

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 9, 1956

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

Councilman Kozel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 25, 1956, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Order to Show Cause as to why a rehearing should not be granted re: Case No. 410, Petition of Mrs. Russell H. Bretz, which order was adopted June 25, 1956, County Board of Appeals for Montgomery County Maryland. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee and Corporation Counsel.
2. Order adopted July 3, 1956, from County Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, ordering a rehearing of Case No. 410; Petition of Mrs. Russell H. Bretz. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee and Corporation Counsel.
3. Letter from Mrs. Lillian T. Fowler requesting permission for herself and Mr. & Mrs. John Bennett to have exclusive use of the Boyd Ave. alley. Referred to Law and Ordinances and Public Works Committees.
4. Letter from Lewis D. Brown, 25 Darwin Ave. requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Holly and Grant Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Letter from R. Deane Shure complaining of dogs running loose and of the unsightly parking area opposite 8 Columbia Avenue. Referred to Public Works and Public Safety Committees.
6. Letter from H. Earle Russell, Justice of Peace, informing Council that he will be out of the City during the month of August, consequently will be unable to function as Justice of Peace for the Prince George's County section of the City. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In reporting on the proposed improvement of Houston and Kennebec Avenues, Mr. Remsen stated that the question of lowering a sewer main at the foot of Houston Avenue on Sligo Creek Parkway is detaining the improvement of this area. The City is presently waiting for an estimate of cost to be submitted by the WSSC for the lowering of this main.

Mr. Remsen spoke in regard to the paving of Niagara Avenue, commenting that the width of the street will be different at various points, and consideration should be given to asking for dedications if the street is to be of uniform width.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Fire Service, Councilman Forehand moved that Roland Schwartzbeck be placed on permanent duty with the Fire Dept. July 15, 1956, with an annual salary of \$3725.00. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Fire Service, Councilman Forehand moved that Mr. Jack Hansen, 1004 Houston Avenue, be granted a 6 month Probationary appointment with the Fire Dept. commencing July 15, 1956, at \$3325.00 per annum. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

It was reported that since neither the lessee or owner of the building located on the northeast corner of New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Avenues will accept responsibility for this building in conforming to the Fire Code, the matter will be sent to the court for disposition.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Monitor made the following announcements: Square dance at Washington Park, July 29; Community Sing and Talent Show, Spring Park, July 15, 7:00 p.m.; Square Dance at Takoma Recreation Center, July 12, 8:30 p.m.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel mentioned subjects under discussion at the recent Municipal League Convention, among the most important to the City being municipal control of zoning and annexation.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich remarked that it appears that the legislation prohibiting municipal control of zoning might be classed as unconstitutional legislation and if so, under the home rule amendment, it would mean changing the charter. If this were done, the matter would be contested then taken before the courts who would determine the legality. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that the Council should take definite steps in this direction.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that a large portion of the cities under the home rule bill felt that the annexation of property was too involved and legislation should be changed to make annexation less difficult.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee stated that recommendations would probably be forthcoming at the next Council meeting in regard to the Martin assessment and the appointment of a City Clerk and Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works and Inspections requested authorization from the Public Works Committee to replace the yellow stop signs with red stop signs at the following intersections:

Greenwood Avenue at Carroll Avenue
Central Avenue at Carroll Avenue
Both sides of Garland Avenue at Carroll Avenue

The Committee withheld recommendation until next meeting.

Mr. S. A. Foster, Chief of Police, reported that during the month of June, 960 persons visited the police station issuing complaints or seeking information, and 3102 phone calls were received. Also, during the month 385 vacant houses were checked.

Mr. Charles Ferry reported that 5 persons had refused to pay registration fees, and that warrants will be issued to these 5 on July 19th.

Mr. Ward Fetrow read a report from the Maryland Municipal League in which they propose to instigate a system of cooperative purchasing by municipalities for the purpose of effecting savings through quantity buying. Before furthering the proposal however, the League is desirous of knowing how many municipalities would be interested in participating in cooperative purchasing.

Mayor Miller publicly expressed the Council's appreciation to the 4th of July Committee for making the celebration in Takoma Park such a success. He announced that certificates of merit are being prepared to give to the various members of the 4th of July Committee which will be presented at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the near future.

Since the Public Works Dept. is low in their supply of burlap, **Councilman Sidell** moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1383

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

Section 1. THAT 1500 80 x 80 ten ounce sheets of burlap be purchased from the Bemis Bro. Bag Co. at \$50.35 per hundred, or a total of \$755.25.

Section 2. AND THAT the total amount of \$755.25 for the purchase of the aforementioned burlap be charged to Account #13.402B.

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

Corporation Counsel Gingerich announced that the matter of revising the Motor Vehicle Code was before the Legislative Council for their consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Katherine E Abernethy
Acting Clerk

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 23, 1956

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

Mr. Remsen corrected the minutes of July 9, 1956 as follows: 1st page, 2nd paragraph under Public Works Committee -- "Mr. Remsen spoke in regard to the proposed curb and gutter on Holly Avenue . . ." instead of ". . . the paving of Niagara Avenue . . ."

Councilman McKenzie moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 9, 1956, and that they be accepted as corrected. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Irwin Fass, 7409 Wildwood Drive, requesting repair of curb in front of his home. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from R. Robert Linowes, Attorney at Law, giving notice of a claim for damages as result of injuries sustained by Mrs. Burnice Heffernan, 7401 Hancock Avenue. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee and Corporation Counsel.
3. Letter from John L. Mills, 502 Boston Avenue, concerning the paving of the street at the intersection of Boston Avenue and Alfred Drive. Referred to Public Works Committee.
4. Letter from I.B.I. Corporation, 111 Lee Avenue, requesting an inspection of the shed which is a fire hazard, in the rear of 7412 Hancock Avenue. Referred to Public Works and Public Safety Committees.
5. Letter from Miriam Gair, Secretary, Forest Park Recreation Council, regarding the ball diamond in Forest Park, also requesting a fence to protect the properties adjoining the Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. Letter from Otto Seraphin, 605 Boston Avenue, relative to the extension of the sidewalk to be constructed on Boston Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
7. Letter from Theodore J. Gooch, 7312 Glenside Drive, suggesting a refinishing of the crumbling curb in front of his house. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
8. Letter from Lee Jordan and Daniel M. Lewis asking the City to install lights on Oswego Avenue south from Ritchie to Heffner Park. Referred to Public Works Committee.
9. Letter from W. B. Buckley, Postal Inspector, mentioning the site for the location of the new Post Office Building and asking the City to widen the 7100 block of Maple Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
10. Letter from H. L. Thornton, urging the Council to reinstate Mr. Hilliard in his former position as Clerk and Treasurer. Referred to Finance Committee.
11. Letter from the American Public Works Association enclosing a formal invitation for Takoma Park to become a "Public Agency" member of the APWA. Referred to Public Works and Finance Committees.

Rev. Leslie E. Gould, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, delivered the Invocation.

Mrs. Katharine E. Abercrombie, Acting Clerk and Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement for the month of June 1956, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ✓
June 1956

	Revenues June 1956	Revenues to 6/30/56	Bal. Bud. to 6/30/56	Total Budget
5/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	17545.32			
5/31/56 Bal. Sub. Trust Co.	9645.33			
5/31/56 Bal. Both Banks	<u>27190.65</u>			
REVENUES				
1. Taxes: General	447.95	413509.18	4161.19	409347.99
1. Interest & Penalties	.00	724.90	24.90	700.00
2. Licenses & Permits	3688.88	28193.95	4343.95	23850.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	43.20	5975.75	3675.75	2300.00
4. Use of Money & Property	90.00	90.00	35.00	125.00
5. Revenues: other sources	36031.22	32002.20	274.11	31728.09
6. Service Charges	18.00	2346.00	154.00	2500.00
Rms. & Apts. Reg. Fees	51.75	8143.55	106.45	8250.00
Coca Cola	8.94			
Towing	21.00	490985.53	12184.45	478801.08
Accounts Received	65.00	<u>50000.00</u>	- C/I -	<u>50000.00</u>
Check #7276 voided		10.00		528801.08
		<u>67666.59</u>		
DISBURSEMENTS				
10.1 Clerk's Office	2401.80	36172.89	7487.11	43660.00
10.812 Govt. Bldgs.	331.78	7183.41	2203.41	4980.00
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1398.17	18210.26	3210.26	15000.00
11.1 Police Dept.	7291.03	86123.85	5993.36	80130.49
11.2 Fire Dept.	5009.49	65686.77	3870.27	61816.50
11.39 Protective Inspection	488.76	6363.43	.00	6363.43
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	2102.48	23852.16	1702.16	22150.00
12.2 " " General	8046.52	102604.00	8817.95	93786.05
12.2 " " Highways	.00	12581.59	102.44	12479.15
12.4 " " Street Lighting	1242.48	15753.07	446.93	16200.00
13.1 " " Sanitation	865.06	49011.31	8949.34	57960.65
19.3 " " Recreation	117.44	5250.47	1399.53	6650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	289.51	15283.27	621.81	15905.08
21.1 Misc. Expense	360.56	16471.97	6121.97	10350.00
22.1 Council Appropriations	2152.09	3633.69	33.84	3599.85
22. Capital Budget	4111.75	31227.70	2111.82	33339.52
23.1 Insurance	197.46	9323.70	962.25	8361.45
Towing	52.00			
Coca Cola	3.28	504733.54	12001.37	492732.17
Cert. of Indebtedness	30000.00			
4th of July Expense	117.10			
Escrow	500.00	<u>67078.76</u>		
6/30/56 Bal. Both Banks		587.83		
6/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	542.50	Estimated Appropriations 7/1/55		426600.97
6/30/56 Bal. Sub. Trust Co.	45.33	From Unappropriated Surplus		19991.40
6/30/56 Bal. Both Banks	<u>587.83</u>	Certificate of Indebtedness		46139.80
		Estimated Appropriations 6/30/56		<u>492732.17</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

5/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	18314.09
Withdrawals	219.65
6/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>18094.44</u>

SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING ACCOUNT

5/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No deposits or withdrawals	.00
6/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>78.24</u>

In behalf of the Council and the entire citizenry of Takoma Park, Mayor Miller presented each member of the Independence Day Celebration Committee with a "Certificate of Award" as a small token of appreciation for helping to make the 4th of July Celebration an outstanding performance, an occasion which is looked forward to with enthusiasm each year.

Mayor Miller announced that ex-councilman Nies' funeral was held at 10:00 a.m. on July 23rd in Loma Linda, California, and offered his condolences to the family.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, commended the City and the group that sponsored and entertained the foreign exchange students during their visit to Takoma Park.

Mr. Cloyd L. Risher, 7308 Cedar Avenue, advised that there would be a hearing in Judge Anderson's Chambers on Friday regarding the rezoning on Cedar Avenue, and requested that the City prepare a letter opposing this rezoning and offer an injunction to stop the construction.

Mr. J. Douglas Bradshaw, Attorney at Law, presented Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-413, request for reclassification from the R-40 Zone to the R-10 Zone, and if granted it would permit the construction of an apartment house which could conceivably have 20 units. Mr. Bradshaw's client, Mr. Clifton C. McMillin, applicant, and owner of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, 20,000 square feet of land located on the west side of Flower Avenue between Kennebec and Houston Avenues, was also present at the meeting to answer any questions the Council might ask of him.

Mr. Robert T. Simonds, 7305 Cedar Avenue, opposed the rezoning of the property at 7309 Cedar Avenue and the following people endorsed the opposition: Mr. William H. Camp, 7403 Cedar Avenue; Mr. C. M. Kyle, 7416 Cedar Avenue; Mr. James A. Barclay, 7414 Cedar Avenue; and Mr. Clayton A. Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue.

Mr. Railey wondered if any injunction had been filed, to which Corporation Counsel Gingerich replied that the hearing on Friday will be regarding the injunction proceedings to cease the construction instituted by Robert T. Simonds and Arthur J. Williams and hearing for rezoning will be set for a later date.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 412 Lincoln Avenue, publicly thanked the Police and Fire Departments as well as Mr. Peter Remsen, Mr. John Boetker, Sr., and other employees of the Public Works Department for the cooperation and assistance rendered her during the recent 4th of July celebration. She added that the City is fortunate to have a woman reporter, Mrs. Betty McDevitt, who gave a great deal of publicity to the celebration.

Mr. Milton Kramer, 7602 Hammond Avenue, recommended that "Stop" signs be erected on Kingwood Drive at the intersection of Wildwood Drive.

Regarding the rezoning on Cedar Avenue, Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue, recorded his rejection to the spending of City funds by taking the matter to court when it could be settled by zoning regulations. He asked if it would be possible to subdivide the large houses in Takoma Park and thereby receive more taxes.

Mrs. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, said it is the Council's duty to check into such matters and it's a very useful expenditure of the taxpayer's money.

Mr. J. D. Livingston, 209 Lincoln Avenue, endorsed Mr. Curtis' statements and stated that the Council should not authorize the signature of money to carry on law suits, but should make the law applicable and equitable to all groups.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

As a progress report on Houston and Kennebec Avenues, Councilman Sidell stated that some additional work remains to be done on the final drawings, and the City expects to advertise for bids on or before the August Council Meeting. He advised that Mr. Remsen had written the Potomac Electric Power Company asking them to relocate the poles and also the Gas Company requesting that they install the gas mains.

Concerning the request for concrete curb on Holly Avenue, Councilman Sidell noted that there is a variation in the width of the street and the City is endeavoring to make the street one width, therefore, this request cannot be fulfilled at the present time.

It was reported that four (4) Ritchie Avenue dedications have not been executed as yet--two of the property owners refused to dedicate their land.

Regarding the paving of Boston Avenue, it was stated that money was put in escrow for this project by one or two of the builders and Mr. Gingerich was asked to find out if the money was still in escrow for said improvement.

(Councilman Sidell said that the Committee had recommended that a solid-type fencing be placed around the parking lot opposite 8 Columbia Avenue, contingent upon Mr. Remsen's opinion. Mr. Remsen had informed the Committee that about 257 feet of fencing would be needed for the upper portion at a cost of approximately \$1200.00 for solid fencing.)

Councilman Sidell moved that the City commit itself to the Post Office Department, advising Mr. Buckley by written communication that the City will permit parking on one side of Maple Avenue at all times, which would entail moving the curb back on the west side. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Pertaining to the matter of getting zoning laws under the jurisdiction of Takoma Park, Councilman McKenzie read a resolution which was adopted at the Maryland Municipal League Convention opposing "all legislation which would directly or indirectly repeal any planning and zoning powers now held by any municipality without first obtaining the consent of said municipality."

Before readvertising for bids for a traffic signal at Maple and Philadelphia Avenues, the City is waiting for a permit issued by the State Roads Commission and also completion of the specifications by Ward Fetrow.

Councilman McKenzie moved that a letter be written to the property owners on both sides of the 8-foot strip of the Boyd Avenue alley granting them use of this alley until the City wants to open said alley and make use of same. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Regarding the construction of a sidewalk on Boston Avenue, Councilman Sidell advised that all of the property owners effected have agreed to pay for the full cost of construction applicable to their properties, therefore, he moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1384

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

Section 1. THAT in accordance with Section 1429 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that public health, safety, and comfort require the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Boston Avenue from Takoma Avenue, west, to and including the property known as 610 Boston Avenue.

Section 2. ALSO THAT a sidewalk be placed in front of the property known as 605 Boston Avenue upon receipt of a commitment of acceptance of the full cost, which sidewalk was not included in the advertisement mentioned in Section 3.

Section 3. AND THAT after having duly advertised according to law and after carefully considering the only bid received for that portion of the sidewalk noted in Section 1 of this Ordinance, the Mayor and Council do hereby award the contract to the Baylor and Grieg Company at a price of \$435.00 for 1, 116 square feet of concrete sidewalk, 4 feet wide and 4 inches thick in accordance with City specifications for that portion of the work on the south side of Boston Avenue, and do hereby authorize that the contractor be paid an additional sum for the sidewalk noted in Section 2 of this Ordinance at the same rate as mentioned in Section 4 below.

Section 4. The cost of this improvement is based on a price of \$1.56 per lineal foot, the entire cost of which shall be assessed against the abutting property owners on a three-year basis payable in three equal annual installments, the first installment due and payable within 90 days from date of levy with interest at the rate of 6% per annum beginning 30 days from date of levy, and each subsequent annual payment due and payable within 90 days of the same date in each subsequent year. The balance due may be paid in full at any time plus the accumulated interest. Property delinquent as of January the 1st of any year will be sold for the total amount of assessment, including interest and costs, then due.

It was suggested to put wire over the storm sewer area if needed, but this was not agreed upon at this time and is not included in the Ordinance.

Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with the roll call vote recorded as follows: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Collison and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman Sidell spoke of the fine cooperation of the residents in that area of Takoma Park--stating that the proposed sidewalk will extend down the side as well as the front of the property of the gentleman at the corner of Takoma and Boston Avenues yet he was one of the first who offered to pay for the full cost of construction applicable to his property. This man was also advised that his fence was one foot over the property line and he has already ordered a new fence to be installed after the sidewalk is completed.

Councilman Sidell informed the Council that a lot of concrete streets in Takoma Park that were installed back in 1928 are cracking, therefore, they need resurfacing or an asphalt topping from curb to curb. He recommended that thought be given to street and sidewalk repair whereby it would be assessed against the property owners or one-third of the cost borne by the City.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of an Ordinance to place a "Stop" sign on Holly Avenue at Grant.

ORDINANCE NO. 1385

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

Section 1. THAT A "Stop" sign be erected on Holly Avenue at the intersection of Grant 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.

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

Councilman Forehand moved that James L. Powell, 8512 Flower Avenue, be appointed as an officer for the Takoma Park Police Department at an annual salary of \$3,325.00 for a six-month probationary period, effective August 1, 1956. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of an Ordinance to purchase a motorcycle for the Police Department at a cost of \$1,956.60.

ORDINANCE NO. 1386

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

Section 1. THAT inasmuch as an amount has been appropriated in Account No. 11.113A of the Budget to cover the cost of a motorcycle, the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) 1956 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, engine number 56FC-6731, at a total price of \$1,956.60 including two-way radio and accessories.

Section 2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT the two-way radio and accessories will be installed properly before payment of said motorcycle is made.

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

Councilman Forehand announced that Chief of Police, Samuel A. Foster, will be out of town from July 23rd to August 6th, and Captain Edwin C. Cissel will be in charge.

In accordance with Chief Foster's recommendation, Councilman Forehand moved that Roland L. Edward's duties be terminated with the Police Department as of July 25th, also that he be compensated for 7 days of annual leave. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Upon receiving a petition signed by 15 residents asking for a "Stop" sign on Flower Avenue at the intersection of Garland, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to remove the "Stop" sign on Flower at Sligo Parkway.

ORDINANCE NO. 1387

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

Section 1. THAT the "Stop" sign on Flower Avenue at Sligo Parkway be removed.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby directed to proceed with the elimination of the said sign.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to place a "Stop" sign on Flower Avenue at Garland:

ORDINANCE NO. 1388

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

Section 1. THAT a "Stop" sign be erected on Flower Avenue at the intersection of Garland 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.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance to place a "Yield Right of Way" sign on Flower Avenue at Sligo Parkway:

ORDINANCE NO. 1389

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

Section 1. THAT a triangular sign with the inscription "Yield Right of Way" be erected on Flower Avenue at Sligo Parkway.

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.

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

Captain Cissel suggested that the "Yield Right of Way" sign be of a triangular shape.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1390

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

Section 1. THAT Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1370, adopted by the Mayor and Council April 23, 1956, be and is hereby amended by omitting the words "temporarily" and "on a 90 day trial basis".

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

Councilman Forehand requested the City office to write to the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce asking them to revive the old halloween club.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand announced that Sunday evening, July 29th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a square dance in Washington Park and Mr. George Smith will be the Caller for the occasion.

It was mentioned that the City sponsored a party at Hodges Tract for the 35 foreign exchange students and each one was presented with a certificate declaring them an honorary citizen. It was remarked that Takoma Park provided the best entertainment for this group. Mayor Miller read a letter signed by each one of the students thanking the people of Takoma Park for the wonderful amusement which they all enjoyed.

Councilman Forehand announced that arrangements have been made to move the equipment in Forest Park.

It was reported that the 4th of July Celebration cost the City approximately \$1,500.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee moved that the bills in the amount of \$12,844.62 for the month of June 1956, be approved. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forshee informed the Council that the City office had collected about \$146,000.00 in City taxes so far, consequently, he moved that the City set aside an amount up to \$100,000.00 by purchasing certificates of deposit. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion; upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel stated that the Library is not suitable for gallery use, therefore, the matter should be deleted from the agenda. In the event an additional wing is added to the Library it might be permitted for use as a gallery.

Relative to the unsightly condition at the northeast corner of New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Avenues, Councilman Kozel reported that the building will be removed and a new one placed in lieu thereof. Lt. LaScola, Assistant Fire Marshal, added that Wednesday is the deadline for complying to the provisions set forth in the Fire Code.

Mayor Miller introduced a Resolution of condolence to be sent to Mrs. Nies expressing sympathy of the Mayor and Council and the members of the previous Councils, who served with ex-councilman Nies:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the passing of John H. Nies has removed from this life a beloved and respected friend; and

WHEREAS, as a former Councilman for the City of Takoma Park he gave unstintingly of his time and energy to the improvement and betterment of the City and the neighborhood in which he resided. He was respected and honored by people in all walks of life, irrespective of race, creed or color;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park express the heartfelt sympathy of the previous members of the Council and citizens of Takoma Park unto Mrs. John H. Nies and family;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be given to Mrs. John H. Nies in Loma Linda, California, as a small token of esteem and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered by Mr. John H. Nies to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

Richard E. Abernombie
Acting Clerk

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
August 27, 1956

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

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

The Financial Statement for the month of July 1956 is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July, 1956

	Revenues July 1956	Revenues to 7/31/56	Bal. Budget to 6/30/57	Total Budget
6/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	542.50			
6/30/56 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	45.33			
6/30/56 Bal. Both Banks	587.83			
<u>Revenues</u>				
1. Taxes: General	232879.77	232879.77	199241.83	432121.60
1. Interest & Penalties	1916.06	1916.06	1316.06	600.00
2. Licenses & Permits	589.34	589.34	23160.66	23750.00
3. Fines & Forfeitures	4.00	4.00	2096.00	2100.00
4. Use of Money & Property	45.00	45.00	495.00	540.00
5. Revenues: Other Sources	298.79	225.05	31824.95	32050.00
6. Service Charges	457.50	457.50	2042.50	2500.00
Rm. & Apt. Reg. Fee	84.50	84.50	6811.80	6896.30
Coca Cola Machine	3.92			
Towing	26.50			
	236305.38			
	236893.21			
Less Discounts	3238.69			
	<u>233654.52</u>			
<u>Disbursements</u>				
10.1 Clerk's Office	2906.49	2906.49	33968.51	36875.00
10.812 Gov't Bldgs.	478.87	478.87	5081.13	5560.00
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1340.82	1340.82	11409.18	12750.00
11.1 Police Dept.	6796.19	6796.19	91894.81	98691.00
11.2 Fire Dept.	4568.53	4568.53	59544.47	64113.00
11.39 Protective Inspection	461.67	461.67	6434.63	6896.30
12.1 P/W Dept: Office	2936.28	2936.28	31263.72	34200.00
12.2 P/W Dept: General	6293.34	6287.25	84936.75	91224.00
12.2 P/W Dept: Highways	.00	.00	500.00	500.00
12.4 P/W Dept: Street Lighting	1210.07	1210.07	14989.93	16200.00
13.1 P/W Dept: Sanitation	851.47	851.47	13398.53	14250.00
19.3 P/W Dept: Recreation	362.27	360.62	4289.38	4650.00
19.1 Cultural: Library	.00	.00	17921.08	17921.08
21.1 Misc. Expense	321.55	253.35	13746.65	14000.00
22.1 Council Appropriations	.00	.00	7720.34	7720.34
22. Capital Budget	5000.00	5000.00	7782.00	12782.00
23.1 Insurance	1326.96	1326.96	7692.43	9019.39
Towing	26.50			
Certificate of Deposit	50000.00			
4th of July Expense	1678.66			
	86559.67			
	<u>147094.85</u>			
		34778.57	412573.54	447352.11

7/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	138201.19
7/31/56 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	8893.66
7/31/56 Bal. Both Banks	<u>147094.85</u>

Special Improvement Account	
6/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	18094.44
Deposits	<u>17.79</u>
7/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	18112.23

Special Library Buidling Acct.	
6/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No Deposits or Withdrawals	<u>.00</u>
7/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from State Roads Commission granting permission as per their specifications, to install a traffic signal at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
2. Acknowledgement of expressions of sympathy from the J. H. Nies family. Referred to Council files.
3. Letter from Mrs. J. H. Nies expressing appreciation for the Resolution in memory of her husband. Referred to Council files.
4. Letter from Lewis Brown thanking the Council for having a stop sign placed at Grant and Holly Avenues. Referred to Council files.
5. Letter from N. William Ditzler, President, Lions Club, stating that the Club will participate in planning a Halloween Party. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. Letter from Carolyn Green expressing thanks to the Public Works Department workmen for cleaning up the 100 block of Tulip Avenue. Referred to Public Works files.
7. Letter from Miriam Gair, Secretary, Forest Park Recreation Council, expressing appreciation to the Council in helping make the recreation program a success. Referred to Parks and Recreation files.
8. Letter from Lucille McDonald, Secretary, Sligo Park Terrace Recreation Council, thanking the Council and the Public Works Dept. for improving the playground facilities. Referred to Parks and Recreation files.
9. Letter from Mrs. John C. Harold, citing need of sidewalk in 600 block of Ethan Allen Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
10. Letter from Lampson Insurance Agency relative to the coverage of the Fire Dept. employees under the City's compensation policy. Referred to Public Safety and Finance Committees.
11. Letter from S. W. Parrish, Acting Director, Montgomery County Dept. of Inspection and Licenses, relative to certain zoning petitions to be heard Sept. 10. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
12. Letter from Carlton Pyles, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, regarding the granting of special exceptions by the County Board of Appeals in establishing nursing homes. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee, and Corporation Counsel.
13. Copy of letter from J. Bond Smith, General Counsel, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission addressed to the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, relative to nursing homes. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

14. Letter from Community League, Mr. Walter McClenon, President, requesting the to make no special exemptions in zoning cases unless the surrounding property owners have no objections. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

15. Letter from Frank Coffin entering protest in behalf of his son, owner of Lots 39, 40 and 41, Block 54, B. F. G., against the letting of bids for storm sewer in front of this property. Referred to Public Works Committee.

16. Letter from Mrs. Katharine E. Abercrombie confirming her retirement effective September 1, 1956.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Robert Johnson, 229 Grant Avenue, spokesman for a group of citizens in the Maple-Grant Aves. area, addressed the Council relative to the group's opposition to the granting of Petition B-456, Ralph G. Shure, Attorney for W. A. Martin, Owner Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 102 Takoma Park Subdivision, request for reclassification from R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone. As a result of a meeting of these citizens on August 21, it was their unanimous decision to request the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park to instruct the City's Corporation Counsel to appear at the hearing on Sept. 10, 1956, to oppose this application. Mr. Johnson presented a petition with 152 signatures opposing the aforementioned application.

The following reasons for the opposition to Petition B-456 were presented:

Mr. Edwin Turner, 226 Grant Avenue, stated that the area in question was adjacent to the park, and the erection of apartment units would preclude the development of the park land.

Mr. Joseph M. Hart, 216 Grant Avenue, spoke in regard to the inevitable depreciation of surrounding property values, as is usually the case where multiply family dwellings are erected.

Mrs. Vivian Templin, 7505 Maple Avenue, stated that the school in the vicinity has a capacity of 540, and that there will be an estimated 640 children attending the Takoma Park Elementary School by 1957, which figure does not include the children from the Lee Avenue Apartments. Any additional apartment dwellings would call for double sessions in the immediate future.

Mr. Ed Longen, 7516 Holly Avenue, brought to the Council's attention the traffic and parking problem already existing in this area, and stated that the construction of apartments as proposed only add to the danger already existing at this intersection.

Mr. Arthur Williams, 7302 Birch Avenue, specifically opposed Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-416, Albert H. Cross, Owner, Parts of Lots 15 and 16, Block 5, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision request for reclassification from R-60 Zone to R-30 Zone. Mr. Williams urged the Council to take steps to control zoning in Takoma Park, as he has found by experience that the City's recommendations at the County hearings are all but ignored.

Mr. Robert Symonds, 7305 Birch Avenue, endorsed Mr. Williams' statements.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council has taken a definite stand on the zoning problem and is endeavoring to work out a solution with the County. Meanwhile, the Corporation Counsel has been instructed to appear at all the zoning hearings affecting Takoma Park.

Mr. Parrish, 901 Larch Avenue, complained of the condition of that part of Larch Avenue recently tarred and chipped, stating that the road was full of ruts and very dusty.

Mr. George Kline, 909 Larch Avenue, concurred with Mr. Parrish's statement.

Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works, informed Mr. Parrish that the road was scheduled to be oiled tomorrow.

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, commended the Mayor and Council on their stand in trying to enforce the zoning laws in Takoma Park. He brought to the Council's attention the broken sidewalk on Philadelphia Avenue, between Takoma and Chicago Avenues which presents a dangerous situation to pedestrians using this sidewalk.

A letter from Willie Blum, 7118 Sycamore Avenue, concerning the parking problem and roaming dogs in the neighborhood was read to the Council and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-409, Robert E. Orange, owner, Lot 57, Block 55, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision request for reclassification from R-40 Zone to R-10 Zone be disapproved. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-413, Bradshaw, Shearin, Redding & Thomas, Attorneys, Lots 7 and 8, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, request for reclassification from R-40 Zone to R-10 Zone be disapproved. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forshee presented a Petition signed by residents in the area affected, disapproving the request of Petition B-413.

Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-416, Albert H. Cross, Owner, Parts of Lots 15 and 16, Block 5, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, request for reclassification from R-60 Zone to R-30 Zone be disapproved. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-456, Ralph G. Shure, Attorney for W. A. Martin, Owner, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 102, Takoma Park Subdivision request for reclassification from R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone be disapproved. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Kozel moved that the Council refrain from rendering an opinion on Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-421, John W. Neumann, Attorney for Bethesda Investment Co., Owner 1.658 acres (Nellie Arliss Tract) request for reclassification from R-10 Zone to C-2 or C-1 Zone due to the fact it is not within the corporate limits of the City. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried; Councilman Collison voting nay.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Relative to the advertising for bids for the Houston and Kennebec Avenues improvements, Councilman Collison stated that the letter received from Mr. Coffin will be considered before any action is taken.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. ~~1319~~ 1391

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

Section 1. In accordance with Article 1198, Section (b), the City has under consideration an improvement on Dundalk Road, and on Boston Avenue between Alfred Drive and Piney Branch Road abutting Part of Lot 27, Block 71, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision;

Lots 30 thru 38, Block 71C, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision; Lots 39 thru 46, Block 71D, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision, Lots 22 thru 34, Block 72A Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision, and Lot 11, Block 81, Takoma Park Loan and Trust Company Subdivision, said improvement to consist of four inch bituminous base and two inch bituminous top, concrete curb and gutter and related storm drain structures.

Section 2. A Public Hearing will be held on this proposed improvement by the City Council at the Municipal Building, No. 8 Columbia Avenue, on September 21, 1956, at 7:30 p.m. at which time the abutting property owners and all interested parties will be heard in connection with this proposed construction work.

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

Since the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is to bear half the expense in the North Takoma Drainage Project, Councilman Collison suggested that this project be given consideration in the very near future. Along with this item, Councilman Collison officially requested the Finance Committee to provide some means of financing the installation of traffic signals at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues; Carroll and Flower Avenues, and Carroll and Philadelphia Avenues. The cost for these four projects was estimated at \$51,000.00.

Councilman Collison reported the following:

The request for street lighting on Oswego Avenue is being studied by the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works, is working on plans for the relocation of the Public Works Building.

Mr. Remsen is also working on the plans for the widening of Maple Avenue in the vicinity of the site for the Post Office Building.

Councilman Collison moved that Councilman Sidell and Ward W. Fetrow be permitted to attend the American Public Works Convention September 23 thru 26, at Fort Worth, Texas, and that the funds be provided by the City not to exceed \$400.00 1/2 of the cost to be provided by the public works budget, and 1/2 by Council funds. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion failed with the following vote: Yeas: Councilman Forehand and Collison, Nays: Councilmen Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie and Councilwoman Monitor. Not voting: Councilman Sidell.

It was brought to the Council's attention that an Ordinance had been previously adopted restricting the attendance of Conventions to the east of the Mississippi River.

Councilman Forehand moved that the Council reconsider Councilman Collison's motion. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Collison restated his original motion. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie voting nay; Councilman Sidell not voting.

Councilman Collison moved the adoption of an Ordinance to rescind the Ordinance restricting the attendance of conventions to the east of the Mississippi River. Councilman Forehand seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion failed with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand and Councilwoman Monitor, Nays: Councilmen Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie and Mayor Miller. Not voting Councilman Sidell.

Councilman Collison moved that the attendance of this convention to Fort Worth, Texas, which is west of the Mississippi be considered an exception to the existing Ordinance.* Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried, Councilman Forshee voting nay; Councilman Sidell not voting. *(Nonexistent)

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie reported that no application has been received for the position of Justice of Peace for the Prince George's County section of Takoma Park.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell stated that the Committee has completed the rules and regulations for regular refuse collections, but does not want to present them for adoption until the Council has had an opportunity to study them.

Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1392

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1384 (24:222) adopted by the Mayor and Council July 26, 1956, be changed as follows: Insert the words "Gly Construction Co." in lieu of "Baylor and Grieg Company"

Section 2. AND THAT the words "plus 5¢ per foot for wire mesh at storm drain" be inserted between the words "foot" and "the" in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1384.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, moved that John C. Walter be appointed as a private with the Police Dept. on a probationary period of 6 months with an annual salary of \$3325.00, effective September 1, 1956. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1393

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

Section 1. THAT five (5) parking meters be installed on the east side of Willow Avenue between Carroll Avenue and the entrance to the Citizens Bank's parking lot.

Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, Mc Kenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1394

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

Section 1. THAT "25 Miles Per Hour" signs be installed as follows:
 East side of Jackson Avenue below Ethan Allen Avenue, and
 West side of Jackson Avenue at Sligo Creek Parkway.

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

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1395

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

Section 1. THAT a "Stop" sign be erected on Jackson Avenue at the intersection of Sligo Creek Parkway.

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

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

In accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Police, Councilman Forehand moved that Cpl. Donald G. Farran be permitted to attend a 3 week course in Accident Investigation at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, October 8-26, and that the expenses incurred be charged to Account #11.114N. 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. 1396

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

Section 1. THAT "Stop" signs be erected on each side of Kingwood Drive at the intersection of Wildwood Drive.

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

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

Upon being seconded and put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call

vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None, Absent: None.

Councilman Forehand moved that the City advertise for bids for one 1956 ford custom-line two door sedan to be used as a police car, bids to be based on trade-in allowance on Police Car #3, closing date to be Sept. 10 at 4:00 p.m. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

In a memorandum from Chief Carter, the problem of inadequate parking at the Fire House was brought to the Council's attention. Councilman Forehand directed that the Clere address a letter to the Owner of the vacant lot between the Sinclair Station and the Safeway Store requesting their permission for a right of access through this lot to the rear of the Fire Dept. in order to provide ample parking space.

Due to the hazard created by 45 degree angle parking in front of the Dairy Queen in the 1000 block of East-West Highway, Councilman Forehand directed that the Clerk address a letter to the State Roads Commission requesting "Parallel Parking Only" signs be posted in this area.

Relative to the complaint concerning the shed in the rear of 7412 Hancock Avenue as a fire hazard, it was reported, after an inspection by the Fire Marshal, that the owner is to cover the shed with asbestos shingles and remove all inflammable materials considered a fire hazard.

Because of poor visibility at the corner of Takoma Avenue and Piney Branch Road due to shrubs and a large stone, the Director of Public Works and Inspections was directed to remove the shrubs and stone. However, if the removal of the stone will necessitate outside labor, the Director is to report to the Committee first.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Monitor reported that a shuffle board had been installed at Forest Park. Concerning the relocation of the Coco Cola machine in Forest Park, it was reported that according to the Potomac Electric Power Co. two poles will be needed. The Public Works Department is presently awaiting the inspection by a representative of PEPCO.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee moved that bills in the amount of \$12,853.43 for the month of July be approved. 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 11:10 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Katharine E. Abernethy
Acting Clerk