

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
July 11, 1955

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

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of June 27, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Robert F. Taylor, Adjutant for the Civil Air Patrol of the Takoma Park Squadron, requesting certain times for use of the Fire Department Gymnasium by the Civil Air Patrol. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
2. Postcard from Councilman Kozel in North Carolina while on vacation. Referred to Council files.
3. Letter from Robert Mandel, Fireworks Director of the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, expressing the Committee's appreciation to the different Departments of the City for services rendered in the recent fourth of July celebration. Referred to Council files.
4. Letter from Lampson and Company, insurance agents, regarding the premium reduction on the renewal of the Automobile Fleet Policy; also the allotted 10% reduction on all vehicles for the City. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. Letter from Bernard G. Johnson, 610 Boston Avenue, requesting need for repair of sidewalks on Boston Avenue from Takoma to Chicago Avenues. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee.

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Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation to the various members that participated in the fourth of July celebration; also commending the Committee for such a good program.

Mayor Miller stated that one phase had been completed by the County in the investigation of Chief Thomas, but that the Council had not finished their investigation as yet, and that after completing same they would have a report to make.

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Mrs. Roderic Davis thanked the Council for their recent action taken regarding the use of the Council room for the Health and Welfare Department; further stating that some of the nurses from Montgomery County examined the room and gave their approval, setting tentative hours for Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning. She added that it is gratifying to know that they have public servants carrying on such an important work as public health and a children's clinic (which is held once a month). She said they will have participating physicians and plenty of supervision.

Mayor Miller reported that the City was awarded with an "Excellence of Pedestrian Record in 1954", commending the City of Takoma Park for its outstanding record of no Pedestrian Deaths as reported in the AAA National Pedestrian Protection Contest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Relative to the matter regarding the traffic conditions over the B & O Railroad



bridge, Councilman Collison stated that the Committee is investigating the matter but had nothing to recommend at the present time.

**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:**

Regarding the need for sidewalks on Boston Avenue from Takoma to Chicago Avenues, Councilman Sidell, narrating that everyone is in accord with this construction work, requested the City Clerk write a letter to Mr. Wickline on Takoma Avenue, Mr. Ridgeway, Mr. Sidell, Mr. Polinger and Mr. Johnson on Boston Avenue, in order to get a confirmation of same, stating further that this work cannot proceed until after the new Boston Avenue storm drain is installed.

Councilman Sidell reported that he talked with Mrs. MacLeod and made an appointment with her to come to an agreement regarding her problem of advance payment on the registration fee under Ordinance 1216.

Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of an Ordinance to purchase 1000 burlap sheets, size 80" x 80" made of 40" 12 oz. burlap, the price of these including freight to be \$705.10, from the Bemis Brother Bag Company, Norfolk, Va.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1306**

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

Section 1. THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase 1000 burlap sheets, size 80" x 80" made of 40" 12 oz. burlap, from the Bemis Brother Bag Company, Norfolk, Virginia, for use by the Public Works Department; the price of these burlap sheets including freight to be \$705.10.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Forehand moved that we accept the resignation of Private Robert E. Jones as of June 30, 1955, and that a letter be directed to Mr. Jones thanking him for his services on the Police Department.

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

Due to the fact of the ill-health of the present Justice of Peace for Prince George's County, Mr. Paul Carter, Councilman Forehand asked for any suggestions from the citizens and directed that a letter be written to the Joint Committee of Prince George's County for their recommendations.

Councilman Forehand recommended that we accept the account of expenditures, totaling \$104.00, presented by Chief Carter and Herman Paul, a volunteer fireman, who attended the Convention at Asbury Park.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Ordinance for the temporary STOP signs at Elm and Prince George's Avenues be amended and that an Ordinance be adopted to make these signs permanent:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1307**

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



Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1293 of March 14, 1955 (23:197) be and is hereby amended by deleting that part of Section 1 which reads "for a trial basis of 60 days" and substituting "on a permanent basis".

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

Councilman Forehand directed that the City Clerk write letters of commendation to the Fire Department and Volunteers; Police Department and Special Police; Public Works Department; Deputy Sheriff's Association in Montgomery County, Montgomery County Police; and Metropolitan Police; for their help and assistance in the fourth of July parade and celebration.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Mayor Miller commented that the City's square dance program, held on July 10th in Washington Park, was well received; also the Community get-together in Forest Park.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl said he took particular notice of the Civil Defense float in the fourth of July parade, which only cost \$9.30.

Concerning screens for the Municipal Building, Councilman Juhl suggested that the two companies which submitted bids for these screens be asked to submit a sample screen in order that the Council might approve same.

Councilman Juhl moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to purchase 21 AUTOM-A-TON Automatic Parking Meters subject to whatever trade-in allowance, to the limitation of the budget:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1308

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

Section 1. THAT a survey and inspection of the existing parking meters now in use in the City of Takoma Park reveals that some of these meters are obsolete, badly worn and in need of replacement.

Section 2. AND THAT inasmuch as there is provided in the 1955-56 budget an item of \$1000.00 for the replacement of parking meters, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to purchase 21 AUTOM-A-TON Automatic Parking Meters from the Koontz Equipment Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., at a total cost of \$46.50 each including the trade-in allowance specified.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the City Clerk and Treasurer is directed to replace those meters which are found to be in the worse deteriorated condition, with the new meters.

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

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to accept the plat covering Parcel A - Takoma Park - being all of Lot 3, Block 5, Lipscomb and Earnest's



Addition and part of Lot 2, Block 3, B. F. Gilbert's Addition - Prepared by McNeill Surveys, Inc:

ORDINANCE NO. 1305

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

Section 1. THAT the plat is hereby accepted of the subdivision of all of the land conveyed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, a District of Columbia corporation, to the Home Study Institute a District of Columbia corporation, by deed dated January 22, 1953, and recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Liber 1781 at Folio 95; being a resubdivision of (1-) all of Lot 3, Block 5, Lipscomb and Earnest, trustees, Addition to Takoma Park, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1 at Plat 46; and (2-) part of Lot 2, Block 3, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park; as per plat recorded in Plat Book A at Plat 3 among said Land Records; and that iron pipes marked thus:  $\circ$ , have been placed as indicated to the approved finish grade. There are no streets dedicated by this plat.

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

Councilman Juhl gave a brief resume on the way expenditures are handled in various cities, and stated his interest in the revision of the City Charter and organization, in order to have a "tight" financial system due to the large amount of money that is expended.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Carter stated that the Fire Department has received specifications from 4 out of 5 companies for the purchase of the new ambulance, for which they expect to get top quality.

Mr. Ward Fetrow, Acting Superintendent of Public Works, showed a statistical chart of the maintenance costs, etc., for the fiscal year 1954-55, and gave a brief resume of same, the totals of which are as follows:

Police Department Cars (3)	-	\$2,560.50
Public Works Sanitation Division Vehicles (5)	-	\$5,501.37
Public Works Highway Division Trucks (6)	-	\$1,970.66
GRAND TOTAL	-	\$10,032.53

Mr. Fetrow asked the Public Works Committee or the Council, as a whole, to consider a few tentative ideas, such as the purchase of a new trash truck for \$11,000.00, which would reduce the 4 trash routes to 3 routes, subtract 4 men from the payroll, and after a year cut expenses for the City. He added that they would like to replace 7 vehicles and purchase 6 instead, consisting of one pickup, two dump trucks and three trash trucks, which would cost approximately \$35,000 to \$36,000.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Donald J. Hilliard  
Clerk and Treasurer



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
July 25, 1955

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

Reverend Paul Schearrer of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church delivered the Invocation.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 11, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

The financial statement for the month of June, 1955, is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
June, 1955

	Revenues June 1955	Revenues to 6/30/55	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/55	Total Budget
5/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank		23353.09		
5/31/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.		12.38		
5/31/55 Bal. Both Banks		<u>23365.47</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
1. Taxes: General	4396.30	380756.47	18726.03	362030.44
1. Penalties & Interest	144.73	817.83	317.83	500.00
2. Licenses & Permits	3258.08	25484.85	2134.85	23350.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	15.00	1000.00	1199.30	2200.00
4. Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	175.00	175.00
5. Revenues: other sources	134.75	31031.00	131.00	30900.00
6. Service Charges	50.00	2661.50	661.50	2000.00
7. Room & Apt. Registrations	92.50	8891.61	891.61	8000.00
Towing Account	50.00			
Accounts Received	2362.19	450643.96	21488.52	429155.44
	<u>10503.55</u>			
	<u>33869.02</u>			
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
	Disb. June 1955	Disb. to 6/30/55	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/55	Total Budget
10.1 Clerk's Office	2631.49	34997.39	2923.61	37921.00
10.81 Government Bldgs.	320.53	5761.15	1131.15	4630.00
10.10012 P/W Dept: Repair Shop	378.63	20429.51	9129.51	11300.00
11.1 Police Dept.	5406.22	70071.10	2202.77	72273.87
11.2 Fire Dept.	3496.32	46614.34	1490.66	48105.00
11.3 Protective Inspection	472.28	6356.14	93.86	6450.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1642.60	21558.17	293.17	21265.00
12.2 " " General Wages	7434.69	98206.28	22640.28	75566.00
12.2 " " Expendables	862.49	22979.56	6979.56	16000.00
12.2 " " Contingent	.00	344.30	155.70	500.00
12.2 " " Highways	565.00	8459.14	2219.14	6240.00
12.4 " " Lighting	1215.76	12508.64	2208.64	10300.00
13.4 " " Sanitation	905.90	15327.98	1672.02	17000.00
19.3 " " Recreation	718.09	4208.32	581.68	4790.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	713.12	13911.25	201.25	13710.00
21.1 Miscellaneous	1020.24	15174.25	5264.25	9910.00
22.1 Capital Budget	3832.50	31822.88	4069.76	35892.64
23.1 Insurance	197.46	9686.82	1996.82	7690.00
Towing Account	50.00			
Accounts Received	28.28	438417.22	38873.71	399543.51
Civil Defense	330.37	32221.97		
		<u>1647.05</u>		
		<u>.65</u>		
6/30/55 Bal. Both Banks		<u>1646.40</u>		



6/30/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	1634.02	Est. Appropriations 7/1/54	382639.90
6/30/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	12.38	From Unappropriated Surplus	16903.61
6/30/55 Bal. Both Banks	1646.40	Est. Appropriations 6/30/55	399543.51
<u>SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT</u>		<u>SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT</u>	
5/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	21530.40	5/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	5078.24
Deposits	686.63	No Deposits or Withdrawals	.00
	22217.03	6/30/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	5078.24
Withdrawals	198.50		
6/30/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	22018.53		

Mayor Miller stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee could have the sign reworded specifying an age limit for hardball playing, as the intent of the signs in all our parks is to prohibit teenage boys, not the younger groups, from playing hardball in the parks.

Mr. Turner, Turner Electric Service, spoke relative to his request that Woodbury Drive be allowed two-way traffic, as the present situation makes it very difficult for customers to reach his place of business. Mayor Miller advised Mr. Turner that the Public Safety Committee would make a survey of the area in question.

Acting Chief of Police Bell informed the Council that Woodbury Drive (Chicago Ave.) was restricted to one-way traffic as a safety measure due to its proximity to the College and the Bridge.

Mr. Michael Derato addressed the Council in connection with the present arrangement of defendants having to transact business at the homes of the Justices of Peace, and suggested that the report of the Citizens' Planning Committee be posted on the bulletin board in the Police Department until the situation can be changed.

Mr. Harry Millard suggested that the Council give consideration to adjusting the salaries of those in the positions of "acting" heads of departments.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison informed the Council that there would be no need for Council action relative to repairing the street surface of Woodbury Drive and Chicago Avenue, due to the fact it is considered a maintenance job which the Public Works Department will attend to as soon as possible.

In connection with the Lee Avenue dedications, Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1309

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

Section 1. THAT the plat of the subdivision of Lot 20, Section 4, General S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, prepared by McNeill Surveys, Inc., 7034 Carroll Avenue, is hereby accepted.

Section 2. AND THAT it is a subdivision of all of the land conveyed by Helen E. Knowles, et al, to Davis H. Deibler and David H. Deibler, Jr., by deed dated October 31, 1952, and recorded in Liber 1725 at Folio 527 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland; and that iron pipes marked thus: °, have been placed as indicated to the approved finish grade, and that the total area of streets dedicated is 1170 square feet.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the same is hereby approved to become effective upon its acceptance by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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, McKenaie and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie presented reports on recommendations submitted by the Citizens' Planning Committee on the following subjects: Charter Provision for Recall of Mayor and/or Councilmen; Justices of the Peace; Traffic congestion in City. These reports were read by Mr. Remsen, Inspector of Buildings, in the absence of Mr. Hilliard, Clerk and Treasurer, who was unable to be present due to sudden illness.

Councilman McKenzie informed the Council that there will be a public hearing in the Fall before any action is taken by the Council with respect to the recommendations suggested in the reports submitted by the Citizens' Planning Committee to amend the Charter.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell reported that the Public Works Department is repairing the parts of the City's sidewalks considered to be the most hazardous.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand read a memorandum addressed to the Council from Baron E. DeKalb, Jr., withdrawing his request for transfer from the Takoma Park Fire Department to the Takoma Park Police Department, whereupon Councilman Forehand moved that the Council accept Mr. DeKalb's withdrawal of request for transfer. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel informed the Council that the various recommendations for Forest Park submitted by Mrs. Switts, Asst. Chairman of Forest Park Recreation Council, except for the request for spigots on drinking fountains, were maintenance matters which have been taken care of by the Public Works Department. Councilman Kozel stated that the Public Works Department was investigating the cost of installing spigots on fountains in Forest Park as well as on fountains in other City parks.

Relative to changes submitted in connection with the construction of The Takoma Park Library, Councilman Kozel moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1310

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

Section 1. THAT in conformance with the Fire Regulations and Building Code of Montgomery County, the Mayor and Council accept the revision in the plans of the Takoma Park Library in deleting drawings for a window and providing for the installation of a door in lieu thereof as submitted by the Capital City Construction Company to Roanld S. Senseman, Architect, under date of May 26, 1955.

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 and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Councilman Kozel presented to the Council a copy of an itemized list of crafts, athletic and game equipment from Prince George's County Recreation Department used in connection with the participating county program in the amount of \$625.45, which amount is payable to the County Recreation Department by the City of Takoma Park.



Councilman Kozel moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1311

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

Section 1. THAT the Mayor and Council hereby approve the payment of \$625.45 to the Prince George's County Recreation Department for crafts, athletic and game equipment used in connection with the County participation program in the City of Takoma Park.

Section 2. AND THEREFORE the City Clerk and Treasurer is authorized to make payment to the Prince George's County Recreation DEpartment in the amount specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance, to be charged to Account No. 19.302D.

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 and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that bills in the amount of \$8058.93 for the month of June, 1955, be approved for payment. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Relative to the installation of a glass window at the counter in the City Office, Councilman Juhl moved that a glass window be installed at the counter in the City Office at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried; Councilmen Collison and Kozel voting nay.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that Zoning Ameddment Petition No. A-2587, Robert E. Bullard, Agent, Parcel 1, containing 2.4549 acres, and Parcel 2, containing 2.5108 acres, part of "Elizabeth's Delight", request for reclassification from the R-55(one-family detached residential) Zone to the C-1 (local commercial) Zone be approved. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Juhl presented to the Council for their consideration, Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-262, 16th Street Woods Development Corp., Applicant, Lot 5, Block 60, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-20 Zone.

After Council discussion, it was decided that no action on this petition would be taken at this time.

Due to requests received from various citizens to shoot pigeons which are destroying their property, Lt. B. F. Bell, Acting Chief of Police, requested permission to purchase a 410 gauge shot gun for use by his department in complying with these requests. Councilman Forehand moved that the Police Dept. be allowed to purchase a 410 gauge shot gun for the purpose mentioned above, for an amount not to exceed \$50.00, such amount to be charged to the contingent fund of the Police Dept. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

George M Miller  
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard  
Clerk and Treasurer



EXECUTIVE MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 August 8, 1955

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, McKenzie and Sidell. Absent: Councilmen Kozel and Tymeson.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Joseph C. Dennison accepting option #3 as stated in letter of January 31, 1955 from the City relative to the improvement of Glenside Court. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Petition containing 26 signatures requesting a "Stop" or "Slow, Children Playing" sign on the 8100 block of Hammond Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mrs. Roderic Davis addressed the Council to report the success of the Health Clinic being conducted on Monday and Friday afternoons at 8 Columbia Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In regard to the position of Supt. of Public Works for the City of Takoma Park, Councilman Collison moved that the City advertise for a Supt. of Public Works in accordance with standard procedures and present application form of the City, for the purpose of filling this position permanently; all applications to be filed with the City Clerk and Treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, September 9, 1955. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Collison addressed the Council regarding the statement in Mr. Dennison's letter to have the circle removed at Glenside Court for the proposed improvement, advising that this was required in order to allow the necessary space needed for ingress and egress of automobiles to driveways abutting the Court.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Corporation Counsel Gingerich brought to the Council's attention the fact that the Constitution of the State of Maryland would have to be amended to provide for one Justice of the Peace to serve the Prince George's and Montgomery Counties sections of the City of Takoma Park as suggested in the report submitted by the Citizens' Planning Committee, and that it would be virtually impossible to obtain such Legislation.

Councilman McKenaie moved that the City Clerk address a letter to the owners of the property located on the southeast corner of Maple and Sherman Avenues, known as Lot 10, Block 50A, B. F. G., requesting them to remove tree limbs which have fallen onto street from trees located on their property, and to take corrective measures to prevent other tree limbs from falling. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell informed the Council that construction of the sidewalk on Boston Avenue could not commence until the installation of the storm sewer in that area was completed.

Councilman Sidell reported that a conference will be held at 8 Columbia Avenue, Friday, August 12, at 3:00 p.m., with the Health nurses to discuss a clinic location and any financial assistance the City might render.

Councilman Sidell mentioned that Mr. Mellen of Carroll Avenue telephoned him to convey his compliments on the efficiency of the Fire and Police Departments in responding to an automobile accident which occurred on the Parkway, August 7, 1955.



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance relative to obtaining bids for the two automobiles to be used as police scout cars:\*

## ORDINANCE NO. 1312

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

Section 1. THAT the Mayor and Council are desirous of obtaining bids on two 1955 Ford customline tudor sedans with conventional transmission to be used as police scout cars.

Section 2. THAT these cars are to be factory equipped and to include the following: Arm rests on each door, positive action windshield wipers, back-up lights, turn signals, hot water heater with windshield defrosters, heavy duty six volt battery, cigar lighter, foam rubber front seat cushion.

Section 3, THAT these bids are to contain prices on both six and <sup>eight</sup> ~~six~~ cylinder motors; both cars to have factory paint - one black and one white.

Section 4. AND THAT bids are to be based on trade-in allowance on Police Car #1 and Public Works Car #5; all special equipment to be removed by the City of Takoma Park.

Section 5. AND FURTHER THAT delivery is to be made within thirty days from date of order.

Section 6. AND THEREFORE the City Clerk and Treasurer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids, closing date to be Monday, August 22, 1955, at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

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, McKenzie and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen Kozel and Tymeson.

Acting Chief Benjamin F. Bell asked if prices could be obtained on eight cylinder motors. \*Inasmuch as the Committee's recommendation specified only six cylinder motors, Councilman Forehand moved that the advertisement for bids also include prices on cars equipped with eight cylinder motors, and that this request be included in Ordinance No. 1312. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried; Councilmen Collison and Sidell voting nay.

Chief Carter informed the Council that Mr. Gosbee, a former employee of the City, wishes to claim certain photographic equipment which has been stored at the Fire House and which Mr. Gosbee states belongs to him. It was suggested that the Public Safety Committee meet with Chief Carter and Mr. Gosbee before any equipment is released.

In accordance with previous discussions on March 28 meeting of the Council relative to the rewiring of the present fire house sire, Councilman Forehand moved that three phase wiring be installed at the Fire House at a cost of \$231.00. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried; Councilman Collison voting nay.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl presented bids submitted to the Council on screens for the Municipal Building as follows:

Clark Manufacturing Company - 22 double hung windows with half sliding aluminum frame screens and half "U" shaped aluminum track; screens to have aluminum wire and be installed. -- \$110.00.



All Weather Corporation - 21 aluminum one-half screens to include measuring and installation and gliders. -- \$126.00.

A sample screen from each of the aforementioned companies was displayed.

Councilman Juhl moved that the City accept the bid of the Clark Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$110.00 on screens for the Municipal Building, such screens to be installed within two weeks, if possible. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that the following Zoning Amendment Petitions be approved:

Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-320, Bradshaw, Shearin, Redding & Thomas, Attorneys; Parcel "A", Section 4 in S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-10 Zone.

Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-319, Bradshaw, Shearin, Redding & Thomas, Attorneys; Lots 31, 32, 33 and Part of 30, Section 6 in S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-10 Zone.

Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-318, Bradshaw, Shearin, Redding & Thomas, Attorneys; Lot 20, Section 4 in S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-10 Zone.

Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-307, Donald K. Staley, Attorney, Lot 21, Section 4 in S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-10 Zone.

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

Councilman Juhl moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-267, Howard B. Weeks, Owner, Lot 1, Block 101, B. L. Palmer Subdivision, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-40 Zone, be approved. Upon being seconded the put to question, the motion was carried; Councilman McKenzie voting nay; Councilman Forehand not voting.

Councilman Juhl suggested that the lot owned by the City on Oswego Avenue be enclosed along the street front with some type of hedge in order to improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved that Mr. Robert F. Taylor, Adjutant, Civil Air Patrol, be addressed a letter informing him that due to the recreational program at the Fire House Gym on Sundays, it would not be possible for the CAP to occupy the gymnasium on Sundays. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller directed that the Civic Improvements Committee study the present condition at the end of the parking lot opposite 8 Columbia Avenue, to improve its appearance.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich advised the Council that the Pickings wish to have the rock removed that exists on their property on Maple Avenue, which rock was placed all along Maple Avenue by the City some time ago. He stated that even though the previous Council gave no authority to have the rock placed along Maple Avenue, a representative of the City gave his approval, therefore, the City is still responsible.



Mr. Gingerich informed the Council that according to estimates received to have the rock removed, it may be cheaper for the City to buy the land than to pay for the removal of the rock.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Harold Hilliard  
Clerk and Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
July 1955

July 1955		July 1955	
Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
100.00			100.00
200.00			200.00
300.00			300.00
400.00			400.00
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REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
August 22, 1955

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Rev. Russell Quackenbush of the Washington Sanitarium Chapel rendered the Invocation.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of August 8, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

The Financial Statement for the month of July 1955 is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
July 1955

	Revenues July 1955	Revenues to 7/31/55	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/56	Total Budget
6/30/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	1634.02			
6/30/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	12.38			
6/30/55 Bal. Both Banks	<u>1646.40</u>			
<b>REVENUES</b>				
1. Taxes: General	204590.07	204599.07	204748.92	409347.99
1. Penalties & Interest	35.08	35.08	664.92	700.00
2. Licenses & Permits	689.77	680.77	23169.23	23850.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	61.50	61.50	2238.50	2300.00
4. Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	125.00	125.00
5. Revenue-other sources	199.74	17.75	31710.34	31728.09
6. Service Charges	507.00	507.00	1993.00	2500.00
Rms & Apt. Registration	9.00	9.00	8241.00	8250.00
Towing Charges	28.00			
	<u>206120.16</u>	205910.17	272890.91	478801.08
Less Discounts	3236.29	202883.87		
	<u>202883.87</u>	204530.27		
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
10.1 Clerk's Office	3723.68	3632.98	40027.02	43660.00
10.812 Government Bldgs.	344.22	344.22	4635.78	4980.00
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	929.21	908.21	14091.79	15000.00
11.1 Police Dept.	4706.69	4702.62	74765.97	79468.59
11.2 Fire Dept.	7116.08	7116.08	54491.92	61608.00
11.39 Protective Inspection	487.10	487.10	4492.90	4980.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1316.01	1316.01	20833.99	22150.00
12.2 " " General	7092.99	7092.99	85395.01	92488.00
12.2 " " Highways	400.00	400.00	5400.00	5800.00
12.4 " " Highway Lighting	1194.01	1194.01	15005.99	16200.00
13.1 " " Sanitation	1066.90	1066.90	17433.10	18500.00
19.3 " " Recreation	1106.21	1106.21	5543.79	6650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	.00	15905.08	15905.08
21.1 Misc. Expense	286.04	213.56	10136.44	10350.00
22.1 Capital Budget	.00	.00	16900.00	16900.00
Council Appropriations	.00	.00	3599.85	3599.85
23.1 Insurance	33.00	33.00	8328.45	8361.45
Towing Charges	3.00			
4th of July Expense	597.57	30402.71		
7/31/55 Bal. Both Banks	<u>174127.56</u>	29613.89	396987.08	426600.97



7/31/55	Bal. Citiz. Bank	164713.01
7/31/55	Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	9414.55
7/31/55	Bal. Both Banks	<u>174127.56</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

6/30/55	Bal. Citiz. Bank	22018.53
	Deposits	254.57
		<u>22273.10</u>
	No Withdrawals	.00
7/31/55	Bal. Citiz. Bank	<u>22273.10</u>

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

6/30/55	Bal. Citiz. Bank	5078.24
	No Deposits	.00
		<u>5078.24</u>
	Withdrawals	5000.00
7/31/55	Bal. Citiz. Bank	<u>78.24</u>

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mr. W. M. Buckman, Director of the Adventist Health and Welfare Services of the Potomac Conference, expressing thanks and appreciation for kind sentiments shown at the opening of the new Health and Welfare Center on Carroll Avenue. Referred to Council files.
2. Letter from Palmer Ford Company, advising the City that they could not bid on the 1955 Ford police cars because it is too late in the season. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Miller informed the public that the Council had a conference with the former Chief of Police and his attorney and stated that "it was the unanimous opinion of the Council that there was a lack of confidence in the administration of the Police Department by the Chief." He read the following announcement:

"The investigation of the Council into the conduct of the Chief of Police in the management and supervision of the City Police Department has been completed.

"This investigation by your local government is entirely separate from the action now underway by the County. At the time the Chief of Police was suspended I announced that we would report of our own findings irrespective of any action taken by the County.

"The results of the investigation has caused the Council to unanimously come to the conclusion that in the past the records of property coming into the hands of the Police Department by purchase or otherwise has been most inadequate for proper inventory and accountability. The responsibility for keeping adequate records is primarily that of the Chief of Police.

"It is further the opinion of the Council that under the administration of the present Chief of Police our Police Department, contrary to the wishes of the Council, has not cooperated with the police departments of other jurisdictions to the extent necessary for maximum law enforcement and the apprehension of violators of the law."

## OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Daniel M. Hassett, 623 Elm Avenue, complained of the noisy situation which exists when trucks drive over the manholes at the intersection of Ethan Allen and Elm Avenues and asked the Council to take the matter under advisement to repair 15 square feet of the street with solid concrete; also examine the east side of Ethan Allen Avenue to ascertain the need for a sidewalk.

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, suggested that the "Maryland News" be



informed of the fact that Takoma Park is a City and no longer a Town. He also asked whether or not any progress is being made toward the codification of the ordinances, to which Mayor Miller replied that they have not been started as yet.

Mr. Lewis Walters, Mr. Adams and Mr. Taylor, Adjutant, representing the Takoma Park Civil Air Patrol, gave a brief resume of the Civil Air Patrol programs and the training of teen-age boys which helps to prepare them for any branch of the service, and requested that they continue their time on Thursday nights in the gymnasium, also requesting additional time on Sundays to adequately facilitate the extensive program. Some of the facts enumerated are---Civil Air Patrol is chartered by the Congress the same as Boy Scouts; there are about 57 cadets in the Takoma Park Squadron, 45 of which reside in Takoma Park, plus 17 senior members; basically, Civil Air Patrol consists of aeronautics, radio communications, first aid courses, disaster courses, flying programs, etc.; they have a "link trainer" which is in need of overhaul. Besides needing the gymnasium, the Civil Air Patrol would like to have publicity in order to recruit many more new members.

After hearing the various facts and requests, Mayor Miller referred this matter back to the Parks and Recreation Committee for further study and consideration.

Councilman Kozel asked Mr. Taylor how many squadrons are in existence in the State of Maryland, and Mr. Taylor replied that there are about 64 squadrons, the headquarters being in Baltimore at the Friendship Airport.

Mrs. Roderic Davis presented to the Council a copy of Zoning Amendment Petition B-344, Lot 18, Block 76, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision, Child Care Home located at 7308 Baltimore Avenue, R-60 Zone, which is going to come up before the County Council, suggesting that the Mayor and Council be placed on the County list to receive copies of Zoning Petitions in the future.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the County Board of Appeals requesting that copies of Zoning Applications or Petitions be forwarded to the City.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell reported that one quotation has been received from the Heil Equipment Company for new equipment for the refuse trucks, but suggested that the matter be held in abeyance until another quotation is received from the Garwood Industries, then a motion would be prepared for bids on the Public Works equipment. In the event the bid of Garwood Industries should be acceptable to the City, delivery would be within 30 days.

It was stated that Mr. Ward Fetrow, Acting Superintendent of Public Works, has prepared a letter to contract for the removal of the rock from Ida M. Pickings' property on Maple Avenue.

Concerning the bridge over the B & O Railroad, it is believed that Montgomery County accepted the bridge for maintenance at the time the contract was let, and further study is being made to substantiate this claim.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to add Sub-section (g) to Section 1 of Ordinance 1216:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1313

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



Section 1. THAT a new subsection known as (g) be added to Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1216 (22:193) to read as follows:

"Section 1 (g) The words 'Dwelling, Multiple Group' shall mean a group of two or more multiple family dwellings or any combination of same, occupying a parcel of land in one ownership and having any yard, court, compound, or service in common."

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Relative to the sidewalk construction on Boston Avenue, Councilman Sidell stated that the City has received statements from three of the five property owners involved agreeing to pay the full cost of the construction work applicable to their property; but he reiterated that this work cannot proceed until the storm sewer has been installed.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand advised the Council that the Committee would like to make Woodbury Drive passable for two-way traffic as soon as they can determine who is responsible for clearing the brush on this street.

Councilman Forehand informed the Council that only one bid has been received for the police cars and suggested holding this matter in abeyance.

With regard to a request from Chief Carter, approved by the Fire Board, Councilman Forehand moved that Grant Benton be approved to serve as alternate on the Montgomery County Fire Board for the City of Takoma Park.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Chief Raymond E. Carter be granted 16 days leave to attend the International Chiefs' Association at Omaha, Nebraska, September 19 thru 22, and that the sum of \$150.00 be allocated from the contingent fund for travelling and Convention expenses.

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

Councilman Forehand recommended that motorcycle boots be provided for police officers assigned to that particular duty, and moved that motorcycle boots be purchased by the City and charged to the Contingent Fund.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the City revoke the taxicab license of William M. Combs, without comment, and that the City office notify him immediately by registered mail to return his badge.

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



Councilman Forehand stated that "the members of the Public Safety Committee have discussed the management and supervision of the Police Department by the Chief of Police Chester E. Thomas, and we find that we no longer have any confidence in the ability of the present Chief to administer the Police Department of the City for reasons heretofore stated by the Mayor;" therefore, "I move that the services of Chester E. Thomas as Chief of Police be terminated immediately."

Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried with the roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Mayor Miller advised the Council that he had contacted Councilman Tymeson by telephone and that Councilman Tymeson concurred with the above action regarding Chief Thomas. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Regarding the acceptance of bids for the furnishings for the new Library, Councilman Kozel stated that probably a poll from the Council would be procured over the telephone, and then the proper ordinance could be prepared.

Councilman Kozel said that after listening to the recommendation of the Civil Air Patrol for use of the gymnasium, the information will go back to the Committee for restudy.

Councilman Kozel stated that spigots were needed for the 4 fountains in the playgrounds in the City at a cost of \$20.00 per fountain and moved that the Public Works Department proceed with the installation of the necessary spigots at a total sum of \$80.00 to be charged to Account No. 19.303.

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

Pertaining to the removal of the "No Hardball Playing" signs in Spring Park, Councilman Kozel stated that the Committee suggested a change in wording in the signs; therefore, moved that the signs be changed to read, "No Hardball Playing Except Under Supervision".

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

Councilman Kozel reported that the Library Building itself will probably be completed within the next month or so.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that the bills in the amount of \$19,736.84 be approved, subject to a post audit by Councilman Forehand.

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

Councilman Juhl moved that the Public Works Department install the necessary steps at the rear of the City office of the Municipal Building.

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

Councilman Juhl moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-262, Lot 5, Block 60, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, 16th Street Woods Development, Inc., owners, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-20 Zone, be approved.



Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. The motion failed with the roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Juhl and McKenzie. Nays: Councilmen Collison and Kozel, and Mayor Miller. Not voting: Councilmen Forehand and Sidell. Absent: Councilman Tymeson.

Councilman Juhl moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-281, Lot 11, Block 52, Flower Avenue Park Subdivision, Ben Hersh, owner, request for reclassification from the R-60 Zone to the R-10 Zone, be rejected.

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

Mayor Miller announced that until March there would be no further charges, and, in his opinion, any action or charges that have been made were in the best interests of the City of Takoma Park.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

George M Miller  
Mayor

Harold D Hilliard  
Clerk and Treasurer