

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 13, 1956

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.

Councilman McKenzie moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 23, 1956, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Erna Borm, 7008 Woodland Avenue, relative to apartment registration, and requesting the City's assistance in contributing to the support of a certain family at this address. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
2. Letter from Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, expressing appreciation for the Christmas candy given by the City to the volunteer firemen. Referred to Council files.
3. Letter from Citizens' Planning Committee, George B. Kennedy, Chairman, suggesting amendment to Section 1425 of the City Charter. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
4. Letter from Citizens' Planning Committee, George B. Kennedy, Chairman, suggesting incorporation of merit system in Charter in form of an amendment to Section 1425. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
5. Letter from George N. Lewis, Director, State Roads Commission, regarding cost of installation of a traffic signal at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues, (\$6500.00). Referred to Finance and Public Safety Committees.
6. Letter from Royal G. Sherburne, 504 Albany Avenue, requesting use of a certain portion of Brashear's Avenue. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
7. Letter from J. Umberger, Secretary-Treasurer, North Takoma Citizens' Association, enclosing Resolution adopted by the Association regarding the use of Washington Park as a parking lot. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
8. Letter from DeWitt Hyde, Congress of the United States, enclosing copy of letter addressed to him from the Post Office Department relative to the Takoma Park Post Office. Referred to Council files.
9. Letter from R. L. Odem, 6611 Westmoreland Avenue, commending the City for the excellent refuse collection service. Referred to Public Works Committee.
10. Letter from David Galfond, President, Spring Park Community Association, relative to unsatisfactory refuse collection. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
11. Letter from Jones & Mathias, Attorneys at Law, representing Conrad Realty Co., inquiring as to whether or not the Council has taken action to abandon a portion of Baltimore Avenue. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
12. Letter from Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., Clerk and Treasurer, City of Takoma Park, submitting his resignation, effective March 1, 1956. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Joseph O'Connell, Auditor, to the Council and audience.

Mr. O'Connell stated that he felt it was unfortunate that such emphasis was

placed on that particular portion of the audit report which received such publicity in a recent edition of the Daily News, and that he publicly wanted to clarify the incident by stating that the item given publicity was corrected before the 1954-55 fiscal year audit. It was his understanding that there had not been any more such instances, and he informed the audience that the City finances were better than they have ever been since his six years of auditing the City accounts. In fact, the expenditures have stayed in line with revenues resulting in a small amount of excess over the deficits.

Mr. Michael Derato read an editorial from a New Jersey paper relative to the fine choice made by the Council of Lodi, New Jersey, in selecting Mr. Hilliard to be their first City Manager.

Mr. Francis Porter, representing the Daily News, questioned the Council as to when a detailed record of the Accounts Receivable from employees will be made public.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich answered Mr. Porter by stating that the detailed records of the City of Takoma Park are not open to the public, and reiterated his statement by advising the Council that such records were not to be made public.

Mayor Miller, in directing his remarks to Mr. Porter, stated that it seemed rather unique that while all of the Washington newspapers are represented at each Council meeting, the only time the Daily News was represented was during an approaching election.

Mr. Porter replied that the Daily News has only one reported for the State of Maryland.

Mr. Derato addressed the Council stating that he had the utmost confidence in them, and he does not believe there is anything to be questioned as to salary advances, and as far as he is concerned, the Daily News is getting a poor reputation from the people of Takoma Park.

In regard to his interview with Mr. Porter, Councilman Tymeson said that of all his occasions in explaining finances to representatives of various newspapers, he had never spent such two unsatisfactory hours trying to explain accounting procedures to a journalist.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison reported that the lowest bid on the Forest Park Storm Drainage Project was from the Kelly Construction Co. in the amount of \$5881.55. However, the Committee was not prepared to award this contract for the reason that the plan, as presently approved, is not satisfactory to the property owners involved nor to the Committee. He advised the Council that Mr. Remsen has already made proposals to the WSSC for the further extension of this drainage system. The bid will be retained inasmuch as the sewer can be extended on the basis of the unit price.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following ordinance for the purchase of two one and one-half ton cabs and chassis, from the Takoma Motor Company, theirs being the lowest bid received:

ORDINANCE NO. 1358 A

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 one- and one-half ton cabs and chassis for use by the Public Works Department of the City of Takoma Park, and after having

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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) one and one-half ton cabs and chassis, each one specifically identified as 1956 F500 (1½ ton) 6 cylinder, cab and chassis, is hereby awarded to Takoma Motor Company for a price of \$1795.59 each, or a total of \$3591.18.

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the aforementioned equipment will be furnished in accordance with specifications as per bid dated January 16, 1956.

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

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following ordinance for the purchase of one ½ ton pickup truck from the Monroe Ford Company, theirs being the lowest bid received:

ORDINANCE NO. 1359

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 ½ ton pickup truck 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 Monroe Ford Company, 1237 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of one (1) ½ ton pickup truck, more specifically identified as 1956 Model F 100, 6 cylinder ½ ton pickup truck, is hereby awarded to Monroe Ford Company for a price of \$1335.97.

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the aforementioned equipment will be furnished in accordance with specifications as per bid dated January 16, 1956.

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

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following ordinance for the purchase of two dump bodies and hoists from the Heil Equipment Company, theirs being the lowest bid received:

ORDINANCE NO. 1360

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 dump bodies and hoists for use by the Public Works Department of the City of Takoma Park, and having carefully considered the bids received, the Mayor and Council do hereby accept the bid of the Heil Equipment Company, 1003 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of two (2) dump bodies and hoists, each specifically identified as Heil, Model SL-11 steel dump body, and Heil Model 1715 Hoist, is hereby awarded to the Heil Equipment Company for a price of \$675.00 each, or a total of \$1350.00.

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the aforementioned equipment will be furnished in accordance with specifications as per bid dated January 16, 1956.

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

Councilman Collison moved that the City advertise for bids for a stationwagon to be used by the Public Works Department, closing date for such bids to be February 23, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Collison announced that there will be a meeting of officials from the B & O Railroad Co., the County, WSSC, and the City Council at the Public Works Dept., 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, to discuss the drainage problem in North Takoma near the B & O Railroad.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell informed the Council that bids were received for the repairing and painting of floors and walls of the first floor, 8 Sherman Avenue, and that Cornelius Biaggi, 6614 Allegheny, submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$575.00. However, the acceptance of this bid will be contingent upon the acceptance of an agreement by the Montgomery County Department of Health relative to the housing of a Health Clinic at 8 Sherman Ave. This agreement will be submitted by the City to the County at a meeting to be held on Wednesday with City and County officials.

Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1361

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

Section 1. THAT the City of Takoma Park hereby submits an agreement to the Montgomery County Department of Health to establish the Takoma Park Health Center on the first floor of the building located at 8 Sherman Avenue, in which the City agrees to furnish the following:

- (a) renovation of premises before occupation by the Health Center;
- (b) heat, electricity, gas and water;
- (c) sink, lavatory, installation of dental chair owned by the Takoma Park Health Center, and installation of gas stove presently in the building located at 8 Columbia Ave.;
- (d) redecoration in not less than three years.

Section 2. AND THAT the agreement shall also contain provisions for the City of Takoma Park to be the recipient of \$45.00 per month as rental fee from the Montgomery County Department of Health.

Section 3. AND THAT the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance are contingent upon the City reserving the right to use the front room for meetings, etc, when not in use by the Takoma Park Health Center.

Section 4. AND THAT upon acceptance by the Montgomery County Health Department of the provisions in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Ordinance the following items will be approved in connection with the repair and redecoration of 8 Sherman Avenue:

Labor	\$62.00
Venetian Blinds	\$97.28
Plumbing (clinic-type), installation of dental chair, gas stove	\$258.00
Misc. patching	\$62.00
Painting	\$575.00

Section 5. AND FURTHER THAT acceptance by the Montgomery County Department of Health of provisions heretofore stipulated in this Ordinance shall constitute the Council's acceptance of the bid of Cornelius Biaggi in the amount of \$575.00 for painting of the first floor at 8 Sherman Avenue.

Section 6. AND FURTHER THAT if the total amounts designated in Sections 4 and 5 of this Ordinance exceed \$1100.00, the renovation will be discontinued until such time as monies are available.

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

The Council was informed of the resignation of the shop mechanic, Mr. Tuohey, and Councilman Sidell moved that a letter be addressed to Mr. Tuohey expressing the Council's appreciation for his fine work. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved that a letter of appreciation be addressed to the Citizens' Planning Committee thanking them for their time spent in planning the various projects they have submitted to the Council from time to time. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In accordance with the recommendation from the Chief of Police, Councilman Forehand moved that Detective Sgt. Gissel be permitted to attend the Southern Police Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, from March 5 to 15 for a course in Scientific Crime Investigation, and that he be allotted funds in the amount of \$250.00, to be charged to Account #11.114P for the following: Tuition, \$100.00; train fare, rt \$57.00; living expenses, \$93.00, and further that a detailed report of monies expended be submitted upon his return, any excess to be refunded to the City. 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. 1362

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

Section 1. THAT Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1315 (24:64) is hereby

amended to read as follows: THAT parking be prohibited 300 feet on the east side of Takoma Avenue from the intersection of Albany and Takoma Avenues.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the acceptance of the new federal siren now installed in the Fire House, payment of such siren to be charged to Account #11.213B. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried; Councilman Collison voting nay.

Councilman Forehand moved the final acceptance of the new cadillac ambulance (all items having been corrected satisfactorily) and the payment for such ambulance be charged to Account #11.213A. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Chief R. E. Carter be granted leave of absence from the City of Takoma Park to attend the 28th Annual Fire Department Instructors' Conference to be held in Memphis, Tenn., February 21-24, and that the sum of \$175.00 be allotted Chief Carter, such sum to be charged to Account #11.214, and further that a detailed report of expenses be submitted upon his return, any excess to be refunded to the City. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Mayor and City Council go on record as voting in favor of central alarm system for Montgomery County Fire Departments. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand read letter from Spring Park Community Assn. which enclosed resolution expressing great satisfaction in the way the Chief of Police has administered the Police Department.

In accordance with the recommendation from the Chief of Police, Councilman Forehand moved that Herbert E. Beaver, 2102 Demineau Road, Adelphi, Maryland, be appointed a private with the Police Department for six months probationary period, with an annual salary of \$3325.00, effective March 1, 1956. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson addressed the Council relative to the resignation of Mr. Hilliard, City Clerk and Treasurer. He commended Mr. Hilliard for the efficient way in which he performed his duties, and for the excellent results in his efforts to improve the City during his six years as Clerk and Treasurer. He stated that the City is losing a very valuable man, and that it is going to be hard to find a man to replace him.

Councilman Tymeson said he was very reluctant to initiate a motion to accept Mr. Hilliard's resignation, but moved, over great hesitancy, that the resignation of Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., as Treasurer, be accepted, and further that Mrs. Katharine E. Abercrombie be appointed as temporary Treasurer, effective March 1, 1956, with authority to sign checks; also that Mr. Hilliard be retained as City Clerk in an advisory capacity through the month of March in order that he may conduct the caucus and supervise at election. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion; Councilman Collison seconded the motion with regret, with respect to Mr. Hilliard's resignation. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved the adoption of the following ordinance to provide for the necessary funds to purchase certain equipment for the Public Works and Sanitation Department:

ORDINANCE NO. 1363

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

Section 1. By virtue of the authority vested in the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, by section 104.8(h) of the Montgomery County Code (1950 Edition) and section 1299(h) of the Prince George's County Code (1943 Edition), being Articles 16 and 17, respectively, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, titles "Montgomery County" and "Prince George's County" as amended by Chapter 237 of the Acts of the Regular Session of 1951, the said Council hereby directs that the City of Takoma Park shall borrow, under the authority so vested, the sum of \$50,000.00, for the purpose of providing funds for Public Works and Sanitation automotive equipment.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk and Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Indebtedness to bear date of April 1, 1956, and to mature April 1, 1957, in the amount specified in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. One Certificate of Indebtedness shall be offered at public sale to the highest bidder on an interest rate bid basis. Notice of such sale shall be given by advertisement inserted twice in the Maryland News.

Section 4. The form of advertisement shall be as follows:

"NOTICE TO BIDDERS"

In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, and in accordance with Ordinance No. 1363, the City of Takoma Park will issue one Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of \$50,000.00 to bear date of April 1, 1956, and to mature April 1, 1957, for the purpose of providing funds for Public Works and Sanitation automotive equipment.

Sealed bids in writing on this Certificate of Indebtedness indicating the rate of interest to be charged will be received in the office of the Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Takoma Park until 4:00 p.m., February 24, 1956.

Section 5. The Certificate of Indebtedness shall be in the following form:

United States of America
State of Maryland
City of Takoma Park
CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

No. 1 1956

\$50,000.00

Takoma Park, Maryland

The City of Takoma Park, a Body Politic and Corporate, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, does hereby certify that it is indebted to the bearer hereof, or if registered otherwise than to bearer, then to the registered

holder hereof in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), which said sum it promises to pay to the bearer, or to the registered holder, as the case may be, on the 1st day of April, 1957, together with interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of 2 1/2 per centum per annum, payable on the 1st day of April, 1957.

Both the principal and interest of this Certificate of Indebtedness are payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the Citizens Bank of Takoma Park.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is issued pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly of Maryland.

Said Certificate of Indebtedness is also issued in accordance with Ordinance Number 1363 duly passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park on the 13th day of February, 1956.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland and the full faith and credit of the Mayor and Council and of the City of Takoma Park is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the same and of the interest to accrue hereon.

This Certificate of Indebtedness may be registered both as to principal and interest in the owner's name on the Registration Books kept at the office of the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park at 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

It is hereby certified and recited that all Acts, conditions and things required to happen, exist and be performed, exist and have been performed in due time, form, and manner as required by the laws and Constitution of Maryland and the Ordinances of the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, and that together with all other obligations of the City of Takoma Park issued and outstanding under the provisions of its Charter, the total of such obligations do not exceed the total amount authorized by law.

In Testimony Whereof, the Council of the City of Takoma Park, acting for and in behalf of said City, has caused this Certificate to be signed by its Mayor, its Corporate Seal to be affixed hereto, attested by its Clerk, this 2nd day of April A.D., 1956.

The City of Takoma Park

By: George M. Miller
Mayor

Attested:

Harold J. Hilliard
Clerk

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 Tymeson expressed his hope that the present Council would adopt a Merit Plan that would include the Heads of Departments.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that Zoning Amendment Petition #A-2685, Lots 31 and 32, Block 14, N.H.G. Subdivision, request for reclassification from R-18 to C-1 Zone, be disapproved. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried; Councilman Forehand not voting.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie moved that the following persons be appointed election officials for the City elections, March 27, 1956, and that Mr. Hilliard be given permission to substitute persons for those who cannot serve:

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| Vera Hash | Frank Troll | Irene K. Apperti | Esther Coulson |
| Mathilda Mohr | Julia M. Russo | Jane C. Fahey | Lillian Fisher |
| Virginia Cooke | Julius Peter, Jr. | Vida Sherburne | |
| Evelyn Russell | Emily Lee | Verna Royle | |
| Goldie L. Thomson | Ethel Lind | Raymond Hill | |

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel announced that there will be a meeting of the Greater Takoma Park Recreation Council at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Takoma Park Library, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Councilman Kozel informed the Council that the Governor's Conference on Recreation will be held February 25th in Salisbury, to be attended by all State, County and City recreation leaders.

Chief Carter stated that the Fire Department has received two donations, one of which was a two-way radio from the Civil Defense Office in Rockville, and the other was an oxygen unit for the new ambulance donated by the Lions Club.

Motion was made to address a letter to the Lions Club thanking them for the oxygen unit. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard expressed his appreciation to Mr. Tymeson for the statements he made earlier in the meeting, and also thanked the Mayor and Council for their understanding and courtesy extended him during their administration.

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 Meier
Mayor

Samuel J Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 27, 1956

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.

Councilman Tymeson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 13, 1956, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. Hilliard presented the Financial Statement for the month of January 1956 as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1956

	Revenues Jan. 1956	Revenues to 1/31/56	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/56	Total Budget
12/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank		90040.93		
12/31/56 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.		68768.01		
12/31/56 Bal. Both Banks		<u>158808.94</u>		
REVENUES				
1. Taxes: General	9754.07	375660.59	33687.40	409347.99
1. Interest & Penalty	114.62	303.55	396.45	700.00
2. Licenses & Permits	380.09	22181.01	1668.99	23850.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	17.00	416.70	1883.30	2300.00
4. Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	125.00	125.00
5. Revenue: Other Sources	340.45	395.93	31332.16	31728.09
6. Service Charges	336.00	1523.50	976.50	2500.00
Rm. & Apt. Registration	4902.25	5149.05	3100.95	8250.00
Towing Charges	49.00			
Accounts Received	1.49			
		<u>15894.97</u>		
		174703.91		
		405630.33	73170.75	478801.08
DISBURSEMENTS				
10.1 Clerk's Office	3015.10	22199.72	21460.28	43660.00
10.812 Gov't. Bldgs.	971.82	3612.96	1367.04	4980.00
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1768.74	9962.69	5037.31	15000.00
11.1 Police Dept.	9597.24	45705.95	34424.54	80130.49
11.2 Fire Dept.	12405.96	41096.29	20511.71	61608.00
11.39 Protective Inspection	547.86	3406.18	1573.82	4980.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	2415.14	12753.01	9396.99	22150.00
12.2 " " General	9021.55	57983.44	34504.56	92488.00
12.2 " " Highways	462.44	6163.44	363.44	5800.00
12.4 " " Highway Lighting	1375.87	8994.64	7205.36	16200.00
13.1 " " Sanitation	684.93	7394.15	11105.85	18500.00
19.3 " " Recreation	295.12	4356.70	2293.30	6650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	11147.08	4758.00	15905.08
21.1 Miscellaneous	3886.90	11563.57	1213.57	10350.00
22.1 Council Appropriations	33.00	1235.60	2364.25	3599.85
22.1 Capital Budget	3978.09	21076.17	12263.35	33339.52
23.1 Insurance	383.38	5422.44	2939.01	8361.45
Accounts Received	1.49			
Towing Accounts	155.00			
		<u>50999.63</u>		
		274074.03	169628.36	443702.39
1/31/56 Bal. Both Banks		<u>123704.28</u>		
1/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	54936.27		Estimated Appropriations 7/1/55	426600.97
1/31/56 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	68768.01		From Unappropriated Surplus	17101.42
1/31/56 Bal. Both Banks	<u>123704.28</u>		Est. Appropriations 1/31/56	<u>443702.39</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

12/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	21482.23
Deposits	125.10
	<u>21607.33</u>
No withdrawals	.00
1/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>21607.33</u>

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

12/31/55 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No deposits or withdrawals	.00
1/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>78.24</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Petition from 30 residents in the vicinity of Jefferson and Freemont Avenues relative to street condition. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
2. Letter from Mary Pat Kyle expressing appreciation for flowers sent in honor of her grandfather, Mr. Grabill, who recently passed away. Referred to Council files.
3. Letter from Lt. LaScola, Fire Dept., addressed to Chief Foster, Police Dept., citing the bravery of Officers Anderson and Williams during a recent fire in the Takoma Park area. Referred to Council files.
4. Letter from Savage Super Market requesting 30 minute parking limit in front of his market at 725 Erie Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from Mrs. Frances MacLeod requesting the City Council to direct the Assistant Fire Marshal to suspend any further action against her for violation of Section 9 of the Fire Prevention Code, pending disposition of the judicial appeal. Referred to Council Files.
6. Letter from Hampshire Greens Community Association, Franklin Connor, President, requesting Council to reconsider its recommendation on Zoning Petition No. A-2664. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Letter from Mrs. H. C. Stirling, 7203 Holly Avenue, requesting signs to control speed limit on Holly Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Letter from Alex K. Hancock, Director of Finance, Montgomery County, transmitting check in the amount of \$3003.36 as part of monies due the City for fines invoked for violation of Takoma Park Ordinances. A deduction of \$2134.09 was made from a total amount due of \$5137.45 to cover expenses incurred by the County for the Takoma Park Police teletype service. In this connection, Mr. Hilliard read his letter in reply to Mr. Hancock's in which he stated that according to decorum and accepted methods of accounting, we should have received the entire amount due the City, and then make disbursement to Montgomery County for teletype charges in the proper manner. Mr. Hilliard stated that he had received a telephone call this morning from Mr. Hancock in which he related that he and Mr. Reese agreed to submit a check for the full amount if the Council would include the payment of the teletype services in the 1956-57 budget. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.
9. Bid from the Suburban Trust Co. on the \$50,000.00 Certificate of Indebtedness at 3% Interest. Referred to Finance Committee.
10. Bid from Citizens Bank on the \$50,000.00 Certificate of Indebtedness at 2½% Interest. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mayor Miller read an announcement from Gratia Woods, Mrs. George Cook and Kenly Bell, addressed to the residents of Takoma Park in which they requested interested citizens to attend a meeting at 8 Columbia Avenue, Wednesday, February 29, at 8:00 p.m., to discuss the detection and prevention of t.b. of persons in this area.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Harry A. Stacy, 7114 Woodland Avenue, requested the City to correct the street condition in the vicinity of 7114 Woodland Avenue. Referred to Public Works and Public Welfare Committees.

Mr. Harold J. Barton, 30 Columbia Avenue, introduced the spokesman for the group of teen-agers present at the meeting in regard to the recreation program.

Mr. David Smith, 33 Columbia Avenue, addressed the Council relative to the following problems in connection with the teen-age recreation program: The teen-agers are not pleased with the way the Recreation Department is being operated under the new City Director; suggested that the County refrain from participating; questioned the recent release of Mr. & Mrs. Sutton from their job.

A petition with approximately 115 signatures was presented to the Council petitioning for the reinstatement of Mr. & Mrs. Sutton. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, announced that a week from tonight the Community League was to have a panel discussion on the overlapping terms proposed for the Mayor and Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Relative to Forest Park storm drainage, Councilman Collison stated the Committee is presently waiting for a reply as to whether or not the WSSC will participate in the project in order to connect the storm drain to the sewer line just outside the City limits.

Councilman Collison presented the two bids received for the 1956 stationwagon as follows: Hill & Sanders, Inc. - \$1745.00; Takoma Motor Co., Inc. - \$1752.00.

In view of the proximity of the Takoma Motor Co. and the insignificant difference in prices quoted by Hill & Sanders and the Takoma Motor Co., Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to award the contract for the 1956 stationwagon to the Takoma Motor Co., Inc.:

ORDINANCE NO. 1364

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 1956 Stationwagon 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 Takoma Motor Company, Inc., 7001 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for the purchase of one (1) 1956 Stationwagon, more specifically identified as 1956 Ford Ranch Wagon, 6 cylinder, is hereby awarded to the Takoma Motor Company, Inc. for a price of \$1752.00.

Section 3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the aforementioned equipment will be furnished in accordance with specifications as per bid dated February 23, 1956.

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: Councilman Juhl. Absent: None.

In regard to the cost of correcting the North Takoma drainage problem, it was reported that the City was negotiating to have the B & O Railroad Co. contribute 1/6, the County 1/6 and the WSSC 1/2 of the total cost. Mr. Remsen is handling the preliminaries and a report will be forthcoming at a later date.

Councilman Sidell announced that the Public Works Department was giving driving tests to ascertain the most suitable drivers for the new trucks. It was also proposed that the wage rate for drivers be \$1.40 - \$1.65 per hour, minimum and maximum.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

In discussing the abandonment of the 40-foot strip of Baltimore Avenue between Dundalk Road and Piney Branch Road, Councilman McKenzie advised that future improvements would not face on this portion of Baltimore Avenue. He had contacted the Park and Planning Commission and the Commission concurred that this section should be abandoned. In this connection, Corporation Counsel Gingerich informed the Council that the owners are planning to file a petition to the County government at which time they will request the City to join with them. He was of the opinion that an Ordinance should not be adopted until that time, but presently the Council should go on record as being in favor of revoking the dedication, and that the owners and the Commission be notified to that effect. Therefore, Councilman McKenzie moved that the Mayor and Council vote in favor of revoking the dedication of that portion of Baltimore Avenue abutting lots 39 thru 46, Block 71D, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Co. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In regard to Mr. Royal Sherburne's request for use of a certain portion of Brashear's Avenue, Councilman McKenzie read the following excerpt from the minutes of April 20, 1936:

"Letter was read from Dr. Llewellyn Jordan regarding the beautification of Brashears Avenue, which at the present time is unopened, by one Jas. C. Skelly, the owner of Lot 1, abutting said Avenue. After discussion of the matter, Mr. Orcutt moved that a letter be written to Mr. Skelly, outlining the Council's position in this case, and legally worded, so as to give him permission to beautify this space to the extent of making a lawn, and possibly planting hedge along one side to the center of Brashears Avenue while it is not being used as a street, with the understanding that at any time the Town sees fit to use this street, the shrubbery of whatever nature planted will be taken up. Mr. Skelly to acknowledge in writing his acceptance as above. Motion seconded and approved."

Councilman McKenzie moved that Mr. Royal Sherburne be granted the use of Brashear's Avenue on the same basis as set forth in the above excerpt. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Relative to the request received by Mrs. Erna Borm, 7008 Woodland Avenue, concerning apartment registration fee, Councilman Sidell reported that investigation revealed that the apartment was most satisfactory and although the conditions stated in her letter were correct, it was not possible for the Council to make an exception to Ordinance 1216. However, Councilman Sidell had been informed that a Church Committee had volunteered to pay the registration fee, and was happy to report a satisfactory conclusion to the matter.

Councilman Sidell informed the Council that Mr. Reese, County Manager, and Mr. Hancock, Director of Finance, verbally approved the agreement relative to the use of 8 Sherman Avenue as a Health Center, and we were awaiting written approval.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Upon recommendation from the Chief of Police and the Special Police Association, Councilman Forehand moved that Anthony Monitor be appointed a Special Police Officer in and for the City of Takoma Park for a probationary period of six months. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

It was brought to the Council's attention that patrons of the M & C Car Wash were obstructing the entrance to the Deep South Barbecue, therefore, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1365

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

Section 1. THAT signs with the inscription "DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION" be erected at the southeast corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Holton Lane, and also at the southeast corner of Holton Lane and East Drive.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to install the necessary signs as specified 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 traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Due to cars parking too close to the driveway located on Boston Avenue between Chicago and Takoma Avenues, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance which would facilitate ingress and egress of the school buses while loading and unloading the handicapped children attending the Silver Spring Intermediate School:

ORDINANCE NO. 1366

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited 15 feet on either side from center of driveway located on Boston Avenue between Chicago and Takoma Avenues.

Section 2. AND THAT the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby directed to install signs on both sides of driveway thirty feet apart to read "NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS ON SCHOOL DAYS".

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing 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, Juhl, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Relative to the students of Montgomery Junior College using Washington Park as a parking lot, Councilman Forehand stated that he had no objection to making it a temporary parking lot. Mr. Remsen was asked to report to the Council as to the use of stone to be spread on the parking lot and posts to be installed to prevent the automobiles from breaking the curb.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel reported that the Committee rejected the applications submitted requesting use of the gymnasium by the Takoma Restaurant Basketball Team and the German Shepherd Dog Show, as other groups were using the gymnasium during the times requested. Permission was granted to the firemen and policemen to use the gymnasium whenever vacant.

Councilman Kozel announced that a new coke machine had been installed in the gym. The machine has a capacity of dispensing 500 drinks, and features paper cups. The machine is to be serviced entirely by the Coca Cola Co.; a 1¢ return for every drink sold.

Councilman Kozel moved that the returns be divided equally between the junior and senior teen club, and that the check which the Coca Cola Co. will make payable to the City, be disbursed in this manner, minus a 10% service charge.

Councilman Tymeson moved to amend the preceding motion to include a 50¢ minimum service charge should the 10% of the total not equal 50¢. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion as amended was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that the following amount of insurance coverage be provided by the City for the new Library Building: \$30,000.00 for Building; \$7,500.00 for furnishings; Public Liability \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00 for building and grounds. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel suggested that the Library Association be notified as to the insurance coverage the City is providing; also that this is the only item in the budget as far as the City is concerned, outside of the funds which are turned over to the public library each year by law.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that bills in the amount of \$20,947.21 for the month of January, 1956, be approved. Councilman Juhl seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that \$150.00 be charged to Account #10.64 for the installation of the civil defense generator and a 50 gallon gas tank at 8 Columbia Avenue. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the City accept the bid from Citizens Bank for the \$50,000.00 Certificate of Indebtedness at 2½%. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In connection with the previous discussion relative to letter from Mr. Hancock, Director of Finance, Montgomery County, Councilman Tymeson moved that the Council incorporate in the minutes the Council's vote of approval to include in the 1956-57 Budget provisions for the payment of expenses for the operation of the Takoma Park Police teletype service erroneously charged to and paid by Montgomery County from October 1949 to September 1955, in the amount of \$2,134.09. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson moved that the Council vote their approval of Mr. Hilliard's attendance to the Public ceremonies in his honor on February 29, 1956, at Lodi, N.J. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Juhl moved that the Public Works Dept. be authorized to oil and chip the parking area opposite 8 Columbia Avenue at least twice this Spring, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. Councilman Forehand 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 9:55 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Harvey J. Hilliard
Clerk and Treasurer