

SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
June 3, 1954

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Absent: None.

Councilman Tymeson submitted a resume as prepared by Mr. Beers, appraiser, concerning the lot Mr. Opha Mays is interested in purchasing from the City, said lot known as Lot 28, Block 17, Pinecrest Subdivision, Westmoreland Avenue.

Councilman Juhl moved that Mr. Hilliard be authorized to sell Lot 28, Block 17, Pinecrest Subdivision, and to issue a quitclaim deed to Mr. Opha Mays for the sum of \$550.00, said sum to include the appraisal fee of \$25.00.

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

Councilman Tymeson discussed the proposed right-of-way through Lot 28, Block 16, B. F. Gilbert's Addition, for the purpose of a sewer connection to the John Nevins Andrews School. This right-of-way would be granted provided that the plan for the proposed sewer extension incorporated certain requirements of the Public Works Department pertaining to the percentage of grade selected for the installation of the line in order that it would not preclude an extension of Cockerille Avenue from its present dead-end to Elm Avenue.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the Supt. of Public Works and the City Clerk be instructed to proceed with the necessary actions in order to grant the requested right-of-way with the understanding that they would make certain that the City's interests were protected in connection with the proposed future extension of Cockerille Avenue.

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

Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Forest Gossage, proposed purchaser of Mr. Elliott's property located at 7515 Carroll Avenue, be permitted a maximum of one year for complete renovation of the second basement apartment with the understanding that the first basement apartment will be renovated immediately upon the purchase of the property; all renovations to be in accordance with the Inspector's report based on Ordinance 1207.

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

It was requested that Mr. Hilliard notify Mr. Elliott and Mr. Gossage of the action taken by the Council.

Councilman Kozel 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 7:50 p.m.

George M Miller  
Mayor

Harold Hilliard  
Clerk and Treasurer



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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing, all Councilmen being present.

In addition to the Public Works Committee's recommended changes in the proposed budget as presented at the public hearing (incorporated herein) Councilman Collison recommended that the operating expense under 10.812 be raised from \$800.00 to \$1100.00.

Councilman Forehand moved that Sergeant Bell be promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the amount of \$3000.00 under 11.213F be restored to the proposed budget.

Councilman Forehand moved to amend the preceding motion by reducing the amount of \$3000.00 under 11.213F to \$2000.00.

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

It was recommended that 10.10011 be transferred to 12.10012A, and that the sum of \$2392.00 be deleted from the total sum of 12.10012A. Also, that the sub-headings' amounts under 12.10012A be deleted as separate amounts, which amounts would be totaled and included as part of the one total under 12.10012A.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the Chiefs of Police and Fire Departments' care allowances, 11.114K and 11.212L respectively, be increased by \$60.00; restoring the \$180.00 under 11.212L, and deleting \$2000.00 under 11.213F.

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

In addition to the above, the following changes were recommended:

<p>ADD:</p> <p>10.812 Sub-contract - \$300.00</p> <p>10.812C Fire Department Building -            Building Repair \$ 250.00            Electricity 225.00            Gas 110.00            Fuel 800.00  <u>\$1385.00</u></p> <p>11.114N Training - \$500.00</p> <p>12.1001 Clerk (Stock &amp; Time Records)-            \$2760.00</p> <p>19.3 Playground equipment - \$1000.00</p> <p>REDUCE:</p> <p>10.10012A - \$1000.00 to \$500.00            B - \$12820.00 to \$10000.00</p> <p>12.1003A - \$500.00 to \$400.00</p> <p>12.10012A-Highways-\$15000.00 to \$13000.00</p> <p>12.501 Street Light-\$11000.00 to \$10000.00</p>	<p>DELETE:</p> <p>12.1002B - \$500.00</p> <p>22.3 - \$1956.03</p> <p>INCREASE:</p> <p>10.10012D - \$250.00 to \$500.00</p> <p>11.393A - 235.00 to \$460.00</p> <p>12.1001B - \$3100.00 to \$3335.00            C - \$2900.00 to \$3270.00</p> <p>Janitorial Labor - \$2734.00 to \$3900.00-            (incorporated in total of 12.10012A)</p> <p>12.2 Highways - Capital Outlay-Bondactor-            \$5000.00 to \$5540.00</p> <p>19.3 Power Mower - \$1000.00 to \$1090.00</p> <p>TRANSFER:</p> <p>12.10012A - Recreation Program Personnel            to 19.3 (\$1500.00)</p>
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Councilman Tymeson moved that the Council adopt the proposed budget with the recommended changes, and that the tax rate be \$1.00.

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

Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of the following ordinance for the acceptance of the 1954-55 Budget:

ORDINANCE NO. 1260

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

Section 1. In accordance with the amendments Sub-section (a) and (b) of Section 1194 of the Montgomery County Code (1947 Edition), being Sub-sections (a) and (b) Section 1300 of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being also Articles 16 and 17, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition) title (Montgomery County), sub-title "Takoma Park", sub-heading "Budget and Taxes", the following budget is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

*insert Budget*

Section 2. Salaries herein provided may be paid monthly or semi-monthly, as the recipient may desire. Rental shall be paid at the end of each month. All bills where possible to discount same may be paid within the discount period.

Section 3. Not more than 10% of any Contingent Fund may be spent in any one month except by express authorization of the Council; nor may any such fund be used for salaries or other personal services.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried and the ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of the following Ordinance accepting the tax rate @ \$1.00 per hundred dollar assessed valuation:

ORDINANCE NO. 1261

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

Section 1. That a general tax rate of One Dollar (\$1.00) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation, be and the same is hereby levied and approved and the treasurer is hereby authorized to collect taxes on the basis of the \$1.00 tax rate on all real and public utilities property lying in the corporate limits of Takoma Park, and to proceed to advertise for sale such delinquent properties that may be in arrears on the date specified by law. This tax rate shall also be used as the general tax rate of the City for the purpose of meeting all and any general expenses for the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried and the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Councilman Sidell moved that the Council take no action on the letter Mayor Miller received from Mrs. Lillian Ralls in connection with her application before the Board of Zoning Appeals to increase the facilities of her nursing home.



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

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 a.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard Jr.  
Clerk and Treasurer



EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
June 14, 1954

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Councilman Kozel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 24 and June 3, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Bid from the Suburban Trust Company on the ten \$3,500.00 Certificates of Indebtedness @ 2.5% per annum.
2. Bid from the Citizens Bank on the ten \$3,500.00 Certificates of Indebtedness @ 1.9% per annum.
3. Letter from Chief M. E. McBride, Fire Dept., recommending that Robert Edward Rhan be appointed as a private in the Fire Department on a six months probationary period with an annual salary of \$3000.00, effective July 1, 1954. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Acknowledgement of sympathy from Mrs. Herald Hirst and family. Referred to Council files.
5. Post card from Dick Fenn concerning attendance of conference in San Francisco. Referred to Council files.
6. Letter from Raymond H. Brown, Pastor, Grace Methodist Church, commending the Mayor and Council for re-initiating invocation at Council meetings. Referred to Council files.
7. Letter from H. Earle Russell, Chairman, Joint Committee, acknowledging receipt of letter concerning Halloween festivities. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. Letter from Charles H. Seitz, Secretary, Missionary Volunteers, expressing appreciation for allowing the Missionary Volunteers to stage a parade May 9. Referred to Council files.
9. Letter from Alvin A. Sarra expressing appreciation for the assistance given his mother by the Rescue Squad. Referred to Public Safety files.
10. Letter from Mrs. Robert Mandel concerning problem of drainage at Forest Park. Referred to Public Works Committee.
11. Letter from Bernard G. Johnson complaining of damage done to his home by children in the playground adjoining his property. Referred to Public Safety file.
12. Letter from Charles Johnson, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, concerning car wash. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
13. Letter from Ernest J. Umberger, Chairman, Committee on Development of Washington Park, North Takoma Citizens' Association requesting shelter house at Washington Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
14. Letter from Charles D. Lampe, President, Spring Park Community Association, concerning hazard of open storm sewer within City at rear of 209-211 Spring Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.



15. Letter from Charles D. Lampe, President, Spring Park Community Association, expressing appreciation for the improvement of Forest Park; also for prompt attention to the matter of Woodland Avenue repair. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Miller announced the appointment of Councilman Sydney W. Tymeson as Mayor pro tem.

Mayor Miller reported on his attendance at the Maryland Municipal League's Convention at Ocean City which was also attended by Councilman Juhl, Mr. Hilliard, and Mr. Earl W. Thomas. Mayor Miller requested that Councilman Juhl prepare information to present to the citizens concerning Home Rule in order that they may be cognizant of the advantages Home Rule government would offer.

Mr. Charles Johnson, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, addressed the Council with reference to the poll taken in Hampshire Greens concerning the car wash on New Hampshire Avenue. He contended that if the citizens of that area could have been informed by the Association of the facts concerning the car wash as to zoning, etc., that they could have been persuaded to see the Association's viewpoint. He felt that an unfavorable reflection had been cast on the Association as a result of conducting the poll.

Mayor Miller explained that the poll was not conducted to discredit the Association but was conducted to obtain the individual opinions of the citizens in the Hampshire Greens area with regard to the car wash.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison reported that the problem of the drainage situation at Forest Park had been referred to the committee for a subsequent report.

Mr. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works, stated that a report concerning the lot in front of Shapiro's property should be ready by the end of the week.

With reference to Oswego Avenue, the Supt. of Public Works reported that all details have been completed except settlement.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell reported that the preparation for plans for the sidewalk on Boston Avenue had been delayed due to the death of the surveyor.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved to grant the Langley Park Lions Club a permit for a carnival to be held during the first and second week in Sept. on the southwest corner of New Hampshire Avenue and University Lane.

Councilman Juhl seconded the motion.

Councilman Forehand rescinded the preceding motion.

Mr. Hilliard was directed to contact Mr. McNeill of the Langley Park Lions Club in order to obtain the full particulars concerning the carnival before a permit was granted.

Councilman Forehand moved that Robert Edward Rhan be appointed a private in the Fire Dept. on a six month probationary period with an annual salary of \$3000.00, effective July 1, 1954.

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



Councilman Forehand requested the City Clerk to address a letter to the Corporation Counsel asking him to render an opinion concerning Carnig's store on Carroll Avenue to see if an amicable solution could be effected to relieve the situation in the back of the stores to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, addressed the Council stating that there is a private right of way in the rear of these stores for the ingress and egress of the property owners and that the only way the City could obtain this right of way was to have the property condemned, granted, or bought.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel suggested that as soon as the Finance Committee accepts a bid for the Certificates of Indebtedness, that the payment due the architect be rendered as soon as possible.

Mayor Miller announced that some temporary drinking water facilities would be provided in Sligo Park and Long Branch Park until such time as the Park and Planning Commission installs water fountains.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that the City accept the bid of the Citizens Bank for the ten \$3,500.00 Certificates of Indebtedness at 1.9% per annum.

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

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved to accept plat of Dorothy M. Ward, Ordinance No. 1255.

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

Councilman Juhl moved the adoption of an Ordinance to accept plat of Gorin Bros.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1262

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

Section 1. THAT the plat of the resubdivision of part of Block 10, New Hampshire Gardens, Takoma Park, Maryland, as per plat recorded in Plat Book \_\_\_\_\_ at Plat \_\_\_\_\_ among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland into Lots 4 to 18, Block 10, New Hampshire Gardens, Takoma Park, conveyed by Gorin & Horning, Inc., a District of Columbia Corporation, to Gussie Gorin, Theresa E. Horning, Harry E. Gorin and Louis Gorin by deed dated April 16, 1942 and recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland in Liber 653 at Folio 174; also all of the land conveyed by Barnsley Williams and Frances K. Williams, his wife, to Gussie Gorin, Theresa E. Horning, Harry E. Gorin and Louis Gorin by deed dated January 16, 1946 and recorded among the same Land Records in Liber 804 at Folio 271, from which Joseph F. Horning and Theresa E. Horning, His wife, relinquished their claim by a quitclaim deed dated October 13, 1950 and recorded among the same Land Records in Liber 1284 at Folio 3, is hereby approved subject to conditions as set forth in Ordinance 920 adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting on February 5, 1949.

Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried and the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell.



Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Councilman Juhl moved the adoption of an Ordinance to accept plat of Earl J. Opal.

ORDINANCE NO. 1263

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

Section 1. THAT the plat of the resubdivision of Lot 28, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, as per plat recorded in Plat Book \_\_\_\_\_ at Plat \_\_\_\_\_ among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, into Lots 28A and 28B, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, conveyed by John B. Diamond, Treasurer of Montgomery County, Maryland, to Earl J. Opal and Alma T. Opal, his wife, by deed dated October 15, 1947 and recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Liber 1110 at Folio 265; Earl J. Opal and Alma T. Opal to Artlen Corporation by deed dated April 2, 1954, and recorded in said Land Records in Liber 1908 at Folio 456; decree dated April 26, 1954, to Earl J. Opal and Alma T. Opal and of record in Equity Case No. 17193, is hereby approved subject to conditions as set forth in Ordinance 920 adopted by the Mayor and Council at a Special Meeting on February 5, 1949.

Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried and the Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Councilman Juhl moved that Byrne Austin be granted a permit to display a campaign banner over Carroll Avenue in front of the Fire House and that he assume all responsibility to display same in accordance with regulations of the Potomac Electric Power Company, etc.

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

Councilman Juhl moved that the Council make \$200.00 available to the Public Works Department for the purchase of American flags.

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

Mr. Earl W. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works, asked the Council if they were interested in having one or two flagpoles installed in front of the Municipal Building. Mayor Miller referred this matter to the Civic Improvements Committee.

The City Clerk, Mr. Harold J. Hilliard, was directed to address a letter to the State Roads Commission requesting a progress report on the plans for the Carroll Avenue widening.

With reference to the paving of the Municipal Building's lot, Mayor Miller referred this matter to the Civic Improvements Committee.

Mr. Earl W. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works, requested authorization from the Council to make arrangements with PEPCO to provide service outlets for Forest, Spring and Washington Parks. Mayor Miller referred this matter to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Peter Remsen, Inspector of Buildings, submitted to the Council a report on the progress of the establishment of permanent files in his department.



Mayor Miller displayed an award for safety the City has received for the third year from the National Safety Council and commended the Police Department for this achievement.

Councilman Forehand moved that William Randolph be appointed a private with the Police Dept. on a six month probationary period at an annual salary of \$3000.00 effective July 1, 1954.

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

Mayor Miller appointed the Public Safety Committee to head a Civil Defense program.

Councilman Kozel requested that the City Clerk address a letter to the American Automobile Association's Cartography Department forwarding a map of the City.

Councilman Kozel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

George M Miller  
Mayor

Howard Sidell  
Clerk and Treasurer



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
June 28, 1954

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Reverend Ray Ryland of Trinity Episcopal Church delivered the invocation.

Councilman Forehand moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 14, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct.

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

Mr. Hilliard presented the financial report as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
May, 1954  
Summary

	Revenues May 1954	Revenues 5/31/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
4/30/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank		34786.23		
4/30/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.		2220.96		
4/30/54 Bal. Both Banks		<u>37007.19</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
1.0 General Taxes	10963.97	359222.06	22606.31	336615.75
1.0 Penalties & Interest	91.71	581.31	81.31	500.00
2.0 Licenses & Permits	662.10	21257.33	1692.67	22950.00
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	181.50	1716.35	983.65	2700.00
4.0 Use of Money & Property	.00	150.00	117.00	267.00
5.0 Revenue-Other Sources	290.09	30167.08	332.08	29835.00
6.0 Service-Current Services	269.00	2472.90	1072.90	1400.00
Rms. & Apts. - Reg.	80.00			
Accounts Receivable	179.34			
Police Dept.-Towing Charge	46.00			
	<u>12763.71</u>	415567.03	21299.28	394267.75
	<u>49770.90</u>			
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
10. Gen. Govt: Clerk's Off.	2596.29	31874.73	4685.27	36560.00
10. " " Govt. Bldgs.	770.52	31813.13	18803.13	13010.00
10. " " P/W Shop	972.16	17149.36	5779.36	11370.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5065.75	56787.72	6393.09	63180.81
11.2 Fire Dept.	3004.30	49831.34	1363.65	51194.99
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1932.85	16331.94	808.06	17140.00
12.2 " " Highway	3202.50	39309.08	7409.08	32000.00
12.5 " " Street Lighting	887.09	9009.40	1240.60	10250.00
13.3 " " Sanitation	4621.17	58584.34	4784.34	53800.00
19.3 " " Recreation	1265.44	14824.28	3595.03	11229.25
19.4 Cultural: Library	.00	12606.64	193.64	12413.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	843.73	9531.60	477.57	10009.17
22.1 Capital Budget	2913.56	78192.18	8183.88	70008.30
23.1 Insurance	.00	7437.34	1624.34	5813.00
Accounts Received	6.00			
Rms. & Apts. - Reg.	480.98			
Towing Account	58.00			
	<u>28620.34</u>	433283.08	35304.56	397978.52
5/31/54 Bal. Both Banks		<u>21150.56</u>		



		<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT</u>	
5/31/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	18929.60	4/30/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	13810.78
5/31/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	2220.96	Deposits in May 1954	5960.86
5/31/54 Bal. Both Banks	<u>21150.56</u>		<u>19771.64</u>
		Withdrawals May 1954	.00
		5/31/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>19771.64</u>

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from H. Earle Russell, Chairman, Joint Committee, concerning the violation of the car wash. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
2. Letter from Mrs. Eleanor D. Switts, Asst. Chairman, Forest Park Recreation Council asking for traffic control signs on the approaches to Forest Park. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Letter from Caroline Hardy containing a favorable comment concerning Mr. Carnig's market. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Letter from Milton Bollman protesting the City's proposal to transfer the Public Works Department to Oswego Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Letter from Wallace L. Braun, Acting Director of Vehicles and Traffic, Government of the District of Columbia, concerning the resurfacing of Maple Avenue between Carroll Avenue and the District Line. Referred to general files.
6. Letter from Mrs. Anna M. Shadle attaching signatures of nine persons registering a complaint concerning the smoke nuisance emanating from the Elektrik Maid Bake Shop on Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee. Mr. Hilliard, Clerk, was directed to address a letter to Mrs. Shadle stating the information as noted in Lieut. Carter's report concerning this complaint.
7. Petition submitted by Mrs. Jessie H. Kirk containing nineteen signatures requesting action to alleviate the conditions causing the flooding of the general area of Takoma, Buffalo, Albany and Baltimore Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.

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Mrs. Jessie H. Kirk, 506 Albany Avenue, addressed the Council enumerating the dangers and health menaces resulting from the floor condition, and asked the Help of the Council to institute corrective measures.

Mr. Edward Hendered, 510 Albany Avenue, presented to the Council a sketch of the area affected by the floods.

Mr. Walter McClenon asked if something could be done to eliminate the overhanging limbs on Tulip Avenue between Cedar and Holly Avenues which make that portion of the sidewalk impassable to pedestrians.

Mr. McClenon asked the Council if any provisions had been made to conduct a study of the Charter to ascertain whether or not there are to be any amendments to submit to the citizens at the next election. Mayor Miller replied that plans for a Citizens' Advisory Committee were being formulated and this Committee would take such matters into consideration.

Mr. Stephen L. Curtis addressed the Council concerning the rooming house ordinance and asked if they had under consideration any modifications to the housing ordinance.

Mr. E. Brook Fetty addressed the Council in relation to the parking problem existing in back of the stores on Carroll Avenue between Grant and Philadelphia



Avenues and registered his protest against Mr. Carnig's noncooperation concerning this problem.

Mr. James Phillips and Mr. John Coffman, owners of business establishments in this block, joined with Mr. Fetty in his protest and asked the Council for assistance.

Mr. Lutes addressed the Council concerning the registration of his apartments complaining of continued payment of fees pursuant to the initial registration. Mayor Miller suggested that he comply with the ordinance in accordance with the Building Inspector's letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Superintendent of Public Works, Earl W. Thomas, reported that the plans for the improvement of Ritchie Avenue between Niagara and Oswego Avenues had been completed, and that the property owners should be notified.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following ordinance for notice of public hearing:

ORDINANCE NO. 1264

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

Section 1. In accordance with Article 1198, Section (b), The City has under consideration an improvement on Ritchie Avenue between Oswego and Niagara Avenues abutting Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block 60, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, Block 59, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, said improvement to consist of bituminous concrete paving, concrete curb and gutter, and related storm drain structures.

Section 2. A Public Hearing will be held on this proposed improvement by the City Council at the Municipal Center, No. 8 Columbia Avenue, on July 26, 1954, at 7:00 p.m. at which time the abutting property owners and all interested parties will be heard in connection with this proposed construction work.

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried and the ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

In regard to the control of traffic in the vicinity of Forest Park, Councilman Forehand moved that "SLOW" signs be erected on the Prince George's and Elm Avenues approaches to Forest Park.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the following persons be appointed as Special Police for the City of Takoma Park for a period of one year;

Arthur Phipps  
William I. Thompson  
O. W. Youngblood  
S. Michael Derato

Warren J. Magner  
O. J. Forehand  
C. E. Werback  
M. E. Taylor



Robert E. Mohr  
 Vincent Amoroso  
 Henry J. Myers  
 Freeman D. Slye  
 David L. Merkle  
 Ormond J. Valentine

Russell Ridgeway  
 John Coffman  
 Heister K. Bucher  
 Carl Crezee  
 T. J. Gooch

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

Chief M. E. McBride, Fire Department, unofficially announced his pending resignation as Chief of the Fire Department due to the fact that he was accepting an appointment with the Civil Service. He stated that he would be available to serve the City in his present capacity until a successor could be appointed.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

With reference to the complaint of Mr. Johnson concerning the playground at Silver Spring Intermediate School, Councilman Kozel directed that the City Clerk address a letter to the Montgomery County School Board requesting that they erect a fence around this playground.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that bills in the amount of \$8,076.02 for the month of May be approved.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

The Mayor and Council approved the procedure of permitting preliminary resubdivision plats to be approved by the Supt. of Public Works and the City Clerk without Council action when these plats did not involve dedications to public use.

Mayor Miller directed that the Civic Improvements Committee work with the Public Welfare Committee in a study of sanitation land fill.

Mayor Miller suggested that the Civic Improvements Committee take under study block zoning.

Concerning the matter of leave due the department heads prior to January 1, 1953, Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of an ordinance to provide the following:

- Earl W. Thomas -- Payment of \$300.00 in lieu of using 73 days of accumulated leave.
- Chester E. Thomas -- Payment of \$200.00 in lieu of using 42 days of accumulated leave.
- Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., -- Payment of \$200.00 in lieu of using 42½ days of accumulated leave.
- Melvin E. McBride -- 35 days of accumulated leave to be used.

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion.

Councilman Sidell withdrew the motion; Councilman Forehand withdrew the second to the motion.

Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following ordinance:



## ORDINANCE NO. 1265

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

WHEREAS the Department Heads accumulated certain accrued annual leave previous to the enactment of Ordinance No. 1138 adopted by the Mayor and Council on July 14, 1952, for which they have not used or received compensation in lieu thereof;

AND WHEREAS their failure to take this leave or receive reimbursement was not due to the fault of the Department Heads but was the result of reorganization and certain contingencies and emergencies which precluded their absence from the City;

IT IS THEREFORE the feeling of the Council that the Department Heads who did accumulate such annual leave previous to January 1, 1953, be reimbursed on the basis of the number of days of accumulated leave on record at that time as follows:

Earl W. Thomas	\$350.00
Chester E. Thomas	\$200.00
Harold J. Hilliard, Sr.	\$200.00
Melvin E. McBride	- Thirty-five days leave for which he will receive compensation until August 15, 1954.

AND in addition ten days leave will be granted for Earl W. Thomas, Chester E. Thomas and Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., to be taken during 1954 or 1955 depending upon time and circumstances which may be compatible with prevailing conditions.

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried and the ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard, Sr.  
Clerk and Treasurer