

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 May 9, 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.

Dr. Clarence E. Wise, former pastor of Lewis Memorial Methodist Church, rendered the Invocation.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 25, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Carlton Sickles, House of Delegates, stating that he would like to attend the meeting on May 11, 1955, regarding House Bill #806. Referred to Council Files.
2. Letter from Mrs. Fred Southgate requesting yellow curb or reserve sign in front of 7611 Eastern Avenue to provide parking space for her car.. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Letter from Mrs. Versie E. Mercer expressing appreciation for the kindnesses shown to her and her family by Mr. Carnig. Referred to Council Files.
4. Letter from Forbes H. Norris, Supt. of Board of Education of Montgomery County stating that signs will be erected prohibiting the playing of baseball on the school grounds of the Intermediate School. Referred to Public Works and Public Safety Committees.
5. Letter from H. Winshop Wheatley, Jr., State Senate, relative to House Bill #806. Referred to Council Files.
6. Letter from Mrs. Emily Monitor, Chairman, Forst Park Recreation Council and Mrs. Eleanor Switts, Asst. Chairman, expressing continued interest in the recreational facilities at Forest Park for the 1955 summer season, and requesting expansion in the recreation program. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
7. Letter from Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. relative to Lt. LaScola's probationary period. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Miller reported on the results of the hearing held May 7, 1955, at Upper Marlboro regarding the license issued to Guy's Liquors, and stated that the Judge ruled that the license is legal and would remain in effect. Mayor Miller recommended that the City ignore the presence of the liquor store by not issuing a license and collecting fee for which the City is entitled to under the law.

Councilman Juhl commended the Mayor for his courage and determination in his efforts to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Takoma Park.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Mr. Thomas, Supt. of Public Works, gave a resume of the facts leading up to the suit against the City of Takoma Park by Mr. Parry-Hill regarding the driveway being installed by Mr. Parry-Hill on Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Parry-Hill has not, as yet, obtained a permit from the City for the installation of this driveway.

Councilman McKenzie reported that the Committee recommends the Corporation Counsel furnish the information requested in Mr. Bonc Smith's letter relative to the suit of Wallace vs. Hogan which pertains to the 20 foot park strip on Baltimore Avenue.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell stated that efforts are being made to obtain housing for a health center in Takoma Park.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved that the parking restriction in front of 6604 Allegheny Avenue remain in effect. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1297

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1208, adopted by the Mayor and Council July 27, 1953, (22:183), is hereby amended to read as follows:

THAT parking be permitted on the south side of Lincoln Avenue from Carroll Avenue to and including 207 Lincoln Avenue.

Councilman Sidell 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 requested that Mr. Hilliard address a letter to the proper authorities requesting the installation of two or three fire hydrants along New Hampshire Avenue between Ethan Allen Avenue and Eastern Avenue.

Councilman Forehand moved that the fire hydrant located 50 feet west of the Takoma Park Fire House on the northwest side of Carroll Avenue be moved directly across Carroll Avenue from its present location to what would be the southwest side of Carroll Avenue. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1298

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

Section 1. THAT "NO PARKING" signs be erected on the southeast side of Second Avenue between Cockerille and Eastern Avenues.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of signs necessary to enforce this Ordinance.

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

Upon being seconded and 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 Mr. Hilliard address a letter to Mrs. Shadles stating that the council has directed that the building located on her property known as 409 Tulip Avenue be removed within thirty days, and if this directive is not complied with by that time the City will undertake to remove this condemned building and bill her for the cost; also, that Mr. Hilliard explain to her in the letter that due to the close proximity of the

telephone pole and cable, the building cannot be destroyed by fire. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller directed that Chief Thomas investigate Mr. Petersen's complaint of the disturbance caused by horn blowing in vicinity of 7519 Carroll Avenue.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel moved that the Library Association be requested to furnish the City with the deed to the Library Building at 8 Sherman Avenue before July 1, 1955, with the provision that they may operate the Library at 8 Sherman Avenue until they vacate to move into the new Library, and that the Association shall bear all overhead costs in connection with the operation of the Library while occupying the premises. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Relative to Change Order No. 1 concerning sodding, etc., of the new Library grounds, Councilman Kozel moved that Change Order No. 1 be returned unsigned to the architect with a letter informing him that the City wishes to delete Alternate No. 1 from the contract. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that Change Order No. 2, relative to additional exit or entrance to new library building be returned unsigned to the Architect with a letter stating that in addition to the \$14.00 credit allowed for the window sash on the \$239.55 price quoted, that credit be allowed for painting, glazing, precast concrete sill, and an undetermined amount of brick and masonry labor; that the Council agrees to changes but not the credit allowed; that the architect submit to the Council his recommendation of a fair price. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Relative to Group Insurance (M.M.L.), Councilman Tymeson stated that this item will be given consideration in the new budget.

Councilman Tymeson announced the following dates relative to budget hearings:

May 16, Department heads will present their budgets to the Council  
 May 24, First Public Hearing  
 June 6, Final Public Hearing

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

With reference to negotiations with Shapiro regarding the Niagara Avenue property, Councilman Collison stated he did not have anything additional to report at this time, but would look into the matter further.

Councilman McKenzie moved that the City not issue a license to Guy's Liquors Store. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller brought to the Council's attention the effort being made by the Prince George's residents of Takoma Park to have Prince George's County provide a Junior High School in the Prince George's section of Takoma Park or nearby area, and that a petition for such a school now had over 1000 signatures.

Mayor Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution, and also moved that a letter be sent to the Prince George's Board of Education enclosing a copy of this resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the expansion the growth of the City of Takoma Park, has resulted in a great increase in the enrollment of children in the 5 elementary schools located in Prince George's

County inside of the corporate limits of Takoma Park and adjacent to its boundaries, namely, J. L'nos Ray, Carole Highlands, Langley, Ridgecrest and Parkway; and

WHEREAS, there are no junior high schools located in close proximity to this area, thus requiring the children of junior and senior high school age to have to travel approximately 7 miles from Takoma Park to reach the Junior and Senior High Point School, which distance is entirely unsatisfactory and undesirable for the children to have to travel, from the standpoint of the time element involved and transportation difficulties; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely possible that within a short time the High Point School, due to a heavy influx of children who will eventually reach this age, will be unable to take care of additional students, necessitating other facilities than the High Point School; and

WHEREAS, in order that better and more educational service may be available for the children of Takoma Park and adjacent areas;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Council hereby officially requests the Board of Education of Prince George's County to consider the immediate establishment of a Junior High School within the City of Takoma Park or near its boundaries in Prince George's County, in view of the foregoing situation as outlined in this Resolution.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Carter informed the Council that due to the delay in the street widening of Carroll Avenue the Fire Department was out of quarters for a period longer than anticipated, and he felt an additional \$50.00 should be granted for the payment of the volunteers for their services during this time.

Mayor Miller directed that Mr. Hilliard address a letter to Mr. Ackerman, on behalf of the Council, thanking him for the use of his trailer.

Mr. Thomas, Supt. of public Works, recommended to the Council that a retirement plan be considered for Walter Delaney who has been a faithful employee of the City for many years, but who is ill now and will be unable to return to work. Mr. Delaney is not eligible for retirement under the Employees' Retirement System of Maryland.

Mayor Miller moved that Councilman Tymeson be empowered to pay an amount to Mr. Delaney when the Committee arrives at a recommendation. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

In regard to the installation of the Civil Defense siren atop 8 Columbia Avenue, Councilman Forehand moved that an additional \$50.00 be appropriated to provide for the installation of this siren. 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 motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Harold D. Hilliard  
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
May 23, 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.

Reverend Taylor G. Bunch of Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church rendered the Invocation.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 9, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard presented the financial statement for the month of April, 1955.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
April, 1955

	Revenues April 1955	Revenues to 4/30/55	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/55	Total Budget
3/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	20196.30			
3/31/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	12.38			
3/31/55 Bal. Both Banks	20208.68			
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1. Taxes: General	4281.04	350973.12	11057.32	362030.44
1. Penalties & Interest	176.59	599.42	<b>99.42</b>	500.00
2. Licenses & Permits	590.70	21101.67	2248.33	23350.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	80.00	891.70	1308.30	2200.00
4. Use of Money & property	.00	.00	175.00	175.00
5. Revenues: other sources	29886.62	30965.75	<b>65.75</b>	30900.00
6. Service Charges	414.00	2522.50	<b>522.50</b>	2000.00
7. Rms & Apts - Registration	.00	7416.86	583.14	8000.00
Towing Account	10.00			
Accounts Received	27.85			
	<u>35466.80</u>	414471.02	14684.42	429155.44
	55675.48			
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
	Disb. April 1955	Disb. to 4/30/55	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/55	Total Budget
10.1 Clerk's Office	2403.86	30370.44	7550.56	37921.00
10.812 Gov't. Bldgs.	682.30	4988.26	<b>358.26</b>	4630.00
10.10012 P/W Dept: Repair Shop	745.84	17670.83	<b>6370.83</b>	11300.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5742.33	59080.46	13193.41	72273.87
11.2 Fire Dept.	3372.72	39298.70	8806.30	48105.00
11.39 Protective Inspection	476.21	5314.80	1135.20	6450.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1620.04	18180.45	3084.55	21265.00
12.2 " " General Streets	8510.19	84504.26	<b>8938.26</b>	75566.00
12.2 " " " Expendable	1817.12	21784.47	<b>5784.47</b>	16000.00
12.2 " " " Contingent	.00	344.30	155.70	500.00
12.2 " " Highways	433.44	7494.14	<b>1254.14</b>	6240.00
12.4 " " Gen. Lighting	1040.70	10271.53	28.47	10300.00
13.4 " " Sanitation	1204.50	13538.48	3461.52	17000.00
19.3 " " Recreation	391.32	3215.13	1574.87	4790.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	13198.13	511.87	13710.00
21.1 Miscellaneous Expense	3592.68	14329.64	<b>4419.64</b>	9910.00
22.1 Capital Budget	.00	27990.38	7733.41	35723.79
23.1 Insurance	151.45	6799.01	890.99	7690.00
Towing Account	60.00			
Accounts Received	315.66			
Civil Defense	34.78			
	<u>32595.14</u>	378373.41	21001.25	399374.66
4/30/55 Bal. Both Banks	23080.34			
4/30/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	23067.96	Est. Appropriations 7/1/54		382639.90
4/30/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	12.38	From Unappropriated Surplus		16734.76
4/30/55 Bal. Both Banks	<u>23080.34</u>	Est. Appropriations 4/30/55		<u>399374.66</u>

## SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

3/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	24746.60
Deposits	96.30
	<u>24842.90</u>
Withdrawals	3362.50
4/30/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	<u>21480.40</u>

## SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

3/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	31244.84
No Deposits	.00
	<u>31244.84</u>
Withdrawals	14832.00
4/30/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	<u>16412.84</u>

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from J. Glenn Beall, U. S. Senate, enclosing copy of letter from John E. Burke, District Manager, Post Office Department, regarding the Community League's Resolution pertaining to a Takoma Park Post Office. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Letter from Mr. F. Davis Ahearn, regarding unsightly condition existing across from 1008 Anne Street. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Letter from Mr. Cordt A. Goldeisen, Director of Highway Construction, State Roads Commission, relative to installation of additional fire hydrants along New Hampshire Avenue between Eastern and Ethan Allen Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
4. Letter from Mr. James B. Parkhill, Secretary-Treasurer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, concerning the installation of several fire hydrants along the improved section of New Hampshire Avenue between Eastern and Ethan Allen Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Letter from Kenly S. Bell, Presidents, North Takoma Citizens' Association, enclosing copy of a letter written by the Association to Senators Butler and Beall, Representatives Hyde and Langford, and Arthur Summerfield regarding the establishment of an independent Post Office in Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Letter from Charles H. Howe, Jr., Secretary, Takoma Park Fire Board, expressing the Board's appreciation for the Council's efforts to include Takoma Park firemen in the Prince George's County Pension Bill. Referred to Public Safety Files.
7. Letter from Mr. B. J. Tabarini, President, Hampshire Greens Community Assn., regarding unsightly trash piles and lettered area at Hammond and Jackson Aves. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
8. Letter from Mr. B. J. Tabarini, President, Hampshire Greens Community Assn., relative to better utilization of the Long Branch recreational facilities. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
9. Letter from George H. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent, Board of Education, Prince George's County, acknowledging receipt of Council's Resolution requesting the establishment of a Junior High School in the Takoma Park area. Referred to Civic Improvements Committees.
10. Letter from S. Michael Derato, Secretary, Takoma Park Boys' Club, Inc., inviting the Mayor and Council to attend Awards Night, Monday, June 13, at the Fire House Gymnasium, sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Takoma Park Boys' Club. Referred to Parks and Recreation Files.
11. Letter from Charles H. Howe, Jr., Secretary, Takoma Park Fire Board, transmitting Board's resolution "that the Mayor and City Council give consideration to a 'cost-of-living' raise for the City employees of the Takoma Park Fire Department." Referred to Finance Committee.
12. Letter from Mrs. Julia F. Peacock commending Mr. Remsen for his fine work. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
13. Letter from J. Glenn Beall, U. S. Senate, attaching copy of letter from Assistant Postmaster General for the Bureau of Facilities, Post Office Department, concerning Resolution

adopted by the Community League. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee.

14. Letter from George B. Kissinger regarding private driveway crossing public walkway creating obstructions which are a hazard to the safety of pedestrians as a result of the street improvement on Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues between Philadelphia and Sycamore Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

15. Contract submitted by Mr. J. B. Shapiro, President, Sixteenth Street Woods Development Corporation, relative to purchase of land in vicinity of Niagara Avenue. Referred to Public Works and Law and Ordinances Committee.

#### OPEN MEETING:

Mr. G. T. Sutphin, 129 Lexington Drive, Silver Spring, addressed the Council relative to the parking restriction in front of his income property located at 6604 Allegheny Avenue, asking why the restriction was still in effect. Councilman Forehand advised Mr. Sutphin that the street at this particular point was too narrow to allow emergency equipment to pass if cars were permitted to park there. Chief Carter concurred with Councilman Forehand. Mr. Sutphin stated that he felt a resurvey should be made since that part of Allegheny near Elm Avenue had a parking restriction of approximately 10 feet from the corner, while that part of Allegheny Avenue near Second Avenue had a parking restriction of 150 feet.

Mr. Barksdale, owner of 6606 Allegheny Avenue, spoke in protest of the parking restriction in front of his property. He suggested (as did Mr. Sutphin) that consideration be given to restricting traffic to one-way on Allegheny Avenue.

Councilmen Forehand and Sidell, and Chief Carter advised Mr. Sutphin that they would recheck the area in question, and inform him by letter whether or not any changes were in order.

Mr. Walter McClenon addressed the Council relative to the report to the Mayor and Council by the Takoma Park Citizens' Planning Committee, explaining that the report suggests the Charter be amended to provide for the choice at one election of the Mayor and three Councilmen, and of four Councilmen at the next election which would necessitate the holding of annual elections or making the terms longer than two years.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

With regard to the City owned property in the vicinity of Niagara Avenue which is now being used for parking, Councilman Collison moved that "No Parking" signs be posted on the City owned property bounded by Niagara Avenue, Maple Avenue and Ritchie Avenue Extended which is now being used for parking, and that "No Parking" signs also be erected on the north side of Maple Avenue from the intersection of Niagara and Maple Avenues west to Maple and Sherman Avenues to prevent parallel parking.

Councilman Sidell stated that he would like to hold the foregoing action in abeyance until the Corporation Counsel determines if the contract submitted by J. B. Shapiro, President, Sixteenth Street Woods Development Corporation, includes the City owned property mentioned in Councilman Collison's motion.

Councilman Collison withdrew his motion on the assumption the contract does include the Niagara Avenue property unless after reviewing the contract, the Corporation Counsel states otherwise.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

It was reported that there will be a hearing held on May 26, 1955, in H. Winship Wheatley's office, Attorney for Defendants, and testimony will be taken from the Plaintiffs regarding the Parry-Hill law suit against the City of Takoma Park et al, which Mr. Hilliard stated would be taken care of by the Corporation Counsel.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell advised the Council that as a result of reports from various sources, the Committee is of the opinion that the 7 foot ceiling height specified in the rooming house ordinance is necessary for health.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that inasmuch as the rooming house ordinance is now subject to review by Court, any contemplated changes in the ordinance should be held in abeyance until such review is completed.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

In regard to Mrs. Southgate's request for restricted parking in front of her residence at 6711 Eastern Avenue, Councilman Forehand reported that the City could not comply with her request and directed that Mr. Hilliard address a letter to her to this effect and suggest that she contact the Potomac Electric Power Company to have the pole moved from in front of her property so that a driveway could be installed.

Councilman Forehand directed that Mr. Hilliard address a letter to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding the elimination of all non-standard two-way fire hydrants in the City.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Council grant an additional \$50.00 for the payment to the volunteer firemen for their services during the time the Fire Department was out of quarters for a period longer than anticipated, due to the delay in the street widening of Carroll Avenue, Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Lt. S. J. LaScola be appointed to permanent duty with the Fire Department as of June 1, 1955. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand advised the Council that the Public Safety Committee voted to continue the parking restrictions now in effect on Maple Avenue pending a traffic count to be conducted by the State Roads Commission after which further study will be made by the Committee as to any changes in the present restrictions.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison directed that Mr. Hilliard address a letter to the State Roads Commission forwarding Mr. Kissinger's letter relative to the hazardous conditions in front of the Safeway Store resulting from the street improvement on Carroll Avenue, and that Mr. Hilliard also bring to the Commission's attention the hazardous condition existing in front of the two service stations as a result of this construction work.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

With reference to the request for recreational shelter in Washington Park, Councilman Kozel stated that requests had been made for shelters in the other parks, and that this would appear as a suggested item in the budget.

Councilman Kozel informed the Council that the Montgomery County Recreation Board requires that such facilities be provided.

Councilman Kozel presented to the Council Change Order No. 3 from Ronald S. Senseman, Architect, relative to the footings of the new Library. The Change Order provided for increased depth of footings due to unsatisfactory soil conditions. Councilman Kozel moved that Change Order No. 3 be accepted and returned to the



Architect to be accompanied by a letter of explanation changing the figures submitted on the change order to coincide with changes which have been made in the original contract before the Change Order is signed. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that bills in the amount of \$9,198.48 for the month of April, 1955, be approved for payment. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson advised the Council that the alley property abutting Lots 23, 24 and 25 of Palmer Tract Subdivision owned by the City, cannot be sold.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

With regard to the complaint from Mr. Davis Ahearn regarding the unsightly condition existing in back yards of houses on Kennewick and Lockney Avenues, Councilman McKenzie suggested that he contact the Citizens' Association for that vicinity and request that a screen of some type be placed to hide the area in question.

The Supt. of Public Works mentioned that the City has a 12 foot right of way along the curb line abutting this area.

Mr. Hilliard advised the Council that he had written to Mr. Gorin, developer of the aforementioned area, requesting that he improve the condition, but has not received a reply to date.

Relative to letter from Hampshire Greens Community Association protesting proposed off-street parking, Councilman Juhl directed that Mr. Hilliard address a letter to the Association stating the Council is contemplating no immediate action concerning off-street parking.

Councilman Kozel, in referring to the letter from the Hampshire Greens Community Association concerning better utilization of the Long Branch recreation facilities, stated that he believed the letter is, in effect, a request for drinking fountains; also, a suggestion that the City of Takoma Park negotiate with the Park and Planning Commission in an effort to have the Commission deed the park area to the City.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich informed the Council that basically, the contract submitted by Mr. J. B. Shapiro, President, Sixteenth Street Woods Development Corporation, did involve the Niagara Avenue property, and contained the following:

1. Upon acceptance by the City of the \$500.00 submitted with the contract, that the City would enclose approximately 265 feet of Brashear's Run, the balance of the \$11,541.31 purchase price for the property described in the contract, to be paid within 10 days after completion of the proposed enclosure;
2. Rezoning of the area;
3. That if the buyer does not complete the purchase agreement after the City encloses Brashear's Run, then the \$500.00 will be forfeited to the City of Takoma Park with no recourse by the buyer.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich recommended that the City reject the contract.

Councilman McKenzie moved that the City reject the contract submitted by Mr. J. B. Shapiro, President, Sixteenth Street Woods Development Corporation, Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1299

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

Section 1. THAT "No Parking" signs be erected to prohibit public parking on the City owned property bounded by Niagara Avenue, Maple Avenue and Ritchie Avenue Extended.

Section 2. AND THAT "No Parking" signs be erected to prohibit public parking on the north side of Maple Avenue from the intersection of Niagara Avenue and Maple Avenue west to Maple and Sherman Avenues.

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

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

Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the Ordinance was 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 made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

George M. Meier  
Mayor

Harold J. Willard R.  
Clerk and Treasurer