

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
September 12, 1955

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Absent: None.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of August 22, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from John T. Bonifant, Secretary, WSSC, regarding replacement of two-way fire hydrants in the City. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
2. Letter from William E. Harris, 7620 Maple Avenue, complaining of the terrible condition of Ritchie Avenue and surrounding areas on Maple Avenue, requesting that the aforementioned streets be surfaced. Referred to Public Works Committee.
3. Letter from Forbes H. Norris, Superintendent of the Montgomery County Board of Education, endorsing Dean Deyo's letter and requesting that Woodbury Drive be left a one-way street. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Letter from Walter H. McClenon, President of the Community League, urging that the position of Chief of Police be filled at the earliest feasible date. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from Walter H. McClenon, President of the Community League, relative to widening of Carroll Avenue to 100 feet including sidewalks, and establishing and maintaining a building line along both sides of Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Works and Public Welfare Committees.
6. Letter from Mrs. Emily Monitor, Chairman, and Mrs. Eleanor D. Switts, Secretary, Forest Park Recreation Council, expressing thanks and appreciation to the City for furnishing adequate supplies and materials to the playgrounds; requesting the Public Works Department install a shuffle board at Forest Park and the discs and pushers be stored at the Police Department to be signed out by them. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

Dean Deyo of the Montgomery Junior College reiterated his statements in a previous letter to the Council regarding the proposal to make Woodbury Drive a two-way street and stated that it would be extremely prejudicial to the college program and the students if this street were made two-way, due to the fact that the street is in need of particular repair; there is a larger student body which means an increase in traffic, and inevitably footballs and baseballs roll out to the street. He stated that the students coming and going is the chief traffic that is attributable to the college.

Councilmen Forehand and McKenzie suggested allowing two-way traffic on a little strip of Chicago Avenue from New York Avenue and installing a "No Thru Street" sign, to alleviate the situation.

In conjunction with the above subject, Mr. Perry Schroeder, 7500 Carroll Avenue, endorsed Dean Deyo's facts and also stated that the traffic would be greater because there are students who attend the college in the evening and even if a portion were made two-way, they wouldn't be able to turn their cars around due to the fact that the property owner, who requested the street be made two-way, locks his gate to business in the evening. He also added that if the street were made two-way, it would accommodate one man and jeopardize an entire student body of at least 500 students.

Councilman Juhl commented that since it is young people the City wants to look out for,

the preceding suggestions should be given considerable weight.

Dean Deyo commended the Police Department of Takoma Park and paid "high tribute" to them for the splendid job attained in helping the students to be careful drivers.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Relative to the traffic conditions over the B & O Railroad Bridge, Councilman Collison repeated that the Committee is still awaiting a copy of a letter from the B & O Railroad Company which pins down the responsibility of maintenance over the B & O Bridge.

Councilman Collison reported that the Committee has received five applications for the position of Superintendent of Public Works, which they are presently studying, but, as yet, have no recommendation to offer.

Mr. Ward Fetrow stated that the entire intersection of Elm and Ethan Allen Avenues will be repaired with concrete with two-inch topping.

After sending a mass letter to various companies for the removal of stone along Maple Avenue, Mr. Fetrow reported that the Ellis Construction Company in Branchville had agreed to remove the stone at no cost to the City. Councilman Juhl suggested putting some of the rock across the street in the Municipal parking lot.

Concerning the surfacing of Ritchie and Maple Avenues, Councilman Collison said nothing can commence on this project until everything is straightened out with the 16th Street Woods Development Corporation. Councilman Sidell commented that the deeds or dedications are not complete, also the plans for the roadway. Mr. Gingerich advised that the hearing for rezoning on Maple Avenue is scheduled for November 3, 1955.

With regard to the purchase of refuse trucks for the Public Works Department, Councilman Sidell recommended that the City advertise for bids from the Heil Equipment Company and the Garwood Industries, Inc., to be accepted September 23rd, at 4:30 p.m.; and that the bid from the Heil Equipment Company be the same as their proposal of July the 8th with the exception to include one (1) dump item instead of two (2); and further that the bid from the Garwood Industries be for three (3) Load Packers, Model LP220 and one (1) three-yard capacity Dump Body; both bids to include freight, installation, painting, clearance and turn signal lights.

Mayor Miller suggested that the advertisement be for all bidders and not confined to two manufacturers.

Following a discussion on whether the advertisement should read for two specific bidders or bidders in general, it was ruled that the advertisement, if confined to two bidders, would violate the Charter; therefore, the matter was referred back to the Public Works Committee for general specifications.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand stated that since the lengthy debate at the beginning of the meeting concerning the request from a property owner for two-way traffic on Woodbury Drive and also the request from Dean Deyo, endorsed by Dr. Norris' letter, for the street to remain as one-way traffic, he recommended that the street remain the same, and that the matter be deleted from the agenda pending any further suggestions.

Relative to the entreaty for "Stop" or "Slow, Children Playing" signs in the 8100 block of Hammond Avenue, Councilman Forehand advised the Council that the Committee investigated the possibility for signs and are of the consensus of opinion that they would have to install at least three stop signs, therefore, nothing could be effected at the present time.

In connection with a complaint from a resident in the 8300 block of Roanoke Avenue, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of an Ordinance to place a barricade in that particular section and install two signs to read "No Dumping at Any Time (or By Law)":

ORDINANCE NO. 1314

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

Section 1. THAT the 8300 block, at the end of Roanoke Avenue where Roanoke and Hudson Avenues intersect, be barricaded by the City.

Section 2. AND THAT "No Dumping At Any Time, or By Law" signs be installed.

Section 3. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works be directed to install the necessary signs as specified in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by police regulations governing dumping of refuse and trash on public right-of-way in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Concerning no parking 40 feet from the corner on the northeast side of Takoma Avenue that intersects with Albany Avenue along Washington Park, Councilman Forehand moved that the following Ordinance be adopted to change the no parking to 100 feet from the corner of Albany instead of 40 feet, and that a sign be installed designating, "No Parking To The Corner";

ORDINANCE NO. 1315

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited 100 feet on Takoma Avenue from the intersection of Albany Avenue and Takoma Avenue with the necessary sign erected to designate, "No Parking to the Corner".

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by 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 the roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

After reading a letter from the Fire Board together with the specifications for a Cadillac Limousine Ambulance for the Fire Department and prior to Chief Carter's recommendation of the specifications, endorsing them as written, except for two possible minor changes at no additional cost, Councilman Forehand moved that the City advertise for bids on the new Ambulance, Model 86 Chassis, and that copies of the specifications be made available at the City office (any additional information to be obtained from Chief Carter); and further that bids will be received no later than Monday, October 3, 1955, at 4:30 p.m. at the City office.

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

Councilman Forehand advised the Council that Acting Chief Bell would be compensated for his additional work load for the past three months.

Councilman Forehand recommended that Lt. Steve LaScola be in full charge of the Fire Department while Chief Carter is on vacation from September 15th thru October 1st, and that a notice be placed on the two bulletin boards in the Fire Department to that effect.

It was announced that the new Public Welfare Office has opened at 7034 Carroll Avenue and they requested a meter be removed from in front of the building in order to accommodate people coming into the Welfare office, therefore, Councilman Forehand moved that parking meter #46 be removed and the curb line painted yellow and two signs be installed to read, "No Parking Between Signs, For Public Welfare Only".

Lt. Bell stated that the Law would not allow parking for some and restriction for others. Therefore, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of an Ordinance to remove parking meter #46 and install signs to read ("Load and Unload"), finally changing it to read, "No Parking".

ORDINANCE NO. 1316

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

Section 1. THAT parking meter #46 be removed from its location in the vicinity of Carroll Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT in place of this meter there be installed "No Parking" signs.

Section 3. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to install the signs as stipulated in Section 2.

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the violation of this "No Parking" area restriction shall be the same as prescribed in the police regulations of the City of Takoma Park.

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

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the Fire Board's recommendation, Councilman McKenzie moved that the City enforce its own Fire Code and that the second ranking officer of the City Fire Department be appointed Assistant Fire Marshal to directly carry out the enforcement of the Fire Code, effective as of January 1st, 1956; and that the City Fire Code be brought up to date to conform with both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties (the Fire Chief to bring it in harmony with the Counties).

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

Councilman McKenzie informed the Council that his Committee selected Monday, October 17th, 8:00 p.m. at 8 Columbia Avenue, for a public hearing on the proposed Charter Amendments as presented by the Citizens' Planning Committee, affecting the terms of office and also provision for recall of the Mayor and/or Councilmen. It was suggested that publicity for the abovementioned meeting be announced over Station WGAY and also a notice be placed in the

Maryland News and The Star Newspaper.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell reiterated the fact that a portion of the sidewalk on Boston Avenue could not be started because the storm drain has to be installed first, but this cannot commence due to the fact that one party has not given his consent or dedication yet.

Pertaining to the request for sidewalk on the southeast side of Ethan Allen Avenue between Elm and New Hampshire Avenues, Councilman Sidell recommended that since the Council has not suggested this improvement, that the property owners in that block be notified of the said request informing them that an official request for sidewalk would have to be made to the Council by those property owners desiring such improvement.

Councilman Sidell stated that there is a possibility that the City might be able to make an offer to the County Health and Welfare Department to have their clinic for the City at 8 Sherman Avenue and that the Committee is to have a meeting with Mr. Clark of Montgomery County on Wednesday morning at 9:00.

Councilman Sidell stated that he had received three requests from citizens residing on Carroll Avenue for repair of sidewalks. He also said there was a complaint received relative to the double curb in front of the stores at Carroll and Grant Avenues, which complainant thought to be hazardous.

It was suggested that Mr. Thornton be contacted and requested to dedicate a portion of his sidewalk on Carroll Avenue to the City for a right-of-way.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

With reference to a recommendation from R. S. Senseman, Architect for the Library, for the City to pay requisition no. 5 amounting to \$2,179.79, Councilman Kozel moved that a payment of \$1,912.26 be paid, leaving a balance of 10% of the total Contract to be retained until the Contractor has completed the Library.

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

Councilman Kozel presented a type of application instituted by the Committee for the use of the Fire House Gymnasium, copies to be mimeographed by the City office and sent to all present users of the gymnasium as well as all past users. The application covers the following specifications: name of responsible person so that for any damage which might occur there would be someone to go back to; name of person who will obtain key to Municipal gym, such person to be familiar with all arrangements regarding organization he or she represents. Following the above detailed information, Councilman Kozel moved that the said application be adopted with a personal property and liability clause added by Mr. Gingerich.

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

Councilman Kozel moved the adopting of the following Ordinance to award the contract to the Art Metal Construction Company for the steel furnishings for the new Library Building, at a total cost of \$4,430.00:

ORDINANCE NO. 1317

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

Section 1. THAT after having duly advertised according
to Law for steel furnishings for the new Takoma Park

Library Building, as provided for under Account No. 22.2C in the Budget, and after having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of the Art Metal Construction Company, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., it being the lowest adjusted bid received.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the following steel furnishings is hereby awarded to the Art Metal Construction Company for a price of \$4,430.00 (as per list to be furnished):

- 88 - Single Faced Steel Shelf Units
- 39 - Double Faced Steel Shelf Units
- 6 - Single Faced End Panels
- 20 - Double Faced End Panels

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT all material will be delivered, assembled and erected in a substantial manner ready for use.

Councilman Forehand 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 Kozel moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to award the contract to Remington Rand, Inc., for the wood furnishings for the new Library Building at a total cost of \$5,041.25 (subject to revision downward):

ORDINANCE NO. 1318

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

Section 1. THAT after having duly advertised according to Law for wood furnishings for the new Takoma Park Library Building, as provided for under Account No. 22.2C in the Budget, and after having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of Remington Rand, Inc., 1615 "L" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., it being the lowest adjusted bid received.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the following wood furnishings is hereby awarded to Remington Rand, Inc., for a price of \$5,041.25 (subject to revision downward, as per list to be furnished):

- 8 - Rectangular Tables
- 5 - Square-Round Tables
- 54 - Chairs
- 1 - Book Truck
- 1 - Dictionary Stand (Revolving)
- 1 - Charging Desk (Shelving at Charging Desk)
- 1 - Atlas Stand
- 1 - Book Display Stand and Board
- 2 - Sloping Tables
- 2 - Benches
- 2 - Chairs (Persimmon)
- 2 - Chairs (Sulphur)
- 1 - Bookcase Section
- 1 - Card Catalog
- 1 - High Chair
- 4 - 3-Section Information Files

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the wood furniture will be birch #100 Permaseal Finish, also half and half Sulphur and Persimmon color.

Section 4. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT all material will be delivered, assembled and erected in a substantial manner ready for use.

Councilman Forehand 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 Kozel moved that the City advertise for sealed bids for a combination--refrigerator, stove and sink unit; bicycle racks; and umbrella and coat racks, for the new Takoma Park Library Building.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

With regard to Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2608, request for reclassification from the R-18, C-1 and R-55 to the C-2 Zone in the Gude and Abrams Shopping Center, Councilman Juhl suggested that letters be written to the abutting property owners and also to the Carroll Highlands and Hampshire Greens Community Associations asking their recommendation to the rezoning of the specified area on New Hampshire Avenue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the matter concerning the request for reduction of Special Assessment on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 102, Hodges Subdivision, owned by Attorney Shure's client Mr. W. A. Martin, again be denied.

After being seconded and put to question, Councilman Tymeson withdrew his motion upon Mr. Gingerich's advice to hold it in abeyance.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Council grant permission to the John H. Wilkins Company, Inc., to operate a mobile Merry-go-round in front of the Laurel Food Market on Carroll Avenue on September 21, 22 and 24, except that it be restricted to the hours of 12:30-6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th, and further that a letter be addressed to the Wilkins Company informing them of the restriction.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that the resignation of Curtis J. Baird of the Fire Department be accepted as of September 30, 1955.

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

Chief Carter reported that the Fire Department attended the parade at Gaithersburg and returned with a trophy for the best appearing 500-gallon pumper apparatus.

Mr. Remsen thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the employment of a part-time employee to assist in his office work.

Lt. Bell expressed the need for a crossing guard at the intersection of Elm & Ethan Allen Avenues.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

James J. Killford Sr.
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
Mayor and Council
September 26, 1955

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

Reverend Leslie Gould of Trinity Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

Councilman Kozel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 12, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
August 1955

	Revenues Aug. 1955	Revenues to 8/31/55	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/55	Total Budget
7/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	164713.01			
7/31/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	9414.55			
7/31/55 Bal. Both Banks	174127.56			
REVENUES				
1. Taxes: General	56651.48	261240.75	148107.24	409347.99
1. Penalties & Interest	.00	35.08	664.92	700.00
2. Licenses & Permits	546.27	1227.04	22622.96	23850.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	137.70	199.20	2100.80	2300.00
4. Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	125.00	125.00
5. Revenue - Other Sources	75.28	31.43	31696.66	31728.09
6. Service Charges	54.00	553.50	1946.50	2500.00
Rm. & Apt. Registrations	4.50	13.50	8236.50	8250.00
Towing Charges	55.00			
	<u>57524.23</u>			
	231651.79	263300.50	215500.58	478801.08
Less Discounts	773.77			
	<u>230878.02</u>			
DISBURSEMENTS				
10.1 Clerk's Office	3642.39	7275.37	36384.63	43660.00
10.8 Government Bldgs.	410.60	754.82	4225.18	4980.00
10.100 P/W Repair Shop	1307.84	2216.05	12783.95	15000.00
11.1 Police Dept.	4563.67	9266.29	70202.30	79468.59
11.2 Fire Dept.	3871.27	10987.35	50620.65	61608.00
11.39 Protective Inspection	497.45	984.55	3995.45	4980.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1329.32	2645.33	19504.67	22150.00
12.2 " " General	6619.01	13712.00	78776.00	92488.00
12.2 " " Highways	4889.00	5289.00	511.00	5800.00
12.4 " " Highway Lighting	1216.84	2410.85	13789.15	16200.00
13.1 " " Sanitation	2086.10	3153.00	15347.00	18500.00
19.1 " " Recreation	1693.75	2799.96	3850.04	6650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	.00	15905.08	15905.08
21.1 Misc. Expense	3574.11	3708.97	6641.03	10350.00
22.1 Capital Budget	8939.92	8939.92	7960.08	16900.00
Council Appropriations	.00	.00	3599.85	3599.85
23.1 Insurance	1621.32	1654.32	6707.13	8361.45
July 4th Expense	1051.24			
	<u>47313.83</u>			
8/31/55 Bal. Both Banks	183564.19	75797.78	350803.19	426600.97
8/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	163922.14			
8/31/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	19642.05			
8/31/55 Bal. Both Banks	183564.19			

These minutes have been proofread

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNTSPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

7/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	22273.10
Deposits	<u>737.69</u>
	23010.79
No withdrawals	<u>.00</u>
8/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	23010.79

7/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	78.24
No deposits or withdrawals	<u>.00</u>
8/31/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	78.24

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mr. Fred D. Lindsey, 7400 Birch Avenue, regarding clogged storm sewer at the northwest corner of Birch and Dogwood Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hess, 1204 Holton Lane, protesting rezoning of Lots 20-35, 37, 38, 39, Block 1, George A. Gude Property. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Letter from Dr. John W. Mason, protesting rezoning of Lots 20-35, 37, 38, 39, Block 1, George A. Gude Property. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
4. Letter from Keith H. Miller, 10-B Manor Circle, relative to unsanitary conditions existing at 10 Manor Circle. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
5. Letter from M. B. Godfrey, approving reclassification as stated in Zoning Petition No. A-2608. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Letter from Charles E. Johnson, Chairman, Joint Committee of Takoma-Prince George's Civic Associations, informing the Council of the Committee's resolution favoring continuation of the present rooming house ordinances and the need for their strict enforcement; also listed three houses in the Hampshire Greens area in violation of zoning laws. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
7. Letter from Charles E. Johnson, Chairman, Joint Committee of Takoma-Prince George's Civic Associations, submitting Committee's recommendation of Mr. Lawrence Oosterhous as Justice of Peace for the Prince George's County section of the City. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
8. Letter from Mr. Milton Kramer, Acting President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, recommending disapproval of the proposed zoning as suggested in Petition No. A-2608. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Milton Kramer, 7602 Hammond Avenue, reiterated his Association's position as stated in their letter read to the Council.

Mr. Charles E. Johnson, 1100 Kingwood Drive, spoke in opposition of the proposed rezoning of Lots 20-35, 37, 38, 39, Block 1, George A. Gude Property, from R-18, C-1 & R-55 to C-2.

Mr. Walter H. McClenon suggested that the Council give considerable weight to the views expressed by the Associations and citizens regarding Zoning Petition No. A-2608 when deliberating the approval or disapproval of this Petition.

Mr. Herbert Smith addressed the Council relative to the need of widening Carroll Avenue to 100 feet, and suggested that the Council adopt an ordinance that would prohibit construction of buildings any closer to the street than those structures already present.

Mr. Stephen Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue, suggested that the parking lot opposite the municipal building should be reserved for persons attending civic functions rather than using it for impounded cars. This matter was referred to the Civic Improvements Committee for their consideration.

Mr. Remsen, Inspector of Buildings, reported on the inspection of alleged violations listed in letter from Joint Committee. Mr. Remsen stated inspection revealed that one of the homes listed was a multiple family dwelling, and that this was a zoning violation which would have to be handled by the County inasmuch as the City has no zoning authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

As compensation for the services rendered by Benjamin F. Bell and Ward W. Fetrow as Acting Chief of Police and Acting Superintendent of Public Works, respectively, Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1319

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

Section 1. WHEREAS Benjamin F. Bell was appointed Acting Chief of Police by the Council as stipulated in the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of June 11, 1955;

Section 2. AND WHEREAS Ward W. Fetrow was appointed Acting Superintendent of Public Works by the Council as stipulated in the minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 13, 1955;

Section 3. AND WHEREAS such appointments described in Section 1 and Section 2 are hereby terminated, it is the desire of the Council that Benjamin F. Bell and Ward W. Fetrow be compensated for their services rendered as Acting Chief of Police and Acting Superintendent of Public Works, respectively, as follows:

Benjamin F. Bell	\$250.00
Ward W. Fetrow	\$250.00

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the City Clerk and Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse the monies necessary in accordance with Section 3 of this Ordinance.

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.

Relative to the Martin assessment, Councilman Tymeson stated that it was the Committee's unanimous recommendation that the Council hold to the action they took several months ago.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Public Works and Public Welfare Committees, Councilman Sidell moved that the following Ordinance be adopted establishing the office of Director of Public Works and Inspections:

ORDINANCE NO. 1320

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

Section 1. THAT the office of Director of Public Works and Inspections is hereby established at a salary of \$6100.00 per annum.

Councilman McKenzie 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.

In accordance with the Public Works and Public Welfare Committees' recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved that Peter Remsen be appointed Director of Public Works and Inspection and Superintendent of Public Works at an annual salary of \$6100.00, such appointment to take effect September 27, 1955; present allowance for automobile to remain in effect. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In accordance with the Public Works Committee's recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved that Ward W. Fetrow be granted permission to attend the Public Works Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, expenses to be charged against the \$250.00 budgeted for conventions. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, Councilman Sidell moved that the salary of the Administrative Assistant of the Public Works Department be increased to \$4200.00 per annum, effective October 1, 1955. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell moved that the City advertise for bids for three* twenty cubic yard capacity compaction-type enclosed refuse bodies with rear end loading; price to include delivery, installation, finish paint, clearance lights as required by law, and turn signals; bids to be opened October 17, 1955, at 4:30 p.m.

Councilman Tymeson suggested that the advertisement ask for bids for two and bids for three of the above described refuse trucks. Councilman Juhl supported Councilman Tymeson's suggestion.

*Councilman Sidell moved that the above motion be amended to the effect that the advertisement ask for bids on two AND bids on three enclosed refuse bodies to be submitted. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion as amended. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell announced that the office of the Director of Public Works and Inspections will be in the Public Works Building as soon as the move can be effected.

There being no further word from the B. & O. Railroad Co. regarding the bridge over the B. & O. Railroad tracks, Mayor Miller requested that the Corporation Counsel endeavor to contact the B. & O. officials in order to determine who is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell presented for Council study the recommendation that the Building at 8 Sherman Avenue be retained by the City for use by the Prince George's and Montgomery Counties Health and Welfare program. He informed the Council that a tentative offer of \$45.00 a month toward expenses had been received from Montgomery

County. It was also suggested that the building could be used for civic meetings as well as for storage space. The recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee for further study, such study to include any other desirable site and cost of renovation of the building at 8 Sherman Avenue.

In accordance with the Public Health and Welfare Committee's recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Charles F. Ferry, 7114 Poplar Avenue, be appointed Inspector of Buildings on a six month probationary period at an annual salary of \$4200.00, together with an annual car allowance of \$240.00.

Councilman Tymeson called to the Council's attention the fact that disbursements relative to Protective Inspection are set up in the budget on a July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 basis, and provisions would have to be made by the Council to withdraw monies from the reserve fund for expenditures of this department made after December 31, 1955.

Councilman Sidell withdrew the above motion.

Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1321

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

Section 1. WHEREAS disbursements are designated from July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 for Protective Inspection in the 1955-56 Adopted Budget;

Section 2. AND WHEREAS the designation of disbursements for Protective Inspection from January 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 is not included in the 1955-56 Adopted Budget;

Section 3. BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that disbursements pertaining to Protective Inspection from January 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund.

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

Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Charles F. Ferry, 7114 Poplar Avenue, be appointed Inspector of Buildings on a six month probationary period at an annual salary of \$4200.00 plus a \$240.00 annual car allowance; effective upon reporting for duty. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie reported that letters had been sent to all civic associations informing them of the Public Hearing October 17th relative to certain proposed charter amendments.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel advised the Council that the City will have a shuffle board installed at Forest Park as requested by the Forest Park Council, but as yet it has not been determined where the shuffle board will be placed. Councilman Kozel requested

that the item of the acquisition of additional land in the rear of Forest Park which one of the citizens wishes to deed to the City, be placed on the agenda.

Councilman Kozel announced that the completion date of the Library would probably be September 27, there being not enough unfinished items to warrant enforcing penalty clause. Councilman Kozel stated that orders have been placed for furnishings, and occupancy should be about December 1.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2608 Lots 20 to 35, incl., and Lots 37, 38 and 39, Block 1, George A. Gude Property, request for reclassification from R-18, C-1 and R-55 Zone to C-2 Zone, be disapproved. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried; Councilman Tymeson voting nay; Councilman Forehand not voting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

In connection with Pvt. Curtis J. Baird's resignation, Councilman Forehand advised the Council that Pvt. Baird was due five days annual leave, therefore, Councilman Forehand moved that Curtis J. Baird be paid for five days annual leave due him. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In accordance with the recommendation from the Fire Board and Lt. Stephen LaScola, Councilman Forehand moved that Richard L. Rhan be appointed as a Private with the Fire Department on a six month probationary period at a starting salary of \$3325 per annum; effective October 1, 1955. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Due to the increased traffic in the vicinity of Jackson and Boyd Avenues, Councilman Forehand, in concurrence with Lt. Bell's recommendation, moved the adoption of the following ordinance providing for stop signs on Jackson Avenue at intersection of Boyd Ave.:

ORDINANCE NO. 1322

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

Section 1. THAT "Stop" signs be erected on Jackson Avenue at the intersection of Boyd Avenue.

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

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

In order to facilitate ingress and egress of school buses on Grant Avenue, Lt. Bell recommended that #NO PARKING" signs be erected on both sides of

Grant Avenue from Piney Branch Road to Chestnut Avenue during school days, therefore, **Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following ordinance:**

ORDINANCE NO. 1323

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

Section 1. THAT all parking on both sides of Grant Avenue from Piney Branch Road to Chestnut Avenue be prohibited on school days between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is directed to install signs reading "No Parking on School Days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m."

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing no parking 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 recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Forehand, Juhl, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen Collison and Kozel.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following ordinance to prohibit parking on Willow Avenue eight feet on either side of driveway entrance of the Citizens Bank's drive-in window:

ORDINANCE NO. 1324

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited on Willow Avenue eight feet on either side of driveway entrance of the Citizens Bank's "Drive-in window".

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary signs 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 no parking 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 recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Forehand, Juhl, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmen Collison and Kozel.

Councilman Forehand moved that the City Clerk address a letter to the State Roads Commission inquiring if they would consider have "No Parking or Standing at any time Except for Loading or Unloading" signs erected on the north side of Carroll Avenue between Philadelphia and Grant Avenues. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the City readvertise for bids for two new police cars as specified in previous advertisement and specifications stated

in the minutes of the August 8, 1955 meeting of the Council, with the following changes: 1956 models, bids to include prices with 6 and 12 volt batteries, such bids to be received October 10, 1955, at 4:30 p.m. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of an ordinance providing for a crossing guard at Ethan Allen and Elm Avenues:

ORDINANCE NO. 1325

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

Section 1. WHEREAS increased automobile traffic has caused hazard to pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Ethan Allen and Elm Avenues;

Section 2. AND WHEREAS the funds provided for five crossing guards in the 1955-56 Adopted Budget, all of whom are stationed at intersections comparable to conditions prevailing as described in Section 1 of this Ordinance;

Section 3. THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an annual salary of \$700.00 be provided for a crossing guard at the intersection of Ethan Allen and Elm Avenues, and further that the sum of \$500.00 allotted the clothing allowance for crossing guards be increased by \$150.00.

Councilman Sidell 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.

Councilman Forehand moved that Lt. Benjamin F. Bell's annual salary be raised to \$4900.00 effective October 1, 1955. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Cpl. Samuel A. Foster be appointed Chief of Police of the City of Takoma Park on a six month probationary period with an annual salary of \$5200.00. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried. - see next page - ran 9/2/55

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1326

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

Section 1. THAT the position of Detective Sergeant is hereby established; salary per annum to be \$4200.00 to \$4600.00, minimum and maximum, respectively.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Pvt. Edwin Cissel be appointed Detective Sergeant on a six month probationary period with an annual salary of \$4200.00, effective October 1, 1955. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

It was announced that Samuel A. Foster's duties as Chief of Police would commence at 8:00 a.m. September 27, 1955.

Councilman Forehand advised the Council that certain printed forms were necessary for the use of the Division of Fire Protection before the Assistant Fire Marshal could effect his duties, therefore, Councilman Forehand moved that \$200.00 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to provide for the cost of such forms. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that bills for the month of August in the amount of \$13,414.66 be approved for payment. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller administered the oath of office of Chief of Police for the City of Takoma Park to Samuel A. Foster.

Mayor Miller then administered the oath of office of Director of Public Works and Inspections to Peter Remsen.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Samuel A. Miller
Clerk and Treasurer