

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 11, 1957

In the absence of Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Forehand called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman Kozel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 28th, 1957, and that they be accepted as correct. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, and upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Charles R. Kroft, Spc3, Headquarters 70th AAA Battalion, Silver Spring, letter of appreciation for use of gymnasium. Referred to Council Files.
2. Warren D. Haley, President, Montgomery County Tuberculosis Asso., letter of thanks for contribution received. Referred to City Office Files.
3. William Bowie, Chairman, Prince George's County Tuberculosis Asso., letter of thanks for contribution received. Referred to City Office Files.
4. William McAinsh, Jr., Walker & Dunlop, Inc., thank you for consideration given by City in regard to their request for City to use power brooms in Lansburghs-Langley Shopping Center. Referred to City Office Files.
5. Philip N. Shepherdson, United States Information Agency, concerning pictures taken during visit of Mr. Nol Phim of Cambodia. Referred to City Office Files.
6. Robert V. Murray, Chief of Police, Washington, D. C. expressing appreciation to Takoma Park Police Department for services rendered on Inauguration Day. Referred to Police Personnel Files.
7. G. W. Linthicum, Captain of Detectives, Montgomery County, Rockville, acknowledgement of letter of thanks received from Mayor and Council, City of Takoma Park. Referred to Council Files.
8. James S. McAuliffe, Superintendent, Montgomery County, Rockville Division of Police Protection, acknowledgement of letter of thanks regarding Capt. Linthicum and Lt. Whalen, from Mayor and Council, City of Takoma Park. Referred to Council Files.
9. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, MNCP&PC, Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-502, Bradshaw, Shearin, Redding & Thomas, Attorneys for Manor Apartments, Inc., Owner, Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 89, Takoma Park Subdivision, R-20 Zone to R-10 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, MNCP&PC, Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-507, Ralph G. Shure, Attorney for Arthur T. Carnig, Owner, Lot 4, Block 3, Hillcrest Subdivision, R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
11. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, MNCP&PC, Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-523, Bess Ninaj, Owner, Lot 27, Block 54, BFG Subdivision, R-60 Zone to R-20 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
12. Ernest J. Umberger, President, North Takoma Citizens Association, concerning North Takoma Storm Drainage Project. Referred to Public Works Department.

13. J. Wilson Dodd, 7214 Spruce Ave., City, concerning retrospective insurance plans, also attached letter from Home Indemnity Company, Thomas B. Hurdle, Jr., Special Agent, same subject. Referred to Finance Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Robert Z. Brewer, 8105 Greenwood Avenue, Silver Spring, member of the Silver Spring Junior Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Mayor and Council, concerning extensive work his Chapter is undertaking to establish a chapter in Takoma Park.

Mr. John D. Marschalk, 9805 Sutherland Road, Silver Spring, a former resident of Takoma Park, spoke at length, outlining the activities of the Silver Spring Chapter of JayCees, mentioning that the age limits are 21 to 35 years. The plans of the group are to establish an organization much the same here in Takoma Park.

Mr. Brewer asked for the complete support of the Mayor and Council, and mentioned that the first organizational meeting would be held Thursday evening, February 14th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, #8 Columbia Avenue, City.

Councilman Forehand requested Councilwoman Monitor to work with the JayCees in their Chapter Organization here in Takoma Park. Councilwoman Monitor will attend organizational meeting on February 14th.

Mr. Earl H. Burdine, 7129 Sycamore Ave., City, asked for relief in the parking restriction in front of three houses on Sycamore Ave. between Ethan Allen Ave. and Columbia Ave. He stated parking was previously allowed on the Safeway Lot, but now a heavy chain has been placed across entrance area, and that they have been penalized for parking on the street. He also stated that he thought the sidewalk could be cut down some, as it is twice as wide as it need be. He stated he had never said anything before, however, he feels as others do, that the situation should be looked into, and an attempt be made to give relief to residents in this area. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Ave., City, asked when the completion date would be on the codifying of the City Laws and Ordinances.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that Mr. Gingell is making good progress and the job should be completed in a short while.

Mr. Mandel further inquired if anything is being done concerning the parking restriction five feet from driveways. He stated the curbs should be painted, or the Citizens notified concerning the Ordinance.

Mr. C. A. Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue, City, inquired concerning enforcement of the driveway parking restriction Ordinance and stated that it should be enforced, and emphasized that citizens should be informed of the Law in some manner. He said the driveway curbs in the District of Columbia are painted. In answer to a question presented by Councilwoman Monitor, Mr. Railey said that in his opinion painting of the curbing just one time should prove sufficient. Speaking further, Mr. Railey thanked the Mayor and Council for the prompt action to his suggestion for the parking restriction on Lee Ave. and also expressed appreciation to Director Remsen and Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen for their cooperation. He also inquired of any new developments on the one-way Ordinance governing Maple and Cedar Aves, and in this connection suggested parking restrictions on the dead-end section of Philadelphia Ave. on the Triangle Park side. He pointed out that there is room for approximately six cars in the area and that usually three to six cars are parked thereby creating traffic congestion that is hazardous. Mr. Railey also suggested that the District of Columbia should place a STOP sign on Eastern Ave. at Cedar Ave. and that effort should be made to obtain the cooperation of the District of Columbia in this respect.

At points during Mr. Railey's remarks, Councilman Forehand stated that the driveway Ordinance had been publicized in the Evening Star and the Maryland News and the Council at the last Meeting had decided against painting the curbs because of the extreme expense involved. Councilman Forehand also said that Chief Foster is continuing the study of the Maple and Cedar Ave. one-way situation, but that there would hardly be any further action until the expiration of the ninety-day trial period and that the Public Safety Committee would take the other matters under advisement.

Mr. Stephen Curtis, 717 Erie Ave., City, said he thought he had a solution, that if the City found it too expensive a job to paint the curbs that the Public Works Department furnish the paint, and all the citizens paint their own driveway curbs.

Mr. Curtis spoke further on the liquor sales situation in the City, stating that one tavern had been established on New Hampshire Ave., and that the citizens will attempt to keep any further establishments out of the City. He mentioned efforts of two years ago to control Prince George's Section of City, in this respect, and asked if anything further is being done.

Mr. Gingerich said there was nothing being done at this time.

Councilman McKenzie said that Mayor Miller, Mr. Gingerich and he had taken the matter before the Legislature at Annapolis, and that there had been very little cooperation. He cited an attempt to establish a tavern on Eastern Ave., which was defeated, and further felt that the Council with the help of Civic Groups and interested citizens could do more to accomplish their aims, than to carry it any further with higher officials.

Mr. Ernest Umberger, 512 Albany Ave., City, President of the North Takoma Citizens Association, and property owner, discussed the great need for the North Takoma Storm Drainage Project, and hoped that the City would soon be able to do something about this situation, and pointed out that costs are still rising. He further mentioned that there were many residents in this area that would attend the Council Meetings and support him.

Councilman Collison, informed Mr. Umberger that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission appeared to have taken over the job and the City does not have the \$36,000 required to share in this project at this time, however, that plans had been approved, and that work will be started as soon as there is money available. He further stated that there might be some provision made in next year's budget, but that information was not available at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved that the Uncollectible Special Assessments that have been carried on the City records, some for over twenty years, the most recent one being 1935, and totaling \$2,048.96 be written off the books. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. These Uncollectible Special Assessments are listed as follows:

(1) Lot Pt.15,Blk 73, T.P.L.& T. Subdivision	\$ 24.00
(2) Lot 7, Blk 12, G & K Subdivision	130.00
(3) Lot 8, Blk 12, G. & K Subdivision	130.00
(4) Lot 9, Blk 12, G & K Subdivision	130.00
(5) Lot 9, Blk 13, G & K Subdivision	130.00
(6) Lot 22, Blk 24, Gilberts Subdivision	299.00
(7) Lot 23, Blk 24, Gilberts Subdivision	299.00
(8) Lots 14 & 15, Blk 23, Gilberts Subdivision	<u>906.96</u>
Total	<u>\$2,048.96</u>

2. Upon Mr. Schell Hoyer's suggestion, Councilman Forshee requested that the City Clerk-Treasurer write Mr. Hoyer and obtain a price for the audit of the City records for the close of the fiscal year.
3. Councilman Forshee reported on Mrs. Loulie Jeffers' request to sell articles in the City, and that he had requested the Clerk-Treasurer to write her requesting further information as to what she had to sell.
4. Under matters pending: Councilman Forshee asked that the Fire Board Recommendation regarding Merit Plan, Sept. 1956, also Proposed system for control of work and performance, March 1955, be deleted from the Agenda. There were no objections.
5. Councilman Forshee mentioned the Audit report for Fiscal Year 1955-56, stating the City Charter reads as follows: "Thereafter, said report and recommendations shall be public records open to the public for inspection during business hours at the Office of the City Clerk". Concerning the Audit report, for the information of the public, a copy is on file with the City Clerk & Treasurer.
6. Councilman Forshee reminded the Department Heads that the first drafts of the new budget are due Friday, February 15th.
7. Attention was called to spending outside of budget limit. Councilman Forshee mentioned that three departments have been spending over limit, and called their attention to Ordinance No. 1283, which refers to method of purchasing.
8. Considerable discussion was held on the discounts and penalties, in connection with the 1/2 and 3/4 year tax levies. A suggestion was made that the same procedures be carried out as are carried out on taxes for the fiscal year. Before a motion could be made, it was suggested that the Law and Ordinance Committee look into the situation further, therefore, everyone seemed in favor of tabling any further thought of a motion. Councilman Forshee also suggested that the Law and Ordinances Committee give this immediate attention, so that the City Office would know what to tell the taxpayer, when they question discounts or penalties.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor moved that a resolution be adopted containing an endorsement by the Mayor and Council concerning the ideas of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in establishing a Takoma Park-Langley Chapter. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. The Resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Silver Spring Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce did formally present to the Mayor and Council, at the Meeting held on February 11th, 1957, an outline in full, the activities of such an organization, and

WHEREAS, the Silver Spring Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, expressed their intention to establish a Takoma Park-Langley Chapter, at a meeting to be held on February 14th, 1957, in the Municipal Building of the City of Takoma Park,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council are in full accord with the establishment of such an organization, in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, and hereby heartily endorse such an enterprise,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be presented to the Takoma Park-Langley Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as a token of esteem and confidence in the ultimate achievement of the endeavor.

Signed and Sealed this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Seven.

2. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter to the Community League requesting the date of their "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Campaign, in order that the Mayor might issue a proclamation to work along with the Community League on their project. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the empty garage at #8 Sherman Ave., be restored, and that it be used as a work shop to overhaul playground equipment. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
4. Under matters pending: Councilwoman Monitor said nothing had been done concerning the War Memorial, or the sponsorship of the Majoretts, however, both items are under study.
5. Councilwoman Monitor mentioned the program to be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, February 17th, at the Library, at which time presentations will be made of a drinking fountain by the Lions Club, and a record player by the Sligo Music Club.
6. It was reported that Corporal Ringer of the Police Department will supervise some 600 patrol boys at a free skating party, at the gymnasium on February 22nd.
7. It was reported that the Teen Club worked in certain sections of the City during the March of Dimes Campaign, collecting \$300.00. Councilwoman Monitor requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter to Miss Barbara Wilkinson, President, of the Teen Club, thanking them for their work in this worthwhile project, also thanking them for inviting the Mayor and Council to their last meeting, and wish them success in future years.
8. It was mentioned that although the Committee is not in agreement with Mrs. Conrad Nix's request for removing the 7100 Block of Central Avenue from the sledding area, it was felt that due to the majority of residents signing the petition that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended the street be removed from the barricaded sledding area. The matter has been taken care of.
9. Councilwoman Monitor spoke of a complaint by a Mr. Sady against the rock-n-roll music played at the Skating Parties at the gymnasium on Saturday Afternoons. The complaint has been investigated. Councilwoman Monitor requested the Clerk-Treasurer write Mr. Sady informing him that the music will be discontinued for the skaters under fourteen years of age.
10. Councilwoman Monitor brought up the subject of repairs to the baseball field in Spring Park, that some work should be done soon. Mr. Remsen told the Council that heavy equipment would have to be rented to take care of the large rock situation, however, the job would require about \$255.00, and there were no funds available at this time. It was also mentioned that this existing condition is affecting the road in that location. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel reported on the Zoning Amendment No. B-482, Washington (D.C.) Sanitarium Asso., R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone. The reason for this request is to build two-story apartment units on the property, to house Interns and families from the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. As the property is planned for such use under the Zoning Plan Map for Takoma Park, dated July 10th, 1952, published by the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment No. B-482 be approved to R-10 Zone. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Kozel moved that the Zoning Amendment Application No. B-507, Ralph G. Shure, Attorney for Arthur T. Carnig, Owner, Lot 4, Block 3, Hillcrest Subdivision, R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone, be denied. Reasons for denial are: The lot front footage is only 50 ft., whereas, R-10 Zoning requires a 65 foot frontage, under the Zoning Code, also this area had not been planned for this type of Zone, in accordance with the Zoning Plan Map, dated July 10, 1952. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was passed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the Petition for an exit drive from Takoma Park Elementary School to Holly Ave., and stated the City should not bear the expense as it is school property, and that after a telephone conversation with Mr. Baker, to see whether the Parent-Teachers Asso. of the School had ever contacted the Board of Education of Montgomery County, it was learned that they had. It was also found that this exit drive is very much needed. The situation is still under consideration by the Committee.
2. Discussion was held on the offer of new plat books for Montgomery County, and it was felt a book covering the Takoma Park and adjacent area will be very helpful in the City. Councilman Collison moved that we place an order for this plat book, and if there are no provisions in the budget for the fiscal year, the cost of \$175.00 should be taken from the Reserve Funds. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
3. It was reported that the Committee is in the process of obtaining bids on a fence for the parking area opposite #8 Columbia Ave., in order that the cost, and what can be done, might be established, and work begun.
4. Report was made on the health hazard in open ditch rear 209-211 Spring Ave. and that the Health Office report has not been received as yet, but is expected soon.
5. The Washington Park situation was reported as follows: It was reported that Director Remsen, Councilman Collison, Councilwoman Monitor and Mrs. Etta Davis had met with Dean Deyo of the College, and when he left he informed the Committee that he would contact the School Board and discuss with them, to what extent the Board will participate in the cost of the Parking Lot.
6. Councilman Collison made a progress report on the proposed relocation of the Public Works Department. He further reported that a consultation with Mr. J. O. Harvey of the Montgomery County, had developed some additional ideas. Councilman Collison requested the Council seriously consider this project, as nothing further can be done without the services of an architect.
7. A bill of \$78.97 for curb work, Mr. Walter Ridgeway, Storm Drainage Project, completed at Merwood Drive, was presented to the Council. Councilman Collison recommended that this bill be paid and added to total cost of assessable project. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
8. A bill for \$3,956.40, from Steele Bros. Inc., requesting this partial payment on the Contract for the traffic light at Maple and Philadelphia Ave., was brought up, however, Councilman Collison said there was no necessity for a motion for payment.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie moved that the Council go on record as supporting Senator Wheatley's plan concerning liquor control. Councilwoman Monitor seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. The request for Copy of Housing Code and experiences of City, by League of Women Voters, Newark, Delaware, should be removed from Agenda, as it has been answered by Mr. Ferry.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. An Ordinance was suggested that a stop sign be placed on Southwest and Northeast corners of Lee and Hancock Aves Chief Carter pointed out that parking on the one side of the street created quite a hazard in the event of a fire, and thought it might help to place additional "No parking" signs in the area, however, after considerable discussion the suggested Ordinance was not seconded.

2. Councilman Sidell moved upon the recommendation of Chief of Police, Samuel A. Foster, that Private James L. Powell be placed on permanent duty, effective February 1st, 1957. Councilman Collison seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Sidell moved upon the recommendation of Chief of Police, Samuel A. Foster, that Private John C. Walter be placed on permanent duty, effective March 1st, 1957. Councilwoman Monitor seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Sidell moved upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Raymond E. Carter, that Lieutenant Stephen S. LaScola, be sent at City expense of \$125.00 to the 29th Annual Fire Instructors Convention, Memphis, Tenn., on February 19, 20, 21 & 22nd, and that Lt. LaScola be allowed an additional \$50.00, to be given to Mr. M. E. McBride, of the City Fire Board, to cover his expense, in driving his car. This motion was seconded by Councilman Collison;

Councilman Forshee moved to amend the previous motion that Lt. LaScola's expenses not exceed \$125.00. Councilman McKenzie seconded the amendment. Upon being put to question the amendment to the motion was carried, and the motion as amended, upon being put to question was carried.

Chief Carter of the Takoma Park Fire Department thanked the Mayor and Council in their efforts to send four of his men to the "Sprinkler System Course" at Maryland University, on February 5th through the 7th.

Chief of Police Foster outlined to the Mayor and Council the need for a "Cell Block" quarters in the department, indicating the existing man hour loss, cost and wear and tear on police cars in transporting prisoners to places of confinement. He asked the Council to give this matter their further consideration.

At the request of the Mayor and Council, Corporation Counsel Gingerich will attend all Zoning Application hearings, presented to the City, whether approved or denied. They felt that it would be very effective to attend these, and would leave a better impression on County Council or Commissioners to have a representative of the City at the hearings.

Mr. Remsen mentioned that in connection with the cost of the crushed stone surface in the Parking Area of the portion of Washington Park, he wished to correct a statement he made attributing a commitment by letter from Dean Deyo which was in fact a verbal statement instead of a letter.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Forshee moved the meeting adjourn. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Raymond M. Pugh
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 25, 1957

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman Sidell corrected the minutes of February 11, 1957, as follows: Under Public Safety Committee, Page 6, Items 2, 3 and 4, "Councilman Sidell" in lieu of "Councilman Forehand".

Councilman Collison moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 11, 1957, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Financial Statement for January 1957 is as follows:

	Cash	Total	Budget	1956-57	Percentage
Revenues	Balance	Revenues	Balance	Total	Revenue To
Jan. 1957	1-31-57	To 1-31-57	Available	Budget	Budget
			To 6-30-57		

12-41-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	93405.16				
12-31-57 Bal. Sub.Tr.Co.	13297.14				
12-31-57 Bal. Both Banks	106702.30				

This month's percentage figure: 58 1/3

Revenues

1. Taxes: General	17465.93	405762.97	26348.63	432121.60	93.9
1. Int. & Penalties	187.27	2438.94	1838.94*	600.00	406.6
2. Licenses & Permits	1115.59	18271.38	5478.62	23750.00	76.9
3. Fines & Forfeitures	52.00	411.00	1689.00	2100.00	19.6
4. Use of Money & Property	90.00	450.00	90.00	540.00	83.3
5. Revenues: Other Sources	110.02	992.97	31057.03	32050.00	3.1
6. Service Charges	221.00	1262.00	1238.00	2500.00	50.5
Rm. & Reg. Fees	5603.50	5847.25	1049.05	6896.30	84.8
Towing	62.00	435436.51	65121.39	500557.90	87
Canteen	5.23				
Exchange	22.00	24934.54			
		131636.84			

* Over-estimate

Disbursements

10.1 Clerk's Office	4058.14	20726.21	16148.79	36875.00	56.2
10.812 Govt. Bldgs.	709.93	3362.65	2197.35	5560.00	60.4
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1499.64	11449.93	1300.07	12750.00	89.8
11.1 Police Dept.	11052.16	60585.88	38105.12	98691.00	61.4
11.2 Fire Dept.	5369.52	41548.28	22564.72	64113.00	64.8
11.39 Protective Insp.	405.00	3119.85	3776.45	6896.30	45.2
12.1 P/W Office	2896.79	20339.54	13860.46	34200.00	59.5
12.1 P/W General	7644.44	61864.80	29457.00	91321.80	67.7
12.2 P/W Highway	5.50	2428.93	899.90*	1529.03	158.9
12.4 P/W Highway Lighting	1472.51	9259.27	6940.73	16200.00	57.2
13.1 Sanitation	942.10	7164.17	7085.83	14250.00	50.3
19.3 P/W Recreation	297.53	2766.31	1883.69	1883.69	59.5
19.1 Cultural: Library	22.75	10339.98	7581.10	17921.08	57.7
21.1 Misc. Expense	3817.19	11046.79	2953.21	14000.00	78.9
22.1 Council Appropriations	121.50	1381.50	6338.84	7720.34	17.9
22.2 Capital Budget		14166.51	1384.51*	12782.00	110.9
23.1 Insurance		4833.04	4186.35	9019.39	53.6
Towing	26.00	286383.64	162095.30	448478.94	63.9
Special Improvements	29527.46				
Exchange	22.00	69890.16			
		61746.68			

* Over-drawn

1-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	48332.89	Special Improvement Account	
1-31-57 Bal. Sub.Tr.Co.	13413.79	Bal. Citizens Ban 1-31-57	15195.72
1-31-57 Bal. Both Banks	61746.68	Deposits	200.00
Certificate of Deposit		Bal. Citizens Bank 1-31-57	15395.72
7-26-56	50000.00		
Total Available Funds	111746.68		

Special Library Building Account	
12-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No Deposits or Withdrawals	-
1-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Grady A. Vickers, Secretary-Treasurer, North Takoma Citizens Association, letter of gratitude for removal of shrubbery from Memorial site at North Portal Park. Referred to Council File.
2. Grady A. Vickers, Secretary-Treasurer, North Takoma Citizens Association, letter of appreciation for denial of nursing home at 608 Philadelphia Ave. Referred to Council File.
3. Mrs. Harry Silverman, 7428 Carroll Ave., City, letter of appreciation for Resolution by Mayor and Council in esteem of her late husband. Referred to Council File.
4. Mrs. Herman A. Templin, President, PTA, Takoma Park Elementary School, letter of appreciation for installation of traffic light at intersection of Maple and Philadelphia Aves. Referred to Council Files.
5. Mrs. T. David Gates, Chairman, Clubhouse Bldg. Fund Committee, Takoma Park Women's Club, request for suitable City property to be used for a clubhouse site. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. Walter Bratton and K. C. LaValle, Representatives of Citizens of area, 402 Circle Ave., City, concerning Meeting March 1, to discuss advantages of remaining with Takoma Park Fire Dept. Mayor requested Mr. McBride, Chairman of City Fire Board, Members of the Council and other interested persons to attend Meeting on March 1.
7. J. Wilson Dodd, 7214 Spruce Ave., City, concerning cancellation of 12 insurance policies. Referred to Finance Council file.
8. Dean Donald E. Deyo, Montgomery Junior College, concerning parking situation in portion of Washington Park, Referred to Public Works and Parks and Recreation Committees.
9. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, MNCP&PC, Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2940, New Hampshire Gardens Shopping Center, Inc., Owner; 3.865 acres of land on the Southwest Corner of the intersection of New Hampshire Ave. and University Lane, R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. Mr. Sidney M. Oliver, Vice-Chairman & Park Commissioner, granting permission to City to use portion of park property at Southwest Intersection of Maple Ave. & Sligo Creek Parkway. Referred to Public Works Committee.
11. Mrs. Gratia B. Woods, President, Community League of Takoma Park, Md., concerning "Brighten the Corner Where You are" Campaign. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
12. Albert B. Ground, Chairman of Memorial Committee, Takoma Park Veterans, concerning proposed War Memorial. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

13. Stanley Blados, 234 Whitmoor Terrace, Silver Spring, Md., suggestion to help reduce traffic congestion at intersection of Philadelphia and Maple Aves. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
14. Mrs. Jackie T. Shabe, 6701 Eastern Ave., City, letter of appreciation to Police Dept., for services rendered by Officer Bever. Referred to Police File.
15. Charles Figiel, Store Supervisor, High's Dairy Products Corp., letter of appreciation to Police Dept., for results accomplished concerning teenagers visits to store. Referred to Police Files.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Ave., City, spoke concerning the letter read purported to be representative of the Fire Tax Area of Prince George's County, and stated that the two gentlemen signing same are not truly representative of the Area and further mentioned his recent attendance to a meeting with a number of influential citizens of the Pinecrest Area, at which there was considerable discussion concerning the removing of the Pinecrest Area, from the Takoma Park Fire Protection. It was stated the citizens of the Pinecrest area feel that the City tax rate at \$1.00 is too high for the value they may obtain. Mr. Mandel stated that it is the attitude of the group from the area, that if the City of Takoma Park will undertake one-third of the cost of the Special Assessment by the County for new streets recently constructed they might consider annexation and the City taxes. There was also discussion of the petition for a bill to Legislature concerning this removal from the Takoma Park Fire Protection area.

Mayor Miller mentioned Bill No. 776, which set up the 12¢ fire tax rate, also that he realized the complexities of the problem, and asked Mr. Gingerich to investigate the matter as to costs and revenues, that may be obtained by annexation.

Mr. Albert B. Grounds, 7411 Maple Ave., City, brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council, the previous request concerning the erection of a War Memorial, as there had been considerable discussion concerning this Memorial at the Veterans' Council Meeting, held last Friday Evening. It was also mentioned that it has never been established as to who would bear the cost of such a project, therefore, Mayor Miller requested that Councilwoman Monitor investigate the situation further.

Mrs. James Hash, 424 Lincoln Ave., City, a member of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, brought to the attention of the Council, the situation at Elm and Lincoln Aves., concerning the sharp-steep grade when coming out of Lincoln Ave., approaching Ethan Allen Ave. She stated that when cars are parked on these streets in the morning it is very difficult to get out of this area. She requested the continued efforts of the Chief of Police, that something may be done to relieve this congestion. Mrs. Hash also brought to attention the Ethan Allen Driveway Entrance to the Co-op Shopping Center, that many cars often block the entrance waiting for the traffic light at New Hampshire Ave., and at times people attempting to leave the shopping area would have to wait 15 or 20 minutes to get out. Mrs. Hash stated this situation should be investigated and perhaps a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign placed.

Mrs. Hash invited the Mayor and Council and all other interested persons to attend the Sixth Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation, at Wheaton, on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She also complimented the City on behalf of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Asso., on the removal of the dip in the street at Lincoln and Larch Aves.

Mrs. Amelia W. Burroughs, 7300 Cedar Avenue., City, spoke regarding the recent questionnaire sent out to residents of Cedar and Maple Aves., on the one-way traffic situation. She stated that she, as well as others had not received a copy of this

questionnaire. Mrs. Burroughs emphasized that the residents on these streets were being greatly inconvenienced, and also stated that some citizens feel that the Council has put something over on them.

Mayor Miller pointed out that a year ago when these streets were under discussion, a Public Hearing was held, and the opinions of those present were considered, and that also at that time, again letters were sent out concerning the changing of Cedar and Maple Aves. to one-way. Mayor Miller assured her that the present arrangement is strictly a trial period, and after receiving back the recent questionnaires sent out concerning one-way traffic on Maple and Cedar Aves., the wishes of all will be considered before a final decision is made.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the War Memorial is still under study, but there is no fund in the fiscal Budget for this item. Also that the cost of fence-West Side of Forest Park will be placed in budget to be considered later in year. Consideration is also being given the Majorettes, which will be discussed at a later meeting. There are no further reports as yet on the proposed exit drive from Takoma Park Elementary School to Holly Ave., awaiting information from the PTA.
2. Councilwoman Monitor mentioned that several persons she knew were planning to attend the 1957 Governor's Conference on Recreation at Wheaton High School on Saturday, March 2, and moved that Police Officer Alfonso Capozzi be given the day off to attend this Conference, and that Officer Capozzi has done considerable work with the teenagers of the City. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilwoman Monitor commended the Police Department on the good influence exerted with the teenagers that frequented the High's Dairy Store. She also expressed the intention of the Recreation Committee to continue the cooperation with the Recreation Departments of both Counties and that a joint conference is being arranged early in March.
4. There was considerable discussion concerning the moving of the record player and speakers at the gymnasium to a more stable location. It was reported that a considerable amount of discord is being caused by floor vibration, in its present position. The estimate to move this equipment to a new location submitted through Director Remsen was \$269.50, and Councilwoman Monitor moved that the sum of \$269.50 be taken out of the Parks and Recreation Budget to cover the cost of this project. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. After reviewing the budget, and a further discussion concerning the apparently high cost estimate, the motion was tabled, pending further estimates on the cost.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write Mrs. Loulie Jeffers and inform her of the Ordinance requiring the procurement of a Vendors License.
2. There was nothing to report on the repair of baseball field in Spring Park.
3. After a general report on the finances and accounting practices of the City, Councilman Forshee requested that Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen write a letter to Schell S. Hoye or other C.P.A. to obtain a price for a review of the City accounting procedures in all departments with the purpose of simplification and the elimination of duplicity of work, provisions for proper purchase and internal financial controls, and an arrangement for setting up a Capital Assets control with provisions for an earmarked Replacement Sinking Fund, as well as any other recommendations that may be deemed advisable. Mayor Miller suggested that the Clerk-Treasurer reduce all possible budget items by 10 to

15%, in order to stay within the limitations, therefore, Councilman Forshee moved that the Clerk-Treasurer go over Budget and draw up a list of possible savings, averaging 10%, on such items that can be reduced, and that these figures be passed out to various departments, with instructions that they keep within these limits. Councilwoman Monitor and Councilmen Kozel and Collison seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forehand voted Nay.

4. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1430

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

Section 1. THAT the Mayor and Council hereby approve the payment of EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$868.70) to the SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES, Berlin, New Jersey, U.S.A. for equipment used in the Takoma Park Police Department.

Section 2. AND THEREFORE the City Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to make payment to the SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES, Berlin, New Jersey, U.S.A., in the amount specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance, to be charged to Account No. 11.113B.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, 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.

5. Councilman Forshee moved payment of all items on the January list of expenses in the amount of \$42,001.58. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison stated he had no reports on matters pending.

2. Councilman Collison moved that \$300.00 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to be used in the preparation of the parcel of Park property at Southwest intersection of Maple Ave. and Sligo Creek Parkway, bounded by Brashear's Run and proposed Cumberland Ave., to be used as a temporary storage area for operational vehicles belonging to the City's Public Works Department. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that his Committee had discussed the Sidewalk repair under Matters Pending, and had decided to use the \$2,500.00 allotted for this work, for repair of residential sidewalks. It has not yet been decided just which sidewalks will be repaired, however, the Committee will make recommendations at a later date.

2. Concerning Adoption of rules and regulations for Regular Refuse Collection, matter is still pending, due to frequent change-over in personnel at Public Works Dept.

3. In connection with the Double Curb in front of High's and Hubbard's, the Committee has suggested that Mr. Remsen contact the State Roads Commission to see if they will do something about the situation.

4. After a discussion with Mr. Lohr concerning the sidewalk in front of the Citizens Bank Building, there is a question that part belongs to the bank and part to the City, therefore, the condition will be investigated further, also that Mr. Gingerich will be asked to contact Mr. H. L. Thornton, concerning the plate glass windows of the store buildings, once the work has begun, so that there won't be any damage to them.

5. Councilman Sidell stated that Building Inspector Ferry has been requested to make up a map indicating existing non-conforming properties under Zoning Codes for future use of the City under the Housing Ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand asked the Clerk-Treasurer to write to Mr. David B. Gratz, congratulating him on his new appointment as Chief of the Silver Spring Fire Dept.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that the question of discount and penalties on 1/2 and 3/4 year tax levy bills is still under consideration by Committee.
2. Councilman McKenzie suggested that the rough draft of the codification of the City Laws and Ordinances be mimeographed in order to present copies to the Mayor and Council, Civic Associations and others concerned, for review and approval, in order that it might be printed.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-502, Manor Apartments, Inc., Owner, Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 89, Takoma Park Subdivision, R-20 Zone to R-10 Zone be approved for reason that adjacent area has previously been rezoned R-10, so it is felt that this request is fully in line with Zoning of the area, and conforms to Park and Planning Commission's Plan and Map. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. B-523, Bess Ninaj, Owner, Lot 27, Block 54, BFG Subdivision, R-60 Zone to R-20 Zone, be approved, as this area is already Zoned R-20 in 95% of the cases, and conforms to Park and Planning Commission's Plan and Map. Councilwoman Monitor seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was passed.
3. Councilman Kozel moved that Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-2940, New Hampshire Gardens Shopping Center, Inc., Owner, 3.865 acres of land on Southwest Corner of intersection of New Hampshire Ave. and University Lane, R-55 to C-1 Zone be denied for the following reasons: (a) There still is commercially zoned land in area that has not been utilized. (b) The property in question is a much needed recreational area and is part of the Projected Recreational Area of the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission. (c) Also the property is abutting residential property. Councilwoman Monitor seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. It was mentioned by Mrs. Hash that the Zoning Hearing on the above Petition request would be held on March 20.
4. Councilman Kozel instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to request the Commissioners' of Prince George's County to arrange to notify the City Council of the dates of Zoning Hearings similar to the present arrangement with Montgomery County Officials.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Sidell moved the meeting adjourn. Upon being put to question the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Lindgren
Clerk-Treasurer