill for the veto power for the Mayor be referred to the Committee's files for possible future reference.

Public Safety Committee:

Councilman Kramer stated that due to the increasing number of vacancies in our Police and Fire Departments, he had prepared the following pay scale for officers of these departments:

	<u>Entrance Salary</u>	<u>End of Probation</u>	<u>End of First Year</u>	<u>Annual increments thereafter</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Private	\$3000	\$3400	\$3500	\$100 per annum	\$3700
Corporal	\$3750			\$100 per annum	\$4150
Sergeant	\$4200			\$100 per annum	\$4500
Chief	\$4600			\$100 per annum	\$5000

This new pay scale shall become effective on February 1, 1953. For privates and corporals only, the scale is retroactive; that is, a private or corporal on February 1 will receive the salary on this scale which he would be receiving had the scale been in effect upon his entrance into the service, or promotion to the grade. Other members of the departments will receive, beginning February 1, the minimum on the scale, except in cases where they are already receiving above the minimum, in which instance they will retain their present rate of pay. The six-month probationary period and the annual increments will be based from the date of entrance into the service.

Councilman Kramer moved the adoption of this new pay scale for officers of the Fire and Police Departments.

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

At this point Mayor Beville asked Mr. Kramer to clarify the new pay scale for the benefit of the Secretary and Press insofar as whether or not the new pay scale for Privates will also be retroactive on the same basis for corporals as of February 1, 1953. Mr. Kramer replied in the affirmative and stated that this was in his original motion. Mr. Hilliard then asked if this also applied to Sergeants, and Councilman Kramer stated that retroactive increased pay for Sergeants would begin on July 1, 1952, and that they would not be eligible for the \$100.00 increment until July 1, 1953.

Councilman Kramer reported that with this new pay scale, the City of Takoma Park will compare very favorably with surrounding areas in the matter of salaries for Fire and Police Department employees.

Councilman Kramer moved that we accept, with regrets, the resignation of Officer Richard Keegan of the Police Department.

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

Councilman Kramer reported that the organization which repairs and maintains the Police radio and monitoring equipment has stated that its condition is such that it is hardly worth repairing. Councilman Kramer moved that the Chief of Police be directed to look into the matter of purchasing new equipment.

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

Councilman Kramer moved that the City Clerk be directed to write to the Montgomery County Council requesting that they assume the payment of emergency telephone and for the maintenance of communication facilities from the Silver Spring Fire Board to the Takoma Park Fire House, inasmuch as Montgomery County recently installed a control center for the upper County Fire Departments, and it is felt that the cost of our communication services with the Silver Spring Fire Department should also be borne by Montgomery County from the general tax funds. A copy of this letter is to be sent to Mr. Howe, said copy to be delivered by the Chief of the Fire Department.

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

Councilman Kramer stated that he had received an estimate from PEPCO for the lighting of Maple Avenue from Tulip Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue. This estimate was for 2500 lumen lights with 6 foot brackets at an amount of \$133.44 additional to our present bill. Mayor Beville suggested that before the Council make any decision in this matter, Councilman Kramer might look into the matter of sodium vapor lighting. He stated that he was particularly interested in this form of lighting for Philadelphia Avenue.

Finance Committee:

Councilman Tymeson stated that the plans for a merit system are being studied by the other two members of this committee.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills in the amount of \$8,920.65 be approved and paid.

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

Civic Improvements Committee:

Councilman Parkhill stated that some progress is being made on the demolition of 11 Columbia Avenue.

Councilman Parkhill moved the approval of the preliminary subdivision plan proposing the resubdivision of Lot 28 and parts of Lot 25 and 29, Chaney's Resubdivision in Block 49, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, in the name of P. D. Ford and Son.

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

Councilman Parkhill moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1164

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

Section 1. THAT the plat of the resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 11 and 12, Block 71 into Block 71D and Part of Block 71C, Takoma Park Loan & Trust Company's subdivision, Montgomery County, Maryland, conveyed to Emanuel Baskin, unmarried, by Susan H. McCauley and Nancy M. Cole by deed dated May 10, 1951, and recorded in Liber 1528, Folio 293; and Susan H. McCauley, Executrix of Estate of George H. McCauley by deed dated May 17, 1951, and recorded in Liber 1528, Folio 291;

and Margaret H. Ray, widow by deed dated October 30, 1952, and recorded in Liber , Folio , all among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, 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 Lucas seconded the Ordinance.

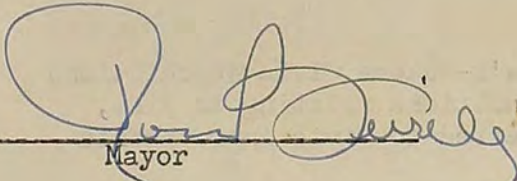
The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Kramer, Lucas, McClenon, Parkhill and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

In regard to the purchase of a conference table, Councilman Parkhill reported that Mr. Hilliard had looked into the matter, and that he was able to find a very fine table 96 inches by approximately 42 inches, which normally sells for \$400 but which is available to the Council for \$200. Action on this matter was deferred until Councilman Parkhill has had opportunity to further investigate.

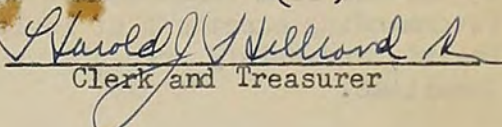
Parks and Recreation Committee:

Councilman Lucas reported that his committee met again with the Library Committee. It has been suggested, and Library Committee is in favor of this suggestion, that the City donate to the Library that tract of land adjoining the property of the Takoma Park Elementary School on Philadelphia and Maple Avenues for the erection of a public library. There was some discussion of this site, and of the disposal of the old Library building should they decide to build a new. No action was taken on this matter, however, and the Council was asked to consider this possibility.

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.



Mayor



Clerk and Treasurer