

EXECUTIVE MEETING
 Mayor and Council
 October 10, 1955

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

Councilman McKenzie moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 26, 1955, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Rev. Edwary R. Bley, Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, New Hampshire Avenue and Kingwood Drive, regarding Zoning Petition A-2608 submitted at Sept. 26 meeting. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Letter from Mary C. Rodriguez, 7005 Eastern Avenue, concerning refuse container regulations. Referred to Public Works Committee.
3. Letter from Sheldon E. Bernstein, Newmyer & Bress Law Offices, submitting list of items for consideration relative to the Takoma-Winchester Apartments. Referred to Public Works Committee, and Public Safety Committee. (In this connection, Mayor Miller requested Corporation Counsel Gingerich to investigate the feasibility of scheduling the zoning hearing relative to the land adjacent to the Takoma-Winchester Apts. at a date earlier than November 3rd.)
4. Letter from Sulder R. Hartge, District Representative, Worth Motors, Inc. relative to their bid submitted on a new ambulance for the Fire Dept. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2608 (amended). Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Letter from Allen C. Thompson, President, American Municipal Assn., inviting the City officials to attend the 32nd Annual American Municipal Congress to be held in Miami, Fla. November 27-30. Referred to Council files.
7. Letter from Mrs. N. A. Hubbard, 7103 13th Avenue, requesting inspection and corrective measures to eliminate polluted water opposite the playground at the bottom of 13th Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
8. Letter from Mrs. Vincent P. Gomez, opposing assessment for sidewalk in the 600 block of Ethan Allen Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
9. Letter from Charlene B. Scott, Secretary, Takoma Park Veterans Council, extending an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the Armistice Day exercises November 11, 11:00 a.m. at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Clerk and Treasurer Harold Hilliard brought to the Council's attention, for its consideration, the matter of obtaining insurance on the new Library Building. Mayor Miller referred this item to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Hilliard also suggested that the City circulate information to those residing within the corporate limits of Takoma Park emphasizing the importance of specifying their residence in Takoma Park when filing Maryland Income Tax, in order that the City may receive all monies due it in accordance with the Sherbow Law.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell advised the Council that the Committee was preparing a report to include itemization of articles acceptable for the "special" pickup of refuse.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Referring to the letter from John Bonifant, Secretary, WSSC, under date of Sept. 22, concerning the adjustment of one manhole and two water valves at an estimated cost of \$115.00 due to the grade revision of Kennebec Avenue, Councilman Collison moved that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the application accompanying Mr. Bonifant's letter consenting to the adjustment. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Collison stated that due to the fact that the negotiations concerning Maple Avenue in the vicinity of Ritchie Avenue will probably be prolonged, the Committee would reconsider improving Ritchie Avenue and areas off Maple Avenue temporarily until such permanent improvement could be effected.

Councilman Collison moved that an Ordinance be adopted authorizing the payment of \$2249.30 to Contee Sand and Gravel Company for the paving of Jackson Avenue, and that this assessment be levied against the property owners in accordance with Ordinance 1199:

ORDINANCE NO. 1327

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

Section 1. THAT payment in full to the Contee Sand and Gravel Company in the amount of \$2249.30 is hereby authorized for the improvement of Jackson Avenue between Glenside Drive and Holton Lane.

Section 2. AND THAT in accordance with Section 2 of Ordinance 1199 the full cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this Ordinance is to be assessed against the property owners of Lot 1 and one-half of Lot 29, Lot 28 and one-half of Lot 29, Block 8, Green Hill Farms, and against the builder of improvements existing on Lots 27, 28 and 29, New Hampshire Gardens, which lots abut the said improvement.

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

Councilman Collison informed the Council that the Forest Park storm drainage plans have been returned to McNeill Surveys, Inc. for revision. The WSSC requests easements or rights of way dedications in order to maintain the system after completion. Councilman Collison stated that it must be decided whether the project will go through private or public property.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel advised the Council that no bids were received for combination refrigerator, stove and sink unit; bicycle racks, umbrella and coat racks for Library, therefore, he suggested that the Library Association inform the Committee as to what suppliers the Association had contacted originally regarding same.

Councilman Kozel stated that the Library was not ready for acceptance, and that if the contractor did not complete the items necessary acceptance expeditiously, the penalty clause would have to be invoked.

Relative to the acquisition of additional land to Forest Park, Corporation Counsel Gingerich advised the Council that he has two dedications drawn up with the exception of metes and bounds, but suggested that a plan be submitted as to just what additional land was desired instead of obtaining a hodgepodge of dedications.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson suggested that the Law and Ordinances Committee proceed with the necessary arrangements in connection with the sale of the impounded cars, and further stated that the Finance Committee would recommend the sale of impounded cars once every six months instead of once a year.

Councilman Tymeson stated that the Finance Committee would like to have the Law and Ordinances Committee study a change in the Merit Plan whereby clothing purchased by employees with monies from the clothing allowance would have to be returned to the City if employment was terminated within one year instead of six months.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the firm of Willis and O'Connell be employed to audit the books of the City, such audit to begin immediately. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1328

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 part of land conveyed by Abe Glickman, et al, to The Texas Company by deed dated February 18, 1946, and recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Liber 1837 at Folio 3579, (resubdivision from parts of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1, S. S. Carroll's Subdivision) to Lot 12, Section 1, S. S. Carroll's Subdivision, 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.

Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Not Voting: Councilman Forehand. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

In regard to the approval or disapproval of Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2608 (Amended) Nicholas Orem, Jr., Attorney for George A. Gude and Joseph P. Abrahams; Lots 1 to 11, incl., 17 to 35, incl., and Lots 37, 38 and 39, all in block 1, George A. Gude Property, Takoma Park, upon vote, i.e. Councilmen Collison, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell voting nay, and Councilman Tymeson voting yea; Councilman Forehand, not voting, (Councilman Juhl absent) the above petition as amended was disapproved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1329

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited on Greenwood Avenue contiguous with the Sligo School Playground between signs to be posted ten feet to the left of the small gate and ten feet to the right of the large gate; the curb between these two points to be painted yellow.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to install the necessary signs in conformance with Section 1 of this Ordinance to read: "No Parking on School Days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.", and to paint the curb yellow as designated in Section 1 of 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 Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

Councilman Forehand moved that Robert W. Milbrath be appointed to regular police duty (clerk to private), retroactive October 1, 1955, at an annual salary of \$3825. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1330

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

Section 1. THAT the "No Parking - Police Cars Only" sign in front of the Park Pharmacy on Laurel Avenue in the City of Takoma Park be removed.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to remove the sign so specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1331

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited in front of the Park Pharmacy on Laurel Avenue in the City of Takoma Park.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to install a "No Parking At Any Time" sign on the post nearest the alley adjacent to the Park Pharmacy.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that Ray Dixon Williams be appointed a private with the Police Department on a six month probationary period, with an annual salary of \$3325.00, effective October 15, 1955. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Alfonso Capozzi be appointed a private with the Police Department on a six month probationary period, with an annual salary of \$3325.00, effective October 15, 1955. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Marjorie J. Anderson be appointed a crossing guard, retroactive as of October 2, 1955. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Relative to establishing uniformity in the clothing of the crossing guards, Councilman Forehand recommended that the Chief of Police order hats and coats for the crossing guards as a step toward such uniformity.

Councilman Forehand suggested that study be given to the purchase of yellow raincoats for use by the police department, and perhaps stamping "City of Takoma Park" on them in order to insure their return to the City when employment is terminated.

Councilman Forehand requested the Chief of Police to submit an estimate of the cost of equipping the members of the Police Department with proper rain gear.

Councilman Forehand moved that Officers Cissel, Anderson and Farran receive one day's pay as compensation for the extra day worked during Hurricane Connie. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1332

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited adjacent to Parking Meters #65, 66, 67 and 68, located on Carroll Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to install two signs reading "No Parking Between Signs From 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturdays", in conformance with Section 1 of 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 Collison, Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1333

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited on the north side of Mississippi Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Parkside Road.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1334

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

Section 1. THAT a "Stop" sign be erected on Mississippi Avenue at the intersection of Parkside Road.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary sign 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 Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

Councilman Forehand moved that Lt. Benjamin F. Bell be paid for twelve vacation days in lieu of taking leave, and the remaining seven days leave due him be taken at a later date. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand directed that the City Clerk acknowledge Mr. D. Aitchison's letter relative to the establishment of the Detective Sergeant position, informing him that the Mayor and Council feel that the City is now large enough to require a Detective.

Councilman Forehand moved that an appropriate sign be erected at a proper place on the grounds of the Municipal Building identifying the location of the Police Dept. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the City Clerk address a letter to Officers Merson, Olson and Bowers, extending the Mayor and Council's commendation for their apprehension of certain fugitives on the 7th of October, and further that copies of this letter be placed in their files. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the City Clerk proceed to notify, by registered mail, all last known owners of the impounded cars informing them of the anticipated auction if such cars are not redeemed within the time specified by law. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

It was announced that the Fire Department received a trophy for the best appearing ladder truck in the Fire Prevention Parade at Rockville October 8, 1955, and the Chief and members of the Fire Department were extended congratulations.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1335

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

Section 1. THAT Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1316(54:) is hereby amended to read as follows: "AND THAT in place of this meter there be installed a 'No Parking - Loading and Unloading only 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.' sign."

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

Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1336

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1312 (24:53) be amended to include the following motion carried at the Regular Meeting, September 26, 1955: "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 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, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Carter gave an interesting resume of his attendance of the 82nd Annual Conference of International Association of Fire Chiefs in Omaha, Neb. September 19-22, 1955.

Director Remsen requested that the gas heater be taken out of the machine shop and installed in the greenhouse in place of the two oil burners now being used there.

Councilman Forehand moved that Detective Sergeant Cissel be allotted a car allowance of \$240.00 per annum, effective October 1, 1955. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

David J. Hilliard R
Clerk and Treasurer

Show minutes have been prepared

A Public hearing under the direction of the Law and Ordinances Committee, Councilman McKenzie, Chairman, was called for the purpose of reviewing the Charter Amendments suggested by the Takoma Park Citizens' Planning Committee in their report to the Mayor and Council. The proposed amendments under discussion by the Council and the citizens were as follows: (1) Charter amendment to provide for the choice at one election of the Mayor and three Councilmen, and of four Councilmen at the next election; (2) Charter provision for the recall of Mayor and/or Councilmen.

Mr. Hilliard, Clerk, read the the report from the Takoma Park Citizens' Planning Committee relative to the amendment which would provide for the overlapping terms. In summary, the report suggested the following: A charter amendment that would provide for the choice at one election of the Mayor and three Councilmen, and of four Councilmen at the next election by (a) holding annual elections, or (b) making the terms longer than two years. The Planning Committee recommended the second alternative suggesting four year terms with an election every two years.

Mr. George B. Kennedy, Chairman, Citizens' Planning Committee, elaborated on the aforementioned report explaining that under the system now in effect, tenure of office terminates simultaneously which might handicap operations of a smooth government, also, experience has shown that it takes about a year for a newly elected official to become familiar with the duties of the Council and the administration.

Mr. O. W. Youngblood, 7131 Maple Avenue, spoke in opposition of establishing four year terms for Mayor and Councilmen but was in favor of two year overlapping terms with an election every year.

Mr. George Kissinger, 7015 Sycamore Avenue, concurred with Mr. Youngblood, adding that an election every year makes a town progressive.

Mr. S. Littman, 7206 Central Avenue, thought perhaps a four year term would be too lengthy and would deter qualified persons from considering office.

In order to insure public interest in the election, Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, suggested that the Mayor be elected every two years.

Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue, endorsed Mr. Derato's viewpoint.

Mr. Harry Millard, 8 Crescent Place, favored staggered elections.

Mr. Littman suggested the appointment of an administrative head as a probable solution to the lack of experience and efficiency.

Mr. Hilliard, Clerk, read the report relative to the recommendation for charter provision for recall of Mayor and/or Councilmen which would require 30% of the registered voters to sign a recall petition.

Where the proposed charter amendment would provide for a special election to fill vacancies in case more than one person is recalled at the same time, Mr. McClenon suggested that this be modified by words to the effect "unless an election is to be within 90 days".

Mr. Charles Yost, 7207 Central Avenue, thought that the recall proposal was a good one, but the "safety valve" of 30% is too restrictive making it almost impossible to recall a Mayor or Councilman.

Mr. Peter Remsen, 7332 Piney Branch Road, opposed the recall provision, as did Mr. Youngblood.

Mr. Claude Curlin, 909 Sligo Creek Parkway, spoke in favor of the recall provision.

Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, thought that the proposal should be amended to require signatures of 30% of those who actually voted, not 30% of the registered voters.

Mr. R. M. Briggs, 7215 Flower Avenue, suggested that a provision be included whereby the man in question would be able to defend himself.

Mr. Curtis favored lowering the percentage of signatures required on a petition for recall, and that this percentage be applied to those who voted in the preceding election; he also agreed with suggestion to provide a means whereby the one to be recalled could defend himself.

A call for show of hands of the approximately twenty-five citizens present, evidenced a majority in favor of the four year term, and the recall provision if the four year term becomes effective.

George M. Meier
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
October 24, 1955

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

Reverend William Scurlock of the Takoma Park Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

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

Mr. Hilliard, Clerk and Treasurer and Executive Secretary, read the Financial Statement for the month of September.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
September 1955

	Revenues Sept. 1955	Revenues to Sept 30/55	Bal. Bud to 6/30/56	Total Budget
8/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank		163922.14		
8/31/55 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.		<u>19642.05</u>		
8/31/55 Bal. Both Banks		183564.19		
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1. Taxes: General	28683.35	289924.10	119423.89	409347.99
1. Penalties & Interest	.00	35.08	664.92	700.00
2. Licenses & Permits	758.96	1986.00	21864.00	23850.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	45.00	244.20	2055.80	2300.00
4. Use of Money & Prop.	.00	.00	125.00	125.00
5. Revenues-other Sources	59.94	41.43	31686.66	31728.09
6. Service Charges	48.00	601.50	1898.50	2500.00
Rms&Apt Registration	6.75	20.25	8229.75	8250.00
Towing Charges	14.00			
Accounts Received	<u>1.80</u>	<u>29617.80</u>		
		213181.99		
Discounts		<u>235.63</u>		
		212946.36		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
10.1 Clerk's Office	2226.84	9502.21	34157.79	43660.00
10.812 Gov't Bldgs.	439.36	1194.18	3785.82	4980.00
10.100 P/W Repair Shop	1261.15	3477.20	11522.80	15000.00
11.1 Police Dept.	4886.87	14153.16	65315.43	79468.59
11.2 Fire Dept.	4555.07	15542.42	46065.58	61608.00
11.39 Protective Insp.	474.33	1458.88	3521.12	4980.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	1716.95	4362.28	17787.72	22150.00
12.2 " " General	9049.94	22761.94	69726.06	92488.00
12.2 " " Highways	.00	5289.00	511.00	5800.00
12.4 " " Hwy Lighting	1243.10	3653.95	12546.05	16200.00
13.1 " " Sanitation	1493.02	4646.02	13853.98	18500.00
19.1 " " Recreation	227.34	3027.30	3622.70	6650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	11147.08	11147.08	4758.00	15905.08
21.1 Misc. Expense	296.61	3955.64	6394.36	10350.00
22.1 Capital Budget	1912.31	10852.23	16602.60	27454.83
22.1 Council Appro.	740.00	740.00	2859.85	3599.85
23.1 Insurance	3553.72	5208.04	3153.41	8361.45

Towing Account	89.00			
Discounts Refund	2.99	120971.53	316184.27	437155.80
Accounts Received	1.80			
				<u>45317.48</u>
9/30/55 Bal. Both Banks				167628.88
9/30/55 Bal. Citiz. Bank	135234.59		Estimated Approp. 7/1/55	426600.97
9/30/55 Bal. Sub. Tr Co	<u>32394.29</u>		From Unappropriated Surplus	<u>10554.83</u>
9/30/55 Bal. Both Banks	167628.88		Est. Appropriations 9/30/55	437155.80

SEPCIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

8/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	23010.79
No Deposits or Withdrawals	<u>.00</u>
9/30/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	23010.79

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

8/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No deposits or Withdrawals	<u>.00</u>
9/30/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from John T. Bonifant, Secretary, WSSC, acknowledging receipt of application covering raising of one manhole and two water valves on proposed Kennebec Avenue project, and stating that the alteration is not acceptable to the Commission. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., requesting immediate action be taken on purchase of new siren for the Fire Department Building. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Letter from George N. Lewis, Jr., Director, State Roads Commission, together with letter from J. L. Mintiens, Associate Engineer, regarding the City's request for "No Parking or Standing At Any Time Except for Loading or Unloading" signs on north side of Carroll Avenue between Philadelphia and Grant Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Letter from Joseph Hayden, 6 Pine Avenue, relative to unsightly condition of impounded automobiles in parking lot opposite 8 Columbia Avenue, suggesting that they be parked near the Public Works Department in the future. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from Ralph G. Shure, Attorney at Law, concerning the re-naming of the Takoma Park Taxicab Service to "Takoma-Langley Taxi Service", and asking the Council's approval to increase the number of cabs to 43 for future expansion. Referred to Law and Ordinances and Public Safety Committees.

Mayor Miller asked Mr. Hilliard to check the ordinances and by-laws relative to the operation of the Taxicab Service in Takoma Park and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

6. Letter from Lillie V. Lewis, 7713 Carroll Avenue, requesting a cleanup of the property at 7709 Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, stated that sometime ago he made a request to have an amendment to the Charter to change the word "Town" of Takoma Park to "City" of Takoma Park, and asked that this be accomplished as soon as possible.

Mayor Miller referred this matter to Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee.

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, said he noticed the newspaper quoted him as being opposed to four year terms of the Council. He added that it was an error and he wanted the "Mayor elected every two years."

A resident of 801 Sligo Creek Parkway complained about the condition of Cherry Avenue, stating that no two cars could pass at the same place, and suggested that signs be installed in order to protect the children.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie moved that the item of the "change of the Merit Plan relative to clothing allowance" be deleted from the agenda.

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

Pertaining to the proposed Charter Amendments of overlapping terms and also recall of Mayor and/or Council, which were discussed at a Public Hearing October 17th, Councilman McKenzie advised that the majority of the citizens present were in favor of four year terms; and it was the Committee's opinion to submit this matter to a referendum. The Committee will make further study on this subject and report same at the next Council meeting.

Councilman McKenzie moved that Corporation Counsel Gingerich be instructed to begin immediately on the problem or preliminary work of codifying the City Ordinances. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell informed the Council that sidewalk crews have been very busily engaged in constructing sidewalks at the new Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

After receiving prices from Chief Foster for raincoats (\$18.75 ea.); yellow caps (\$3.95 ea.); and knee boots (\$7.95 ea.); (a total of \$459.75 to outfit 15 men); Councilman Forehand moved that the City purchase the aforementioned raingear for the Police Department at a cost of \$460.00, which would be City property, i.e., whenever an officer leaves the force, the clothing would be retained by the Police Department. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of an Ordinance to make Chestnut Street one-way going north from Eastern Avenue to Piney Branch Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 1337

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

Section 1. THAT Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1189, May 11, 1953 (22:142-143), be and is hereby amended as follows:

THAT the flow of traffic on Chestnut Street between Eastern Avenue and Piney Branch Road be prohibited except in a northly direction thereby making Chestnut Street a one-way street going north.

Councilman Tymeson 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.

Subsequent to an investigation by the Chief of Police and Councilman Forehand, it was agreed that Takoma Avenue be made one-way going west from Piney Branch Road to Baltimore Avenue inasmuch as Takoma Avenue is a narrow street with cars parked on both sides; therefore, Councilman Forehand moved an Ordinance be adopted to effect the aforesaid.

Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Councilman Sidell suggested that the matter go to the Committee for study. Councilman McKenzie thought a portion should be made "No Parking". Following the above suggestions, Councilman Forehand and Councilman Tymeson withdrew their motion and second, consecutively.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to install a "STOP" sign on Roanoke Avenue at Kennebec:

ORDINANCE NO. 1338

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

Section 1. THAT a "STOP" sign be erected on Roanoke Avenue at the intersection of Kennebec Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of the specified sign.

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 Tymeson 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.

The Forest Park Recreation Council requested permission to have a Halloween Party at Forest Park on Saturday, October 29th, thus closing Prince George's to Elm Avenue from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; consequently, Councilman Forehand moved that the citizens be granted this privilege to dance in the street and the street be closed off at approximately 6:00 p.m. with an officer stationed at that locality to clear the area. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Since the amount of \$475.00 was appropriated for the new siren for the Fire House and the price obtained last year regulated the amount set in the Budget, Councilman Forehand moved that the City Clerk advertise for bids on the Fire Department siren to include the following specifications:

1. 10 H.P., 220-~~440~~ volts, 50/60 cycle, 3 phase upright siren, Federal No. STL-10 (or equal).
2. Bids to include trade-in allowance on one 5 H.P. 60 cycle, single phase, 110-220 volts, Amp. 52-26, double end siren, in excellent condition.

The closing date for bids to be accepted will be Monday, November 14, 1955, at 4:00 p.m., at the City office, 8 Columbia Avenue.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that \$10.00 per month be added to the clothing allowance of the police officers who operate motorcycles (a total amount of \$210.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year for 3 men). Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1312 to read "two black cars" instead of "one black car and one white car":

ORDINANCE NO. 1339

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

Section 1. THAT Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1312, dated August 8, 1955, (24:53) is hereby amended to change the words "one black and one white" to "black".

Councilman Tymeson 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 receiving the bids from Handley Motor Company (\$2,777.24); Palmer Motor Company (\$3,170.60); and Takoma Motor Company (\$2,783.46) for 12 volt, 6 cylinder, 1956 Ford Police Cars, Councilman Forehand recommended that the cars be equipped with 8 cylinder instead of 6, at a price of \$41.00 more per car, and moved the adoption of an Ordinance to accept the bid of Takoma Motor Company for 2 black, 12 volt, 8 cylinder, police automobiles in the amount of \$2,865.46.

ORDINANCE NO. 1340

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 the purchase of two (2) police cars as provided for in Account No. 11.113B in the Budget, for use by the Police Department of the City of Takoma Park, and after having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of Takoma Motor Company, 7001 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of two (2) 1956, 12 volt 8 cylinder, Ford Police Cars be and is hereby awarded to the Takoma Motor Company for a price of \$2,865.46, which includes trade-in allowance on Police Car No. 1 (1953 Ford) and Public Works Car No. 5 (1951 Ford).

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT these police cars are to be factory painted (black) and equipped in accordance with specifications as per bid dated October 8, 1955.

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

The subsequent bids (prices not including resuscitator or radio) were received on the new Cadillac Ambulance for the Fire Department: (a) Wolfington

Body Company, Inc. - \$8,465.00; (b) Worth Motors, Inc. - \$8,195.00; and (c) Calvin Hearse and Ambulance Sales - \$8,386.37.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to accept the bid of Calvin Hearse and Ambulance Sales, Hyattsville, Maryland, for the S&S Ambulance in the amount of \$8,386.37:

ORDINANCE NO. 1341

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 the purchase of one (1) ambulance as provided for under Account No. 11.213 A in the Budget, for use by the Fire Department of the City of Takoma Park, and after having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of Calvin Hearse and Ambulance Sales, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of one (1) 1956 S&S Cadillac Ambulance be and is hereby awarded to the Calvin Hearse and Ambulance Sales for a price of \$8,386.37 (not including resuscitator and radio), which includes trade-in allowance on 1947 Buick Ambulance.

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT this ambulance will be delivered and equipped in accordance with specifications as per bid dated September 27, 1955.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel stated that several applications have been received for the use of the gymnasium in the Fire House, but a definite schedule has not been set as yet; however, there was one request for use of the gymnasium from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th for auditions for entertainment of the armed forces and civilian hospitals, and Councilman Kozel recommended that permission be granted provided that this is a group basically and entirely from the City.

Concerning Change Order No. 1A, submitted by Ronald S. Senseman, Architect, to reimburse the contractor for \$156.80 for sod which was stripped from the Library site by the City, Councilman Kozel advised the Council that it was the Corporation Counsel's decision that the contractor does not have a claim upon the City for this sod, therefore, the City refuses to pay same; the City Clerk is hereby instructed to write a letter to that effect.

Councilman Kozel announced that there would be a Halloween Party and judging of costumes at the Carole Highlands School on Saturday, October 29, at which time our Mayor will participate in the costume judging.

Councilman Kozel also announced there would be a meeting on the first of December to arrange or set up a City-wide Recreation Council.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: The following bids were received on the refuse trucks (not including chassis): (a) Commercial Truck Company - \$5,114.55 each; (b) Gar Wood Industries, Inc. \$5,180.00 each plus freight; and (c) Heil Equipment Company - \$5,355.55 each. In connection with the above bids, Councilman Collison stated there is a difference of \$211.00 between the lowest and highest bidder and it was the Committee's conclusion that because of this difference it is probable that the maintenance cost of the Heil

94 Equipment Company would be less than that of the Commercial Truck Company; for instance, the Commercial Trucks have 8 hydraulic cylinders as against 3 on the Heil Trucks.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to buy 3 trash dump body trucks (not including chassis) from the Heil Equipment Company at a cost of \$5,355.55 each, to be appropriated from the Reserve Fund:

ORDINANCE NO. 1342

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 the purchase of three (3) trash trucks as provided for in the Reserve Fund of the Budget, for use by the Public Works Department of the City of Takoma Park, and after having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of Heil Equipment Company, 1003 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of three (3) trash dump body trucks (not including chassis) be and is hereby awarded to the Heil Equipment Company for a price of \$5,355.55 each, (a total of \$16,066.65) including freight, installation on chassis, painted, etc., as per specifications in bid dated October 17, 1955.

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.

Relative to the requests to repair Cherry Avenue as well as that portion of Prince George's Avenue east of Elm Avenue, Councilman Collison directed the City Clerk to write letters to the citizens on Cherry Avenue, also the Spring Park Community Association and the citizens at Prince George's and Elm Avenues, informing them that permanent improvement could not commence until the City received the consent of the abutting property owners.

In connection with the Community League's recent request to establish a set back building line on Carroll Avenue so that any further extension of the commercial zoning area would prevent them from building close to the street, Councilman Collison suggested that the Community League be advised to contact the Park and Planning Commission in order to determine the legality and permissibility of such a move.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl presented Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2635, Lot 7, Green Hill Farms Subdivision, request for reclassification from the R-55 Zone to the C-1 Zone, and stated that the Master Plan has it set aside for apartments on the southeast side of New Hampshire Avenue, but since it is the location for the new Medical Center, he moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2635 be approved. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forehand not voting.

It was stated that for the present the City will retain the old Library building at 8 Sherman Avenue. Possible future uses for this building are;

1. Montgomery County Health and Welfare office;
2. Storage of recreational equipment;
3. Storage facilities for property the Police Department must hold in custody; and
4. Golden Age Club - Hobby-type recreation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills for the month of September in the amount of \$15,808.08, be approved. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson announced that the auditors stated that of the \$27,363.092.00 assessment for the fiscal year 1954-55, based on the total tax amount from the docket, the actual assessable amount was \$10.00 less, or a 10¢ difference in taxes as reconciled with the assessable value.

Councilman Tymeson reported that from the total expenditures, on one-fourth of a year basis, we have expended 28% of the revenue, instead of the 25% allotted; but 28% is excellent considering 70% of the Library bill is paid and 62% of the Insurance is paid, which means so far this year we are 3 & 3/4 per cent better than last year.

Councilman Tymeson advised the Council that he and Mr. Hilliard will attend a meeting at Wheaton, October 25th at 8:00 p.m., and participate in a panel discussion on the merits of an incorporated municipality.

Mayor Miller announced that Mr. Charles Ferry, our new Inspector of Buildings, was in the audience.

Chief Foster informed the Council that the "U" Turn sign at Laurel and Carroll Avenues is leaning and should be replaced by two or three signs.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Harold J Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer