

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 8, 1954

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

Councilman Klinck moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of Feb. 22, 1954, and that they be accepted as corrected. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter addressed to Councilman Parkhill from Doran S. Platt, Treasurer, Hillwood Manor Apartments, concerning the computation of the registration fee for this development. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Letter from Potomac Electric Power Co. submitting a proposal for street lighting on Piney Branch Road from Philadelphia Avenue to the District Line. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Letter from Mrs. Virginia W. Harrold, 713 Devonshire Road, in which a complaint was made concerning the nuisance created by barking dogs, and inquiring what could be done about it under existing ordinances. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
4. Letter from James B. Parkhill, Secretary-Treasurer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, enclosing forms to be used for application to the Commission for the addition and relocation of facilities for water supply, sewerage and drainage systems. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Letter from Vincent L. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, concerning the right-of-way document proposed for the construction of a water main across certain property of the unnumbered block between Maple and Niagara Avenues. It was suggested by him that before the City grants the easement, that an agreement between the City and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding the extension of a 72 inch pipe at some future date be included in the right-of-way agreement itself. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Letter from Councilman and Mrs. George Miller acknowledging expression of sympathy from the Council in the bereavement of the death of Mrs. Mary E. Knott. Referred to Council Files.
7. Letter from Mrs. McIrvin, 715 Erie Avenue, complaining about people parking in her driveway, children playing in her yard; also that her mail has been tampered with. Referred to Public Safety Committee and the Police Department.
8. Letter from Mr. George Mahey, 8 Grant Avenue, stating that ashes were being dumped on the back of his property, and he would like to see something done to abate this practice. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
9. Letter from H. R. and J. R. Miller, Attorneys at Law, in which they submitted a proposal on behalf of Marshall E. Rose, Charles D. Lampe, and Emil Johnson, concerning storm drainage to control the excessive water condition which is resulting in damage to their property. Referred to Public Works Committee.
10. Letter from local merchants concerning the parking situation on Laurel and Carroll Avenues stating that as a result of changing over all meters to 5¢ only, many would-be customers have failed to patronize their businesses. They asked that the meter charges revert back to 1¢-12 minutes. Referred to Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Beville stated that due to the increase in the number of voters within 43 the City, that the number of voting machines to be used at the election are to be increased from eight to eleven.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In regard to Houston Avenue, Councilman Klinck reported that the deed from Mr. and Mrs. Opa] has been executed, and that the deed from the Riggs Engineering Company is expected to be executed shortly.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the proposal by the Miller Law Firm as presented in the letter read to the Council as to the control of the excessive water condition existing in the vicinity of Forest Park and Elm Avenue and affecting the aforementioned property owners, Councilman Klinck moved that the City, upon receipt of a petition agreeing to the terms hereinafter provided, with the signatures of the property owners and spouses being attached, proposes* to proceed with the necessary engineering and advertising for bids in the regular manner, and upon acceptance of a bid the City participate in the cost of this improvement to the extent of 50% of the cost with a maximum amount of \$2000.00, the remainder of the over-all cost of this construction to be borne by each of the three property owners in equal shares. The City's proposed participation in this improvement being felt to be justified under the circumstances which are contributing to the cause of this hazardous condition.

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

*Councilman Kramer moved that the preceding motion be amended by inserting the words "promptly after funds are available" between the words "proposes" and "to". Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck read to the Council a memorandum he had received from Mr. Hilliard which furnished all computations as regards the Maple Avenue Project and the Brashear's Run Project. In this connection it was pointed out that the \$600.00 paid to Ida M. Picking for the dedication of the right of way in connection with Brashear's Run had been charged to the Reserve Fund, and it was suggested that this item be charged to either the Maple Avenue Project or the Brashear's Run Project.

Councilman Klinck moved that the \$600.00 paid to Ida M. Picking for the right of way dedication in connection with Brashear's Run, be transferred from the Reserve Fund account to the Brashear's Run Project account (22.1B). Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck discussed the status concerning the acceptance of Maple Avenue, and asked that the Supt. of Public Works report the final details in this connection.

Mr. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works stated that Mr. Templin, owner of the property at Grant and Maple Avenues requested that the City pay him \$80.00 toward the purchase of a new fence around his property. Mr. Thomas explained the reason for the request in that it was necessary to remove the fence from his property during the course of the construction of Maple Avenue, and that the City was responsible for replacing the fence which was removed. In this instance, it was not possible to restore the original fence. Also, it was necessary to raise the level of the sidewalk abutting his property which in turn caused water to flow over his retaining wall rather than down the sidewalk, and that it would be necessary to build up this wall.

Councilman Klinck moved that upon the completion of the replacement of the wall and additional grading as agreed upon and done by the City forces after being

accepted in writing as acceptable by the owner, that the City authorize the payment of \$80.00, said \$80.00 to represent the replacement cost of the fence which was removed in connection with the street, to Mr. Templin as a final payment of all replacement work and items in connection with the improvement project of Maple Avenue. Councilman Kramer seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Klinck stated that he would not recommend that Maple Avenue be accepted at this time because a few details as to construction had not been completed; also, the amount due the contractor was being held in abeyance and until such monies were properly conveyed, he did not think it wise that the street be formally accepted.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

In regard to an ordinance authorizing Certificates of Indebtedness, (which certificates were to be issued resultant of the acceptance of Maple Avenue) it was decided that this matter be held in abeyance pending an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to the City's liability if the street were accepted and the Certificates of Indebtedness issued with the amount of monies due for construction still not determined.

Mr. Hilliard submitted the following names of persons to serve as election officials for the City election, March 23, 1954:

Prince George's County:

Mrs. Vera Hash
424 Lincoln Avenue

Mrs. Robert Mohr
217 Spring Avenue

Mrs. Virginia Cooke
7204 Flower Avenue

Mrs. Evelyn Russell
902 Jackson Avenue

Montgomery County:

Mr. Frank Troll
6 Hickory Avenue

Mrs. Julia M. Russo
106 Phila. Avenue

Mr. Julius Peter, Jr.
8202 Flower Avenue

Mrs. Vida Sherburne
504 Albany Avenue

Miss Irene K. Apperti
303 Ethan Allen Avenue

Mrs. Charles G. Royle
7207 Willow Avenue

Mrs. S. B. Lee
8116 Flower Avenue

Mrs. Ethel Lind
7124 Woodland Avenue

Mrs. Jane C. Fay
510 New York Avenue

Mr. Raymond Hill
7128 Carroll Avenue

Mrs. Lillian Fisher
7304 Birch Avenue

Mrs. Esther Coulson
7617 Takoma Avenue

Mrs. Alice A. Joseph
504 Philadelphia Avenue

Councilman Forehand moved that the Council accept the above named persons to serve as election officials for the City election, March 23, 1954. Councilman Kramer seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand recommended that the interpretation of Ordinance No. 532, Traffic Regulations for the City, Article V., Section 3, Subsection (7) as submitted by the Corporation Counsel, be accepted, i.e., that the prohibition of parking commercial vehicles does not apply to private property under this ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kramer moved that the following ordinance be adopted:

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

Section 1. THAT "CAUTION-SCHOOL" signs be erected at the following locations:

- (a) Entering Larch Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue.
- (b) Entering Larch Avenue at the City line.
- (c) Hopewell Avenue entering Larch Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of 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 Miller seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Eccleston, Forehand, Kramer, Miller, Parkhill and Tymeson. Nays: None. Not voting: Councilman Klinck (not present at the Council table when motion was made).

Councilman Kramer recommended that the funds in the Police Department which are allocated to the Special Police be made available to purchase 2-way radio equipment.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

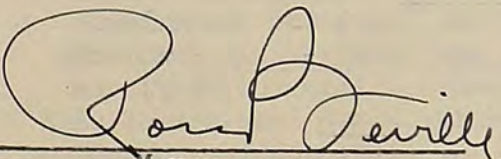
Councilman Miller reported that he had met with Councilman Klinck, Mr. Remsen, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Senseman to discuss the library plans, but that no action was taken as a quorum of the Council was not present.

It was the concensus of the Council that a meeting be held on Wednesday, March 17, and that Mr. Senseman be invited to discuss the library plans.

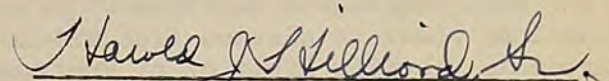
CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Concerning the right of way for the construction of a water main across certain property across the unnumbered block between Maple and Niagara Aves., Councilman Parkhill moved that the Clerk be authorized to write a letter to the WSSC asking that an agreement between the City and the WSSC regarding the extension of a 72 inch pipe at some future date be included in the right of way agreement itself, as recommended by the Corporation Counsel. Councilman Kramer 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 Forehand moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Klinck seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk and Treasurer

Mr. Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., Clerk and Treasurer for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I wish to welcome you and thank you on behalf of all the citizens of Takoma Park for your presence here tonight. This is a meeting of the voters, and is called in accordance with the law of Takoma Park for the purpose of nominating a Mayor and seven Councilmen, who shall be elected on Tuesday, March 23, 1954, and take office the second Monday in April 1954 (April 12, 1954), to serve for a period of two years, or until their successors are duly qualified.

Most of you are familiar with the requirements for Public office and the manner in which candidates for Mayor and Council are nominated, but for the benefit of those who may not be informed I am going to briefly outline the procedure.

The notice for the calling of this meeting has been published in the Takoma Journal for a period of two consecutive weeks as prescribed by law.

This caucus is strictly non-partisan as well as the election of your City officials in the City of Takoma Park, and you do not have to be affiliated with any political party, citizens association, group, race, creed or color to be eligible to exercise your privilege here tonight. The only requirement, under the law, for you to participate in this caucus is that you must be a resident eligible voter certified by the Board of Election Supervisors of the respective counties.

If there are any who may be in doubt as to your eligibility, a copy of the certified lists from Prince George's and Montgomery Counties are posted on the bulletin board in the City office, and may be inspected at any time between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We also have these lists here tonight and any may come up and the young ladies will be glad to check it for you.

THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL SHALL BE MADE ON MOTION OF ANY VOTER PRESENT, (THIS MEANS A VOTER DOES NOT HAVE TO RESIDE IN THE PRECINCT OF THE COUNCILMAN HE NOMINATES), AND NOT OTHERWISE, THE PERSON SO NOMINATED SHALL BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE PLACED UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT, OR UNLESS HE SHALL IN PERSON FILE WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE NOMINATION HIS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW HIS NAME FROM THE BALLOT.

A candidate for Mayor must be at least 30 years of age, a certified eligible voter and property holder, and must have resided in the City of Takoma Park for one year previous to the date of his nomination.

Candidates for Councilman must be at least 25 years of age, shall have resided in the City of Takoma Park at least one year previous to his nomination, be an eligible certified voter and a property owner therein, and be a resident from the area from which they are so elected.

Mayor and Councilmen shall be elected at large--two (2) Councilmen shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Fourth and Twentieth Precincts of the Thirteenth Election District of Montgomery County within the City; two Councilmen shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Sixth and Twenty-First Precincts of the said Thirteenth Election District of Montgomery County within the City; one Councilman shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Ninth Precinct of said Thirteenth Election District of Montgomery County within the City; and two Councilmen shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Fourth and Sixth Precincts of the Seventeenth Election District of Prince George's County within the City.

I have a few maps of the City indicating the boundaries of the various precincts

in red, which will be distributed for your information. We do not have sufficient copies to go around, but if you will pass them one to the other, we will all have an opportunity to definitely establish the boundaries of the various precincts. I shall appreciate it if you will return these maps after the meeting has adjourned.

For instance, as an illustration, you will note that two (2) Councilmen shall be elected from within the 6th and 21st precincts of the said Thirteenth Election District of Montgomery County. This does not mean that one Councilman would have to live in the 6th and one in the 21st. Both can live in either one of these precincts, but represent both precincts.

Before proceeding with the nomination under the law, it shall be necessary to elect from among the voters present a Secretary of the meeting. The said Secretary shall keep a record of the meeting, and file same in the office of the City Clerk.

Do I hear a motion from the floor as to the name of a Secretary? Mr. Robert Mohr nominated Mrs. Evelyn Russell of 902 Jackson Avenue. All those in favor of the election of Mrs. Evelyn Russell for Secretary of this meeting, please indicate by saying Yea. Those against, indicate by saying Nay. Mrs. Russell is elected Secretary of this meeting.

Before opening nominations for Mayor and Councilmen, is there any voter present who desires to ask any questions as to the proceedings. We have to rush along, but we can take a few minutes for the questions.

After answering question, we are now ready for nominations to be opened for Mayor - In this connection, I would like to request voters who nominate to state their name and address plainly and sufficiently loud to permit the proper recording by the Secretary.

DO I HEAR A NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR FOR MAYOR?

Mr. Vincent P. Russo, 106 Philadelphia Avenue, nominated Mr. Gordon H. Cole, 7115 Garland Avenue, for Mayor.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Ross H. Beville, 404 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. E. Ward Russell, 902 Jackson Avenue
 Mrs. Dorothy T. Moffett, 7108 - 14th Avenue
 Mr. Ward Clark, 7204 Central Avenue
 Mr. Phillip L. Hoagland, 6903 Sycamore Avenue
 Mrs. Reba Landy, 7235 Garland Avenue

Mr. Oliver W. Youngblood, 7131 Maple Avenue, nominated Mr. George M. Miller, 7019 Eastern Avenue, for Mayor.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Henry J. Bison, 709 New York Avenue
 Mr. David F. Colburn, 314 Ethan Allen Avenue
 Mr. Milton Bollman, 6702 Westmoreland Avenue
 Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue
 Mr. Frank J. Oliver, 500 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. John F. Hannan, Jr., 117 Sherman Avenue
 Mrs. Margaret Boyd, 125 Sherman Avenue
 Mr. Walter Prichard, 521 Albany Avenue

There being no further nominations of candidates for Mayor, Mr. Lawrence Oosterhous moved the nominations be closed. Mr. Walter Prichard seconded the motion.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TWO (2) COUNCILMEN FROM THE 4th AND 6th PRECINCTS, 17th ELECTION DISTRICT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

Mr. LaVerne S. Birks, Jr., 7210 Central Avenue, nominated Mr. Charles F. Yost, 7207 Central Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. George E. Smith, 7203 Trescott Avenue
 Mr. Lawrence A. Oosterhous, 904 Glaizewood Court
 Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 - 13th Place
 Mr. Vincent P. Russo, 106 Philadelphia Avenue
 Mr. Claud D. Curlin, 909 Sligo Creek Parkway
 Mr. Theodore J. Gooch, 7312 Glenside Drive

Mr. Paul M. Wilson, 7602 Wildwood Drive, nominated Mr. Milton Kramer, 7602 Hammond Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Maurice E. Taylor, 7604 Wildwood Drive
 Mr. Ross H. Beville, 404 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Edward W. Nylen, 901 Jackson Avenue
 Mr. E. Ward Russell, 902 Jackson Avenue
 Mr. Charles H. Klinck, 44 Philadelphia Avenue
 Mr. Luke J. Bennett, 7211 Maple Avenue
 Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue
 Mr. Robert E. Mohr, 217 Spring Avenue
 Mr. Albert E. Smith, 412 Lincoln Avenue

Mr. John M. Viemont, 7802 Wildwood Drive, nominated Mr. John F. Kozel, 7804 Wildwood Drive, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Harry H. Millard, 8 Crescent Place
 Mrs. Marcia A. Cool, 7050 Carroll Avenue
 Mr. Frank T. Hames, 301 Elm Avenue
 Mr. Perry S. Schroeder, 7500 Carroll Avenue

Mr. Charles T. Long, 7302 Trescott Avenue, nominated Mr. Adolph Juhl, 804 Jackson Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. William R. Saalfrank, 119 Sherman Avenue
 Mr. Walter L. Kimber, 7302 Hilton Avenue
 Mr. Arthur E. Knowles, 312 Boyd Avenue
 Miss Freda Teis, 7407 Flower Avenue

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ONE (1) COUNCILMAN FROM THE 9th PRECINCT, 13th ELECTION DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Elder Charles S. Longacre, 102 Park Avenue, nominated Mr. Sydney W. Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Rupert Lee Dunn, 8022 Maple Avenue
 Mr. Henry S. Nelson, 7405 Garland Avenue
 Elder William P. Bradley, 8014 Maple Avenue

Mr. Henry J. Carr, 7107 Holly Avenue
 Mr. George A. Huse, 8321 Sligo Creek Parkway
 Dr. Read N. Calvert, 716 Kennebec Avenue
 Mr. Clayton D. Forshee, 722 Kennebec Avenue
 Mr. Raymond C. Hill, 7128 Carroll Avenue
 Mr. Oscar Wuerstlin, 309 Boyd Avenue
 Mr. Julius C. Peter, 8202 Flower Avenue
 Miss Maude M. Brooke, 327 Flower Avenue
 Mr. Milton E. Fagerstrom, 7128 Willow Avenue
 Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue

Mr. Bernard J. Tabarini, 8125 Carroll Avenue, nominated Mr. O. Vincent Amoroso, 8111 Carroll Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Maurice E. Taylor, 7604 Wildwood Drive
 Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Norman C. Jones, 7414 Cedar Avenue
 Mr. Melvin Hardy, 514 Albany Avenue
 Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 - 13th Place

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TWO (2) COUNCILMEN FROM THE 4th AND 20th PRECINCTS, 13th ELECTION DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Mrs. Nellie B. Swett, 7212 Maple Avenue, nominated Mr. Ralph F. Sidell, 606 Boston Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Vincent D. Bateman, 7202 Central Avenue
 Mr. Frank T. Hames, 301 Elm Avenue
 Mr. Robert H. Reed, 7501 Central Avenue
 Mrs. Lois Fowler, 712 Philadelphia Avenue
 Mrs. Henry J. Myers, 606 Elm Avenue

Mr. Henry J. Carr, 7107 Holly Avenue, nominated Mr. Oscar J. Forehand, 7129 Maple Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. George B. Kissinger, 7015 Sycamore Avenue
 Mr. Rupert Lee Dunn, 8022 Maple Avenue
 Mr. Alfred L. Lillie, 25 Philadelphia Avenue
 Mr. Arthur H. Phipps, 209 Spring Avenue
 Mrs. Helen F. Ross, 125 Maple Avenue

Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 - 13th Place, nominated Mr. Clayton A. Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Joseph B. Simpson, Jr., 7218 Cedar Avenue
 Mr. Luke J. Bennett, 7211 Maple Avenue
 Mr. Ross H. Beville, 404 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Charles E. Johnson, 1100 Kingwood Drive
 Mrs. Vera A. Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Franklin G. Connor, 7505 Wildwood Drive

Mr. F. Byrne Austin, 7419 Maple Avenue, nominated Mrs. Irene A. Brungart, 7419 Piney Branch Road, for Councilwoman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Lawrence A. Oosterhous, 904 Glazewood Court
 Mrs. Vera A. Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Claud D. Curlin, 909 Sligo Creek Parkway
 Mr. Walter Prichard, 521 Albany Avenue
 Mrs. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue
 Mr. Maurice E. Taylor, 7604 Wildwood Drive (speaking for Mrs. M. E. Taylor)

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TWO (2) COUNCILMEN FROM THE 6th AND 21st PREGINCTS, 13th ELECTION DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Mr. John T. Parkerson, 7127 Sycamore Avenue, nominated Mr. Robert W. Collison, 7112 Sycamore Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Walter K. Jones, 7138 Carroll Avenue
 Mr. Austin B. Jeffries, 7107 Sycamore Avenue
 Mrs. Minnie L. Hutton, 1008 Heather Avenue
 Mr. Daniel R. Buff, 6611 Allegheny Avenue
 Mr. Edmund D. Cronon, 505 Boston Avenue
 Mr. Orville M. Johnson, 7111 Sycamore Avenue
 Mrs. Eva B. McKinnie, 8504 Flower Avenue
 Mr. Charles G. Royle, 7207 Willow Avenue
 Mr. George B. Kissinger, 7015 Sycamore Avenue

Mr. Charles H. Klinck, 44 Philadelphia Avenue, nominated Mr. Herald W. Hirst, 308 Boyd Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Norman C. Jones, 7414 Cedar Avenue
 Mr. Andrew A. Horner, 8105 Kennewick Avenue
 Mr. A. A. Waechter, 911 Sligo Creek Parkway
 Mr. J. Cullen Barton, 420 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Harold N. Boyer, 404 Boyd Avenue
 Mr. F. Byrne Austin, 7419 Maple Avenue
 Mr. Joseph Martin, 108 Sherman Avenue

Mrs. Ona Jeffries, 7107 Sycamore Avenue, nominated Mr. Gibson E. McKenzie, 7401 Carroll Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. Clarence M. Kyle, 7416 Cedar Avenue
 Mr. Howard Baker, 7415 Birch Avenue
 Mr. Arthur E. Knowles, 312 Boyd Avenue
 Mrs. Maud Davies, 45 Manor Circle
 Mr. Thomas P. Branch, 7105 Sycamore Avenue

Mr. Charles F. Ferry, 7114 Poplar Avenue, nominated Mr. James B. Parkhill, 44 Columbia Avenue, for Councilman.

This motion was seconded by the following:

Mr. William B. Mauger, 7125 Poplar Avenue
 Mr. Rex E. Hollis, 7121 Poplar Avenue
 Mr. Royal G. Sherburne, 504 Albany Avenue
 Mr. C. E. Werback, 6607 Cockerille Avenue

Mr. William W. Ward, 7305 Glenside Drive
 Mr. S. Michael, Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Franklin G. Connor, 7505 Wildwood Drive
 Mr. James Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue

There being no further nominations from the floor, upon being seconded, the motion to close nominations was carried.

Having duly nominated the candidates for the Mayor and Council for the election, which is to take place on Tuesday, March 23, 1954, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. there being no further business before this Caucus, I shall entertain a motion for adjournment. Before adjourning, I have been asked to make an announcement: The meeting of the candidates will be held in the gymnasium on March 16th, 1954.

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your assistance and cooperation in making this citizens' meeting such a great success. This really has been a democratic meeting. The indulgence and dignity with which you have helped me conduct this meeting reflect great credit to the City of Takoma Park and its citizens.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, the motion was made for adjournment, and upon being seconded and put to question, this motion was carried, with the meeting adjourning at 10:15 P.M.

 SECRETARY

Paula J. Hilliard

 CLERK AND TREASURER

Tom Deville

 MAYOR

REGULAR MEETING
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 March 22, 1954

NOTE: (This meeting begins on page 57 and ends on page 69.)

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 24, 1954

Mayor pro tem Klinck called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Eccleston, Miller, and Tymeson. Absent: Mayor Beville, Councilmen Forehand, Kramer and Parkhill.

Mayor pro tem Klinck stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the issuance of short-term certificates of indebtedness until such time as the certificates of indebtedness can be issued after the acceptance of Maple Avenue.

Councilman Tymeson gave a report on the opinion from the Corporation Counsel concerning the acceptance of Maple Avenue and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness in this connection. Councilman Tymeson stated that Mr. Gingerich had contacted him by telephone and recommended that the certificates of indebtedness relative to Maple Avenue not be issued; also, that the Council postpone the formal acceptance of Maple Avenue until the matter concerning payment to Maryland Enterprise Co., Inc., is absolved. He further recommended that a general certificate of indebtedness be issued until July 15, 1954.

Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of an ordinance issuing one Certificate of Indebtedness for \$25,000.00; time period being from April 1, 1954 to July 15, 1954.

ORDINANCE NO. 1248

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority vested in the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, by section 104.8(h) of the Montgomery County Code (1950 Edition) and section 1299(H) of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being Articles 16 and 17, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Montgomery County" and "Prince George's County" as amended by Chapter 237 of the Acts of the Regular Session of 1951, the said Council hereby directs that the City of Takoma Park shall borrow, under the authority so vested, the sum of \$25,000.00, in order to provide general revenue for the City for recurring expenditures to the end of 1953-54 fiscal year.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk and Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Indebtedness to bear date of April 1, 1954, and to mature July 15, 1954, in the amount specified in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. One Certificate of Indebtedness shall be offered at public sale to the highest bidder on an interest rate bid basis. Notice of such sale shall be given by advertisement inserted twice in the Takoma Journal.

Section 4. The form of advertisement shall be as follows:

"NOTICE TO BIDDERS"

In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, and in accordance with Ordinance No. 1248, The City of Takoma Park will issue one Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of \$25,000.00, for the purpose of providing general revenue for the City for recurring expenditures to the end of 1953-54 fiscal year.

Sealed bids in writing on this Certificate of Indebtedness indicating the rate of interest to be charged will be received in the office of the Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Takoma Park until 4:00 p.m., March 29, 1954."

Section 5. The Certificate of Indebtedness shall be in the following form:

(to be indicated)

Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Eccleston, Klinck, Miller and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen Forehand, Kramer and Parkhill.

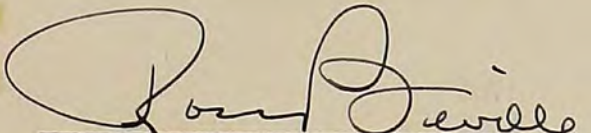
Mayor pro tem Klinck stated that he had met with Mr. Berger of Kass-Berger, Inc., relative to the matter of their accepting the proposal of certain deletions from the original Carroll Avenue widening proposal. Mr. Berger indicated (verbally) that they would be willing to accept the deletions as proposed. Mayor pro tem Klinck reported that he had requested Mr. Gingerich to prepare papers to accept this agreement that would be satisfactory to the State Roads Commission. Mayor pro tem Klinck stated that he would like for this to be considered as his report in lieu of addressing a letter to the City Clerk relative to this matter.

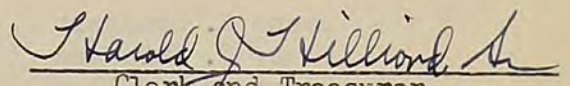
Chief M. E. McBride asked the Council for permission to act as an instructor in rescue training as requested by the Federal Civil Defense School for Rescue Training in Olney, Maryland. He would instruct the training class for two weeks beginning April 5, on a five day basis the first week, and a four and one-half day basis the second week, and that he would be on call for any emergency that might arise in the City.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the Council grant Chief McBride permission to proceed as requested. Councilman Eccleston seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Concerning the Pathfinder Parade, Councilman Tymeson moved that the request of Mr. Seitz of the Potomac Conference be granted on the following conditions: That the Pathfinder Organization assemble at the College recreational grounds, proceeding out Carroll Avenue to the Takoma Academy recreational grounds for the activity of the afternoon of May 9, 1954. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor pro tem Klinck moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


 Mayor


 Clerk and Treasurer

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 24, 1954

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

The Clerk and Treasurer read the following report from the Judges of Election:

March 24, 1954

Mayor and Council
Takoma Park, Maryland

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report of the City Election, held the 23rd day of March, 1954, in the Takoma Park Fire Department Building:

The Board organized with the appointment of Julius Peter, Jr., Chairman, Goldie G. Thomsen, Verna L. Royle, Vida Sherburne, Frank Troll, Vera Hash, Virginia B. Cook, Susan O. Young, Evelyn J. Russell, Raymond C. Hill, Emily S. Lee, Julia M. Russo, Lillian A. Fisher as Judges, and Mrs. Esther Coulson as Clerk, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. The Polls were opened at the legal hour of 7 o'clock a.m., and closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock p.m.

The results of the referendum on question No. 1 "Amendment to the City Charter to give the Mayor a veto power, subject to overriding by five members of the City Council" were as follows:

For	444
Against	872

The results of the referendum on question No. 2 "An act to provide for Amendments to the Charter by the Council, or by a petition signed by 15% or more of the registered voters of the City, and to provide for the submission of said act to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection" were as follows:

For Charter Amendment	1148
Against Charter Amendment	200

The following candidates for Mayor received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

Gordon H. Cole	811
George M. Miller	1440

The following candidates for Councilmen received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

4TH AND 20TH PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Irene A. Brungart	788
Oscar J. Forehand	1349
Clayton A. Railey	741
Ralph F. Sidell	1251

6TH AND 21ST PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Robert W. Collison	1240
Herald W. Hirst	799
Gibson E. McKenzie	1265
James B. Parkhill	681

O. Vincent Amoroso	721
Sydney W. Tymeson	1404

4TH AND 6TH PRECINCTS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Adolph Juhl	1234
John F. Kozel	1274
Milton Kramer	801
Charles F. Yost	718

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidates for Mayor received the highest number of votes, and was duly elected Mayor for a period of two years from the second Monday in April, 1954:

George M. Miller

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidates for Councilmen received the largest number of votes in their respective precincts and were duly elected Councilmen for a period of two years from the second Monday in April, 1954:

4TH AND 20TH PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Oscar J. Forehand
Ralph F. Sidell

6TH AND 21ST PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Robert W. Collison
Gibson E. McKenzie

9TH PRECINCT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sydney W. Tymeson

4TH AND 6TH PRECINCTS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Adolph Juhl
John F. Kozel

The results of the tabulation of the election indicates the following:

870	Prince George's County
<u>1442</u>	Montgomery County
2312	Total

Certificates of Election in accordance with the results as above stated are attached hereto for delivery to the Mayor and Councilmen elect.

Very respectfully,

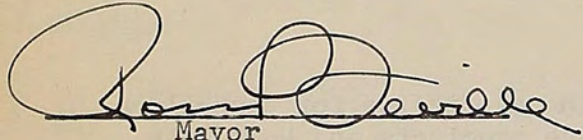
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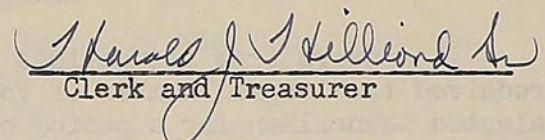
(s) Susan O. Young	(s) Evelyn J. Russell	(s) Lillian A. Fisher
(s) Vera Hash	(s) Ethel C. Lind	(s) Frank Troll
(s) Raymond C. Hill	(s) Goldie L. Thomsen	(s) Emily S. Lee
(s) Julius C. Peter	(s) Virginia B. Cooke	

ATTEST: (s) Mrs. Esther M. Coulson"

Mayor pro tem Klinck asked Mr. Hilliard if he heard of any difficulties in the election. Mr. Hilliard replied that the Judges reported that they had experienced some difficulty with the operation of some machines, but that the matter was straightened out, and everyone voted.

Councilman Parkhill moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Mayor


Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 22, 1954

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

Councilman Parkhill corrected the minutes of March 8, 1954, to include him present and not absent.

Councilman Tymeson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 8, 1954, and that they be accepted as amended.

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

Mr. Hilliard presented the following Financial Statement:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Revenues Feb. 1954	Revenues 2/28/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
1/31/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	6954.32			
1/31/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	11892.68			
1/31/54 Bal. Both Banks	18847.00			
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1.0 General Taxes	12382.35	322569.07	14046.68	336615.75
1.0 Penalties & Interest	61.02	357.94	142.06	500.00
2.0 Licenses & Permits	442.64	19253.46	3696.54	22950.00
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	24.00	1324.95	1375.05	2700.00
4.0 Use of Money & Property	150.00	150.00	117.00	267.00
5.0 Revenue-other sources	261.40	1711.33	28123.67	29835.00
6.0 Service- current service	620.70	1668.50	268.50	1400.00
Rms. & Apts.-Registration	2600.50			
Accounts Receivable	214.16	347035.25	47232.50	394267.75
Cert. of Indebtedness	20000.00			
	36756.77			
Less Discounts	9.94	36746.83		
		55593.83		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
	Disb. Feb. 1954	Disb. 2/28/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
10. Gen. Govt: Clerk's Off.	2343.30	22146.47	14413.53	36560.00
10. " " Govt. Bldg.	2093.14	26012.20	13002.20	13010.00
10. " " P/W Shop	950.75	12522.62	1152.62	11370.00
11.1 Police Dept.	4820.89	41447.36	21733.45	63180.81
11.2 Fire Dept.	3212.16	40086.40	11108.59	51194.99
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1728.57	10450.12	6689.88	17140.00
12.2 " " Highway	4091.14	31019.43	980.57	32000.00
12.5 " " St. Lighting	978.09	6268.42	3981.58	10250.00
13.3 " " Sanitation	4842.68	43918.91	9881.09	53800.00
19.3 " " Recreation	649.57	11344.90	115.65	11229.25
19.4 Cultural: Library	.00	10851.72	1561.28	12413.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	945.69	7191.66	2817.51	10009.17
22.1 Capital Budget	5091.24	69888.22	120.08	70008.30
23.1 Insurance	49.52	5351.29	461.71	5813.00
Accounts Receivable	61.56			
Rms. & Apts. Registration	583.29	338499.72	59478.80	397978.52
	32441.59			
	23152.24			
2/28/54 Citiz. Bank	20,913.28			
2/28/54 sub. Tr. Co.	2,220.96			
2/28/54 Both Banks, Bal.	23,152.24			

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

1/31/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	11,750.58
Deposit during 2/ 1954	980.51
	<u>12,731.09</u>
No Withdrawals	.00
2/28/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>12,731.09</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter addressed to Bradshaw & Shearin, Attorneys for Mr. Plunkert, from Vincent Amoroso, copy of which was forwarded to the City Council regarding approval of the Hampshire Greens Community Assn. of the rezoning petition Nos. A-2270 and A-2271. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Letter from H. Earle Russell, Chairman of Joint Committee of Prince George's-Takoma Civic Associations giving their approval of the acceptance of the rezoning petitions A-2270 and A-2271. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Letter from Potomac Electric Power Co. to which was attached proposal for the installation of street lights on Maple Ave. between Grant and Sherman Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Letter addressed to Earl W. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works, regarding the Brashear's Run storm drainage project, stating that after receiving the figures from the City on this project and after the exact cost of the water main relocation is determined the City will be notified as to the total cost of the project and the cost breakdown according to previous agreements. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Letter from Montgomery County Health Dept. notifying the City that inspection was made at 11 Jefferson Ave. on March 12, 1954 and that proper steps are being taken to alleviate the condition and that further inspections will be made on March 24, 1954 by this same department. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
6. Petition for a storm drain improvement for the protection of Lots 64 and 65, Block 16, Gilbert Subdivision, in the vicinity of Forest Park and Elm Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Letter received by Mayor Beville complimenting the Police Department and Corp. Merson for the assistance he gave in getting rid of squirrels in the attic of home located at 1017 Elm Avenue.
8. Letter from City Fire Board thanking the Mayor and City Council for the successful settlement of the Chillum Fire Tax Area and for the final completion of the first floor remodeling.
9. Letter from Missionary Volunteers of the Youth of the Potomac Conference asking permission from the City officials to stage a parade on May 9, 1954. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
10. Letter from East Takoma Citizens' Association approving Zoning Petitions A-2270 and A-2271.

Councilman Parkhill moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the right-of-way for water line at the end of Brashear's Run.

Councilman Klinck seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Miller moved that the following persons be appointed as election

officials and that Mr. Julius Peter be appointed as Chairman of the election:

Mrs. Susan D. Young
7224 Central Avenue

Mrs. Ruth J. Sippel
7436 Baltimore Avenue

Mrs. Goldie L. Thomson
419 Elm Avenue

Mrs. Thelma E. Bollman
109 Elm Avenue

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

OPEN MEETING:

Vincent Amoroso, 8111 Carroll Avenue, addressed the Council directing his congratulations to Mayor Beville on the way he has conducted the affairs of the City during the time he has served the people of Takoma Park.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, addressed the Council, expressing her gratitude to Mayor Beville for his honest and sincere efforts he has given to the City and people of Takoma Park, and also presented him with a plaque from a group of citizens for his "honest, loyal endeavors and sincere devoted service to the people of Takoma Park".

Councilman Parkhill relinquished his seat at the Council table and took place in the audience to compliment Mayor Beville upon his faithful service during his term of office.

Mr. Opha Mays addressed the Council thanking them for the consideration he has been shown in his business transactions with the City, and at the same time informed the Council he had just returned from the County where his petition B-37 for reclassification to C-1 had been approved by the County.

Mr. Charles Yost, 7207 Central Avenue, addressed the Council, advising that the Car Wash on New Hampshire Avenue had been in operation for several days and felt that proper steps should be taken by the Council to halt this operation inasmuch as it was operating in violation of the zoning law. Mr. Hilliard informed Mr. Yost that the County has secured warrants and has this matter under consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Klinck gave the following report on Public Works matters:

"Oswego Avenue Lot:

Many months ago when the Brashear's Run enclosure and the Maple Avenue street improvement project were both assured, we immediately recognized that the neighborhood, because of these improvements, would be subject to considerable new development and make it mandatory that a new location for the Public Works Department be found. We tried for some time to attempt to find a location somewhere within the City limits as we felt it should remain in the City if possible. A few months ago, in the course of my personal business, it came to my attention that Lot 3, Block 62, Gilbert's Subdivision might be acquired because one of the several heirs had told me to attempt to get purchase offers. I immediately felt that it would be the best obtainable location for the Public Works Department. I discussed the matter with the Supt. of Public Works and the committee-- all were in accord so far as I know-- so I presented the proposal to the Council and it was voted to offer \$2500.00 for this lot. I stated at that time that no commission would be involved and that I would in no way personally benefit from this transaction. The Corporation

Counsel has handled the matter entirely and I am happy to report a contract has been signed, title examined and the deed is in the process of being circulated among the several heirs for their signatures.

Carroll Avenue-State Roads-reimbursement:

When the section of Carroll Avenue between Laurel and Eastern Avenues was planned for widening we were able, thru negotiations with the State Roads Commission, to get the State Roads Commission to agree to reimburse the City for the cost of the concrete pavement constructed. Their letter dated March 9, 1954, addressed to the Mayor and Council confirms this agreement subject to their receiving a deed of conveyance from the City of the additional right-of-way. This is a normal procedure and I assume the Corporation Counsel will forward same, if he hasn't already done so. This money when received will constitute unanticipated revenue to the City.

Brashears Run:

In my attempt to bring to a final conclusion and settlement the Brashears Run Enclosure project, the City Clerk was requested to ask the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for final settlement figures- this he did. According to my information the only reply that has been received is the one which was read here tonight. In view of the fact no final figures are given in this letter it is impossible for me to make any recommendation to the Council, except, that the Supt. of Public Works furnish the data and figures as requested to the City Clerk and that the City Clerk continue in his efforts to bring about the final financial settlement. The Supt. of Public Works advises me he has verbally reviewed the unit prices and quantities involved with Mr. Stapp at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. These items consist of certain grading, filling, and excavation work performed by the City, for which the City is to receive credit from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission according to an agreement between the Supt. of Public Works and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. As much as I should like to close this matter out tonight, you gentlemen can readily see from the Sanitary Commission's letter, it is impossible for me to do so.

Carroll Avenue-widening

Many months ago when the proposed widening of Carroll Avenue between Philadelphia Avenue and Sycamore Avenue was under study the thought was advanced that condemnation of the needed additional right-of-way might be the way to acquire the needed land. I was opposed to this because I felt the property owners recognized our efforts in this proposal were for the benefit of them as well as for the whole community and would willingly dedicate the needed for this purpose. After my continuous efforts over a period of months, I saw all deeds received from all property owners except the owners of the Shell Oil filling station property. At the time of my attempt to get this dedication the property was being offered for sale by some Washington firm and the owner said he was therefore not interested in giving a dedication. None of the requested dedications were needed for street widening, it was only proposed to use it for a sidewalk so we proposed to the State Roads Commission that this be deleted and widen the street as proposed, eliminating the proposed sidewalk construction. The State Roads felt that if the dedications were not available we should just leave that side of the street as it was-- that is also eliminating the widening on that side. This part being desirable but not of vital importance to the project, we agreed to go along with their request, hoping to thereby not delay the construction any longer. The dedication deed received from Kass Realty contained the provision that no other property owner should

receive any greater compensation for his property than that which Kass Realty received or the deed would unconditionally become void. The State Roads Commission requested that we secure a letter from Kass Realty approving the deletion. The Corporation Counsel contacted the Kass Realty in this matter and their reply was unfavorable. I have an appointment with them for 3:30 p.m. to review with them this proposal. I will report the results of this meeting by letter to the City Clerk."

Councilman Klinck presented to the Council an approximate cost set-up for the Maple Avenue project not including Brashears Run. The entire cost was \$56,737.80 of which \$20,000.00 will be financed through the issuance of certificates of indebtedness. He stated that according to the figures given by the City Office, \$12,953.44 had been paid out of last year's budget, \$37,445.41 out of this year's budget with a balance of \$6338.95 yet to be paid, thus making a total of \$43,784.36 paid out of this year's budget. Councilman Klinck stated that this project will cost the general tax payer the difference between the \$20,000.00 and the \$56,737.80 which is the difference being based on what a normal 26 ft. street improvement would cost as compared to the exceptional width of the street which was installed. Regarding the \$20,000.00 Certificate of Indebtedness, Councilman Klinck advised that the Council was awaiting an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to the legality of accepting the street for maintenance in order to permit the issuance of the Certificate of Indebtedness.

Regarding the work to be done on the property of Mr. Templin as a result of the Maple Avenue project, Councilman Klinck stated that the repair to the wall has been satisfactorily completed and the City has reimbursed Mr. Templin the amount of \$80.00 toward the replacement of a new fence. Mr. Thomas advised that he had endeavored to have a statement signed by Mr. Templin to the effect that all work has been satisfactorily done, but as yet had been unable to contact him but expected to do so the next day.

Councilman Klinck presented Deed for widening of Houston Avenue abutting Lot 25, Block 54, Gilberts Subdivision, with instruction to have the Deed reviewed and recorded by the Corporation Counsel.

Councilman Klinck presented a petition for storm drainage protection on Elm Avenue in the vicinity of Forest Park, and suggested that the words "promptly after funds are available" be inserted between the words "improvement" and "in" which appear on the eighth line from the bottom of first page.

Councilman Klinck moved that the Council accept this petition as amended subject to the signed approval of the petitioners after having been reviewed by our Corporation Counsel and in his opinion found to be legally in order.

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

Councilman Klinck stated he would like to point out to the people of Takoma Park that the Brashears Run project could not have been made possible by his efforts alone but by the Mayor and Council in an attempt to clean up what might be good development for Takoma Park. Councilman Klinck also stated that this project could not have been started without the cooperation of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and therefore requested that the City Clerk and Treasurer be directed to address a letter to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission setting forth appreciation on the part of Mayor Beville and this Council for the part each played in making it possible for this community improvement to become a reality.

Councilman Klinck reported on proposed storm drainage projects which were under consideration for the past year, namely:

1. Barclay Avenue
2. North Takoma
3. Boston Avenue
4. Intersection of Phila. Ave. and Piney Branch Rd. thru new area of Boston Ave.

Councilman Klinck advised that all of the above projects have been approved by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission with the exception of North Takoma and as soon as the funds are available construction is anticipated.

Councilman Klinck made mention that there was an inference in a local paper that there might be something questionable on the Maple Avenue project. He stated that he personally felt that if such information is available this information should be given not only to the Council but to the public and that he would welcome any question or a direct accusation on this work. Councilman Klinck further stated that he challenged the person responsible for this statement to come forward and either make an accusation or stop making inferences.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Eccleston suggested that the Bondactor machine, that is used for the repair of sidewalks, be considered in the new budget.

Councilman Eccleston made the following report on sidewalks:

A thorough study of general sidewalk conditions in Takoma Park indicates the need for an extended Sidewalk Repair Program. The amount of work required to repair all sidewalks needing repairs, places this Program in a different category than routine maintenance. It is the opinion of the majority of the Committee that a considerable portion of the work to be done, should be done on an assessment basis. The Superintendent of Public Works should be instructed to provide the Mayor and Council with reports stating the extent, location and estimated cost of repairs in a manner that will permit the Council to undertake the repairs in conformance with provisions of the charter pertaining to assessable improvements. If the Council did not feel inclined to assess certain of the improvements, they should then instruct the Superintendent of Public Works to make those repairs with routine maintenance funds.

Councilman Eccleston moved that the following departmental reports be attached to the official minute book of the City as of this date, and any other departmental reports that have been submitted during the termination of this Council:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Office of Inspector of Buildings | - Page 63 |
| 2. Fire Department | - Page 64 |
| 3. Police Department | - Page 65 |
| 4. Public Works Department | - Page 66 |
| 5. Public Welfare | - Page 67 |
| 6. Finance Committee | - Page 68 |

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Miller moved that the City Clerk notify all bidders on the Library that their bids have been rejected due to revision in plans, and that the City expects to advertise anew, also that the City wishes to express appreciation for the submitting and preparing of these bids.

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

REPORT

1. Office of Inspector of Buildings

MEMORANDUM TO: Councilman Mr. Ray Eccleston

Report on Rooming House Ordinances 1216 and 12140

Report on Standards Ordinance 1207

Report on Institutions Ordinance 1211

July 1, 1953	Ordinance 1216 - Ordinance became effective as of that date.	
July 15, 1953	First date set for final registration--Total registered In order to carry out intent of Section #6 of Ordinance 1216 proper papers were prepared for eight (8) cases.	120

At a meeting of the Mayor and Council it was decided to hold these cases in abeyance and give further notice to the public. The final date of registration was extended to

Sept. 15, 1953	Because of this action the number of properties registered was increased to The eight (8) cases as prepared prior to the extension	482
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MEMORANDUM TO: Councilman Mr. Ray Eccleston

Report on Rooming House Ordinances 1216 and 1240

Report on Standards Ordinance 1207

Report on Institutions Ordinance 1241

- July 1, 1953 Ordinance 1216 - Ordinance became effective as of that date.
- July 15, 1953 First date set for final registration--Total registered 120
In order to carry out intent of Section #6 of Ordinance 1216 proper papers were prepared for eight (8) cases.

At a meeting of the Mayor and Council it was decided to hold these cases in abeyance and give further notice to the public. The final date of registration was extended to
- Sept. 15, 1953 Because of this action the number of properties registered was increased to 482
The eight (8) cases as prepared prior to the extension of final date did register.
Fifteen (15) more cases were then prepared and acted on resulting in fourteen (14) new registrations.

The time consumed in verifying the existence of units or roomers in any particular property, the obtaining the name of each violation prompted the Mayor and Council to request that a letter of warning be sent to known violators to be followed by the action authorized under Section 6 of the Ordinance.

The office of the Building Inspector did by letter and thru articles in the local press, contact and explain the requirements of Ordinance 1216 to the public so that by
- Dec. 31, 1953 The total number of registrants had been increased to 575

It was still the opinion of the Mayor and Council that there were many properties that should be registered. This fact was determined from other records and visual inspections.

Therefore, it was decided to canvas all property owners notifying them of the 1954 registration and this office was instructed to prepare such a notice and mail same.

Also, after discussion of the proper designation of certain Institutions previously interpreted to be included as Rooming Houses, and because of the public demand for supervision of Child Care (both day and over night) Homes, Nursing Homes, Nurseries and Kindergardens, the Mayor and Council did have prepared an Ordinance 1241 which became effective as of
- Jan. 1, 1954

Jan. 31, 1954	Was set for final date of 1954 registration.	
Jan. 31, 1954	The total number of registrants increased to	621
Mar. 15, 1954	Due to incorrect mailing addresses and other causes the deadline was not met by enough property owners so that by There are now registered under both Ordinances	654
March 15, 1954	By mailing notices many who had for various reasons not registered in 1953 were reminded of this fact and did register and pay up the back fees. The number of these was	37
Mar. 15, 1954	Total of all applications received	691

In comparing the registration for 1953 with the new registration for 1954 it is found that certain numbers must be cancelled for various reasons; also, there are certain numbers who have not complied with the notice to re-register; also, that certain out of town owners have not responded; also, that certain numbers under consideration are subject to being in arrears in payments for 1953 and are unregistered in 1954. So that as of

Mar. 15, 1954 It is found that re-registration for 1954 finds numbers to be cancelled is found to be nine (9).

Net registration of 654 - 9	
plus new 1953 applications	
or a net total of registrations to be received	
also still to be checked off there are	
Number of delinquent registrants in town	31
" " " " out of town	18
" " " under advisements	3
	<u>52</u>

645
<u>37</u>
682

After examing the records for possibility of errors in registering, action under Section 6 of the Ordinances will be taken with respect to the fifty-two (52) numbered above.

It is the opinion of this office that there are still unregistered properties. The registration of these will be requested as the next step.

As the general notices sent out to all property owners were addressed from the tax records (which records were probably not current and up to date), there were many envelopes returned because of wrong addresses. These will be examined and remailed with a limit date of registration noted therein.

Mar. 15, 1954	as follows		
	Surveys made and completed		44
	" " preliminary		17
	Jackets started on applications where information was requested, when remainders of delinquency have been sent out, where blanks have been requested, etc.		44
	Total registrations involved		<u>105</u>

Mar. 15, 1954	Of these		
	Nursing Homes registered		
	In Montgomery	12	
	In Prince George's	<u>1</u>	Total 13
	Child Care Homes		
	In Montgomery	5	
	In Prince George's	<u>2</u>	Total 7
	Nursery Schools		
	In Montgomery	1	
	In Prince George's	<u>2</u>	Total 3

In addition to the above this office has been requested to advise on the possible use of homes; how to apply for permits for the conduct of Institutions; how to obtain other forms of permits and to determine if these are necessary; also, advise on other matters pertaining to Ordinance 1216; 1240, 1241 and 1207.

Mar. 15, 1954	As of		
	There are jackets in the file on such cases numbering		24

In administering the intent of Ordinances 1216, it is the intent to prevent further creation of violations unless proper procedure is conformed to prior to execution of such new construction. It therefore was necessary to process as of

Mar. 15, 1954	Building Permits involving Multiple Family Units. There are in the files jackets on such cases numbering		13
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Also, in connection with Ordinances 1216 and 1241 it has been necessary for this office to investigate, prepare reports, and appear at hearings before the Appeal Boards of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, acting for the Committee on Public Welfare representing the Mayor and Council on such matters

Mar. 15, 1954	As of		
	In Montgomery County such appeals numbered	3	
	In Prince George's they numbered	<u>5</u>	Total 8

Mar. 15, 1954	The files therefore contain records in the total of		136
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That date having been reached without answer, no further notice will be considered necessary and action will be taken under Section 6 of both Ordinances.

Because the Ordinance 1261 and 1241 are still new as far as office administration is concerned, considerable time has of necessity been spent in accomplishing the results noted above.

The office records are being brought into shape in order that after this registration the work necessary to accomplish a re-registration will be reduced.

In order to bring the office records up to date, the following steps must be taken in 1954.

These are the steps necessary to bring the Registration up to date in 1954 for a complete and accurate record.

MEMORANDUM

- (1) Sort the 1954 Duplicate blanks out numerically.
" " 1953-A " " " " separate.
- (2) Sort the 1954 Original blanks out numerically.
" " 1953-A " " " " separate.
- (3) Sort the alphabetical address cards back numerically. Stamp these in upper right hand corner. No need for numbers on 1953-A on cards.
- (4) Compare items #1, 2, 3 for accuracy with the 1954 Registration and with the "A" numbers in the 1953 book.
- (5) Sort the 1954 and 1953-A Duplicate blanks by streets.
- (6) Compare old and prepare new card index file cards to bring alphabetical card file up to date.
- (7) Get a small desk file case for these cards.
- (8) Complete the filing by streets of the 1954 and 1953-A duplicates by comparing with the present street files. Make note of any found in old 1953 file, but not found in 1954 and 1953-A and extract same from old street file.
- (9) Make New Jackets for street files and file the 1954 duplicates, 1953-A duplicates. Those found in old 1953 file should be immediately checked and canvassed for reregistration if they are still active.
- (10) Take envelopes that were returned and do at least ten (10) each day readdressing and sending notices changed to a date thirty (30) days from date of mailing.

Although this office has devoted time to the administration of the Registration of properties under Ordinance 1216 and 1241; on the preparation of new ordinances 1240 and 1241; on the preparation of the Notice of Registration for 1954 and the canvassing of all property owners it has been able to start files which contain jackets as of

Because of the requirements for attendance at certain training schools and because of the resignation of Mr. Battersby, this office has been without regular assistance in surveying properties registered for most of the period since the Ordinances went into effect. A plan is now contemplated and is being discussed by which aid, if found necessary, can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Public Works. By this method a trained personnel can be developed to carry on the work. Should inspection disclose the necessity for Fire Inspection, then the Assistant Fire Marshall will be called upon to act. Under this proposed plan it will not be necessary for the Fire Department to lose the services of a man for the entire time involved in a general inspection.

As the services of additional clerical help was recently authorized, it would appear that the attention of this office can be concentrated on inspection rather than office administration.

At this time this office states that in most instances the owners have cooperated with the City, have made improvements recommended and have said that such improvements have indeed made their properties more livable and increased their property values.

This office has inspected eight (8) of the Nursing Homes within the City Limits. These should be commended for the Institutions, which they have established and for the facilities that they have provided.

As has been stated on several occasions, the primary purposes of the ordinances mentioned are:

- (1) To prevent after July 1st of 1953 the subdivision or resubdivision of single family dwellings, that is the conversion of same into Multiple Family Units without following proper procedures under the existing City and County requirements.
- (2) The raising of the standard of living by the elimination of undesirable conditions in the buildings specified in the Ordinance.
- (3) The elimination of overcrowding and the consequent increase in population density as would occur without the administration of these Ordinances.

(4) The obtaining of census from which record the Mayor and Council might see fit to recommend to the proper authorities a change in zoning for any given area conforming more closely to the zone use to which the extent of conversions has reduced same.

(5) The recording of knowledge of Institutions so that they can be better served by the City Departments, particularly Fire, Police and Public Works.

(6) The desination by the City of knowledge gained by inspection of the conditions existing in the Institutions so that the Public can be appraised of the services they are rendering.

(7) The making available to our citizens of any service or advice it may be within its province to render in connection with appeals, zoning and permits.

Mar. 15, 1954 Not included in the above tabulation are:

43 files that have been started containing correspondence with City, County and State Officials; also, to file data pertaining to Ordinances.

It is the intention of this office to endeavor at all time to conduct the registration of properties and the inspection of same in a "reasonable" manner as specified.

This report is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Mayor and Council.

Signed Peter Remsen
Inspector of Buildings

Date March 15, 1954

REPORT

2. Fire Department

REPORT

3. Police Department

Recapitulation Sheet; Totals of Inventory

Department	Sub-division	Amount
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Public Works Office	Buildings and Motor Equipment	\$ 87,500.00
	Office Furniture & Equipment	3,702.09
	Garment in Department	0.91

GRAND TOTAL

\$2,252,202.86

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Job	Large	3,712.95
	Hand Tools	1,711.51
	Expenses	1,268.42

Sanitation	Police Equipment	32,200.00
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Miscellaneous	1,337.38
Expenses	21.02
Hand Tools	155.12
Garment in Department	5,310.20

Recapitulation Sheet; Totals of Inventory

Department	Sub-division	Amount
Public Works Office	Buildings and Motor Equipment	\$ 87,500.00
	Office Furniture & Equipment	3,702.09
	Surveying Equipment	984.05
	Drafting Supplies & Equipment	842.19
	Darkroom Equipment	848.60
Street	Streets, with sidewalks	4,752,000.00
	Catch Basins	72,900.00
	Storm Drain pipe	182,400.00
	Manholes	4,200.00
	Grate Inlets	1,200.00
	Mobile Equipment	18,775.00
	Street Signs (In place)	6,790.00
	Street Signs (In stock)	1,290.00
	Regulatory Signs (In stock)	3,304.64
	Hand Tools	1,107.60
	Power Tools	1,043.00
	Janitorial Equipment	287.28
	Janitorial Supplies (Expendable)	987.60
Miscellaneous	4,013.47	
Parks & Recreation	Park Grounds	326,700.00
	Mobile Equipment	5,597.25
	Playground Equipment	2,763.49
	Gymnasium Equipment	2,348.60
	Hand Tools	722.75
	Expendable Supplies	97.05
	Miscellaneous	1,334.98
Sanitation	Mobile Equipment	35,500.00
Shop	Fixtures	1,768.75
	Hand Tools	1,477.21
	Parts	3,419.82

GRAND TOTAL

\$5,525,905.86

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REPORT
4. Public Works Department

REPORT

5. Public Welfare Committee

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REPORT
6. Finance Committee

Councilman Miller moved that the City Clerk advertise for bids for the new municipal Library, according to revised plans to be received.

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

Councilman Miller expressed his pleasure in having served on this Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills in the amount of \$9875.09 be approved.

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

Councilman Tymeson advised the Council that all of the inventories have been received.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Parkhill moved that the City recommend the approval of Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2270, Plunkert & Maddock, Inc., in Green Hill Farms.

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

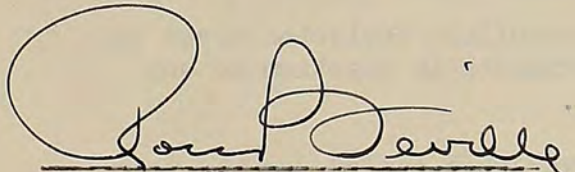
Councilman Parkhill moved that the City recommend the approval of Zoning Amendment Petition A-2271, Plunkert & Maddock, Inc., in Green Hill Farms.

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

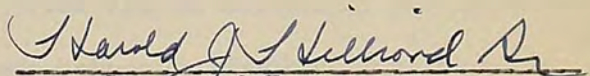
Councilman Parkhill moved that the City approve application No. B-37 for reclassification from R-20 to C-1 Zone.

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 Eccleston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk and Treasurer