

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 13, 1954

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

Councilman McKenzie moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that they be accepted as approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mrs. Rice complimenting the City on the band concerts during the summer months. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
2. Letter from Dr. Nikolas Keller opposing rezoning application A-2367. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Petition regarding undesirable building on Tulip Avenue.
4. Petition regarding opposition to rezoning petition A-2367.

Mayor Miller announced the appointment that the following persons had been appointed to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Council:

Dr. E. Jack Coulson	John W. Coffman
George Kennedy	Mrs. Roderic Davis
Gracia Woods	Arthur Phipps
Clayton Railey	Walter McClenon
Oliver W. Youngblood	Michael Derato
Harry Millard	Mrs. Emily Monitor
Mr. Stephen Curtis	

Mayor Miller announced that other appointments would be made in the near future for honorary consultants of local government agencies for the Citizens' Advisory Committee should they wish their services.

Mayor Miller also stated that within the next 10 days a meeting would be called to determine winter recreational programs.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

The following citizens addressed the Council expressing their views and reasons for opposing rezoning petition A-2367, Ida S. Asher, Beatrice Levin and Ruby V. Eddy owners, Lots 13,14,15,16,24,25,26,27,28,29 and 30, Block 33, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision for reclassification from R-55 to R-18 zone:

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Andberg 1013 Heather Avenue	Samuel Isaacson 1010 Elm Avenue
Mr. Chapman 906 Larch Avenue	Mr. & Mrs. Hutton Heather Avenue
Dr. Keller Elm Avenue	

Following a lengthy discussion on this matter Councilman Juhl moved that this petition be approved contingent upon the following items which are vital to the question of change in the zoning as applied for:

1. That Lot eight (8) will not be used as a drive.
2. That, that portion of the property which is within the right-of-way of New Hampshire Avenue shall not be included in this rezoning. (Lot 30 and portions of Lots 13 and 29 lies within the right-of-way and the zoning should remain in its present status.)
3. That Lots 16 and 17 should be included in this parcel. If not included they will be facing R-20 zone on a dead-end street.
4. That Linden Avenue will be closed from Elm Avenue through to New Hampshire Avenue.
5. Because of the proposed closing of Linden Avenue it will be necessary for the owners of the development to provide for adequate storm water drainage and grant easements on the property for the necessary utilities.
6. That it is the understanding of the City Council that the intent of the definition of dwelling (multiple row) as found on Page 10, Sec. 10, Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance will be adhered to, namely, "not over five (5) dwelling units shall be arranged side by side, separated by party walls, and having a roof and exterior walls in common".

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with Councilman McKenzie voting nay and Councilman Kozel not voting.

Councilman Juhl moved the adoption of the following Ordinance authorizing the purchase of the Girls' Portion, lot owned by Mrs. Sarah V. H. Roberts:

ORDINANCE NO. 1279

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

Section 1. THAT option for the purchase of the Girls' Portion of the tract of land owned by Sarah V. H. Roberts, known as, 2-8/10 acres recorded in Liber 264, Folio 44 &c. one of the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland, consisting of 67,112.5 sq. ft. of land, be executed on behalf of the City of Takoma Park and that a total sum of \$2500.00 be paid by the City Clerk and Treasurer to the owner of this property subject to the owner furnishing a good title, free of all encumbrances, and

Section 2. THAT the Clerk and Treasurer shall be authorized to make a deposit of \$250.00 to bind the contract, the difference of \$2250.00 to be paid upon receipt of the title.

Section 3. THAT the City of Takoma Park employ the Citizens Title Company for the purpose of searching the title on this land, such costs to be paid by the Clerk and Treasurer in addition to the \$2500.00 purchase price.

Councilman Tymeson 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 Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, Sidell, McKenzie and Tymeson. Nays: None.
Absent: Councilman Collison.

In regard to the letter from Mr. Robert Bains, Attorney at Law, notifying the City that suit was intended against the City for the damages allegedly done to

the McCauley property located at Piney Branch and Philadelphia Avenues, Mr. Gingerich reported that he in accompaniment with Earl W. Thomas, Superintendent of Public Works, and Harold J. Hilliard, Clerk and Treasurer, made inspection of these premises the next morning after this rain storm and he was of the opinion that this condition was not due to any negligence on the part of the City or the City's facilities - - that even the McCauley's thought this condition was due from some faulty condition of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie reported that the Trustees in the bankruptcy petition of the Maryland Enterprise Company received the City of Takoma Park's offer to settle the account of the Maryland Enterprise Company and it is understood that the referee in this petition will notify the City of Takoma Park their decision within a few days.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the City appoint the O'Connell Auditing firm to continue the audit of the City books.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved that the Council appoint Chief R. E. Carter as delegate, and Irving Johnson as alternate to the Montgomery County Fire Board.

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

Councilman Forehand recommended that letters of condolence be written to Officers Jones and Anderson of the Police Department, in their time of bereavement.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance for the installation of quiet signs:

ORDINANCE NO. 1280

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

Section 1. THAT there is established a quiet zone within the area of 300 feet in all directions from the premises known as 435 Ethan Allen Avenue.

Section 2. THAT within the said quiet zone there shall be no loud or boisterous noises of any kind; that the said loud or boisterous noises prohibited to be and include the sounding of horns, racing of motors, both automobile, motorcycle, truck or other automotive equipment, and the playing of radios, television sets and other loud and boisterous noises which may disturb the peace and quiet within the area.

Section 3. THAT violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00 or imprisonment of 5 days, or both.

Councilman Tymeson 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 Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None.
Absent: Councilman Collison.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time upon motion properly made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 14, 1954

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, McKenzie, Kozel, Sidell and Tymeson. Those absent: None.

Mayor Miller addressed the Council regarding zoning Petition A-2367, concerning the action taken by the Council at the Executive Meeting on September 13, 1954. He stated that he felt that the action taken was too hasty and that the Council should have discussed the matter more in detail and taken into consideration the views expressed by the citizens at the Council meeting on the proposed rezoning from R-55 to R-18 and that he had called this special meeting for the purpose of having a full and complete discussion of the matter.

The Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee, Councilman Juhl reiterated the position of the Civic Improvements Committee and again read the recommendation which was approved at the meeting on September 13, 1954. After a lengthy discussion on the subject, Councilman Collison moved that the action of the Council at their meeting on September 13, 1954 be rescinded.

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

On the majority vote the Mayor stated the action of the Council on September 13, 1954, approving the zoning application, had been rescinded.

A further discussion on the question resulted in Councilman Collison presenting a motion that the Council disapprove the reclassification of Petition A-2367 from R-55 to R-18 zone.

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

The Mayor then directed the Clerk to address a letter to the Park and Planning Commission informing them of the Council's recommendation and return the papers received with their letter; also address a letter to the Prince George's County Commissioners advising them of the action taken by our Council on this Petition.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon the motion being properly made, seconded and put to question, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

David J. Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer

Note: See page 141 for public hearing of Sept. 27 at 7:15 P.M. 137

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 27, 1954

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Absent: None.

Reverend James King of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, delivered the Invocation.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 13, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct.

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

Councilman Forehand introduced the members of the Fire Department to each of the Councilmen, and Chief Carter introduced each member of the Fire Department to the Council.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August, 1954
Summary

	Revenues Aug. 1954	Revenues to 8/31/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
6/30/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	113806.69			
6/30/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	7502.38			
6/30/54 Bal. Both Banks	121309.07			

REVENUES

1.0 Taxes: General	49087.03	241504.70	120525.74	362030.44
1.0 Penalty & Interest	.00	82.71	417.29	500.00
2.0 Licenses & Permits	309.50	939.69	22385.31	23325.00
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	19.00	66.00	2134.00	2200.00
4.0 Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	175.00	175.00
5.0 Revenues-other sources	553.08	381.61	30518.39	30900.00
6.0 Refuse Collection (Comm.)	286.00	559.00	1441.00	2000.00
7.0 Rms.&Apts. Registration	84.00	127.96	7897.04	8025.00
Towing Charges	24.00			
Accounts Received	18.37	243661.67	185493.77	429155.44
	50380.98			
Less Discount	700.43	49680.55		
	170989.62			

DISBURSEMENTS

	Disb. Aug. 1954	Disb. to 8/31/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
10.1 Clerk's Office	3258.33	7278.97	30642.03	37921.00
10.81 Government Bldgs.	339.71	531.83	4098.17	4630.00
10.1001 P/W Shop	1744.15	4415.05	6884.95	11300.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5216.06	12038.73	60235.14	72273.87
11.2 Fire Dept.	3266.44	8638.99	39466.01	48105.00
11.3 Protective Inspection	470.00	947.06	5502.94	6450.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1526.95	3103.06	18161.94	21265.00
12.201 " " General	12772.52	26224.27	65841.73	92066.00
12.2 " " Highways	3715.65	4092.14	2147.86	6240.00
12.4 " " Highway Lighting	965.12	1826.67	8473.33	10300.00
13.4 " " Sanitation	1224.10	3137.10	13862.90	17000.00
19.3 " " Recreation	438.58	1659.25	3130.75	4790.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	.00	13710.00	13710.00
21.1 Miscellaneous Expense	3738.05	4400.15	5509.85	9910.00
22.1 Capital Budget	3000.00	5499.66	18983.03	24482.69
23.1 Insurance	272.86	2097.04	5592.96	7690.00
Accounts Received	383.42	85889.97	302243.59	388133.56

Towing Charge Account	4.00	42335.94		
8/31/54 Bal. Both Banks		<u>128653.68</u>		
8/31/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	120125.08		Estimated appropriations 7/1/54	382639.90
8/31/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	8528.60		From unappropriated surplus	<u>5493.66</u>
8/31/54 Bal. Both Banks	<u>128653.68</u>			<u>388133.56</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

7/31/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	21890.94
	Deposits in August	<u>869.81</u>
8/31/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>22760.75</u>

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

7/31/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	32790.92
	No deposits or withdrawals	<u>.00</u>
8/31/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>32790.92</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mrs. W. H. Tennant, 7805 Cole Avenue, requesting that street lights be installed on Cole Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from Mrs. Winifred M. Koym commending the Council's action with regard to the recent rezoning petition submitted. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Letter from James D. Kelly, 601 Boston Avenue, regarding the problem of drainage existing at the corner of Takoma and Boston Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
4. Letter from R. H. Lutes requesting a hearing before the Council concerning registration. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

Mr. Hilliard, Clerk, brought to the Council's attention a request by Mr. Spillers to use the gymnasium for the purpose of holding a Dog Show, stating that he had informed Mr. Spillers that it was against the policy to use the gymnasium for such purposes. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller spoke in reference to a derogatory letter appearing in the Takoma Journal concerning the recent action of the Council on Rezoning Petition #A-2367. Mayor Miller publicly clarified the reasons for the reversed decision explaining that such reversal was based on facts presented after the original decision, and reiterated his previous statement that he and the Council have and will continue to represent the citizens of Takoma Park in an impartial manner and to base decisions on fact not faction.

Mr. Michael Derato, addressor of the letter referred to above, stated that he had the impression that the Council was afraid to vote for fear of offending one of the Councilmen or someone else.

Mr. R. A. Lutes, 8214 Flower Avenue, addressed the Council concerning an application he filed with the Inspector of Buildings questioning the need for separate applications and the matter of the fee involved. This matter was referred to the Public Welfare Committee for advisement.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison asked the Corporation Counsel to report the status of the

complaint concerning the flooding of the McCauley property. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that it appeared that the cause originated from a flooded sewer and that the City would not be liable for damages.

With reference to the Albany Avenue flooding conditions, Councilman Collison requested that the Corporation Counsel communicate with the B & O Railroad officials informing them of the City's intention to close the gap in the right-of-way within thirty days unless an alternative proposal to alleviate the situation is received from the B & O Railroad within the thirty days.

Councilman Collison reported that he had been unable to contact the Scotts concerning the Willow Avenue storm drainage, and requested the Clerk to address a letter to the Scotts asking that they make an appointment with him and Mr. Thomas to discuss the situation.

In connection with the problem of water washing across the properties in the rear of 1203-1211 Holton Lane, Councilman Collison requested that the Clerk address a letter to the property owners asking their forbearance in the alleviation of this problem until the City could obtain the plans from the State Roads Commission as to the proposed widening of New Hampshire Avenue as this proposed widening would affect the water wash.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that settlement on the Maple Avenue project has been completed except for the Order from the Referee in Bankruptcy.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved the acceptance of the resignation of Private Russell C. Brown, Police Department, effective September 30, 1954.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Police Clerk Elliott M. Anderson's status be changed to Police Private in conformance with the Merit Plan, such change to be effective October 1, 1954, and that his probationary period continue from Aug. 10, 1954, the date of his employment with the City.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Robert William Milbrath be appointed as a Police Desk Clerk on a six month probationary period, effective October 1, 1954, with an annual salary of \$3000.00, such appointment subject to the results of Mr. Milbrath's physical examination.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the acceptance of the resignation of Richard L. Keegan, Police Department, effective as of September 25, 1954; that he be paid through September 25th; payment for five days leave due to be subject to Chief Thomas's approval and the return of Police clothing.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Sgt. S. J. LaScola, Jr., Fire Department, be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant at a salary of \$4200.00, retroactive as of September 15, 1954.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Curtis J. Baird be appointed as a Fireman on a six month probationary period, effective October 1, 1954, with an annual salary of \$3000.00.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel reported that he had received a letter from Mrs. M. E. Kelly regarding the injury her son sustained while skating in the gymnasium asking if the City carried insurance to cover such an accident. The Corporation Counsel advised that the City was not liable in any way for this accident.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills in the amount of \$13686.07 for the month of August, 1954, be approved.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl reported on the Maryland Municipal League's meeting which he attended and stated that the Home Rule Amendment was discussed at length, and that the League would like to have as many municipalities as possible pass a Resolution for Home Rule.

Councilman Juhl advised that the School Board had passed a resolution to give the City of Takoma Park ingress and egress to Roberts' property.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Paula J. Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer

PUBLIC HEARING
September 27, 1954

Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, called the hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. Those present: Mayor Miller, Councilmen Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson.

The hearing was called for the purpose of hearing the property owners to be affected by the proposed improvement of Glenside Court.

The property owners present were Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Sietz (owners of Lot 2), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bean (owners of Lots 3 and 4), and Mr. J. C. Dennison (owner of Lots 5 and 6).

Proposed was the improvement of Glenside Court between Merwood Drive and Haverford Road for the purpose of paving and installing curb and gutter; said improvements to abut Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 9, New Hampshire Highlands Subdivision.

Mr. Dennison was in favor of the improvement but the other property owners were undecided. Consequently Councilman Collison suggested that he and the Supt. of Public Works meet with the property owners and explain in detail the proposed construction. In this way the property owners could familiarize themselves as to what construction was to be done and the method of financing thus enabling them to come to an affirmative or negative conclusion.

George M Miller
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard Jr
Clerk and Treasurer

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 11, 1954

Mayor pro tem Tymeson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, and Sidell. Absent: Councilman Collison. Mayor Miller and Councilman Juhl were delayed due to their attendance at a previous meeting.

Councilman Forehand moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 27, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Petition signed by ten citizens of the 8400 block of Piney Branch Road protesting the alleged abuse in the use of the service drive for this block as a result of the new apartment buildings; also protesting the interference by the Police Department in prohibiting children from playing in this service drive. Referred to the Public Works and Public Safety Committees.
2. Report from Superintendent of Public Works concerning the above petition stating that the apartment houses fronting Flower Avenue, with the rear of the properties abutting the service drive, do not interfere with any portion of the paved surface of the service drive. The Superintendent recommended that the Council schedule a public hearing to discuss an improvement to this service drive.
3. Report from Lt. Bell, Police Dept., in regard to subject petition stating that in accordance with Police Regulations children do not have the right to play in the alleyway, and that this regulation should be enforced.
4. Letter from Mrs. Ruth Carney in regard to the fire hazard in existence due to the fireplace on the property adjoining her property. Referred to Public Safety Committee and Law and Ordinances Committee. Mayor pro tem Tymeson requested that Chief Carter submit a report on this matter by Wednesday.
5. Letter from Ed Johnson, Executive Secretary, Maryland Municipal League, concerning the City's purchase of certain pamphlets for distribution. Referred to Council files.
6. Letter from Carlyle B. Haynes in regard to the neglect in the collection of refuse in the area of 6902 Sycamore Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. Letter from J. Roger Hodges in connection with the proposed site for the location of the Public Works Department which would be adjacent to his property. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
8. Letter from Mrs. Sylvia Mostow expressing appreciation for the band concerts held in Washington Park during the summer. Referred to Council Files.

Mayor pro tem Tymeson asked that the Clerk address a letter to the Chief of Special Police and Chief of the City Police Department expressing appreciation for the excellent job done in connection with Governor McKeldin's visit in the City on Sunday, and to exhibit these letters on the bulletin board.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell read letter from State Roads Commission in which they proposed an exchange between State and municipalities for the maintenance of

certain roads. The following are the roadways now maintained by the State which the State Roads Commission proposes that the City take over for maintenance: All of Carroll Avenue from Flower to the District Line; a portion of Takoma Avenue from Eastern Avenue to Albany Avenue; a portion of Ethan Allen Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to Elm Avenue. The Superintendent of Public Works recommended that the proposal be accepted upon the following conditions: The State maintain Route 410 through the entire City; the State maintain the bridge on Carroll Avenue over Sligo Creek.

Councilman Sidell moved that the City accept for maintenance Route 195 from Flower to Eastern Avenue (with the exception of the maintenance of the bridge over Sligo Creek), and Route 605 from Albany Avenue to Eastern Avenue if the State will accept the maintenance of 410 in its entirety through the City.

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

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported on the negotiations with the trustees of the Maryland Enterprise Company and stated that the Referee advised the Trustee that the creditors of the Maryland Enterprise Company should receive notice of the offer, and if no objections were received the offer of the City of Takoma Park would be accepted. Mr. Gingerich explained that this was the reason for the delay in settlement.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

In regard to Mr. Lutes' request for a hearing concerning the registration of his rooming house, Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that he was not entitled to hearing unless he was in grievance as a result of inspection, or of fees to be paid.

With reference to Mr. Carlyle Haynes's letter concerning refuse collection, Councilman Sidell reported that Mr. Kimble of the Public Works Department had spot-checked the neighborhood of Mr. Haynes and had received favorable comments from those interviewed concerning the collection of refuse.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand read letter from Chief of Special Police in which he requested that consideration be given to a plan whereby the special policemen would be allowed to have tours of duty with the members of the police department. Councilman Forehand stated that this suggestion would be taken under advisement by the Public Safety Committee.

Councilman Forehand presented a resume of the traffic count on Maple Avenue from September 29 through October 5, and stated that the Committee would study the report and would endeavor to present a proposal for the alleviation of the traffic problem at the next meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

With reference to the matter of outside communities using our Library for a small fee, Councilman Koziel stated that this was strictly a matter for the Library Association to decide upon inasmuch as the City does not operate the Library.

Councilman Koziel recommended that the item appearing on the agenda concerning

parking for municipal gym be transferred to the Civic Improvements Committee.

Mayor pro tem Tymeson suggested that in the future all items pending be dated as to when first placed on the agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

In connection with the 1/2 and 3/4 year assessment on new improvements, Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that it would be in order to place a time limit before inflicting penalty for non-payment of these tax bills, but it would not be in accordance with the law to allow any discount.

In regard to the issue of Home Rule, Councilman Juhl moved that the City Council put itself on record as unanimously in favor of the Municipal Home Rule Amendment to the Maryland Constitution.

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, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Donald J. Hilliard Sr.
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 25, 1954

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

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Schearrer of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church delivered the Invocation.

Councilman Tymeson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 11th and that they be accepted as correct.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
September 1954

	Revenues Sept. 1954	Revenues to 9/30/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/55	Total Budget
8/31/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank		120125.08		
8/31/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.		8528.60		
8/31/54 Bal. Both Banks		<u>128653.68</u>		

REVENUES

1. Taxes: General	18655.45	260169.15	101870.29	362030.44
1. Penalty & Interest	.00	82.71	417.29	500.00
2. Licenses & Permits	327.53	1267.22	22082.78	23350.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	116.70	182.70	2017.30	2200.00
4. Use of Money & property	.00	.00	175.00	175.00
5. Revenues: Other Sources	316.83	451.11	30448.89	30900.00
6. Service Charges	78.00	637.00	1363.00	2000.00
7. Rooms & Apts.- Registration	67.50	195.46	7804.54	8000.00
Towing Charges	25.00			
Accounts Received	907.37			
	<u>20494.38</u>			
Less Discount	110.58	20383.80		
		<u>149037.48</u>		

DISBURSEMENTS

	Disb. Sept. 1954	Disb. to 9/30/54	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/54	Total Budget
10.1 Clerk's Office	3100.57	10471.79	27449.21	37921.00
10.81 Govt. Bldg.	229.83	761.66	3868.34	4630.00
10.1001 P/W Dept: Repair Shop	1832.64	6872.69	4427.31	11300.00
11.1 Police Dept.	6313.25	18351.98	53921.89	72273.87
11.2 Fire Dept.	5606.65	14279.87	33825.13	48105.00
11.3 Protective Inspection	721.84	1668.90	4781.10	6450.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1828.88	4926.26	16338.74	21265.00
12.201 " " General	13058.73	39160.72	52905.28	92066.00
12.202 " " Highway	325.00	4417.14	1822.86	6240.00
12.401 " " Highway Lighting	1037.44	2864.11	7435.89	10300.00
13.4 " " Sanitation	1289.80	4426.90	12573.10	17000.00
19.3 " " Recreation	130.34	1782.12	3007.88	4790.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	10362.43	10362.43	3347.57	13710.00
21.1 Misc. Expense	1408.23	4935.05	4974.95	9910.00
22.1 Capital Budget	4011.93	9561.46	17953.41	27514.87
23.1 Insurance	.00	2097.04	5592.96	7690.00
Accounts Received	1207.37			
Towing Charge Account	54.00			
		<u>52518.93</u>		
		<u>96518.55</u>		
		136940.12	254225.62	391165.74

9/30/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	86799.77
9/30/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	9718.78
9/30/54 Bal. Both Banks	96518.55

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

8/31/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	32790.92
No deposits or withdrawals	.00
9/30/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	32790.92

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

8/31/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	22760.75
Deposits	232.26
	<u>22993.01</u>
No withdrawals	.00
9/30/54 Bal. Citiz. Bank	<u>22993.01</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Chief Carter of the Takoma Park Vol. Fire Dept. in answer to the complaint of Mrs. Carney, 51 Philadelphia Avenue, relative to the alleged nuisance emanating from the fireplace of an adjacent property.
2. Letter from Department of Defense in which was explained the Department's position with respect to the discontinuance of Armed Forces band concerts in the public parks of the City of Takoma Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
3. Petition requesting that Larch Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to East West Highway be made one-way and speed reduced. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Letter from Takoma Park Maryland Library, asking that the revised plans be accepted by the Council in order that advertisement of bids might be made. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
5. Letter from WSSC relative to Barclay Avenue storm drainage project. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. Letter from Mrs. James Gallagher regarding parking situation on Hickory Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller welcomed Girl Scout Troop #563 who were present to witness the procedure of the meeting of the Mayor and Council. Mayor Miller introduced each member of the Council, the press and the Department Heads giving a brief resume of the duties of each.

Miss Linda Princetall of 7254 Carroll Avenue, asked the Council why the City does not have a health center as the other areas. Councilman Forehand advised that thought was being given to try and re-establish the Health Center within the City.

Miss Betty Ann Jones, 7414 Maple Avenue, asked if the Council didn't think a swimming pool was needed. The Council advised that this might be forthcoming in a long range recreational program.

Mr. Sweeney, 1103 Larch Avenue, addressed the Council asking for any help the Council could possibly give to alleviate the traffic condition on Larch Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue to East West Highway.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison reported that his Committee would have a recommendation soon regarding the improvement of Glenside Court.

The matter regarding the situation in the alleyway of the 8400 block of Piney Branch Road was discussed and referred to the Public Works Committee for further recommendation concerning an improvement.

Councilman Collison reported that no reply had been received from the officials of the B & O Railroad relative to the Albany Avenue flooding situation.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie advised the Council that study was being made on an Ordinance for the purpose of construction and use of fireplaces.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Relative to the refuse collection complaint at 6902 Sycamore Avenue, Councilman Sidell advised that he had made a check and found the condition to be satisfactory at that time.

Regarding the improvement to sidewalks, Councilman Sidell advised that a study had already been prepared and submitted to the Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Relative to the condition existing in the alleyway of 8400 block of Piney Branch Road, Councilman Forehand recommended that letters be written to each of the signers of the petition advising them it is unlawful for children to play in the alley.

Councilman Forehand brought up the question of overtime payment to firemen and police due them for the time they worked during the hurricane emergency. Relative to this Councilman Tymeson moved that each department head hand in a list of the overtime, giving name of employee, number of hours worked and the dollar value involved which will be studied and recommendation made at next meeting.

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

It was suggested that the City Clerk send a memo to the department heads and letters to the Special Police and Volunteer Firemen expressing thanks for the work done by them during the emergency.

Lt. LaScola of the Fire Department, gave a brief resume of his schooling period in Wheeling, W. Va.

Councilman Forehand moved that \$45.00 be appropriated from the contingent fund of the Fire Department to cover the expenses of Lt. LaScola for his course at Wheeling, W. Va.

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

Councilman Forehand presented the traffic count taken on Maple Avenue and moved that the City Clerk write to all property owners on Maple and Cedar Avenues between the District Line and Philadelphia Avenue to be present at a hearing at the gym of the Fire House on November 8, 1954, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing widening of Maple Avenue or making both streets one-way.

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

It was also suggested that Mr. Lewis of State Roads Commission be invited to attend the above mentioned hearing.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel moved that re-advertisement for bids on the Library be made.

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

Councilman Kozel pointed out the following tentative program for the gym:

Monday-----	Boys' Club	Thursday---	Boys' Club
Tuesday-----	Boys' Club	Friday-----	Dance - Teen-age
Wednesday--	Teen Open House	Saturday---	Roller skating (afternoon & evening)

It was suggested that a letter be directed to the Montgomery Board of Education asking permission to use the gym of the Junior High School on Piney Branch Road from now thru April to be used by the Takoma Park Boys' Club for basket ball and also to ascertain the exact cost of the use of this gym.

Councilman Kozel displayed plans for a shelter at Washington Park at an approximate cost of \$1100.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills in the amount of \$16,950.24 be approved for payment.

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

Councilman Tymeson recommended that Mr. Hilliard write a letter to PEPCO asking for rebate for the period the lights were off throughout the City during the recent hurricane. Councilman Tymeson also recommended that the PEPCO be written to ascertain whether there are any plans for the installation of feeder lines in this area.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the offer from Mr. Byrne Austin to purchase Lot 56, Hobart Subdivision for \$750.00 be accepted.

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

Councilman Tymeson moved that the amount of \$9111.65 covering the City's share of cost of enclosure of Brashear's Run be paid to WSSC.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl spoke on the possibilities of off-street parking within the City which would cost approximately \$100,000.00.

Councilman Juhl moved that zoning petition B-141 for request to rezone from R-60 to R-20 be denied.

Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with Councilman Forehand not voting.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion being properly made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Harold J Helbeck
Clerk (and Treasurer)