

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 10, 1955

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

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 13, 1954, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller addressed the citizens present and the Council stating that inasmuch as Mr. Hilliard had been doing a considerable amount of work in connection with the Civil Defense program, he, with the approval of the Council, was appointing Mr. Hilliard as Director of Civil Defense for the City of Takoma Park, and that if at a later date it was found that this work, in addition to his other duties, entailed too much of a burden on him, then consideration would be given to finding a qualified retired citizen who could devote his entire time to the program.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Charles E. Johnson, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association of Takoma Park, expressing appreciation for services rendered by Mr. Earl Thomas and in Public Works Department in providing electricity for the lighting of the community Christmas tree. Referred to Council files.
2. Letter from Carlyle B. Haynes, 6902 Sycamore Avenue, commending the Police Department for their efficient service. Referred to the Council files.
3. Letter from Stephen L. Curtis, President, Community League of Takoma Park, transmitting resolution passed by the League in which they ask the City Council to seek legislation whereby the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Prince George's County section of Takoma Park would be prohibited. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
4. Letter from H.D. Darnell, Chairman, Safety Committee, Takoma Park Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, petitioning for adequate crossing protection at the intersection of Park and Carroll Avenues for children going to and coming from the Takoma Park Elementary School. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from E.S. Hillman regarding traffic on Takoma Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. Letter from Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, Park and Planning Commission, regarding zoning amendment petition #A-2451, Nicholas Orem, Jr., Attorney, Lots 12-16, Block 1, George A. Gude Property, request for reclassification from Zone C-1 to Zone C-2. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Letter from James C. Edwards, Pres., Veterans Council, regarding newly elected officers; also offering the Veterans Council's service to assist in community welfare and health work. Referred to Council files.
8. Letter from Harry B. Shaw, Chief Engineer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, relative to arrangements for a meeting with the B. & O. Railroad representatives and City officials. Referred to Public Works Committee.
9. Letter from Henry E. Marschalk, Chairman, City Fire Board, commending Lt. LaScola for rescuing Mrs. Mary Buffin from a recent fire at her dwelling. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

10. Letter from Mrs. Vincent A. Lutkiewitz, enclosing letter she addressed to the Postmaster General regarding postal service. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
11. Letter from Mrs. Ready relative to hedge obstructing driveway on Philadelphia Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
12. Letter from R. H. Mohr and C.E. Werbach concerning their dismissal from the Special Police Force.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Regarding the proposed meeting with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission the B. & O. Railroad Company and the City, Councilman Collison stated that he felt it would be better to have the B. & O. Railroad representative meet with the Public Works Committee before having a joint meeting with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Councilman Collison asked that the Clerk address a letter to the B. & O Railroad Co. suggesting a date as to when a representative might meet with the Public Works Committee.

With reference to the improvement of Glenside Court, Councilman Collison Moved that Mr. Denison be given the option of one of the following:

1. Making a surface treatment without having the City accept maintenance responsibility;
2. Pave one-half of the street (the side on which Mr. Denison resides) which would be accepted for City maintenance. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Relative to Larch Avenue, Councilman Forehand reported that the Committee recommended postponing making Larch Avenue one-way inasmuch as a complete survey was to be made at a later date of all the streets in the City as to the advisability of making certain streets one-way. Councilman Forehand directed that the Clerk address a letter to the citizens of this area advising them of the Committee's recommendation.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following ordinance with regard to off-street parking on Maple Avenue:

ORDINANCE NO. 1287A

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

Section 1. WHEREAS Maple Avenue is a narrow street and does not provide sufficient width for traffic to flow safely in both directions, and having received numerous complaints from the citizens living in this area, as well as reports of quite a number of accidents, a public hearing was held on November 8, 1954, for the purpose of receiving the views of the people as to how the Council could intelligently solve this problem, and

Section 2. WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee and the Council having made a very careful study of this situation giving considerable emphasis to the suggestions and views of the people made at this public hearing, it is the consensus of opinion that parking should be restricted on both sides of Maple Avenue between Carroll Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue, on a trial basis for 90 days effective February 1, 1955, during the hours as stipulated below:

7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Section 3. WHEREAS the Supt. of Public Works is hereby directed to install the necessary signs on the effective date of this Ordinance, February 1, 1955.

Section 4. AND FURTHER that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by other Ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that a letter be written to Governor McKeldin requesting that he reappoint Mr. J. Wilson Dodd as a Notary Public to the 13th District of Montgomery County inasmuch as his Commission expires May, 1955. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1288

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

Section 1. In the interest of public safety and public welfare it is ordered that no parking be permitted on the north side of Heather Avenue Service Drive beginning at the intersection of the Service Drive and Heather Avenue, and extending to the intersection of Heather Avenue and Glengarry Place, to be effective immediately.

Section 2. The supt. of Public Works is directed to install the necessary signs within the area specified in Section 1.

Section 3. AND FURTHER that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by other Ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, 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 Forehand moved that Pvt. W.A. Flagg of the Fire Department be promoted to the rank of Sgt. with an annual salary of \$3750.00, retroactive to December 15, 1954. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1289

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

Section 1. WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee has given study to the parking situation near intersections of public thoroughfares in the City of Takoma Park,

Section 2. AND WHEREAS many complaints have been received by the Police Dept. pretesting the promiscuous parking near intersections which restricts the free and safe movement of traffic and creates hazardous conditions for pedestrians when motor vehicles are parked too close to crossing zones,

Section 3. AND WHEREAS in the public interest it is ordered that no parking shall be permitted within forty feet of the curb line of all intersections of public thoroughfares in the City of Takoma Park, such restricted zones to be indicated by painted lines in the streets as directed.

Section 4. AND WHEREAS the Supt. of Public Works is hereby instructed to have the lines painted in accordance with the foregoing section.

Section 5. AND FURTHER that the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by other Ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the Public Works Dept. be authorized to build a booth for the officer directing traffic at Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues, at a cost not to exceed \$85.00.

Councilman Tymeson moved to amend the preceeding motion to provide that the \$85.00 for the cost of constrction be charged to the Police Dept. as contingent fund.

Councilman Forehand accepted the amendment. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion as amended. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that probationary Private William H. Randolph of the Police Department receive his permanent appointment to the Takoma Park Police Department, effective as of January 1, 1955. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Special Police organization, which was originally organized as a Civil Defense unit for Takoma Park, be dissolved as of this date, and that sincere thanks and appreciation be extended to them for their volunteer service in manning certain intersections at churches on Sundays and on other occasions when their services were needed to assist regularly appointed officers. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that an appropriate letter be written to each of the citizens who served in this capacity and who gave of their free time unstintedly in serving as crossing guards on Sundays and at other times thanking them for their service and cooperation. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that a letter also be written to the members of the Special Police asking that all equipment issued to them such as badges, flashlights, clubs, etc., be returned to the City of Takoma Park. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the following ten men be appointed as Special Police in Takoma Park to assist the Chief of Police in his department, such appointments to take effect immediately:

Mr. Vincent Amoroso	8111 Carroll Avenue	Mr. A. Phipps	209 Spring Avenue
Mr. M. Derato	413 Lincoln Avenue	Mr. Freeman Slye	7312 Trescott Ave.
Mr. Warren Magner	7526 Maple Avenue	Mr. Wm. Thompson	710 Ludlow Street
Mr. D. Merkle	207 Spring Avenue	Mr. O. Valentine	6920 H. H. Avenue
Mr. Henry Myers	606 Elm Avenue	Mr. O.W. Youngblood	7131 Maple Avenue

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Regarding the undetermined property line at the site of the new library building, Councilman Kozel moved that the Clerk check with the Corporation Counsel as to whether or not it was necessary to determine the property line, and if not, have the architect withdraw the permit. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that payment of bills in the amount of \$9603.60 for the month of November be approved. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that the bill in the amount of \$50.00 be paid to the Potomac Band for the concert rendered during the past summer, and that it be charged to the Parks and Recreation Fund. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Mayor Miller advised the Council that the Citizens' Advisory Committee desires to be known as the Takoma Park Citizens' Planning Committee.

The Council had no objection to this change.

With regard to Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2451, Nicholas Orem, Jr., Attorney, Lots 12 through 16, Block 1, George A. Gude Property, Takoma Park, request for reclassification from the C-1 Zone to the C-2 Zone, Councilman Juhl recommended that Mr. Nicholson be requested to furnish additional information as to the proposed use of the subject site, before the Council approves or disapproves the request.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Clerk be instructed to bring to the next Council meeting a Certificate of Merit to be awarded to Lt. LaScola, and that Lt. LaScola be notified to be present at the next Council meeting. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich advised the Council that there were two matters he wished to discuss with them at this time, one of which was a dinner meeting that had been called by some of the officials of the Citizens Bank and businessmen with respect to a Bond issue for the purpose of financing off-street parking in the City of Takoma Park. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that a dinner meeting had been arranged at the Langley Park Hot Shoppe to be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and that the Council had been cordially invited to attend. Mr. Gingerich stated the other matter was a protest by the Langley Park Citizens' Association and businessmen from that area to the State Roads Commission concerning the failure to provide ingress and egress to the new Baltimore-Washington express highway that will run within a short distance of this area, and that he thought some representative of Takoma Park should attend this meeting because Takoma Park would also be vitally affected.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Thomas called the Council's attention to the hazardous condition existing along Carroll Avenue for children walking to and from school as there are no sidewalks. He requested that consideration be given to black topping a walkway along Carroll Avenue in order that pedestrians could have some protection.

The Supt. of Public Works informed the Council that the Veterans' Council was

interested in erecting a war memorial, suggesting the site be that park area at Maple and Philadelphia Avenues.

Chief Carter suggested that study be given to the matter of increasing the wages of the firemen.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Harold H. Hilliard Jr.
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
Mayor and Council
January 24, 1955

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

Rev. Leslie R. Mansell, of the Seventh-day Adventist Church delivered the Invocation.

Councilman Tymeson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 10, 1955 and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard presented the Financial Statement for the Month of December 1954.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Revenues December 1954 Dec. 1954	Revenues to 12/31/54	Bal. Budget to 6/30/55	Total Budget
11/30/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	81398.95			
11/30/54 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	11009.86			
11/30/54 Bal. Both Banks	92408.81			

Revenues

1. Taxes General	5941.85	326242.77	35787.67	362030.44
1. Penalties & Interest	97.25	217.77	282.23	500.00
2. Licenses & Permits	351.13	19082.19	4267.81	23350.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	128.70	482.00	1717.70	2200.00
4. Use of Money & Prop.	.00	.00	175.00	175.00
5. Revenue, other sources	268.38	1248.54	29651.46	30900.00
6. Service Charges	48.00	1427.50	572.50	2000.00
7. Rm. & Apt. Registration	.00	217.96	7782.04	8000.00
Towing Charges	29.50	348919.03	80236.41	429155.44
Accts. Rec'd.	3.38			
	6868.19			
Less Discount	1.02	6867.17		
		99275.98		

Disbursements

10.1 Clerk's Office	3140.91	19700.69	18220.31	37921.00
10.81 Govy. Bldgs.	622.99	1988.64	2641.36	4630.00
10.1001 P/W Dept. Repair Sh.	865.21	11644.74	344.74	11300.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5434.42	35109.71	37164.16	72273.87
11.2 Fire Dept.	3766.66	25271.86	22833.14	48105.00
11.39 Protective Inspection	481.38	3225.08	3224.92	6450.00
12.1 P/W Dept., Office	1901.25	10426.10	10838.90	21265.00
12.201 P/W Dept., Gen.	9962.84	68406.48	23659.52	92066.00
12.202 P/W Dept., Highways	.00	6140.61	99.39	6240.00
12.401 P/W Dept., Lighting	1212.45	6001.06	4298.94	10300.00
13.1 P/W Dept., Sanitation	1443.68	8530.43	8469.57	17000.00
19.3 P/W Dept., Rec.	144.15	2319.33	2470.67	4790.00
19.1 Cultural-Library	.00	10362.43	3347.57	13710.00
21.1 Misc. Expense	1242.56	8845.03	1064.97	9910.00
22.1 Capital Budget	332.50	27235.53	8102.26	35337.79
23.1 Insurance	630.00	5736.54	1953.46	7690.00
Accts. Rec'd	389.61	250944.26	148044.40	398988.66
Towing Charges	229.50	31600.11		
12/31/54 Bal. Both Banks	67675.87			

12/31/54 Bal. Citizens Bank	55752.03	Estimated Appropriation 7/1/54	382639.90
12/31/54 Sub. Trust Co. (Bal)	11923.84	From unappropriated surplus	16348.76
12/31/54 Bal. both banks	67675.87	Est. Appropriation 12/31/54	398988.66

Special Improvement Account

11/30/54	Bal. Citizens Bk.	24466.99
	Deposits	721.88
	Cert. of Indebt.	17600.00
		<u>42788.87</u>
	Withdrawals	2037.50
12/31/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>40751.37</u>

Special Library Building Account

11/30/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	31280.84
	No. Deposits or withdrawals.	<u>.00</u>
12/31/54	Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>31280.84</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Daniel M. Lewis asking that Council install some kind of marker to designate the names of the streets at Sligo Parkway and Cherry and at Cherry and Colby, inasmuch as there has been some trouble in locating Colby Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from Duckett, Gill & Orem relative to the request for rezoning on Lots 12 through 16, Block 1, George A. Gude Property, Petition No. A2451 from C-1 zone to C-2 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Letter from John T. Parkerson relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
4. Letter from Milton Bollman relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
5. Letter from William R. Dickson relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
6. Letter from Dr. Ruth Standard relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
7. Letter from Mr. C.S. Longacre relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
8. Letter from Mr. L. Hartig relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
9. Letter from Mr. H.W. Klaser relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
10. Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Wm. L. Smith relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
11. Letter from J.A. Stevens relative to Multiple Family Ordinance. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
12. Letter from Clarence M. Kiefer relative to off-street parking on Maple Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
13. Letter from Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission relative to zoning Amendment Petition A2451. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
14. Letter from WSSC relative to North Takoma drainage situation in which they agree to meet with representatives of the City Council and the B & O Railroad Co. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

15. Letter from WSSC referring to our letter to Governor McKeldin concerning drainage problems which exist in the City of Takoma Park. Referred to Public Works Committee.
16. Letter from Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission relative to zoning Amendment Petition No. A2467. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
17. Letter from Prince George's County Commissioners transmitting three copies of the Prince George's County Fire Code. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
18. Letter from Mrs. Rose S. Rutledge stating her gratitude for the better lighting on Piney Branch Rd., to Takoma Ave. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
19. Letter from Senator John M. Butler relative to the changing of the Postal Mailing Route in the City of Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
20. Letter from Senator J. Glenn Beall relative to the changing of the Postal Mailing Route in the City of Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
21. Letter from Post Office Dept. in response to the City's letter relative to re-routing of Postal deliveries in the City. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue addressed the Council relative to asking for signatures on petition to oppose the extension of the sale of liquor license.

Mr. M.E. Taylor, 7604 Wildwood Drive, addressed the Council requesting information as to location and for what purpose to be used, as requested by zoning Amendment Petitions, A-2467 and A-2451.

Mr. Milton Kramer, 7602 Hammond Avenue, addressed the Council in which he gave a brief synopsis of the action leading up to the suspension of the four Special Police Officers and demanded that the Council and the Chief of Police publicly apologize for the suspension which in his opinion was not justified.

After Mr. Kramer had completed his remarks, Mayor Miller pointed out that Mr. Kramer was Chairman of the Public Safety Committee at the time the Chief of Police was reappointed for six months instead of the usual year and that no specific charges had ever been made publicly or privately, or given to the Chief of Police, informing him of this action. Mr. Kramer replied that the Chief was informed; at this point the Chief of Police arose and stated he "wished to beg Mr. Kramer's pardon but he had never been privately or publicly informed of the charges against him when his appointment was under controversy."

Mayor Miller ended his remarks by saying "the case was closed."

Following further discussion on the matter, the following citizens spoke endorsing the statements made by Mr. Kramer: Mr. Maurice Taylor, Mr. Robert Mohr, and Mr. Clarence Werbeck.

Mr. Phillip Matson, 7303 Willow Avenue addressed the Council asking for safety protection to children at the intersection of Park, Carroll and Columbia Avenues. Mr. Matson also asked if it might be possible to add the word "School" to the "Slow" sign on Maple Avenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Relative to the request for safety protection to the children crossing the street at the intersection of Park and Carroll Avenues, Councilman Forehand moved that the City Council hire another crossing guard for the location at the same rate per annum as the

other crossing guards; and also that starting January 24, 1955 the Superintendent of Public works has agreed to arrange for one man to be placed at this location in the mornings, while the noon and evening hours will be manned by the Police until such time as a new crossing guard is appointed.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that ~~Pat. R. E. Rhan~~ of the Fire Department be made permanent at an annual salary of \$3400.00 Retroaction to January 1, 1955.

Councilman Sidell seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Chief Carter of the Fire Department be granted leave from February 20 to February 28, 1955 to attend the Twenty-seventh Annual Fire Department Instructors Conference at Memphis, Tenn. ; and that he be granted \$175.00 for expenses, to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

Councilman Sidell seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand presented to the Council the matter of the need of a new siren on the Fire House and gave the various prices. Relative to this matter, Councilman Collison moved that this matter be referred back to the Public Safety Committee for further study.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison reported on meeting held with the Public Works Committee, the Superintendent of Public Works and Mr. Hunt and Mr. Johnson, representatives of the B. & O Railroad, in preparatory to a meeting with the WSSC which both gentlemen agreed to attend.

Councilman Collison requested that the City Clerk, Mr. Hilliard write a letter to Mr. J. Rodger Hodges informing him that there are no immediate plans for a Public Work site on the so-called Girl's portion of the Hodges Tract recently acquired by the City, but within the next two years this land will probably be utilized and we can assure him that this property will not be an eye-sore when so used.

Councilman Collison requested that Mr. Hilliard write a letter to Mr. Dennison advising him of the former action of the Council in regard to the improvement of Glenside Court.

Councilman Collison reported that he was present at the forming of the new Chamber of Commerce at Langley Park. He stated that an arterial Highway was discussed, which would bypass this business section and no plans had been made to have access into the shopping center. Councilman Collison further stated that he had requested Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Earl Thomas to contact the State Roads Commission in an endeavor to obtain plans in respect to problems that might effect the City.

Councilman Collison advised the Council that he had received a memorandum from the Superintendent of Public Works stating that Mr. J.B. Shapiro had requested that the date of his settlement be extended to coincide with the completion date of the storm drain construction. In this memorandum, Mr. Thomas gave the following reasons which he felt would be in the City's interest to amend the City's agreement in accordance with Mr. Shapiro's requests.

1. It would be considerably easier during construction to be working within the confines of property owned by the City in that if unknown factors similar to those experienced in the construction of Second Avenue and Maple Avenue arose, the City would have the opportunity to alter the plans without consultation or agreement with anyone else.
2. There would be a noticeable lack of pressure from Shapiro with regard to the speed of our progress inasmuch as unforeseen delays will be experienced.

Mr. Thomas also stated he did not feel that any steps should be taken, however, that might cause the City to become involved in any litigation in order to receive payment from Shapiro upon completion of the work.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie advised the Council that the Committee had written a letter to Perry O. Wilkinson, House of Delegates, Annapolis, Md., asking cooperation in having Legislation passed by the House of Delegates which would give that portion of the City of Takoma Park lying in Prince George's County comparable legislation with that which covers the portion of Takoma Park lying in Montgomery County; this request being made as a result of the following Resolution made by the Community League:

"Be it resolved that it is the sense of the Community League that the City Council should ask the Prince George's County Delegation to the House of Delegates for legislation to keep the part of Takoma Park lying in Prince George's County dry, as the part in Montgomery County is dry."

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel advised the Council that a schedule had been sent to the City showing just how the work is to be carried out in the construction of the Library.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills amounting to \$11,982.04 be approved for payment.

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson recommended that wherever possible, to encourage efficiency and economy within the departments in order that there might be a surplus at the end of the year.

Councilman Tymeson commended the Public Works Department for the good work being done in the repair of holes in the streets throughout the City.

Following an extensive study of the request for reduction of assessment on Maple Avenue by Mr. Martin, Councilman Tymeson moved that the request made by Mr. Ralph Shure, Attorney for Wilbert A. & J. M. Martin regarding the reduction of assessments on Maple Avenue be denied.

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved the amount of \$375.00 be authorized for the purchase of an auxiliary generator for Civil Defense which would be the City's share of the total cost of approximately \$1500.00, the balance to be borne by the County Civil Defense Agency.

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion.

Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that Zoning Amendment Petition A-2451, Nicholas Orem, Jr. Attorney; Lots 12 through 16, Block 1, George A. Gude Property, Takoma Park, be approved for reclassification from C-1 zone to C-2 Zone.

Councilman Collison 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 being properly moved, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard Jr.
Clerk and Treasurer