

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 12, 1954

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

Councilman Collison moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 28, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from M. E. McBride, stating his resignation as Chief of the Fire Dept. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
2. Letter from Stedman Prescott, Jr., concerning drainage problem on property of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kirk, Jr., 506 Albany Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
3. Letter from R. L. Matthews, requesting a fence along property line of his property at 514 Elm Avenue which is adjacent to playground at Prince Georges and Elm Avenues. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
4. Letter from Dr. L. N. Tauber, requesting the removal of parking meters located in front of 8624 Flower Avenue, Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from Carole Highlands-Hillwood Manor Recreation Council asking for financial assistance from Takoma Park to buy arts, crafts and athletic supplies in the amount of \$63.06. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. Letter from B. H. Bradford, 7420 Birch Avenue, relative to the flood condition in his home and around his area. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. Letter from M. E. McBride, Secy. Fire Board, stating various actions taken at last Fire Board meeting. Referred to Public Safety file.
8. Letter from Emily Monitor, of Forest Park Recreation Committee, thanking Council and City staff for their cooperation in equiping and preparing Forest Park for its summer recreation program.
9. Letter from the Community around Colby Avenue, asking that this street be repaired. Referred to Public Works Committee.
10. Letter from Ronald Senseman, advising that the specification for the new Municipal Library will have to be rewritten. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
11. Letter from Daniel Lewis and Lee Jordan of the Citizens Association of Takoma and vicinity advising that it was the decision of the association to have Ritchie Avenue paved with concrete. Referred to Public Works Committee.
12. Petitions with 120 signatures protesting the moving of Public Works Department to Oswego Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.

Mayor Miller addressed the citizens stating that at this meeting the citizens were not usually permitted to speak, but due to the number of citizens present there must be something of importance to be considered, therefore, asked that any

citizens wishing to express their problem would be given the privilege at this time.

Lee Jordan, addressed the Council in behalf of the Citizens' Association of Takoma, protesting to the moving of the Public Works Department to Oswego Avenue.

The following citizens spoke in protest to the moving of the Public Works Dept. to Oswego Avenue:

James Ross	Samuel Paulding	William Gross	Kennon J. Guest
39 Oswego Ave.	40 Oswego Ave.	130 Ritchie Ave.	45 Oswego Ave.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison advised the Council that the land survey in front of the new apartment owned by Mr. Shapiro had been made as requested; the land value being \$8000.00, and that the City estimated the street improvement for Niagara Avenue would cost Mr. Shapiro \$8000.00, a total of \$16,000.00. Councilman Collison further stated that the Committee met with Mr. Shapiro giving him these figures and Mr. Shapiro had notified the Committee that he accepted their proposition which is based on laying drain tiles to enclose Brashears Run directly in front of his property.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance for the sale of the lot to Mr. Shapiro plus appraiser's fee.

ORDINANCE NO. 1267

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

Section 1. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park have determined that it is in the public interest to proceed with the enclosure of a portion of Brashears Run between the intersection of Niagara and Ritchie Avenues and the intersection of Maple and Lincoln Avenues, and that in order to accomplish the enclosure it is deemed necessary that the City of Takoma Park dispose of, by sale, a portion of ground owned by them described as follows:

Being part of an unsubdivided parcel of land lying between Maple and Niagara Avenues in Takoma Park and beginning at a point on the south line of Niagara Avenue, said point being south 20° 02' 57" E. 30.00 ft. from the Southeast corner of Lot 11, Block 59, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision of Takoma Park and running thence:

1. S 20° 02' 57" E. 21.68 ft. to the north line of Maple Avenue; thence with Maple Avenue.
2. S 59° 37' 50" W. 284.90 ft.; thence
3. N 25° 27' 07" W. 72.56 ft. to the South line of Niagara Avenue; thence with Niagara Avenue
4. N 69° 51' 13" E. 287.12 ft. to the point of beginning and containing 13.411 sq. ft. of land.

Section 2. AND THEREFORE, it is ordained by the Mayor and City Council that the City of Takoma Park authorize the Corporation Counsel for the City, to prepare such instruments of conveyance as may be necessary to transfer the ownership of this ground from the City of Takoma Park to the purchaser and to see that such instruments are properly executed and placed on the land records of the county.

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

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance for the dedication of land on Niagara Avenue:

ORDINANCE NO. 1268

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

Section 1. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, upon consideration of the use of a portion of Niagara Avenue, have determined that it is not in the public interest to continue to hold said heretofore dedicated land as shown on a plat of "Part of Takoma Park" recorded in Plat Book "A" at Plat 50 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, for use of the public as a public street known as Niagara Avenue,

Section 2. AND THEREFORE, it is ordered that the City of Takoma Park hereby abandon all its rights, title and interest that it now has or may have in the following described portion of a heretofore dedicated area in "Part of Takoma Park" recorded in Plat Book "A" at Plat 50 of the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, which had been heretofore dedicated to the City of Takoma Park for the purpose of the construction of Niagara Avenue.

- (A) Being part of Niagara Avenue, 30 feet in width, as shown on a plat of "Part of Takoma Park" recorded in Plat Book "A" at Plat 50 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, and beginning at a point on the north line of said Niagara Avenue, said point being the southeast corner of Lot 11, in Block 59, as shown on said plat, and running thence across Niagara Avenue.
- (1) S 20° 02' 57" E 30.00 feet; thence with the south line of said Avenue
 - (2) S 69° 51' 13" W 287.13 feet; thence crossing said Avenue
 - (3) N 25° 27' 07" W 30.13 feet; thence with the north line of said Avenue
 - (4) N 69° 51' 13" E 289.96 feet to the point of beginning and containing 8,656 square feet of land.

Section 3. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Ordinance shall become effective only after an agreement, transferring by deed certain property abutting Maple Avenue to Shapiro Engineering Ins., has been properly executed and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

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

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to advertise for bids for the construction of the enclosure of Brashears Run:

ORDINANCE NO. 1269

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

Section 1. WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park have determined that it is in the public interest to proceed with the enclosure of a portion of Brashears Run between the intersection of Niagara and Ritchie Avenues and the intersection of Maple and Lincoln Avenues.

Section 2. AND THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Public Works shall proceed with the preparation of plans necessary to effect the enclosure and to advertise for bids for such work to be done.

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

Relative to the drainage problem in North Takoma originating on the B & O Railroad, Councilman Collison moved that the Council request the Corporation Counsel to send a letter to the B & O Railroad requesting them to get in touch with the WSSC with regard to a solution of the drainage problem originating on the B & O Railroad in North Takoma.

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

It was suggested that a copy of the letter from Staley and Prescott on behalf of Mr. Kirk be sent to the B & O Railroad.

Relative to the matter of the Elm Avenue drainage situation as complained of by Mr. Lampe, Councilman Collison advised that a recommendation on this matter will be made at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1270

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

Section 1. THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to secure Bids on a topographic survey

of the City of Takoma Park for the purpose of providing an accurate map suitable for use in planning a long range storm drain program.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell advised the Council that most of the work on the plans for the construction of sidewalk from 500 to 510 Boston Avenue, has been completed.

Councilman Sidell moved that the following policies are to be adopted for the administration of Ordinances 1207, 1216 and 1241:

1. The City Clerk shall furnish the Inspector of Buildings a copy of all registrations.
2. The City Clerk shall provide secretarial service for the Inspector of Buildings two days per week.
3. The Inspector of Buildings shall make the inspections required by these Ordinances and be responsible for enforcement, service of notices and orders as provided.
4. The Inspector of Buildings shall maintain records of the findings of each inspection.

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

Councilman Sidell advised the Council that the program of sidewalk repair would be started this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance for the acceptance of Bids on the new police car:

ORDINANCE NO. 1271

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

Section 1. THAT after having duly advertised according to law for the purchase of one (1) police car as provided for in the budget, for use of the Police Department of the City of Takoma Park, and after having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of the Logan Motor Co., it being the lowest bid received.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of one (1) Ford Police car be and is hereby awarded to Logan Motor Company for a price of \$1328.00 which includes trade-in allowance on Police car #2.

Section 3. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT the Logan Motor

Company is authorized to paint this police car white at no extra cost.

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

Councilman Forehand moved to accept the resignation of Chief M. E. McBride of the Fire Department as of July 5th with the understanding that he will continue to be in charge until the termination of his leave period which is up on August 15, 1954.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the Council instruct the Superintendent of Public Works to prepare plats to get a 10 foot dedication from the owners of the lots in the 7200 block of Carroll Avenue, namely, Texaco Station, Carnig's, Mrs. Lamond and Mr. Fetty.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the City Office be closed on Saturday mornings permanently, beginning the first Saturday in August, and stay open until 5:00 p.m. daily from Monday thru Friday starting the first Monday in August.

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

Relative to the request from Dr. L. N. Tauber, owner of apartment building at 8624 Flower Avenue to remove parking meters, Councilman Forehand moved that the Public Works Department remove the meters in front of 8624 Flower Avenue, provided that the driveways are installed with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Works and that the meters be relocated as necessary with the approval of the City Clerk and Treasurer.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Concerning the request from Carole Highlands-Hillwood Manor Recreation Council for financial assistance to pay for arts, crafts & athletic supplies, Councilman Kozel recommended that they be granted \$63.06 to purchase these supplies.

Councilman Kozel announced that beginning August 1st a band concert would be held every Sunday evening in one of the City parks.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1266

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

Section 1. THAT it is a subdivision of part of the lands conveyed by Albert E. Bryan to Edgar Norman Jackson by

deed dated the 26th day of May 1925 and recorded in Liber 374 at Folio 260 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland; being a resubdivision of parts of Lots 10 and 20, Block 58, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision as filed in Plat Book "A" at Plat 51 into Lot 40, Block 58, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision, 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 adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen McKenzie and Tymeson.

Councilman Juhl moved that Mr. Hilliard be instructed to write Mr. Douglas Bradshaw a letter instructing him to obtain an option to purchase a certain piece of unimproved property adjoining the Takoma Park Junior High School and the Montgomery County Board of Education property, and that Mr. Earl Thomas furnish Mr. Hilliard the legal description of this tract of land.

The Corporation Counsel suggested that plans should be considered toward codifying the Ordinances thus bringing them up to date in order to prepare for publication.

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

George M Miller
Mayor

Harold Hilliard Sr
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 26, 1954

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Elder Leslie R. Mansell, Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, delivered the invocation.

Councilman Sidell moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 12, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard presented the financial statement for the month of June, 1954, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 1954
Summary

	Revenues June 1954	Revenues 6/30/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
5/31/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	18929.60			
5/31/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	2220.96			
5/31/54 Bal. Both Banks	<u>21150.56</u>			

REVENUES

1.0 General Taxes	2509.57	361712.33	25096.58	336615.75
1.0 Penalties & Interest	108.07	689.38	189.38	500.00
2.0 Licenses & Permits	3289.06	24546.39	1596.39	22950.00
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	162.40	1878.75	821.25	2700.00
4.0 Use of Money & Property	.00	150.00	117.00	267.00
5.0 Revenue-other sources	2401.73	30489.08	654.08	29835.00
6.0 Service-current services	18.00	2490.90	1090.90	1400.00
Rms. & Apts.-Registration	222.50			
Accounts Receivable	921.44			
Police Dept.-Towing Charge	45.50			
	<u>9678.27</u>	421956.83	27689.08	394267.75
	30828.83			

DISBURSEMENTS

	Disb. June 1954	Disb. 6/30/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
10. Gen. Govt: Clerk's Office	3603.59	35478.32	1081.68	36560.00
10. " " Govt. Bldgs.	704.15	32516.50	19506.50	13010.00
10. " " P/W Shop	1164.83	18659.23	7289.23	11370.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5024.73	61908.94	1271.87	63180.81
11.2 Fire Dept.	3175.42	53055.48	1860.49	51194.99
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1975.96	18307.90	1167.90	17140.00
12.2 " " Highway	3225.22	42534.30	10534.30	32000.00
12.5 " " St. Lighting	914.76	9924.16	325.84	10250.00
13.3 " " Sanitation	4530.95	63115.29	9315.29	53800.00
19.3 " " Recreation	1755.22	16579.50	5350.25	11229.25
19.4 Cultural: Library	327.60	12934.24	521.24	12413.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	3424.23	12195.39	402.01	12597.40
22.1 Capital Budget	.00	78192.18	8183.88	70008.30
23.1 Insurance	113.81	7551.15	1738.15	5813.00
Accounts Received	57.83			
Rms.&Apts.-Registration	534.02			
Towing Account	16.00			
	<u>30548.32</u>	462952.58	62385.83	400566.75
	280.51			
Checks #2621 & #2642 cancelled	8.34			
Balance 6/30/54	288.85			

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Bal. 5/31/54	Citizens Bank	19771.64	Unappropriated Surplus as per	
	Deposits	<u>424.45</u>	Budget 7/1/53	43526.78
		20196.09	From Unappropriated Surplus to	
	Withdrawn	<u>37.50</u>	Estimated Appropriations	<u>31775.78</u>
Bal. 6/30/54	Citizens Bank	<u>20158.59</u>		<u>11751.00</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from George and Olive Scott, 7305 Willow Avenue, requesting completion of storm drain through their property. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter signed by residents of 1203-1209 Holton Lane concerning water washing across the rear of their properties, asking that measures be taken to correct the situation. Referred to Public Works Committee.
3. Letter from Stephen L. Curtis, Secretary, Central Takoma Park Citizens' Association, in which the Association enumerates reasons for not having the library building located at the proposed site, suggesting instead that the proposed library building be erected on the lot opposite the Municipal Building, submitting reasons as to why this site was preferable. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RITCHIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT:

The Superintendent of Public Works explained that it had been the policy of the Council in the past not to have the City participate in assuming part of the cost for new improvements, and this possibly would apply to the improvement of Ritchie Avenue. The City owns a 30 foot right of way on this street. The present proposed plan provides for the paving and curb and gutter to occupy the entire 30 foot width, paving to consist of a 4" base and 2" bituminous top; also certain storm drain structures.

Mr. Thomas, Superintendent of Public Works, stated that an asphalt street, according to the proposed plan, would cost the property owners approximately \$16.45 per assessable foot, and \$21.40 per assessable foot for concrete paving. Mr. Lee Jordan, one of the property owners present, stated that he and the other property owners concerned preferred a concrete paving, the cost of which would be paid on a five year basis.

Councilman Collison stated that he and Mr. Thomas, Superintendent of Public Works, would be present at the next citizens' meeting of the Ritchie Avenue area so that they could explain the types of pavements and also the merits of having sewer, water and gas connections installed prior to constructions.

Mr. Walter McClenon questioned an article in the Takoma Journal which read that if the City did not receive approximately 50% of their revenue from the State and sources other than City taxes, the tax rate for the City would be at least \$2.00. He remarked that he was concerned about the implication in the article that the tax rate could exceed \$2.00, contrary to the provisions in the Charter.

Mr. Hilliard explained that the tax rate, as stated in the Charter, could not exceed \$2.00, but emphasized the fact that if the City did not receive revenue from other sources that the tax rate would have to be the maximum \$2.00 as provided in the Charter in order to operate the City.

Mr. Michael Derato spoke in favor of locating the library building across from the Municipal Building if the Council was intending to change the site.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1272

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

Section 1. THAT in connection with the proposed construction of a storm drain from the outlet of the Second Avenue drain across Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 12, Pine Crest Subdivision, to connect with the existing drain on Allegheny Avenue which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission estimated would cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.00, the City of Takoma Park entered into an agreement with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to pay one-half of this cost or an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Section 2. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission agreed to this arrangement as indicated by their letter of April 14, 1954.

Section 3. AND WHEREAS the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has requested the City of Takoma Park to advance at this time the sum of \$3,000.00 to cover the City's share of this construction work, the Council authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to make this advance payment with the understanding that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will agree to reimburse the City for any part of the \$3,000.00 which exceeds one-half of the total cost of the project as stipulated in the agreement.

Councilman Sidell 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 Collison reported that there would be a meeting on July 29, 1954, between officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the City concerning the Albany Avenue flooding condition.

Councilman Collison moved that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to prepare plans for bids on storm drainage for the total improvement of the Forest Park area.

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

Councilman Collison moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids on the above construction work as soon as the plans have been prepared by the Superintendent of Public Works.

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

Councilman Collison suggested that the title of the Superintendent of Public Works be changed from Superintendent of Public Works to Director of Public Works. He stated that this would permit the designation of superintendent for those persons in charge of the various divisions of the Public Works Department, i.e., Superintendent of Sanitation, Superintendent of Streets, and Superintendent of Parks. He suggested that this might be advisable from a morale standpoint in addition to conforming to the

general trend followed in most public works departments.

The Mayor directed that the Committee Chairman meet and consider Councilman Collison's suggestions as being applicable for consideration in the proposed plan to reward employees for meritorious service.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie reported that the Superintendent of Public Works had drawn up an ordinance that would make it illegal to enter storm drains, and that a copy of same had been forwarded to the Corporation Counsel for his approval.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell reported that plans have been prepared for the Boston Avenue sidewalk, and that the City Clerk could advertise for bids for the construction of this sidewalk.

The Superintendent of Public Works reported on the sidewalk program and advised the Council that he was proceeding with the sidewalk improvements on the following basis:

1. Immediate repairs were being made to all hazardous sidewalk conditions that were the unquestioned responsibility of the City without the benefit of assessment.
2. Hazardous locations are being tabulated that possibly are a joint responsibility of the City and abutting property owners.
3. Sidewalk conditions that seem to justify being done on an assessment basis are being tabulated.

He stated that the reports would be submitted to the Council sometime in the early fall.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Mayor Miller suggested that a sign warning of a sharp curve on Ethan Allen Avenue be placed on Ethan Allen Avenue near Manor Circle.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel presented the following report, submitted by the Superintendent of Public Works, to the Council concerning the recreational program:

1. Band concerts to be held in Washington Park on Sundays, August 1st through September 5th.
2. Teen Dances to be held at the Fire House Gym on Friday, July 30th.
3. Organization of a Teen Club beginning Sept. 28th, to be held every Friday at the Takoma Park Recreation Center Shelter under the paid supervision of Mr. Nero Continetti.
4. Continued cooperation with the County Recreation Department in expanding and supervising the Saturday night roller skating program at the Fire House Gym.

Under Consideration: 1. Adult square dancing.
2. Bicycle safety program.

With reference to the architect's fees for the revision of the Library plans, Councilman Kozel moved that an auxiliary contract be drawn up to provide the payment of not more than \$1500.00 to Ronald S. Senseman, for the revision of the library plans.

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

Councilman Kozel informed the Council that the Public Works Department was erecting signs identifying parks by their names.

Mayor Miller directed that the City Clerk address a letter to the Forest Park Council thanking them for the type of program they held on the 18th of July, and to state that the Council hopes they will continue to have such programs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that the bills in the amount of \$16,269.95 for the month of June be approved.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

With reference to the property owned by Mrs. Roberts on which the Council is desirous of obtaining an option, Councilman Juhl reported that Mr. Bradshaw was unable to obtain Mrs. Roberts' consent for an option but that she would sell the property to the City for \$2500.00. The City would also have to pay Mr. Bradshaw's fee of \$125.00, and \$125.00 for search of title.

The Council was not in favor of purchasing the property, and Mr. Hilliard was directed to contact Mr. Bradshaw again and ask him to endeavor to obtain a 90 day option.

Councilman Forehand moved that Lt. Carter be appointed Acting Fire Chief until the 15th of August.

Councilman Forehand withdrew his motion.

Mr. Hilliard was directed to address a letter of sympathy to Stephen LaScola in the bereavement of the death of his father.

Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, addressed the Council with reference to the amount due the Maryland Enterprise Co., explaining in detail the results of the meeting with the representatives of the Maryland Enterprise Co. and the Trustees in Bankruptcy which he and the Superintendent of Public Works attended, and presented for the Council's consideration what he thought would be an amicable solution to be submitted to the Referee in Bankruptcy for final action.

The bill as determined by the Superintendent of Public Works amounted to \$6,338.95. The bill as submitted by Maryland Enterprise Co. amounted to \$10,172.10. The items on the Maryland Enterprise Co. bill were reviewed and compared with the items presented by the Superintendent of Public Works.

Two items were found to be of doubtful nature, one in the amount of \$1,490.00 for certain paving performed as extra work and not called for on the plan. The other item was in the amount of \$378.00 representing equipment belonging to the City of Takoma Park and used by the Maryland Enterprise Co. during construction.

The adjustment figure agreed to amounted to one-half of each of the above items. This adjustment figure, added to the sum determined by the Superintendent of Public Works amounted to an agreed figure for payment of \$7,281.95.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of an ordinance to settle the account

for \$7,281.95, subject to acceptance by the Referee in Bankruptcy.

Councilman Collison withdrew his motion.

Councilman Collison moved that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to negotiate with the terms as presented to the Council.

Councilman Sidell 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, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

George M. Miles
Mayor

Harold J. Willard
Clerk and Treasurer