

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
October 8, 1956

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. Those present Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, Sidell, and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilmen Collison and McKenzie.

It was moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 24, 1956, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

1. Letter from H. D. Smith, 11 Pine Avenue, Takoma Park 12, Maryland, enclosing a check of \$90.00 to cover garage rent at 8 Sherman Avenue from January 1st to October 1, 1956. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Letter from Donald E. Deyo, Dean of Montgomery Junior College, requesting a traffic survey of conditions on Woodbury Drive. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Letter from R. C. Wysong, Kiwanis Club of Takoma Park, requesting that prompt attention be given to the safety problem which has become worse due to the increased rush hour traffic on Ethan Allen Avenue; also the double white lines be painted at once and a larger sign be placed as far up as Prince Georges Avenue and speed laws in that portion of the Avenue be enforced. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Letter from James A. Hash, President of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, concerning the dip in the middle of the street at Larch and Lincoln Avenues, suggested the raising of the manhole and a little filling in to correct the matter. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Letter from James A. Hash, President of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, concerning the zoning powers. The Association does not feel that final zoning authority should be vested with the City Council for the following reasons:
  1. Increase cost to the Taxpayer.
  2. Park and Planning Commission maintain a department of expert planners for this purpose.Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee and Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Letter from C. Douglas Lampe, President of the Spring Park Community Association, thanking us for the work done to eliminate the hazard that existed in a deep pool of storm water at the back of 209-211 Spring Avenue. The Association requested that further consideration be given to the possibility of enclosing the remaining waterway in a pipe of conduit, thus eliminating the open ditch. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. Letter from C. Douglas Lampe, President of the Spring Park Community Association, expressing appreciation of the Shuffleboard in Forest Park and requesting that further consideration be given to the painting of the goals on the slab before cold weather comes. They also would like dedication of this improvement when it is completed. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. Letter from C. Douglas Lampe, President of the Spring Park Community Association, recommending that two more men be added to the Police Force, thus making a 40 hour work week instead of 48 hours. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee and Finance Committee.
9. Letter from C. Douglas Lampe, President of the Spring Park Community Association, suggesting that the City eliminate part of the hazard due to the absence of

a sidewalk on Poplar Avenue between Spring Avenue and J. Enos Ray Elementary School by installing a blacktop sidewalk from Spring Avenue to the City limits. Cost to be paid by City funds. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

10. Letter from W. J. Talbott, Loan Office, Perpetual Building Association, bringing to our attention the fact that the Perpetual Building Association is holding in escrow certain funds to be disbursed upon completion of the final street improvements in front of property known as 420 Boston Avenue. They would like information as to when permission will be given the builder to proceed with this paving. Referred to Public Works Committee.
11. Letter from Schell S. Hoyer, Certified Public Accountant, submitting an audit fee for fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for three months ending September 30, 1956. Referred to Finance Committee.
12. Letter from the Spring Park Community Association recommending the erection of a fence along the west side of the park to protect the adjacent property. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
13. Memorandum from Clifford R. Armhold, President, Maryland Municipal League, informing the Council of ninth Annual Convention to be held at Carvel Hall, Annapolis, Maryland, November 15, 16 and 17. Referred to Council File.
14. Letter of resignation from Ward Fetrow, Jr. resigning from his duties as Administrative Assistant, Public Works Department. Referred to Public Works Committee.
15. Letter from Robert O. Bonnell, State Roads Commission, regarding the Urban Federal Aid Highway Fund. Referred to Public Works Committee and Finance Committee.
16. Letter from John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, informing us that the application submitted nominating Chief Foster to attend the FBI National Academy will be acted upon just as soon as it becomes possible to do so. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
17. Letter from Ernest E. Cragg, Group Supervisor, inquiring whether or not the Council has made a decision on the group insurance for officials and employees. Referred to Finance Committee.
18. Copy of a letter written to Mr. Douglas Bradshaw, signed by E. W. Bucklin informing him that the hearing will continue on Case B-413 on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the County Office Building, Rockville, Maryland. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
19. Letter from H. E. List, San Antonio, Texas informing us that she plans to move to our City in about a month and would like to know if ceramic lessons are taught. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
20. Letter from J. L. Mintiens, Associate Engineer, State Roads Commission, pertaining to parking conditions in the 1000 block of the East-West Highway and requesting the erection of Parallel Parking Only Signs. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Karl Lundberg suggested that the Council consider Social Security before before taking definite steps toward acquiring Group Insurance.

Mr. Michael Derato Addressed the Council stating that Mr. Sterling R. Thrift, 421 Lincoln Avenue, has a 10 foot cedar and he is willing to give it to the City if the City will remove it.

Mr. Stephen Curtis addressed the Council relative to the fact that there is a friction between the Library Board and Staff. Mayor Miller suggested that a committee of disinterested persons be appointed to look into the matter. It was referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell reported that plans have been started on Niagara and Ritchie Avenues and the Public Works Department has placed chips on the streets to make them passable. Both Niagara and Ritchie Avenues have had some repair. So far two (2) dedications have been obtained.

Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Pridgen address a letter to Ward Fetrow stating that his letter of resignation has been accepted and to express regrets that he is leaving. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Sidell moved to have regulations for special refuse collections distributed. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand stated that the letter from the Kass Realty Company relative to the right of access through their property to the rear of the Fire Department be referred to Mr. Remsen and the Fire Chief.

Councilman Forehand stated we cannot comply with the request of putting no parking signs in the vicinity of 7708 Takoma Avenue. Mayor Miller referred letter to Law and Ordinances Committee.

Councilman Forehand reported that the timing of the traffic light at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues has been investigated. It was stated that there is sufficient time allowed to clear the intersection. Councilman Forehand requested that a letter be written to Mrs. Menard explaining the findings.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1404

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

Section 1. THAT automobiles impounded by the Takoma Park Police Department, which have been in custody for the time required by law, and not redeemed, be sold at Public Auction on November 9, 1956, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the laws of the City and State of Maryland.

Upon being seconded and 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 McKenzie.

## ORDINANCE NO. 1405

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

Section 1. THAT bicycles, tricycles, wagons, strollers and parts of same impounded by the Takoma Park Police Department, which have been in custody for the time required by law, and not redeemed, be sold at Public Auction on November 9, 1956, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the laws of the City and State of Maryland.

Upon being seconded and 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.

Councilman Fore moved the bill submitted by Mr. Lloyd Furr in the amount of \$100.00 be approved for payment and charged to the Council Appropriations. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forehand reported that the dip in the middle of the street at Larch and Lincoln doesn't seem to be too much of a hazard. It was decided not to do anything about it unless the Public Works Committee wanted to investigate.

Councilman Forehand moved that the bill for \$62.00 (Car Washing) be paid out of the Reserve Funds. The matter was discussed and put to question. The motion failed by the following vote. Yeas: Councilmen Sidell, Kozel. (NAY) Nays: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilmen Collison and McKenzie. It was discussed that this amount should come out of the police budget, and that a certain amount should have been put in the police fund for such a bill. Councilman Sidell stated that Chief Foster did not know that this item was to be included in the police budget. It would be more expensive for Public Works to maintain a man to wash the cars. Mayor Miller referred this to the Public Safety Committee and Finance Committee to come to some arrangement as to how much would be appropriate.

Councilman Forehand reported that Chief Carter would like to send three men, Sgt. Flagg, Pvt. C. J. West, and Pvt. Fickes, to Olney for two weeks training. The cost would be \$2.00 a day for food and traveling. There were no objections.

Councilman Forehand stated that Glenn Minton thanked the Council for the \$45.00 which was given to him to attend the training course at Wheeling, West Virginia.

Councilman Forehand suggested increasing the efficiency system whereby people can come into the police station and pay collateral.

Mr. Vincent Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, stated that the law requires that we should have returned to us for violations collateral and fines in Prince Georges County. Mayor Miller asked Mr. Pridgen to check into this.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Monitor reported that 1/3 of the huge rocks have been removed from the ball field. Public Works is planning to clean the area for the winter months.

\*See minutes of October 22, for correction of vote.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1406

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

Section 1. THAT Schell S. Hoyer and Company be engaged to conduct an audit of the books of the city, inasmuch as an amount has been appropriated in the account number 10.42 for accounting and auditing.

Section 2. AND THAT THE period beginning July 1, 1955, and ending June 30, 1956 be audited for a fee as submitted in the amount of \$350.00 to \$400.00.

Section 3. AND THAT the period beginning July 1, 1956, and ending September 30, 1956, be audited for a fee as submitted in the amount of \$100.00.

Upon being seconded and 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.

Councilman Forshee moved the appointment of Mrs. Elaine Pellenberg as Clerk-typist in the City Clerk's Office at an annual salary of \$3,000.00; date of employment to be arranged by Mr. Pridgen, Treasurer.

Councilman Forshee suggested to the Council that Ward W. Fetrow reimburse the City in the amount of \$100.00 which represents half of the expenses incurred by Mr. Fetrow during his recent attendance to the Public Works Convention in Texas just prior to his resignation. Mayor Miller pointed out that an Ordinance should be adopted whereby an employee sent to a convention would be obligated to continue employment for a specified time. Then, they are under legal obligation, and therefore this same mistake can be prevented in the future. Mayor Miller referred the matter of adopting such an Ordinance to the Law and Ordinances Committee. It was decided that no action should be taken regarding a reimbursement by Mr. Fetrow.

Chief Carter reported to the Council that there is a Fire Prevention Week display in the Citizens Bank. Also, there has been a decrease in fires over a period of two and a half years.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel reported that the County Council agreed with City's recommendations regarding Petition #B-409 and B-416. He stated that action would be delayed on zoning petition #B-413 until October 18.

Councilman Kozel reported that money and plans are still needed for the proposed War Memorial.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Raymond M. Pridgen  
Clerk & Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
October 22, 1956

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, and Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor. Absent: Councilmen Collison and Sidell.

Reverend William L. Montgomery of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church rendered the Invocation.

Councilman Forehand corrected the minutes of October 8, 1956, as follows: Transpose Councilman Forehand's and Councilman Kozel's vote to yea and nay respectively on page four regarding the funds for car washing.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor corrected the minutes of October 8, 1956, as follows: Insert the words "at Spring Park" after the word "field"; insert the word "gym" in lieu of "area", on page five under the Parks and Recreation Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice from L. V. Lampson and Howard G. Ashley, Jr., announcing their Co-partnership as Lampson and Company. Referred to Council File.
2. Letter from the Pupils of Our Lady of Sorrows School, Takoma Park, Maryland, expressing their appreciation for the interesting talk concerning fires given by Lieutenant LaScola. Referred to Council File.
3. Letter from the National Municipal League informing the Council of the forthcoming National Conference on Government in Memphis, November 11-14. Referred to Council File.
4. Letter from Mrs. Elaine R. Pellenbarg, 107 Williamsburg Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, accepting the position of Clerk-Typist and stating that she would report for work on October 15, 1956, at 8:30 a.m. Referred to Personnel File.
5. Memorandum from Mr. Gerald O'Connell, Director of Training, Northwestern University, informing the Council that the Traffic Institute is again offering this Fall the training unit, "Supervision of Police Personnel". Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. Letter from the Law Offices of Newmyer and Bress stating that immediate action will be taken unless the City complies with the request to remove the Public Works facilities which are almost in front of the building at 7620 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
7. Form letter from Jay M. Gould, Managing Director, Market Statistics, Inc., requesting data from our area to support estimates to be published in the 1957 Sales Management Annual Survey of Buying Power. Referred to Clerk's Office.
8. Copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Shirley Ewing, Director, Civil Defense Agency, Pikesville, Maryland, written by Mr. G. Roy Hartwig, Deputy Director of Civil Defense, informing him of the appointment of Mr. Stephen L. Curtis as Director of Civil Defense for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland. Referred to Council File.
9. Letter from Mr. Richard W. Dempsey, 6708 Poplar Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland requesting that consideration be given for the necessary rock fill and gravel surfacing on areas bordering the property to facilitate the off-street parking required. Referred to Public Works Committee.

10. Letter from Mrs. Margaret C. Foster, 512 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, commending the Public Works Department for the special pick-up system for disposing of refuse, which is taken care of on Wednesdays. Referred to Council File.
11. Letter from Arthur Stellhorn, Planning Engineer, Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, transmitting a zoning map of the City as requested by Mr. Peter Remsen, Director of Public Works. Referred to Council File.
12. Letter from Mrs. Warren E. Dalton, 7342 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, commending Police Officer Capozzi and Officer Olsen for the immediate response to her call and also for their courtesy and efficiency in handling the matter. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
13. Copy of a letter written to Mrs. Ida M. Picking, Box 1333, Washington 13, D.C. by Mr. Vincent L. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, concerning the proposed paving of Niagara and Ritchie Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
14. Letter from C. Douglas Lampe, President of the Spring Park Community Association, suggesting that a study be conducted to determine whether or not the necessary steps should be taken to annex such adjacent areas as Pinecrest and Hampshire Knolls to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
15. Letter from R. E. Carter, Municipal Fire Chief of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, concerning the replacement of the E&J Resuscitator due to worn parts that control the flow of oxygen. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
16. Letter from R. E. Carter, Municipal Fire Chief of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, recommending that Private Glen L. Minton and Private David B. Welmer be promoted to the rank of Private First Class with the same pay scale as Private First Class of the Takoma Park Police Department effective October 15, 1956. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Pridgen presented the Financial Statement for the month of September 1956 as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
September 1956

	Cash	Total	Budget	1956-57	Percentage
Revenues	Balance	Revenues	Balance	Total	Revenue to
Sept. 1956	9-30-56	To 9-30-56	To 6-30-57	Budget	Budget
8/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	149047.43				
8/31/56 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	9910.15				
8/31/56 Bal. Both Banks	158957.58				
					This months percentage figure: 25%
<u>Revenues</u>					
1. Taxes: General	24879.20	316476.49	115645.11	432121.60	73.2
1. Interest & Penalties		1923.93	1323.93*	600.00	320.6
2. Licenses & Permits	12061.75	13540.47	10209.53	23750.00	56.8
3. Fines & Forfeitures	92.00	165.00	1935.00	2100.00	7.8
4. Use of Money & Property		135.00	405.00	540.00	25.0
5. Revenues: Other Sources	310.78	298.05	31751.95	32050.00	00.9
6. Service Charges	93.00	604.50	1895.50	2500.00	24.2
Rm. & Apt. Reg. Fee	78.50	238.00	6658.30	6896.30	03.4
Coca Cola Machine	.53	333381.44	167176.46	500557.90	66.6
Towing	26.00				
Escrow	100.00	37641.76			
		196599.34			
Less Discounts	312.62				
		196286.72			

\* Over-estimate

FINANCIAL STATEMENT -September 1956 (continued)

	Disbursements September 1956	Cash Balance 9-30-56	Disbursements To 9-30-56	Budget Balance	1956-57 Total Budget	Percentage Disbursement To Budget
10.1 Clerk's Office	2023.10		7538.68	29336.32	36875.00	20.4
10.812 Govt. Bldgs	332.11		1132.42	4427.58	5560.00	20.4
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1441.31		4000.88	8749.12	12750.00	31.4
11.1 Police Department	10126.11		24122.50	74568.50	98691.00	24.4
11.2 Fire Department	6899.77		19438.76	44674.24	64113.00	30.3
11.39 Protective Inspection	494.59		1427.31	5468.99	6896.30	20.7
12.1 P/W Dept. Office	3095.90		8756.65	25443.35	34200.00	25.6
12.2 " " General	11110.09		24645.36	66676.44	91321.80	27.0
12.2 " " Highways	223.00		223.00	277.00	500.00	44.6
12.4 " " St. Lighting	1303.15		3745.70	12454.10	16200.00	23.1
13.1 " " Sanitation	2866.49		3491.38	10758.62	14250.00	24.5
19.3 " " Recreation	171.97		1651.99	2998.01	4650.00	35.5
19.1 Cultural: Library	2.04		9860.49	8060.59	17921.08	55.0
21.1 Misc. Expense	87.80		3971.63	10028.37	14000.00	28.4
22.1 Council Appropriations	260.00		293.00	7427.34	7720.34	03.8
22. Capital Budget	3913.01		8913.01	3868.99	12782.00	69.7
23.1 Insurance	2994.38		4828.65	4190.74	9019.39	53.5
Towing	21.00		128041.61	319408.30	447449.91	28.6
4th of July Expense	53.74					
Boston Ave. Sidewalk	739.25	48158.81				
		<u>148127.91</u>				

Special Improvement Account

Balance Citizens Bank 9/30/56	137001.94	Balance Citizens Bank 8/31/56	18611.37
Balance Sub. Tr. Co. 9/30/56	11125.97	No Deposits or Withdrawals	
Balance Both Banks 9/30/56	<u>148127.91</u>	Bal. Citizens Bank 9/30/56	<u>18611.37</u>
Certificate of Deposit 7/26/56	50000.00		
Total Available Funds	<u>198127.91</u>		

Special Library Building Account

8/31/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No deposits or withdrawals	
9/30/56 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>78.24</u>

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Walter McClenon invited the Mayor and Council and all interested citizens to "Meet the Candidates" of Montgomery County Tuesday, October 23, 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall Auditorium. This is being sponsored by Community League of Takoma Park, The Central Takoma Park Citizens' Association and The North Takoma Citizens' Association.

Dean Deyo of Montgomery Junior College addressed the Council relative to the traffic survey on Woodburg Drive. Chief Foster stated that a survey was underway and a report of same will be forthcoming.

Mrs. R. C. Wysong, 506 Ethan Allen Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, relative to the traffic hazard which still exists on Ethan Allen Avenue at Elm Avenue school crossing.

Mr. C. Douglas Lampe, President of the Spring Park Community Association, addressed the Council relative to the hazard that still exists due to the absence of a sidewalk on Poplar Avenue between Spring Avenue and J. Enos Ray Elementary School.

Mr. Stephen Curtis, The City of Takoma Park's Director of Civil Defense, addressed the Council stating that he had distributed applications to prospective assistants.



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee reported that preliminary plans will be ready in two weeks concerning the paving of Niagara and Ritchie Avenues.

Councilman Forshee reported that Public Works is preparing to advertise for bids early in December on the proposed improvement of Boston and Dundalk Avenues.

Councilman Forshee stated that there was no report concerning the parking area opposite 8 Columbia Avenue but is still under study by the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Forshee reported that the Potomac Electric Power Company has been asked to make a survey for street lights in 100 block of Lee Avenue.

Councilman Forshee gave no report concerning the matter of the garage rent at 8 Sherman Avenue, but it is still under study by the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Forshee requested Mr. Remsen to report on the matter of the dip in the street at Larch and Lincoln Avenues. Mr. Remsen reports that there is a sinkage at the point due to the gas company's valve box and pump hole. Mr. Remsen further stated that the Gas Company will be requested to raise these items to the required street level and that the street will be patched to improve the present condition.

Mr. Remsen also reported on the matter of the open ditch at the rear of 209-211 Spring Avenue stating that this ditch was actually a running stream. Private ownership of property is involved and he is investigating the matter further before making a recommendation.

Councilman Forshee stated that consideration was under way on the following items: The inquiry from Perpetual Building Association concerning the street improvements on Boston Avenue, and the Urban Federal Aid Highway Fund.

Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1407

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

Section 1. THAT in accordance with Ordinance No. 1398, adopted September 10, 1956, a PUBLIC HEARING was held on September 24, 1956, to consider installation of a STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM in the public right of way under MERWOOD DRIVE and the service drive on NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE.

Section 2. THAT sealed bids had been obtained to meet plans, specifications and requirements submitted by the Director of Public Works, same bids had been opened in the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 4:00 p.m. October 15, 1956, (S D #5-15-56100y-Job #56-12) and a LOW BID OF SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED, SEVENTY DOLLARS (6,970.00) and time for completion SIXTY consecutive days had been submitted by Princement Construction Corporation.

Section 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract be and is hereby awarded to the LOW BIDDER, Princement Construction Corporation, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of Performance and Payment Bond and Certificates of Workmen's Compensation, Public Liability and Property damage insurance coverage, such to be examined and approved by the Director of Public Works and the Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 4. THAT TERMS OF PAYMENT OF SUCH CONTRACT BE IN ACCORDANCE with specifications relating to Job #56-12.

Section 5. THAT the entire cost of the Project, including engineering fees and related costs, are to be property apportioned to abutting property owners and the City by subsequent Ordinance, which shall also specify the terms of payment of such Special Assessment.

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

Councilman Forshee moved that the City readvertise for bids in connection with the paving of Houston and Kennebec Avenues; bids to be opened at the Municipal Building, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, Thursday, November 8, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman McKenzie reported the matter of zoning laws is still under study by his Committee.

Councilman McKenzie stated the Clerk's office was to have written letters to the Prince George's Civic Associations requesting candidates for the office of Justice of Peace. Such letters were written September 28, 1956, but to date no response has been received.

Councilman McKenzie commented on the matter of the recommendation of the Fire Board regarding the Merit Plan concerning the equalizing of pay scales of the Privates and Sergeants of the Fire Department to that of the Police Department. He further stated that consideration of this equalization was given at the time the pay scales plan was drawn up but the matter is still under study by the Committee.

Councilman McKenzie stated the matter of the 40 hour work week for the Police Department was still under study. However, he pointed out that to effect a 40 hour work week would require two or three additional policement. (Chief Foster stated he could get along with two) since the adoption of the new pay scale did not have funds available for same at this time.

Councilman Kozel also commented regarding the work week and pointed out that each department arranged the work schedule to meet the needs existing.

Councilman McKenzie stated that his Committee was still considering the matter of an Ordinance whereby an employee sent to a convention would be obligated to continue working for the City for a specified time.

Councilman McKenzie moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1408

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

Section 1. THAT no person shall STOP, STAND, or PARK a vehicle in front of or within FIVE FEET (5ft.) of a PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or upon the direction of a POLICE OFFICER.

Section 2. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this ORDINANCE shall be as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

It was requested that the City Clerk address a letter to the Montgomery Junior College and all Civic Associations furnishing them with a copy of the above Ordinance.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forehand stated the matter of the "Right of access" to rear of the Fire Department was still pending action by his Committee.

Councilman Forehand requested that the matter concerning one-way traffic on Philadelphia Avenue between Carroll and Maple Avenues be deleted from the Agenda and that the petition be forwarded to the State Roads Commission by the Clerk's Office.

After some discussion concerning the Surplus BC 603 radio transmitter, it was apparent that there was no objection to cooperate with the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department in their request for one of these transmitters, since there would remain ample number to take care of the City's requirements inasmuch as a total of six had been obtained from the Federal Government under surplus property.

Councilman Forehand confirmed that the traffic survey on Woodbury Drive was being handled by Chief Foster.

Councilman Forehand stated the matter concerning the safety problem on Ethan Allen Avenue was still under study by his Committee.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1409

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

Section 1. THAT in the interest of Public Safety and Welfare and after due consideration, a traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Philadelphia and Maple Avenues.

Section 2. THAT sealed bids had been obtained to meet plans, specifications and requirements submitted by the Director of Public Works, same bids had been opened in Clerk-Treasurer's office at 4:00 p.m. September 28, 1956, (Job #56-8) and a LOW BID OF FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED, NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (5,495.00) and time for completion NINETY consecutive days had been submitted by Steele Bros., Inc.

Section 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract be and is hereby awarded to the LOW BIDDER, Steele Bros. Inc., upon satisfactory evidence of Performance and Payment Bond and Certificates of Workmen's Compensation, Public Liability and Property Damage insurance coverage, such to be examined and approved by the Director of Public Works and the Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 4. AND THAT terms of payment of such contract be in accordance with specifications relating to Job #56-8 and such payment be made from RESERVE FUNDS.

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

Councilman Forehand, requested that the letter from Chief Foster concerning full time and attention to the driving be referred to the Law and Ordinances Committee.

Councilman Forehand moved that the City advertise for bids for one 1957 Custom Ford 300 two door sedan with conventional transmission, factory white in color, to be used as a police car; bids to be based on trade-in allowance on Police Car No. 3, 1952 model. The closing date to be Monday, November 12, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the City Clerk & Treasurer, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor reported that the matter for acquisition of additional land to Forest Park and the repair of the baseball field in Spring Park were still being considered by her Committee.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor stated that the painting of the Shuffleboard goals in Forest Park has been completed. She announced that Sunday, October 28, 1956, at 2:00 p.m. there would be a Dedication Ceremony and that all would be welcome.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor stated that her Committee is waiting for a new estimate from Public Works Committee relative to the erection of a fence along the west side of the park.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor stated that a meeting was held last Wednesday, October 17, 1956 concerning new teenage programs and recreation. She also reported that David Robbins, Teen Club Activity Director, Mr. Gustafson, Montgomery County Director of Recreation, Mr. Carl Edler, Area Supervisor, Mrs. Helen Myers and Mr. Hal Parsey were in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Gustafson stated that the City of Takoma Park Recreational program was at its best for the first time since it originated two and a half years ago.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor stated that the annual Halloween Party was being very well arranged and that a large crowd is being anticipated.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor reported that there would be a meeting at the Takoma Park Library on Wednesday, October 24, and that police assistance in parking had been requested of Chief Foster. Also 150 chairs and a Public Address System had been requested.

Councilman Forehand reported that obscene words were being written at various places in the gym and that unless this practice is eliminated he would be in favor of stopping the use of the facilities by the young people.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor stated that she had been aware of the situation and would take further corrective measures.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee stated that the group insurance plan (Maryland Municipal League) is still under study by his Committee.

Councilman Forshee stated that the recommendations from Fire Board relative to the Merit Plan is still under consideration by his Committee.

Councilman Forshee requested the Clerk's Office to obtain additional information concerning the Urban Federal Aid and Highway Fund.

Councilman Forshee moved that the bills in the amount of \$12,072.40 for the month of September 1956 be approved. Upon being seconded and put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Forshee moved that the cost of the car wash be charged to Police Account #11.114C, Police Department Contingent Fund. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

Councilman Forshee commended the City Office in that cash discounts were now being obtained in payment of bills and some sales taxes that had previously been paid are going to be requested for refund.

Councilman Forshee moved that Mr. Haynes M. Pridgen, Clerk & Treasurer, be permitted to attend the Maryland Municipal League Convention at Annapolis, Maryland, on November 15, 16, and 17, his work schedule permitting. Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

**CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:**

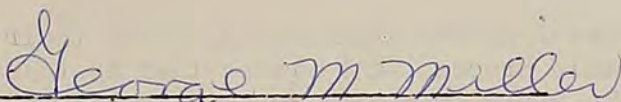
Councilman Kozel reported on Zoning Petition #B409 and 416 as having been denied by the Montgomery County Council under date of October 2, 1956, Petition #413 had been rescheduled for a hearing on October 18, 1956.

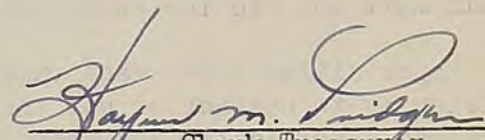
Councilman Forehand moved that Mr. Haynes N. Bridgen, Clerk & Treasurer, be appointed auctioneer for the sale of impounded cars, bicycles, and other articles in the custody of the Police Department in accordance with Ordinance numbers 1404 and 1405 of October 8, 1956. Upon being seconded, and put to question the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Mrs. Monitor reported that the Takoma Park Broadcast time by Mrs. Davis had been eliminated and that a request for a new time was pending and would be reported if obtained.

After general discussion, Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works, stated that arrangements were being made with the Potomac Electric Power Company to install an outlet box on the center pole on Laurel Avenue in the business district to supply electricity for the Halloween Party and other such uses as may be required.

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.

  
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