

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 8, 1954

Mayor Beville called the meeting to order at 800p.m. Those present: Councilman Eccleston, Forehand, Kramer, Miller and Parkhill. Absent: Councilman Klinck and Tymeson.

Councilman Kramer moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 25, 1954, and that they be accepted as corrected.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter addressed to Mayor Beville from Mrs. L. E. Lee, 6625 Eastern Avenue, stating that she can seldom park the car in front of her house due to the occupants of the apartments in one-family houses using this space. She requested that a "no parking" sign be placed in front of her home so that she would be assured of a parking space. Referred to the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Beville directed the Inspector of Buildings to investigate to see whether or not the apartments in that area were registered.

2. Letter from E. H. Longen, 7516 Holly Avenue, requesting that consideration be given to hard surfacing the Holly Avenue entrance to the playground adjoining the Takoma Park Elementary School. In its present condition, the school busses often get stuck when it rains, and a hard surface would alleviate this problem. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Beville suggested that Councilman Miller contact the School Board concerning this problem.

3. Letter from Opha Mays, 8700 23rd Avenue, Hyattsville, stating that he hoped the Council would recommend the rezoning of Lot 26, Block 50-A, on Maple Avenue, from Residential C to Commercial D.

Mayor Beville announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Council, Feb. 22, 1954, would be held in the gymnasium.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

In regard to the sale of copies of the certified list of eligible voters, Mr. Hilliard stated that he had received several requests from interested citizens wanting to purchase the list. He suggested that the lists be sold in their entirety to those interested, charging 1/2¢ per name, which would total to approximately \$29.00 per list.

Councilman Forehand moved that Mr. Hilliard be authorized to duplicate the list of certified eligible voters, making as many copies as he deems necessary, and that these copies be sold to interested citizens based on the rate of 1/2¢ per name.

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

Mayor Beville moved that the copies of the list of certified eligible voters be made available for sale to the public by precinct as well as in its entirety, based on the rate of 1/2¢ per name.

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

Councilman Forehand reported to the Council that Councilman Tymeson had asked for a recommendation from the Council as to the payment of the architect's fee of \$1900.00 on the Municipal Building, to Ronald S. Senseman.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councilman Forehand moved that the City pay the architect, Ronald S. Senseman, \$500.00 on account, and the balance to be withheld pending a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Eccleston moved that Mr. Peter Remsen be appointed as Inspector of Buildings on a full-time basis with an annual salary of \$5400.00 plus \$240.00 a year for car expenses, effective as of January 1, 1954.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kramer reported to the Council that he had received a proposal from Potomac Electric Power Co. for adequate lighting on Maple Avenue between Grant and Sherman Avenues, which provided for three 20,000 lumen mercury vapor street lights; a net annual increase of \$129.19.

In view of the substantial amount of money involved for these three lights, Mayor Beville suggested that the Potomac Electric Power Co. be asked to submit an alternate proposal as to the cost of using incandescent lighting in this area rather than mercury vapor lighting.

Councilman Kramer reported that Mr. Paul Carter had been appointed a Justice of Peace for Prince George's County, and moved that Mr. Carter be appointed as Justice of Peace for the Prince George's County section of the City of Takoma Park to be effective when he is sworn in by the City, and that he be paid at the rate of \$25.00 per month.

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

Councilman Kramer submitted to the Council the recommendation by the Fire Board and Fire Chief that Baron DeKalb be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing in the Fire Department.

Councilman Kramer moved that Baron DeKalb be appointed as a private with the Fire Department for a probationary period of six months at a salary of \$3000.00 per year, effective February 16, 1954.

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

In regard to Mrs. Lee's request for a "no parking" sign in front of her home, Councilman Kramer stated that it would not be feasible.

Mayor Beville asked that the City Clerk advise Mrs. Lee that the Council did not feel that the matter of providing a private parking space in front of her residence was feasible.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Concerning the completion of the map, Mr. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works stated that he is having one large negative made of the map after the street names and numbers are brought up-to-date, and is affixing marks on those lots on which records of the City and County differ, and in a year's time, any further changes can be opaqued on the negative.

Councilman Parkhill moved that the City Clerk be authorized to proceed with the printing of a limited number of maps, in accordance with the plan as outlined by the Supt. of Public Works, and that a disclaimer be placed on the map.

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

Councilman Parkhill moved that the City Clerk be authorized to proceed with the copyrighting of the proposed new City map.

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

Concerning the window sills on the outside of the Municipal Building, Councilman Parkhill recommended that the Supt. of Public Works obtain details from the contractor as to what the cost would be to build up the window sills.

Councilman Parkhill read to the Council a memorandum from Earl W. Thomas in which he referred to Zoning Amendment Petitions Nos. A-2270 and A-2271, Plunkert and Maddock, Inc., stating that in connection with the parcels of land in subject petitions, located in Green Hill Farms, no plats for dedication of certain streets in this area had ever been submitted to the City.

Councilman Parkhill asked that the City Clerk investigate to determine the status of this matter.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works, reported to the Council that he and Mr. Remsen had drawn up new specifications on the plans of the Library which would result in considerable savings. He stated that he and Mr. Remsen met with Mr. Senseman to discuss the plans, and that Mr. Senseman seemed reluctant to alter the plans with the proposals as he and Mr. Remsen had provided. Mr. Senseman had said that he would charge an additional \$1500.00 fee, plus 6% of the cost of the construction of the Library; also that these changes would require several months delay.

Councilman Eccleston commented that these changes would only be made on the specifications, and that it would not be necessary to change the plans.

Councilman Miller moved that the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to have the four lowest bidders resubmit their bids with the original specifications with the new addendum attached, such recommendation to be subject to the approval of the Library Association, be approved.

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

Mayor Beville reported that the Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association is actively working and taking orders for trees. It was agreed that the Supt. of Public Works would inspect and determine where it would be best to plant those trees that will be on the public right of way.

In regard to rules and regulations for the use of the gym, it was proposed

that (1) rules and regulations be set up for those that use it, and (2) rules and regulations be set up as to who will use it.

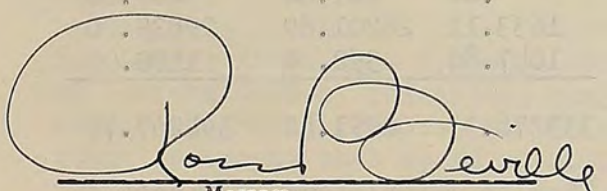
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Concerning the storm drainage at Glenside Dr., Mr. Thomas reported that plans had been prepared and were turned over to Mr. Gorin and Mr. Calcara, who will proceed with the work without aid from the City.

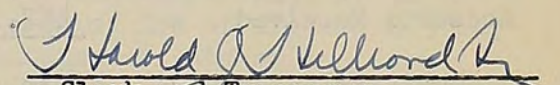
With reference to the status of acceptance of Maple Ave., Mr. Thomas advised that the Suburban Sanitary Commission has not yet given a final inspection and approval for storm drainage.

In regard to Forest Park, Mr. Thomas reported that Councilman Klinck had met with adjacent property owners and their attorney and presented a storm drainage plan that would be acceptable to the WSSC, for the property owners consideration. This proposal was to be reviewed, and the property owners stated that they would contact Councilman Klinck as soon as they had reached a decision.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Kramer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 22, 1954

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

Councilman Eccleston moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 8, 1954, and that they be accepted as corrected. Councilman Klinck seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard presented the Financial Statement for the month of January, 1954, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1954
Summary

	Revenues Jan. 1954	Revenues 1/31/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
12/31/53 Bal. Citiz. Bk.		30708.16		
12/31/53 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.		<u>11817.80</u>		
12/31/53 Bal. Both Banks		<u>42525.96</u>		
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1.0 General Taxes	8358.90	310186.72	26429.03	336615.75
1.0 Penalties & Interest	95.60	296.93	203.07	500.00
2.0 Licenses & Permits	237.69	18810.82	4139.18	22950.00
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	48.00	1300.95	1399.05	2700.00
4.0 Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	267.00	267.00
5.0 Rev.-Other Sources	211.04	1633.11	28201.89	29835.00
6.0 Serv.-Current Service	.00	1047.80	352.20	1400.00
Rms. & Apts.-Registration	4711.85			
Accounts Received	<u>452.19</u>	<u>333276.33</u>	<u>60991.42</u>	<u>394267.75</u>
		<u>56641.23</u>		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
	Disb. Jan. 1954	Disb. to 1/31/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
10. Genl. Govt: Clk's Off.	<u>2462.96</u>	<u>19803.17</u>	<u>16756.83</u>	<u>36560.00</u>
10. " " Govt. Bldg.	5900.97	23919.69	<u>10909.69</u>	13010.00
10. " " P/W Shop	2708.81	11279.55	90.45	11370.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5311.08	36463.81	26717.00	63180.81
11.2 Fire Dept.	2808.80	36839.79	14355.20	51194.99
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	<u>1487.14</u>	8721.55	8418.45	17140.00
12.2 " " Highway	3298.59	26928.29	5071.71	32000.00
12.5 " " St. Lighting	929.60	5290.33	4959.67	10250.00
13.3 " " Sanitation	5187.80	39076.23	14723.77	53800.00
19.3 " " Recreation	810.70	10695.33	533.92	11229.25
19.4 Cultural: Library	.00	10851.72	1561.28	12413.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	3174.06	6917.95	3091.22	10009.17
22.1 Capital Budget	2492.00	64796.98	5211.32	70008.30
23.1 Insurance	387.10	5301.77	511.23	5813.00
Accounts Received	663.49			
Rms. & Apts. Reg.	<u>171.13</u>	<u>306886.16</u>	<u>91092.36</u>	<u>397978.52</u>
1/31/54 Bal. Both Banks		<u>18847.00</u>		
1/31/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	6954.32			Unappropriated Surplus as per Budget
1/31/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	<u>11892.68</u>			7/1/53
1/31/54 Bal. Both Banks	<u>18847.00</u>			<u>43526.78</u>
<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT</u>				
12/31/53 Bal. Citiz. Bank	11750.58			Appropriated from Unappropriated Surplus to
No Deposit or Withdrawal	.00			Estimated Appropriations
1/31/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	<u>11750.58</u>			<u>29187.55</u>
				Unappropriated Surplus
		1/31/54		<u>14339.23</u>

Councilman Parkhill moved that the financial statement as presented by Mr. Hilliard, be approved. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Dorothy T. Moffett, Secretary, East Takoma Citizens' Association, disapproving Petition #A-2270, Plunkert & Maddock Inc., owners, 3 parcels aggregating 5.73 acres, GHF, request for reclassification from R-55 to R-18, and approving Petition #A-2271, Plunkert & Maddock, Inc. owners, 2 parcels aggregating 1.74 acres, GHF, request for reclassification from R-55 to R-35 if this will afford a buffer zone and add to the desirability of the neighborhood. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Letter from Dorothy T. Moffett, Secretary, East Takoma Citizens' Association, alleging that the City attorney served as counsel for Mr. Stern in preliminary research prior to the filing of his application before the Prince George's County Liquor Board and that this practice calls for a policy decision by the Mayor and Council. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
3. Letter from Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scalfferri, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Hutchison, asking that consideration be given by the City to improve the Merwood Drive section on New Hampshire Ave. with cement curbing to retain the mud and gravel. Referred to Public Works Committee.
4. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scalfferri, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Hutchison, approving the request for zoning reclassification as provided for in Petitions A-2270 and A-2271. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
5. Letter from James C. Reid, Jr., Acting Secretary, Holy Name Society, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, requesting that signs be erected on the north side of Larch Avenue extending from New Hampshire Avenue to the parking lot at the end of the school property that would prohibit parking and standing of automobiles during the week day school hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also, that "School Caution" signs be erected on Larch Avenue at each end of the school property and at the intersection with Hopewell Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. Letter from George N. Lewis, Jr., Director, State Roads Commission, request additional detectors for the traffic lane at the intersection of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Boyd, 125 Sherman Avenue, spoke in reference to Petition #B-37, Opha Mays, owner, Lot 26, Block 50A, Austin's Subdivision, request for reclassification from R-20 to C-1, stating that citizens actually residing in the surrounding vicinity of the lot in question, should also be notified, as well as those owning property in the vicinity but residing elsewhere. Mayor Beville stated that this suggestion would be given consideration.

Mr. Lawrence Oosterhous, East Takoma Citizens' Association, commended the Mayor and Council on the excellent job done on the improvement of the gymnasium.

Mr. James Reid referred to letter which was written by him, and read at the meeting, asking what would be done concerning the subject. Chief Thomas stated that a recommendation on the suggestions mentioned in Mr. Reid's letter would be forthcoming after a study was made by the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue, stated that he had talked with members

of the Community League concerning Petition #B-37, and that they had no objection to the proposed rezoning; however there has not yet been a meeting of the League or Executive Committee concerning the petition, so he could not report a recommendation by directive, for the Community League.

Mr. Opha Mays, 8700 23rd Avenue, Hyattsville, owner of Lot 26, for which he has requested reclassification in Petition #B-37, stated that a commercial zoning would permit small businesses to operate which would serve the needs of about three hundred families in that vicinity.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Concerning the City Map, Mr. Hilliard stated that the map will probably have a copy-right date of March 1.

With reference to the cost estimate on window sills of Municipal Building, Mr. Thomas reported that the contractor would not give a unit price for the work, but that he would have the work done and charge on the basis of labor and material plus 10%, which would be about \$20.00 per window.

Councilman Eccleston commented that there was only about \$2.00 worth of material for each window, and that an independent bricklayer could be hired to do the work.

Councilman Parkhill recommended that the Supt. of Public Works proceed along the line as suggested by Councilman Eccleston so that a definite conclusion could be reached at the next meeting as to whether the window sills should be bricked up or not.

In view of the fact that all of the persons interested in Petition #B-37, had not been notified, Councilman Parkhill suggested that no recommendation be given by the Council until the next meeting, pending the receipt of comments by these persons.

Councilman Parkhill presented five letters written with reference to Petitions #A-2270 and #A-2271, each letter referring to the two petitions. Those disapproving: East Takoma Citizens' Association--(Petition #A-2270 only); Church Council, Zion Lutheran Church; Joint Committee of the Prince George's-Takoma Civic Associations. Those approving: G. A. Gude and Joseph P. Abrahams; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes; East Takoma Citizens' Association--(Petition #A-2271 only).

Councilman Parkhill recommended that Petition #A-2270 be disapproved, and Petition #A-2271 be approved.

Councilman Klinck pointed out that by approving Petition #A-2271 a buffer zone would exist, but it would exist between two residential areas.

It was decided to hold these petitions in abeyance until the next meeting of the Council in view of the fact that the citizens' associations did not know the exact locations of the subject property as no map of the proposed change was furnished.

Mr. Hilliard was directed to write to the East Takoma Citizens' Association and the Joint Committee of the Prince George's-Takoma Civic Associations and enclose a map of the property concerned with subject petitions.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

In regard to the truck parking ordinance, Councilman Forehand informed the Council that he had discussed the matter of changing this ordinance with citizens,

the Police Dept. and the Corporation Counsel, and that they were in agreement that the ordinance remain as is, and he recommended that the ordinance not be changed.

Due to the fact that there seemed to be a discrepancy as to the interpretation of the ordinance as it pertains to the parking of trucks on public highways and private property, Councilman Eccleston moved that the Council defer action pertaining to any changes in the ordinance until there is a written opinion submitted by the Corporation Counsel as to the interpretation of the ordinance. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

With reference to the sidewalks, Councilman Eccleston stated that funds were not available at the present time to improve the sidewalks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

A letter from Donald G. Farren, Police Dept. requesting permission to move from the City limits of Takoma Park to Colmar Manor, Maryland, was read to the Council.

Chief Thomas addressed the Council stating that he had no objection to Mr. Farran moving to Colmar Manor, as he was employed by the City when he lived there in 1951, and the added distance did not interfere with the satisfactory performance as a police officer.

Councilman Parkhill moved that the Council grant Officer Farran permission to move back to Colmar Manor and remain an employee with the Police Department. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Eccleston reported that the Library Association met and approved a change in the plans as recommended in the last meeting, and would like to ask the Council their opinion on whether or not Mr. Senseman should go along with the plans as outlined by Mr. Remsen and Mr. Thomas.

Councilman Eccleston stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee had not met to discuss the subject as yet. Mayor Beville suggested that the Committee meet and go over the plans, and that it might be well to ask the members of the Council to attend this meeting also.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the bids already submitted, it was suggested that due to the fact that the plans as now presented show an entirely different structure, that the City advertise anew for bids.

It was the concensus of the Council that this matter be referred back to the Committee for their recommendation before any action is taken on the matter concerning the new plans for the Library.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Klinck reported on the request on the part of Mr. Coffin to have Heather Avenue paved. The results of the hearing were held pending Councilman Klinck's proposal to Mr. Mellon concerning the paving. Councilman Klinck stated that Mr. Mellon was opposed to sharing the expense, and also that the other property owner objects.

Councilman Klinck moved that Mr. Coffin be permitted to install concrete curb

and gutter and street paving, said pavement to consist of 4" bituminous base and 2" bituminous top for a width of twelve feet from the gutter line on Heather Avenue in front of Lots 3 and 5, Block 5, Section 2, Wildwood Subdivision, said improvement to be made entirely at his own expense, and all of the construction work to be completed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #920. Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

With reference to Houston Avenue, Councilman Klinck stated that the dedication deeds were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Opal and the Riggs Engineering Company. Councilman Klinck also stated that both of the parties had agreed to sign, and that the signatures were expected to be obtained shortly.

It was reported that Mr. McNeill has completed the grading specifications, and will be available for bidders' use after advertising.

Councilman Klinck moved that the City Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to advertise for bids for the grading of the Houston Avenue right of way in accordance with plans and specifications which are available from the Supt. of Public Works, and that this advertising be started as soon as both executed deeds have been received and recorded. Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

With reference to Maple Avenue, Councilman Klinck reported that the Committee has made an inspection and had a recommendation that the joints be filled with tar.

Councilman Klinck moved that the Supt. of Public Works be authorized to proceed to clean and tar these joints in the manner in which the Committee agreed and discussed with him at the time of their inspection and that all of the cost of labor and materials involved in this work be deducted from whatever balance is still due the contractor. Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved that the Supt. of Public Works also be directed to clean up the street so far as whatever needs to be removed and whatever is necessary to put the street in acceptable condition. Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck moved that the Supt. of Public Works and the Clerk and Treasurer be instructed to present at the next Council meeting a complete and final report on Maple Avenue in regard to inspections and final payment amounts due to all interested parties. Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck asked that the Supt. of Public Works contact the State Roads Commission in regard to the amount the State Roads Commission owes the City for the paving of Carroll and Laurel Avenues, which amount was based on \$5.24 per square yard for 360 square yards.

Councilman Klinck moved that the plans for installing the storm drainage system on Lincoln Avenue at Larch and Elm Avenues, as presented by the Supt. of Public Works, be proceeded with as soon as possible. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In regard to Niagara Avenue, Councilman Klinck reported that the Public Works Committee met with Mr. J. B. Shapiro and Morris Shapiro and presented a proposal to them, and Councilman Klinck stated that Mr. Shapiro refused to listen as he was very much opposed to the proposal, therefore the negotiations on the original proposal are to be considered ended.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:


Councilman Tymeson moved that bills in the amount of \$16,378.82 for the month of January be approved. Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

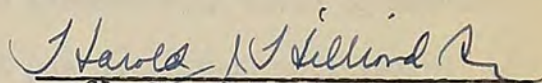
In connection with Maple Avenue, Councilman Klinck moved that the City Clerk and Treasurer be directed to address a letter to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission asking what their cost would be to raise the manholes from the old established street grade to the newly established street grade. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with Councilmen Forehand, Eccleston and Klinck voting yea, and Councilmen Parkhill and Tymeson voting nay.

Councilman Tymeson moved that Mr. Hilliard be directed to address a letter to Mr. Senseman, Architect, telling him that the Council considers the bill unreasonable and that the Council in accepting the offer that he do the work (8 Columbia Avenue), did so with the understanding that it would be on a cost basis. Also, that he be asked to resubmit a bill as to the total cost and his profit, explaining what the 100% overhead included. Councilman Parkhill seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Parkhill moved that the City Clerk be empowered to write a letter of condolence to Councilman Miller and Mrs. Miller in their bereavement of the death of Mrs. Miller's mother. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Parkhill moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.


 Mayor


 Clerk and Treasurer