

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 12, 1956

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

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 27, 1956, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Mrs. Alma T. Opal, 8202 Roanoke Avenue, regarding completion of paving of Houston and Kennebec Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from M. Stella Fleisher, 7427 Carroll Avenue, citing deplorable condition of our City streets due to debris. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
3. Letter from Mrs. J. E. Troll, Corresponding Secretary, Takoma Elementary School P.T.A., enclosing resolution, commending Chief Foster, Police Dept.; Chief Carter, Fire Dept.; and Mrs. Buxbaum, Director of Recreation, for assistance rendered at the party conducted by the P.T.A. on November 29, 1955. Referred to Council files.

Mayor Miller made mention of the fact that this week is "National Girl Scout Week", and all of the girl scout troupes as well as the Brownie Troupes of Takoma Park are to be congratulated for the great work they accomplish; therefore, he instructed the City office to prepare a Proclamation in honor of "National Girl Scout Week". He further stated that Brownie Troup 438 asked him to attend their meeting and presented him with a delicious cake. At this meeting he discussed the functions of the City Government and told the children they should continue their interests in our Country and City.

Mayor Miller announced that the week of April 16th thru 21st has been set aside as a National Safety Week for bicycles as proclaimed by the Optimists International and the National Recreation Association. He requested a Proclamation be provided to dedicate this week as "Bicycle Safety Week" for the City of Takoma Park, in conformance with the National Bicycle Safety Campaign, and bring to the attention of the people the need of protecting the lives of cyclists during this week as well as every day of the year.

Mr. Walter McClenon brought to the Council's attention a discussion which took place at a meeting of the Community League and the citizens regarding the overlapping terms for the Council, in which it was the concensus of opinion that the proposed Charter Amendment should be effected only if there were a provision for recall of Mayor and Councilmen incorporated therein. The question was raised as to whether or not the proposed Charter Amendment would be nugatory since the word "Whereas" precedes every section of the Ordinance. Mr. McClenon asked if this amendment would give any legal effect or is it just a restitution that looks to the future and does not enact anything. Corporation Counsel Gingerich replied that the sections of the Ordinance commencing with the word "Whereas" simply sets up the "machinery" for the actual contents or Charter Amendment which is the underscored portion.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison advised that a letter had been received from the Takoma Elementary School P.T.A. requesting the surfacing of Park Avenue from the intersection of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues to the foot of the school steps, and it was reported that the

Public Works Department will pave the subject portion of Park Avenue with black topping to the public library, and a letter be written to the P.T.A. advising that the City will take care of this matter.

Pertaining to the repair of Colby Avenue, Councilman Collison informed the Council that Mr. Remsen is contacting the residents on Colby Avenue and outlining what they are required to do, also mentioning the fact that the City is willing to cooperate with them in every way.

Relative to the Forest Park Storm Drainage Project, Councilman Collison stated that Prince George's County indicated a willingness to participate in this project to the Prince George's County side of the City line, but he added that the City cannot award a contract until the matter concerning easements is settled and a special hearing is held.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Concerning the acceptance of the agreement between Montgomery County Health Department and the City relative to the use of 8 Sherman Avenue as a Health Center, Mrs. Roderic Davis advised the Council that she had contacted Mr. Reese and Dr. Peeples of Montgomery County endeavoring to obtain their consent to the provisions set forth in our agreement. She was informed by the County officials that they felt they should not have to pay rent for 8 Sherman Avenue. As yet the agreement has not been settled, but another meeting has been scheduled with Montgomery County officials on Wednesday. Mrs. Davis added that Prince George's County concurred to the agreement.

Relative to the petition from residents in the vicinity of Jefferson, Lincoln, and Freemont Avenues, concerning the deplorable condition of Mrs. Walker's residence on Jefferson Avenue, Councilman Sidell told the Council that Mrs. Walker's house has burned down and the property is completely cleared, thus the General Conference Corporation has offered to provide a home for Mrs. Walker and take care of her.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Due to the fact that Ordinance No. 1366, prohibiting parking 15 feet from the center of the driveway on Boston Avenue, only allows 3 feet leeway on each side of the driveway, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to amend Sections 1 and 2 of of Ordinance No. 1366:

ORDINANCE NO. 1367

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

Section 1. THAT Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1366 be and is hereby amended to read "40 feet" instead of "15 feet".

Section 2. AND THAT Section 2 of the aforementioned Ordinance be and is hereby amended to read "80 feet" instead of "30 feet".

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. Nasy: None. Absent: Councilman Juhl.

Upon recommendation of the Police Department, inasmuch as there is \$60.00 allocated in the budget for the licensing of bicycles, Councilman Forehand moved the expenditure of \$80.00 (\$60.00 to be charged to #11.114-0; \$20.00 to be charged to #22.1) for 1000 scotchlite tags at 8¢ each, for use by the Police Department to license bicycles. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Telephone Company be authorized to install an outside telephone booth on the area between the Police parking lot and the sidewalk; the revenue from said telephone to be allocated to the newly organized Takoma Police Association. After considerable discussion, Councilman Forehand withdrew his motion pending further consideration.

It was brought to the Council's attention that Pvt. Baron E. DeKalb of the Fire Department volunteered 9 hours and 23 minutes additional time other than his regular working routine to repair certain apparatus of the Fire Department. In this connection, Councilman Forehand recommended that Pvt. DeKalb be appointed as Fire Department mechanic and be remunerated \$300.00, supplementary to his regular salary to make emergency repairs that may arise in the future. The matter was held in abeyance until further study.

Councilman Forehand instructed Chief Carter to use his own discretion as to granting leave for Sgt. Glenn L. Minton and Pvt. David B. Weimer from their regular duties to attend the Rescue Instructors' Course at Olney from March 19 thru 30.

Councilman Forehand suggested that the Council go on record as being in favor of disposing of the 1947 Buick Ambulance, including equipment, and the money received from the sale of this vehicle to be appropriated to the Fire Department budget. This matter was returned to the Committee for further action.

Since Lt. LaScola's appointment as Fire Inspector, he has been using his private automobile for traversing, therefore, Councilman Forehand moved that \$100.00 be appropriated from Account No. 10.64 to cover car allowance expenses incurred, and that this amount be divided equally in the remaining months up thru June 30, 1956. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The question was raised as to whether or not the odd street numbers on Philadelphia Avenue to Carroll Avenue are in the 21st Election Precinct and the even numbers in the 20th Precinct or vice versa. In this connection, Mr. Harry Millard was asked to contact Mrs. Dawson at the Board of Election Supervisors, Montgomery County, to determine the correct numbering in the respective precincts.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the National Bicycle Safety Week Proclamation, Councilman Kozel moved that the Recreation Department of Public Works collaborate with the Police Dept. to procure material, and to publicize for a general over-all bicycle program. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that the Canteen Company install a candy machine in the Fire House Gymnasium, with provisions that every four weeks the Company send the City a commission from this machine; the proceeds to go to the Boys' Club with a 50¢ minimum service charge deducted by the City. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Referring to the motion of February 27, 1956, relative to the installation of the Civil Defense Generator, it was reported Lt. LaScola had investigated the feasibility of installing the gas tank and generator on the site proposed and found it to be unsatisfactory, therefore, Councilman Tymeson moved that the action taken on February 27, 1956, be nullified until further study. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson stated that he would like to see the M.M.L. Group Insurance as an item in the 1956-57 Budget.

Councilman Collison moved that the B&O Railroad officials, the County Government as well as the property owners be notified of the hearing on March 28th at 1:30 p.m. in the hearing room of the WSSC, pertaining to the Drainage Project in North Takoma. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

As a progress report, Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that six dedications on Ritchie Avenue have been recorded.

Mayor Miller announced that the Caucus would be held March 13th at 8:00 p.m. and he hoped there would be a large attendance and interest in Municipal Government would be maintained.

Mr. Millard suggested opening the Caucus with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Harold J. Hilliard
Clerk

CAUCUS
Fire House
March 13, 1956

Mr. Harold J. Hilliard, Sr., Acting Clerk for the City of Takoma Park, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. He announced that this would be his last Caucus with Takoma Park since he has been appointed Borough Manager of Lodi, New Jersey.

Rev. R. Paul Schearrer of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church rendered the Invocation, after which the audience pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Hilliard then explained the purpose and outlined the procedure of the Caucus, noting that this is a meeting of the voters and is called in accordance with the law of Takoma Park for the purpose of nominating a Mayor and seven Councilmen, who shall be elected on Tuesday, March 27, 1956, and take office the second Monday in April 1956 (April 9, 1956), to serve until their successors are duly qualified.

He mentioned that the "Notice of Caucus" was published in several newspapers of general circulation in Takoma Park for a period of four consecutive weeks as prescribed by law.

Mr. Hilliard narrated that the Caucus and Election are non-partisan and not restricted to any race, creed, color, group or citizen association; however, in order to participate in this Caucus, one must be a resident eligible voter, certified by the Board of Election Supervisors of the respective counties. A copy of the certified lists from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties may be inspected at any time between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the City office, 8 Columbia Avenue.

He further cited the following qualifications necessary for the candidates to be nominated:

1. MAYOR - must be at least 30 years old, a certified eligible voter and property owner, and must have resided in the City for one year previous to date of nomination.
2. COUNCILMEN - must be at least 25 years old, a certified eligible voter and property owner, and a resident of the area from which they are so elected.
3. They shall be elected at large -- two Councilmen from within boundaries of the 4th and 20th Precincts of Montgomery County's 13th Election District; two Councilmen from within boundaries of the 6th and 21st Precincts of Montgomery County's 13th Election District; and one Councilman from within boundaries of the 9th Precinct of Montgomery County's 13th Election District; also two Councilmen from within boundaries of the 4th and 6th Precincts of the 17th Election District, Prince George's County.

Subsequent to the aforementioned summary, Mr. William W. Ward, 7305 Glenside Drive, nominated Mrs. Evelyn Russell of 902 Jackson Avenue as Secretary of this Caucus. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

The following candidates for election were nominated in the order stated:

MAYOR --

Mr. Sydney W. Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, nominated Mr. George M. Miller, 7019 Eastern Avenue, for Mayor.

This motion was seconded by --

Mr. Walter McClenon - 7211 Cedar Avenue
 Mr. David F. Colburn - 314 Ethan Allen Avenue
 Mr. Joseph Martin - 108 Sherman Avenue
 Mr. A. F. Monitor - 511 Elm Avenue
 Mr. H. J. Carr - 7107 Holly Avenue
 Mr. Oliver W. Youngblood - 7131 Maple Avenue
 Mrs. Roderic F. Davis - 707 New York Avenue

There being no further nominations of candidates for Mayor, Mr. Oliver W. Youngblood, 7131 Maple Avenue, moved the nominations be closed. Motion seconded and carried.

COUNCILMEN --

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT, 4TH AND 20TH PRECINCTS --

Mr. Oliver W. Youngblood, 7131 Maple Avenue, nominated Mr. Oscar J. Forehand, 7129 Maple Avenue, for Councilman from the 4th and 20th Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mr. Alfred L. Lillie - 25 Philadelphia Avenue
 Mr. H. J. Carr - 7107 Holly Avenue
 Mr. S. Michael Derato - 413 Lincoln Avenue

Mr. Harry F. Wickline, 7812 Takoma Avenue, nominated Mr. Ralph F. Sidell, 606 Boston Avenue, for Councilman from the 4th and 20th Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mr. E. Jack Coulson - 7617 Takoma Avenue
 Mr. Robert H. Reed - 7501 Central Avenue
 Mr. Vincent D. Bateman - 7202 Central Avenue

There being no further nominations of candidates for Councilmen from the 4th and 20th Precincts, motion was made, seconded and carried, that the nominations be closed.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT, 6TH and 21ST PRECINCTS --

Mr. Austin B. Jeffries, 7107 Sycamore Avenue, nominated Mr. Robert W. Collison, 7112 Sycamore Avenue, for Councilman from the 6th and 21st Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mr. Charles G. Royle - 7207 Willow Avenue
 Mr. Peter Anderson - 7303 Takoma Avenue
 Mr. Clifford J. Waldron - 600 Elm Avenue
 Mr. John B. Layton - 1306 Erskine Street

Mrs. Ona Jeffries, 7107 Sycamore Avenue, nominated Mr. Gibson E. McKenzie, 7401 Carroll Avenue, for Councilman from the 6th and 21st Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mrs. George A. Davies - 212 Manor Circle
 Mrs. Esther Coulson - 7617 Takoma Avenue
 Mr. Melvin E. McBride - 114 Sherman Avenue
 Mr. W. R. Mulholland - 12 Sherman Avenue

There being no further nominations of candidates for Councilmen from the 6th and 21st Precincts, motion was made, seconded and carried, that the nominations be closed.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT, 9TH PRECINCT --

Mr. Sydney W. Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, nominated Mr. Clayton D. Forshee, 722 Kennebec Avenue, for Councilman from the 9th Precinct.

This motion was seconded by --

Mr. Gerald E. Shultz - 7409 Flower Avenue
 Mr. Julius C. Peter - 8202 Flower Avenue
 Miss Maude M. Brooke - 7709 Flower Avenue
 Mrs. J. N. Kimble - 7503 Flower Avenue
 Mr. W. R. Mulholland - 12 Sherman Avenue

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, nominated Mr. Sydney W. Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, for Councilman from the 9th Precinct. Mr. Tymeson reiterated his refusal to be a candidate, therefore, Mr. Hilliard ruled Mr. McClenon's nomination void.

There being no further nominations of candidates for Councilmen from the 9th Precinct, motion was made, seconded and carried, that the nominations be closed.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, 17TH ELECTION DISTRICT, 4TH AND 6TH PRECINCTS --

Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, nominated Mr. John D. Roth, 7608 Hammond Avenue, for Councilman from the 4th and 6th Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mr. William W. Ward - 7305 Glenside Drive
 Mr. E. Ward Russell - 902 Jackson Avenue
 Mr. Philip Curlin - 909 Sligo Creek Parkway
 Mr. Milton Kramer - 7602 Hammond Avenue
 Mrs. Vera A. Hash - 424 Lincoln Avenue
 Mr. Charles E. Johnson - 1100 Kingwood Drive
 Mr. Elmo Sady - 919 Sligo Creek Parkway

Mr. Richard W. DeWitt, 1115 Holton Lane, nominated Mr. John F. Kozel, 7804 Wildwood Drive, for Councilman from the 4th and 6th Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mrs. Marcia A. Cool - 7050 Carroll Avenue
 Mrs. William Fenner
 Mr. E. Jack Coulson - 7617 Takoma Avenue
 Mr. Kenly S. Bell - 513 New York Avenue
 Mrs. Henry J. Myers - 606 Elm Avenue

Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, 600 Elm Avenue, nominated Mrs. Emily P. Monitor, 511 Elm Avenue, for Councilwoman from the 4th and 6th Precincts.

This motion was seconded by --

Mrs. Roderic F. Davis - 707 New York Avenue
 Mr. Walter McClenon - 7211 Cedar Avenue
 Mr. Arthur H. Phipps - 209 Spring Avenue
 Mrs. Henry J. Myers - 606 Elm Avenue
 Mrs. Louis M. Sutton - 38 Philadelphia Avenue
 Mr. Ellery Denison - 7207 13th Place

There being no further nominations of candidates for Councilmen from the 4th and 6th Precincts, motion was made, seconded and carried, that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Walter McClenon announced that there would be a public meeting on March 20, 1956, at 8:00 p.m., at which time any citizen desiring to ask questions of the candidates may do so.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Evelyn J. Russell
Secretary

Harold J. Hilliard
Clerk

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 26, 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.

Rev. J. Adrian Pfeiffer of the St. James Lutheran Church rendered the Invocation.

Councilman Collison corrected the minutes of March 12, 1956, as follows: on page 2, under Public Works Committee, 3rd paragraph, omit the words "Prince George's County" and insert "Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission" in lieu thereof.

Councilman Tymeson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 12, 1956, and that they be accepted as corrected. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

The secretary read the Financial Statement for the month of February, 1956, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
February, 1956

	Revenues Feb. 1956	Revenues to 2/29/56	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/56	Total Budget
1/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	54936.27			
1/31/56 Bal. Sub. Trust Co.	68768.01			
1/31/56 Bal. Both Banks	123704.28			
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1. Taxes: General	7032.36	382692.95	26655.04	409347.99
1. Interest & Penalty	101.22	404.77	295.23	700.00
2. Licenses & Permits	445.09	22626.10	1223.90	23850.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	53.00	469.70	1830.30	2300.00
4. Use of Money & Property	.00	.00	125.00	125.00
5. Revenues-other sources	251.74	425.61	31302.48	31728.09
6. Service Charges	199.00	1722.50	777.50	2500.00
Rms. & Apt. Registration	1914.50	7017.80	1232.20	8250.00
Towing Account	15.00			
	<u>10011.91</u>			
	133716.19	415359.43	63441.65	478801.08
Check #3156 cancelled	5.00			
	<u>133721.19</u>			
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
10.1 Clerk's Office	3971.14	26119.16	17540.84	43660.00
10.812 Gov't. Bldgs.	952.64	4565.60	414.40	4980.00
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1105.49	11068.18	3931.82	15000.00
11.1 Police Dept.	8085.66	53771.61	26358.88	80130.49
11.2 Fire Dept.	5192.51	46288.80	15527.70	61816.50
11.39 Protective Inspection	510.72	3916.90	1063.10	4980.00
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	2227.09	14980.10	7169.90	22150.00
12.2 " " General	8057.57	65956.11	26531.89	92488.00
12.2 " " Highways	.00	6163.44	363.44	5800.00
12.4 " " Street Lighting	1368.53	10363.17	5836.83	16200.00
13.1 " " Sanitation	1574.26	8968.41	9531.59	18500.00
19.1 " " Recreation	198.93	4555.63	2094.37	6650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	11147.08	4758.00	15905.08
21.1 Misc. Expense	552.01	11999.37	1649.37	10350.00
22.1 Council Appropriations	14.00	1249.60	2350.25	3599.85
22.1 Capital Budget	.00	21076.17	12263.35	33339.52
23.1 Insurance	619.00	34429.55	2320.01	8361.45
2/29/56 Bal. Both Banks	99291.64	308230.77	135680.12	443910.89

2/29/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	79933.31	Estimated Appropriations 7/1/55	426600.97
2/29/56 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	19358.33	From Unappropriated Surplus	17309.92
2/29/56 Bal. Both Banks	99291.64	Estimated Appropriations 2/29/56	443910.89

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

1/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	21607.33
Deposits	374.68
	<u>21982.01</u>
No Withdrawals	.00
2/29/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>21982.01</u>

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

1/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No deposits or withdrawals	.00
2/29/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>78.24</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Raymond J. Mischler, 7620 Maple Avenue, with respect to the paving of Niagara Avenue and Ritchie Avenue in the vicinity of Maple Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from Sidney L. McFarland, 7518 Piney Branch Road, requesting permission to acquire a certain portion of the right-of-way in the rear of his lot, in the event Baltimore Avenue is abandoned. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
3. Letter from Robert W. Hamilton, Secretary, Takoma Park Fire Board, concerning the backing of Fire Apparatus into the Fire House. Referred to Law and Ordinances and Public Safety Committees.
4. Letter from Edmund H. Longen, 7516 Holly Avenue, pertaining to the replacement of the temporary curb on Holly Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.

With reference to the frequent questioning of property owners as to why the present Council has not lowered the City's tax rate, Mayor Miller quoted from the City's Audit Report and stated that in 1952 the revenues increased 7.71% and the expenditures increased 15.43%; in 1953 the revenues increased over the preceding year 8.60% and the expenditures increased 7.02%; in 1954 the revenues increased 18.09% and the expenditures increased 40.46% and tax rates were lowered in that year; (in June of 1954 the City issued a \$25,000 Certificate of Indebtedness in order to meet the current operating expenses); and in 1955 the revenues increased 6.05% and the expenditures decreased 9.84% or \$49,500 less than the preceding year. Mayor Miller concluded that this Council is striving for one thing and that is to constructively lower the tax rate in the future.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Temple S. Newell, Mr. Karl Lundberg, and a Mr. Ronald, residents in the vicinity of Houston Court, inquired of the Council as to when the paving of Houston Court, Brighton Avenue, and Houston Avenue would commence, also if money were available for this construction work. After a lengthy discussion, the property owners were advised that as soon as the plans have been approved by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the City will advertise and award contracts for these projects. Councilman Tymeson informed the people that there is no money set aside in this fiscal year's budget inasmuch as the cost for this work has not been determined and a hearing of the abutting property owners has not been held. Mr. Remsen suggested that the property owners on Houston Avenue beyond Roanoke to Flower Avenues petition the abutting property owners to request the Council for curb and gutter, etc.

Mrs. Alma T. Opal, 8202 Roanoke Avenue, asked what Ordinance #1296 covers and when the paving of Kennebec and Houston Avenues would begin. She asked if she could obtain an approximate idea of the front foot benefit charge of her property, to which she was told that the City Charter has a yardstick whereby the approximate percentage of the front foot benefit charge could be determined. Councilman Collison assured Mrs. Opal that the City would advertise for this construction work upon receiving approval from the WSSC.

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, announced that a special meeting of the Community League will be held on April 2nd at 8 Columbia Avenue, at which time the Mayor will outline his program for the next two years and a City Planning Expert from Rockville will tell what the outlook is for the next two years.

Mr. McClenon suggested that the Mayor and Council address a letter to Mr. Brooks Perring of the Post Office Department requesting the erection of a Takoma Park Post Office on the Morarre Tract known as No. 1 Columbia Avenue.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, stated that the new posts in the gymnasium have sharp corners and are very dangerous to the children, therefore, she suggested that these posts be rounded or padded to alleviate the hazard. She further stated that the Coca-Cola machine has proved most unsatisfactory.

Mrs. Roderic Davis, 707 New York Avenue, was happy to report that the City completed negotiation for the Health Center at 8 Sherman Avenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

As to the improvement of the deplorable condition of the B&O Railroad Bridge, Councilman Collison stated that no progress has been made as yet and this subject is at a stalemate.

Relative to the Forest Park Storm Drainage Project, Councilman Collison advised that the WSSC, the property owners, and the City are in agreement, and the only matter which remains to be settled is to obtain easements.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Since Montgomery County has accepted the agreement for the Health Center at 8 Sherman Avenue, the renovation of this building can commence, therefore, Councilman Sidell moved that the City expend an additional \$91.00 for the difference required to place asphalt tile on the first floor of 8 Sherman Avenue. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell recommended that an account be incorporated in the next budget whereby the City could contract for repair of sidewalks.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved that the City advertise for bids to dispose of the 1947 Buick Ambulance; (a) one bid to include all equipment, and (b) an alternate bid to include all equipment except the two-way radio; closing date to be April 9th at 4:00 p.m. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved that Pvt. Richard L. Rhan be appointed permanently with the Fire Department as of April 1, 1956, with an annual salary of \$3725.00. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Upon Chief Foster's recommendation, Councilman Forehand moved that the sign on Ethan Allen Avenue at Sycamore Avenue be replaced with an octangular sign with white letters on a red background, to read "STOP HERE FOR RED LIGHT". Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Inasmuch as Det. Sgt. Edwin C. Cissel's expense account came to \$295.00 (\$45.00 more than the amount allotted) while in training at the Southern Police Institute

in Louisville, Kentucky, Councilman Forehand moved that Sgt. Cissel be reimbursed \$45.00 for expenses incurred, to be charged to Account No. 10.64. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand stated that during the past six months Chief Foster has operated the Police Department very efficiently and has raised the morale of the officers, therefore, he moved that Chief Samuel A. Foster be given permanent appointment as Chief of the Police Department as of March 23, 1956, with an increase in salary of \$400.00 per annum or \$5600.00. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand advised the Council that since the Detective Bureau has been in operation it has recovered more goods for the residents and businessmen of Takoma Park than was recovered in the previous six years; consequently, he moved the permanent appointment of Sgt. Cissel as Detective Sergeant, effective April 1, 1956, with an annual salary of \$4650.00, appropriated from Account No. 10.64. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand made mention of Sgt. Cissel's high scholastical ability shown at the Southern Police Institute and praised him for winning a \$1500 Scholarship.

Councilman Forehand moved that probationary appointments be changed from six months to one year. Motion was tabled until the next Council meeting.

The Special Police Association requested additional funds to buy uniforms for the new Special Policeman, Mr. Monitor, therefore, Councilman Forehand moved that \$100.00 be transferred from Account No. 10.64 to the Special Police Budget for this clothing. Councilman Tymeson seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand read a letter from the First Evangelical and Reformed Church thanking the Special Police of Takoma Park for their meritorious and unselfish service rendered in traffic control on Sundays.

Councilman Forehand asked Mr. Remsen to place some type of a barricade next to the bridge on Carroll Avenue.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

With reference to acquisition of supplementary land to Forest Park, Councilman Kozel advised that a letter had been received from Mr. Manuel of the Park and Planning Commission as to the results of his survey, in which he recommended that the City acquire all land in that area even at the expense of buying some of it. Referring to the Master Plan of the Park and Planning Commission, he stated that the Forest Park area should be increased in size in comparison to the Hodges Tract. Councilman Kozel said the next step is to draw up deeds of dedication and determine the metes and bounds.

Councilman Kozel reported that since the opening of the new Library, the Librarians have issued an excess of 1000 new active cards.

Councilman Kozel moved that an amount not to exceed \$88.00 be paid to Mrs. Buxbaum from Account No. 19.303 to cover expenses incurred while attending a Convention at Buckhill Falls during March 21 thru 25. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Tymeson moved that the bills in the amount of \$15,747.42 for the month of February be approved. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Tymeson reported that the City has collected 87% of its revenue as of February 1956, and Montgomery County has only paid 1% of the approximate \$30,000 due the City; besides, out of the 10% surplus or reserve set aside, the Council has only "dipped" into approximately 36% of this fund.

Mayor Miller mentioned a resolution submitted to the Council by the Community League pertaining to introducing legislation for the 1957 Legislature providing for a revision of the Motor Vehicle Code relative to periodical inspections of vehicles, use of chemical tests in cases of drinking drivers, making it compulsory for persons with serious moving traffic violations to attend their court trial, and creating a central records bureau. The Mayor turned this matter over to the Law and Ordinances Committee for study and deliberation, together with a letter from the Community League requesting the adoption of a resolution amending the Charter to provide a recall of Mayor and/or Councilmen if 20% of the registered voters petitioned same.

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

Katharine E Abercrombie
City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING
 Mayor and Council
 March 28, 1956

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the certified results of the Municipal election of March 27, 1956, as submitted by Mr. Julius Peter, Chairman of the Judges of Election. Those present: Mayor Miller, Councilmen Forehand, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Tymeson. Absent: Councilmen Collison and Juhl.

The following letter was read to the Mayor and Council:

March 28, 1956

"Mayor and Council
 Takoma Park, Maryland

Gentlemen:

"The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report of the City Election, held the 27th day of March, 1956, in the Takoma Park Fire Department Building:

"The Board organized with the appointment of Julius Peter, Jr., Chairman; Vera Hash, Frank Troll, Julia M. Russo, Esther Coulson and Lillian A. Fisher as Judges; Mathilda Mohr, Virginia Cooke, Evelyn Russell, Goldie L. Thomsen, Emily Lee, Ethel Lind Bell, Irene K. Apperti, Jane C. Fahey, Raymond Hill and Marguerite Ferry as Clerks, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. The Polls were opened at the legal hour of 7 o'clock a.m., and closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock p.m.

"The results of the referendum on question No. 1 'Amendment to the City Charter to give the Mayor and Council staggered terms of office, effective with the 1958 election' were as follows:

For Charter Amendment	214
Against Charter Amendment	358

"The results of the referendum on question No. 2 'Amendment to the City Charter to give the Mayor and Council staggered terms of office' were as follows:

For Charter Amendment	177
Against Charter Amendment	363

"The following candidate for Mayor received the number of votes set opposite his name:

George M. Miller	735
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"The following candidates for Councilmen received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

4TH AND 20TH PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Oscar J. Forehand	618
Ralph F. Sidell	553

6TH AND 21ST PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Robert W. Collison	637
Gibson E. McKenzie	572

9TH PRECINCT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Clayton D. Forshee	640
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4TH AND 6TH PRECINCTS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

John F. Kozel	515
Emily P. Monitor	479
John D. Roth	472

"It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidate for Mayor received the highest number of votes, and was duly elected Mayor for a period of two years from the second Monday in April 1956:

George M. Miller

"It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidates for Councilmen received the largest number of votes in their respective precincts and were duly elected Councilmen for a period of two years from the second Monday in April, 1956:

4TH AND 20TH PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Oscar J. Forehand
Ralph F. Sidell

6TH AND 21ST PRECINCTS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Robert W. Collison
Gibson E. McKenzie

9TH PRECINCT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Clayton D. Forshee

4TH AND 6TH PRECINCTS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

John F. Kozel
Emily P. Monitor

"The results of the tabulation of the election indicates 942 registered voters cast their votes.

"Certificates of Election in accordance with the results as stated herein are attached hereto for delivery to the Mayor and Councilmen and Councilwoman elect.

Very respectfully,

JUDGES OF ELECTION

s/ Irene K. Apperti

s/ Julius C. Peter
Chairman

s/ Marguerite S. Ferry
 s/ Goldie Thomsen
 s/ Ethel C. Bell
 s/ Virginia S. Cooke
 s/ Evelyn Russell
 s/ Jane C. Fahey
 s/ Emily S. Lee

s/ Esther Coulson
 s/ Lillian A. Fisher
 s/ Julia M. Russo
 s/ Frank Troll
 s/ Vera Hash

ATTEST:

s/ Irene K. Apperti, Clerk
 Certified to be a true and correct copy."

Mr. Peter, Chairman, Judges of Election, addressed the Council relative to the recording of eleven votes in machine #76554. He stated that these votes would not have in any way affected the results of the election inasmuch as they were recorded under pointers 2C and 3C, which were blank. However, in order to assure the losing candidate that the results were not affected, Mr. Peter suggested Mr. Ward W. Caddington of the Board of Election Supervisors, Montgomery County, be contacted and asked to submit a statement to this effect. Mayor Miller directed the secretary to telephone Mr. Caddington during the Council meeting and inform him of Mr. Peter's request. The secretary was unable to contact Mr. Caddington, whereupon Mr. Peter advised the Council he would transmit a letter to Mr. Caddington in the morning. The Mayor then asked the secretary to contact Mr. Caddington by telephone in the morning advising him of the request to be in Mr. Peter's communication.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

George M. Miller
 Mayor

Katherine Eberstrom
 Acting Clerk