

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 11, 1957

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, Sidell. Absent: Councilman McKenzie and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman Collison moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 25, 1957, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Laurel Avenue Merchants, Petition to remove Parking Meters on Laurel Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
2. Carlton R. Sickles, House of Delegates, Annapolis, Md., concerning Fire Tax Area, removal of Pinecrest Area. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Robert Z. Brewer, President, Takoma-Langley, JayCees, appreciation for Resolution and use of Council Chamber. Referred to Council File.
4. Mrs. Martin P. Dittes, 1206 Chillum Road, Hyattsville, Md., Request for "Do Not Block Entrance" Sign, 8303 & 8305 Roanoke Ave. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Frank W. Pence, Inquiry as to City jurisdiction Storm Waters, 703-05-07 Devonshire Road. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. Reid N. Painter, 703 Devonshire Road, City, regarding Storm Waters, 703-05-07 Devonshire Road. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. Herbert W. Reichelt, President, Board of County Commissioners, Notification of Zoning Hearings, Prince George's County. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
8. Mrs. Gratia B. Woods, President, Community League, City, regarding "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Campaign, inviting Mayor Miller to be present at Meeting on April 1, to read Proclamation. Referred to Council Files, also that the Clerk-Treasurer should acknowledge Mrs. Woods' letter accepting invitation.
9. Mr. John D. Roth, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, City, letter of appreciation to Mr. Peter Remsen concerning electrical outlet on "Island" on Merwood Ave. Referred to Public Works File.
10. Mrs. A. L. LaPoint, 214 Dogwood Ave., City, appreciation to Mr. Peter Remsen, concerning the keeping of the ravine at corner of Dogwood and Holly Aves., clean. Referred to Public Works File.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Harry H. Millard, 8 Crescent Place, City, spoke concerning the rezoning of #8 Philadelphia Avenue from a single family dwelling to high-density. He mentioned that the neighbors had circulated a petition, and further stated that at 7 o'clock this evening Attorney Ralph Shure had withdrawn the Petition. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the assistance received in this matter.

At this time, Mayor Miller congratulated Mrs. Betty McDevitt on becoming a Grandmother. Mayor Miller also read a newspaper article from "The Evening Star" concerning the fine work Mrs. Etta Mae Davis is accomplishing in the City of Takoma Park.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance;

## ORDINANCE NO. 1431

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

Section 1. THAT a "DO NOT BLOCK ENTRANCE" Sign be placed on Ethan Allen Avenue just WEST of the Co-op rear entrance driveway, WEST of New Hampshire Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT a WHITE line be painted on RIGHT Side of Center Line on Ethan Allen Avenue WEST of the rear entrance driveway.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing Traffic Regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

2. Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1432

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

Section 1. THAT a "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" Sign be placed on the NORTHWEST Side of ELM Avenue, 67 Feet NORTH of the Intersection of Elm and Ethan Allen Avenues.

Section 2. AND THAT the CURB be painted yellow for the distance of SIXTY-SEVEN Feet.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing Traffic Regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

## MATTERS PENDING:

1. Councilman Forehand reported on traffic congestion - Citizens Planning Committee Report, July 1955, that all has been done that can be done at this time, therefore, the Committee deletes this item from the Agenda.
2. Regarding appointment, Private Baron DeKalb as Fire Department Mechanic, the Committee recommends that Chief Carter place this item on the Fire Department Budget for the next year, in the amount of \$360.00 per annum. The matter should be deleted from the Agenda.

3. The State Roads Commission traffic survey - corners Carroll and Flower Aves., concerning a traffic light at this intersection was turned over to the Finance Committee. Councilman Forehand further moved that this traffic light installation be placed on the Budget for 1957/1958, and project completed whenever Finance Committee has funds available. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1433

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

Section 1. THAT a "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" Sign be placed on the NORTHEAST Side of Birch Avenue, FIFTY-SEVEN Feet North of Cedar Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the CURB be painted YELLOW for the distance of FIFTY-SEVEN Feet.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing Traffic Regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Councilman Forshee asked if the placing of this "No Parking" Sign on Northeast Side of Birch Ave. from Cedar Ave., would in any way affect the one-way traffic on Maple and Cedar Aves., should it be returned to two-way after the probationary period. He was informed that it would not.

4. Councilman Forehand commented on the Street Lighting on Maple Avenue and the wishes of the Committee are that PEPCO be contacted to survey the situation and give a report on a survey from Philadelphia Ave. to Maplewood Ave. Item to be left on Agenda.
5. The matter of the left turn from Sycamore Avenue into Ethan Allen Ave. as mentioned by Mayor Miller is being taken care of by the Public Works Department. They are going to paint more lines in the area to indicate the situation more clearly. Matter to be deleted from Agenda.
6. Request for installation of traffic light at intersection of Carroll and Flower Aves., to be deleted from Agenda as it is the same as item three.
7. It was recommended that Fire Chief Carter include the advancement of Lt. LaScola to Marshal on the Fire Department Budget for 1957/1958. Removed from Agenda.
8. Suggestion by Mayor Miller concerning adoption of D. C. Plan upon hazardous street conditions has been investigated by the Police Department. Chief Foster has contacted the District, and although there is nothing definite at this time, a recommendation will be presented at a later date. To be removed from Agenda.
9. The request for Parking Restriction Relief - Sycamore Ave., between Ethan Allen & Columbia Aves., has been investigated and found that it is impossible to allow parking in this area, and item is being removed from agenda.
10. Concerning the suggested parking restriction on deadend section of Philadelphia Avenue on Triangle Park Side, Councilman Forehand stated that when the traffic light

11. The suggested stop sign by District of Columbia on Eastern Ave. at Cedar Ave., is to be held on the Agenda, for the following reason: Eastern belongs to the District, and it is felt nothing can be done at this time, however, Councilman Sidell suggested that this item be held until the 90 day period of one-way streets on Maple and Cedar is decided, at which time further action may be taken, by a direct request request to the District of Columbia for the sign.

12. Councilman Forehand also mentioned the left turn at Philadelphia and Piney Branch Road. The Committee and Chief Foster checked on this situation, however, this is a matter for the State Roads Commission, and nothing can be done unless they are contacted.

13. Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1434

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

Section 1. THAT a "TWENTY-FIVE MILE PER HOUR" Sign be placed on the WEST Side of Cedar Avenue between 7419 and 7417 Cedar Avenue.

Section 2. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing Traffic Regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Mayor Miller spoke at length reporting on several meetings attended concerning the Special Fire Tax of a portion of the 17th (Chillum) Election District in Prince George's County mentioning the Petition of the Citizens of the Pinecrest and New Hampshire Knolls Areas, that the area revert back to Chillum-Adelphi Fire Department at an eight cent tax instead of our twelve cent rate. Mayor Miller mentioned that in years past, until 1953, the City had made no charge, and that the revenue from this tax was very small and inasmuch as the Fire Service cannot be reduced, therefore, he felt the Council should go on record to maintain the twelve cent rate for the present.

Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of a Resolution, stating that the Mayor and City Council cannot at this time cut the tax rate of twelve cents, in the 17th (Chillum) Election District in Prince George's County and that this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Carlton R. Sickles, of the Prince George's Delegation. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. (Resolution to be forwarded).

Concerning the request by Mrs. Martin P. Dittes for a "Do No Block Entrance" Sign at 8303-8305 Roanoke Ave., Councilman Forehand reported that this matter had been investigated and it was decided that such sign should not be installed by the City, particularly because of the joint use of the entrance by residents of both properties.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Kozel reported that three of the recent zoning petitions have been approved or denied by County Officials, following in accordance with the recommendations made by the City Council. He further stated that A-2940 Zoning Petition is scheduled for public hearing, for April 17th, at the County Service Building. Councilman Kozel further stated that Prince George's County is considering making certain changes in its zoning code pertaining to such things as off-street parking, and minimum lot width, and a public hearing is to be held at the County Service Building in Hyattsville on March 20th.

Councilman Kozel reported on the Governor's Conference on Recreation at Wheaton on March 2. Copies of the report will be sent to the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison defined the meaning of "Temporary" mentioned in Dean Deyo's letter of Feb. 20, 1957 as: The portion of ground in the Washington Park Area to be put to temporary use by the Montgomery Junior College, as a parking area for the students, "temporary", meaning until such time as the City might request it for a Recreational Area, or until the College or County School Board make other arrangements for parking. The City has no immediate plans for this portion of land, so it is felt that the School would make good use of any money used to make the parking area usable.
2. Councilman Collison reported that the plans for paving of Niagara and Ritchie Aves. in area 7620 Maple Ave., are still being worked on.
3. The paving project for Boston and Dundalk Aves., is still being held up by the builders in this area, and action will be taken at a later date.
4. The parking area opposite #8 Columbia Avenue & fence is still under consideration, and it was stated that Mr. Remsen has three or four proposals for the work, and it is hoped that something will be decided on soon.
5. The situation concerning the health hazard in open ditch rear 209-211 Spring Ave., has been turned over to the County Health Dept., and is pending, until their investigation is complete, at which time they are to inform the City.
6. Mr. Remsen has notified the PTA, concerning the petition for an exit drive from Takoma Park Elementary School to Holly Avenue, and is awaiting word from them.
7. The Dirt and Water Damage to Back Lot 6913 Prince George Ave., is under consideration by the Committee.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that Mr. Ferry has worked very diligently on a Map showing locations of apartments, nursing homes, and institutions, which should be completed by this Thursday. This will help to answer long sought questions as to how many are not in proper zoning.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported on the repairing of the baseball field in Spring Park. He had talked with Councilwoman Monitor this past week, and she mentioned that the City had heavy equipment in the area which could be used in this work, however, the matter of funds in the amount of \$200.00 was needed. Councilman Forshee moved that \$200.00 be transferred from Account 19.303A to be used for the hiring of a bull dozer, to accomplish work in Spring Park Area. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion, upon being put to question the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Forshee commented on the desire to have a reputable firm conduct an accounting survey of the Records of the City, on possible suggestion that a better method might be adopted. Mr. Schell S. Hoyer's firm has been contacted by the Clerk-Treasurer and he has submitted a possible cost from two to four hundred dollars, on a per diem basis, therefore, Councilman Forshee moved that Mr. Hoyer be appointed to undertake this survey at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. Councilman Collison seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forshee also mentioned that a study of the accounting system would enable the City to tie in

all departments as one unit. Councilman Forshee moved that this project be taken care of by Council Appropriations. Councilman Kozel seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mayor Miller reported in the excused absence of Councilwoman Monitor;

1. That unless the Council had objections, that Mr. Bruce Davis, Engineering Instructor of Montgomery Junior College could proceed with the surveying classes and mapping of Washington Park.
2. After considerable discussion concerning the moving of the record player and speakers at the Gym, and after re-submission of the estimate of \$175.00 for wiring, and \$99.50 to cover the Carpentry Expense, Councilman Sidell moved that the sum of \$269.50 be appropriated to cover the cost of the moving of the record player and speakers, at the Gym. Councilman Collison seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forehand, Nay. Councilman Kozel did not vote.

Mayor Miller asked if there were any further reports to be made, which were as follows:

Mr. Remsen reported that the offer made a year ago by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, was still in effect, to participate in the cost of the North Takoma Storm Drainage Project. Mr. Remsen also mentioned the dirt and water damage on rear lot of 6913 Prince George Ave., and that he is searching the records concerning this item, and that he expects to report soon.

Councilman Forshee thanked all the Department Heads for working so diligently with the Clerk-Treasurer on the proposed budget reductions.

Chief Foster of the Police Department presented to the City of Takoma Park a very fine blackboard which was donated by Mr. Arthur H. Phipps, 209 Spring St., Washington 12, D. C., and is very much appreciated. Mayor Miller requested the Clerk-Treasurer to write Mr. Phipps, thanking him for his contribution. Chief Foster also mentioned that he had submitted an article to the 1956 Year Book of the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Inc., which was printed along with his photograph in the last issue. The article certainly is a credit to the Takoma Park Police Department.

Chief Carter, Takoma Park Fire Department, reported that a member of the Maryland Fire Rating Bureau is at the Fire Department checking records and equipment. He said there were three pumpers to be tested as yet, however, thus far everything was in fine shape. He further mentioned that he believed one pump may be damaged by gravel entering it and would report on this later when the investigation is completed.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Collison moved the meeting adjourn. Upon being put to question the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Raymond L. Linder  
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 25, 1957

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilman Kozel.

Councilman Sidell moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 11, 1957, 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 February was read as follows:

	Cash	Total	Available	1956-57	Percentage
Revenues	Balance	Revenues	Budget	Total	Revenue to
Feb. 1957	2-28-57	To 2-28-57	Balance	Budget	Budget
1-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	48332.89				
1-31-57 Bal. Sub.Tr.Co.	13413.79				
1-31-57 Bal. Both Banks	61746.68				
This month's percentage figure: 66 2/3					
<u>Revenues</u>					
1. Taxes: General	6920.18	412683.15	19438.45	432121.60	95.5
1. Interest & Penalties	73.37	2512.31	1912.31*	600.00	418.7
2. Licenses & Permits	471.64	18743.02	5006.98	23750.00	78.9
3. Fines & Forfeitures	6.00	417.00	1683.00	2100.00	19.9
4. Use of Money & Property	45.00	495.00	45.00	540.00	91.7
5. Revenues: Other Sources	206.51	1038.77	31011.23	32050.00	3.2
6. Service Charges	39.00	1301.00	1199.00	2500.00	52.
Rm. & Apt. Reg.	1999.75	7847.00	950.70*	6896.30	113.8
		<u>445037.25</u>	<u>55520.65</u>	<u>500557.90</u>	<u>88.9</u>
Towing	76.00	344.50			
Refund - Ins. Premium	121.96	121.96			
Escrow Acct.	25.00	475.00			
Canteen	3.71	9988.12			
		<u>71734.80</u>			
Exchange					
			22.00		
			<u>446023.22</u>		
<u>Disbursements</u>					
10.1 Clerk's Office	2238.96	22965.17	13909.83	36875.00	62.3
10.812 Govt. Bldgs.	852.50	4215.15	1344.85	5560.00	75.8
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	2045.73	13480.66	730.66*	12750.00	105.7
11.1 Police Department	8219.09	68804.97	29886.03	98691.00	69.7
11.2 Fire Department	5854.30	47402.58	16710.42	64113.00	73.9
11.39 Protective Insp.	416.25	3536.10	3360.20	6896.30	51.3
12.1 P/W Office	3215.05	23554.59	10645.41	34200.00	68.9
12.1 P/W General	8789.65	70154.91	21166.89	91321.80	76.8
12.2 P.W Highway		2428.93	899.90*	1529.03	158.9
12.4 P/W Highway Lighting	1411.09	10670.36	5529.64	16200.00	65.9
13.1 Sanitation	1797.70	8961.87	5288.13	14250.00	62.9
19.3 P/W Recreation	127.56	2893.87	1756.13	4650.00	62.2
19.1 Cultural: Library	7445.30	17785.28	135.80	17921.08	99.3
21.1 Misc. Expense	224.31	11189.62	2810.38	14000.00	79.9
22.1 Council Appropriations	35.00	4569.81	3150.53	7720.34	59.2
22.2 Capital Budget	3956.40	15404.91	5372.09	20777.00	74.2
23.1 Insurance		4833.04	4186.35	9019.39	53.6
		<u>332851.82</u>	<u>123622.12</u>	<u>456473.94</u>	<u>72.9</u>

\* Over-estimate

Towing	70.00	383.50	
4th of July		3176.21	
Special Improvements	78.97	46777.86	29606.43
		<u>24956.94</u>	
Escrow		250.00	* Over-drawn
Boston Ave. Sidewalk		739.25	
Exchange		22.00	
Halloween		152.51	
		<u>367181.72</u>	

2-28-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	11434.05	Special Improvement Account	
2-28-57 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	13522.89	Bal. Citizens Bank 1-31-57	15395.72
2-28-57 Bal. Both Banks	<u>24956.94</u>	Deposits	<u>343.06</u>
Cert. of Deposit 7-26-56	50000.00	Bal. Citizens Bank 2-28-57	<u>15738.78</u>
Total Available Funds	<u>74956.94</u>		

Special Library Building Account	
1-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	78.24
No Deposits or Withdrawals	-
2-28-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	<u>78.24</u>

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., appreciation for Council action concerning proposed alcoholic beverage control legislation. Referred to Council Files.
2. Silver Spring Chapter, Order of DeMolay, appreciation for use of gymnasium in basketball practice. Referred to Council Files.
3. Nannie H. Rubens, 7200 Trescott Ave., City, Petition for Sidewalk Garland Avenue at Trescott Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
4. Frank Hill, President, Student Council, Montgomery Junior College, Request for repairs, Woodbury Drive, New York Ave. to Takoma Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Mrs. George Crossley, 531 Albany Ave., City, suggestions concerning telephone and toilet facilities at Washington Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. Mrs. Margaret Miller, 7504 Hancock Ave., City, concerning resale of multiple family houses. Referred to Civic Improvements and Public Welfare Committees.
7. Jos. R. Cammarata, Mgr., The Lansdell Co., 311 N. Warwick Ave., Baltimore, Md., request to bid on bituminous road material requirements. Referred to Public Works Committee.
8. Dean Donald E. Deyo, Montgomery Jr. College, Offer to participate in cost of preparation of parking lot - Portion of Washington Park. Referred to Public Works and Parks and Recreation Committees.
9. Mrs. Gratia B. Woods, President, Community League, Request for publicity of proclamation circulation in "Brighten the Corner Where you Are" Campaign. Referred to Civic Improvements and Parks and Recreation Committees.
10. Mrs. Gratia B. Woods, President, Community League, requesting special trash pick-up during "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Campaign. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.



11. Ernest J. Umberger, President, Community League, requesting special trash pick-up during "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Campaign. Referred to Public Works Committee.
12. William B. McKinney, Clerk, County Council for Montgomery County, Md., opinion and Zoning Grant R-10 Application B-482, Washington Sanitarium Asso., Lots 18, 19 & 20, Block 59 B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision.
13. Mrs. Wilbert F. Knouse, 7301 Hancock Ave., City, Storm Waters 7300 Block of Hancock Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee.
14. Robert M. Stites, Chairman, Building & Grounds Committee, S. S. Intermediate School, PTA, erection of partial sidewalks at the School. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
15. John D. Roth, President, Hampshire Greens Community Asso., City, Rezoning from R-55 to C-1 of 3.865 acres at the intersection of Ann Street and University Lane, Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

Mayor Miller read his proclamation concerning the Community League's "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Project, to those present; stating he will present the proclamation to the Community League, on April 1st, at their Meeting. Mayor Miller also commended Corporation on the fine job performed in arranging the dinner for the School Safety Patrols, held on March 21st, at the gymnasium. Mayor Miller requested the Clerk-Treasurer write letters to Officer Ringer, also other persons who made this event so successful, commending them on so fine a job. Mayor Miller spoke further on the fine work these adults are accomplishing in guiding young people to become promising citizens of tomorrow.

#### OPEN MEETING:

Mr. E. J. Coulson, 7617 Takoma Ave., referred to the letter read concerning the Storm Drainage Project of North Takoma Park. He stated that every effort should be made to include this project in the budget for 1957/58, so that work can be done. He further stated that he felt the citizens in the area had been very patient up to this point, and that the situation is still a hazardous one.

Mr. John D. Roth, 7608 Hammond Ave., spoke in behalf of the New Hampshire Greens Civic Association, that they were very pleased by the action of the Mayor and Council concerning Zoning Petition A-2940, also gave the following three reasons for opposing this Petition: (1) Felt there was no need for additional commercial land; (2) Good zoning requires buffer zoning between resident and commercial; (3) To rezone area would break faith with the people who originally bought in area to build homes.

Mr. Andrew A. Horner, 8105 Kennwick Ave., City, stated the action of the Mayor and Council, concerning Zoning Petition A-2940, was most gratifying, and extended his thanks to them.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, spoke in behalf of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, thanking the Mayor and Council for the prompt action in adopting Ordinance Nos. 1429 and 1430 in accordance with her suggestions. She further mentioned that the "Do Not Block Entrance" Sign placed on Ethan Allen Avenue just West of the Co-op rear entrance driveway, West of New Hampshire Avenue was not too effective. She further stated that it would be beneficial to station a police officer at this location between 4:30 and 6 p.m., perhaps once or twice, to survey the situation, which might further suggest some remedy to relieve the traffic congestion at this point. Mayor Miller referred this problem to the Public Safety Committee for further study.

Mr. West, Attorney for the Petitioners, A-2940, for Re-zoning N. H. Ave. and University Lane, agreed that good planning certainly calls for a buffer strip between

commercial and residential sections, and that his clients want to build an attractive shopping center and have designated a 30 foot planting strip as a buffer. Mr. West expressed that he would be glad to speak with any citizens present and explain the Zoning more thoroughly. Mayor Miller informed Mr. West that he could have the use of the ante-room to further discuss this situation with any interested citizens, therefore, Mr. West and several citizens adjourned to the room. This matter was referred to the Civic Improvements Committee for further study by Mayor Miller.

Mr. T. M. Woodall, 8119 Flower Ave., City, spoke of his long residence of 28 years in the City and that he has invested heavily in the area and is concerned by the lack of Commercial progress made in the City of Takoma Park, and that most of it has been on the outskirts of the City. Mr. Woodall strongly requested that the Mayor and Council support the project at New Hampshire Avenue and University Lane, for it would bring in good revenue to the City, and that is evident that it is needed. He stated that the days of planning are past, and recommended that the Mayor and Council should begin to think more about the zoning situation.

Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Ave., spoke concerning the Erection of a Fence on the West Side of Forest Park, and stated this item has been on the agenda for some-time, and that something should be done, as a great deal of distress had been caused to the people owning the property next to the park. He said that to erect the proper type of fence would be an expensive project, however, suggested that the City might be able to place some type of protection over the windows to prevent their being broken by baseballs.

Councilwoman Monitor told Mr. Mandel that to protect the windows of the citizen's property in question was only a small part, of the problem, as the grass and shrubbery is being damaged also. Councilwoman Monitor hopes to have this item included in the budget for the next year and is making such recommendation.

Mr. Frank W. Albritten, 10404 Arnhurst Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland, who operates a service station on Maple Avenue, stated his business has dropped off considerably and asked if Maple Avenue could be made one-way only at certain times in the morning and again in the evening.

Carrie Braver, 7123 Maple Ave., said she had not received one of the questionnaires concerning the one-way streets on Maple & Cedar Aves. Mayor Miller informed her that there are extra copies and all desiring them could obtain them before the close of the meeting. Mr. Elmer Turner, 7419 Cedar Avenue, questioned the validity of the questionnaires if they were not signed, and was informed by Councilman Forehand that this fact had no bearing on the validity of the returned questionnaires, and that all requests would be taken into consideration.

Mr. George E. Friedrich, 8005 Carroll Avenue, said that even though he was not a resident of the streets in question, that he had been approached by Councilman Forehand, in the beginning of the experiment, as to whether he thought it would affect the business in the area, and at first he thought not, however, now that the changeover has been made and after a survey with his drivers, finds that it has affected them, and his business, as people who used to stop by his place enroute to the City, now by-pass, therefore, he too has noticed a loss.

Mr. C. A. Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue, City, said he felt the change to one-way streets has created considerable traffic hazards and inconvenienced residents and property owners, and felt that a traffic light installed on Maple Avenue might ease some of the traffic. He also stated that there should be a survey made at the traffic light at Philadelphia and Maple Aves., as it is poorly timed. He stated too, that Cedar Ave. is not wide enough to carry the traffic that is being directed into the street by the change. He also suggested that it might help to schedule streets one-way 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mr. Railey also suggested that a traffic survey should be made at the District of Columbia Line by D. C. Officials. He further mentioned the need of a proper sign at Sycamore Avenue and Ethan Allen Avenue.

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City, summarized the one-way street situation on Cedar and Maple Aves., and commended the Mayor and Council for tackling this intricate problem and stated that he felt the final action would be fair to all concerned.

Mr. Arthur Williams, 7302 Birch Avenue, mentioned that even though he lived just two houses off Cedar, the streets as they are now, have been a great help to him, as he has two small children, and heretofore they were not allowed to play in the front, as the traffic was too heavy, however, this condition had been corrected by the change to one-way streets. However, Mr. Williams suggested that one-way streets were bad zoning practice, and felt that Maple and Cedar Avenues shouldn't be made arterial highways. He suggested stop signs at every intersection of Maple and Cedar Avenues.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1435

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1419, Section 6 be amended to extend the trial period of the one-way streets of Maple and Cedar Avenues another THIRTY days, thus extending the trial period ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY Days from January 1, 1957.

After considerable discussion, concerning the above Ordinance, it is felt this action is best, until more study can be given to the one-way street situation. Therefore, upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Sidell, McKenzie and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilman Kozel.

2. Councilman Forehand mentioned an invitation from Mr. Russell C. Zimmerman for the Police Association to attend an outing at his home this summer, at Randallstown, Md. At this time Councilman Forehand moved that Russell C. Zimmerman be made an Honorary Takoma Park Police Officer. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Forehand moved that upon recommendation of Chief of Police Foster that P.F.C. Elliott Anderson be promoted to Corporal, in the Police Department, as of April 1, 1957, under present Merit Plan, at a salary of \$4,280.00. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Forehand mentioned that several months ago the Mayor and Council were given copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Police Association of Takoma Park. At the next Council Meeting a motion will be made to accept the Police Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

5. Councilman Forehand moved that the services of Special Police Officer William Randolph be terminated at this time. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison reported that his committee has little to report as he has been out of town, having just arrived back, unless Councilman Sidell has an additional report.

1. Councilman Collison referred to Dean Deyo's recent letter stating that the college will bear half the expense of the proposed parking lot in a portion of Washington Park, and that Dean Deyo is satisfied with the City's explanation of "temporary". Councilman Collison moved that the City accept this proposal of Dean Deyo, and attempt to complete this project. Councilman McKenzie seconded this motion. Upon discussion it developed that the general attitude of the Council is to maintain it's position contained in the original motion of January 28th, 1957, that the college and/or the County bear the entire cost of the project. It was stated that the City is both happy and proud that the college is located here, however, this parking condition is a result of the college operation and inasmuch as the college is a County Institution that there should be ample tax funds to provide the financing of this project as the City is providing both the land and the facilities to complete the project in the most economical manner. Therefore, Councilman Sidell moved that the motion made by Councilman Collison be tabled. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, all voted in favor of tabling the above motion, with the exception of Councilman Collison, who voted Nay. Mayor Miller requested that the Clerk-Treasurer notify the College of the Council's decision.

2. Councilman Collison moved that \$47.50 be appropriated from Reserve Funds to cover cost of repairing a shop-pick-up 1939 model truck for the Public Works Department, in order that the truck might be kept in running order until the end of June. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Collison mentioned the proposed widening of Maple Avenue at the New Post-Office Building and stated the plans are opened to the public. He also stated that other items on the Agenda will be pursued to an ultimate solution.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that the Public Works Department would cooperate with the Community League, in their "trash pick-up" request, in connection with their "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" Campaign, designating Wednesday, April 24th, 1957, as "trash pickup" day. He also mentioned that the Fire Department designates April 22nd to 27th as their special clean-up week, in connection with fire prevention. Also that their "Trash pick-up" day will be April 24th.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor spoke on Recreation, mentioning she felt all people didn't realize that Recreation Programs are here to stay, and that she will continue to do all possible to sponsor activities in recreation. Councilwoman Monitor mentioned that the item of water spigots in the park areas has been carried since 1955, and she felt that something should be done before the need is present again. Mayor Miller requested that Director Remsen investigate the water spigot situation, immediately, and present a definite estimate, also to ascertain what lights are needed in the park areas.

2. Councilwoman Monitor stated that an estimate of \$85.00 has been obtained from Mr. Charles Brackett to do the electrical work to move the record player at the Gymnasium and therefore, moved the estimate be accepted. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilwoman Monitor also voiced the need for a fireplace in the Forest Park area, and that there are funds available for this project. After considerable discussion as to how the situation should be handled, Councilwoman Monitor moved that part of the funds available for this project, be transferred to the Street Repair Account, to cover labor of Public Works Employees involved, in order that the project might be completed. Upon being seconded by Councilmen Forshee and Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilwoman Monitor showed pictures of the newly organized Takoma Park-Langley Jay-Cees receiving the Resolution presented to them by the Mayor and Council, also that the JayCees helped serve the dinner for the School Safety Patrols held at the gym on March 21st. Councilwoman Monitor also mentioned that the Teen Club has opened a snack bar at the gymnasium.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for authorization the payment of bills for the Month of February in the amount of \$19,241.84. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forshee mentioned that in going over the bills, he noticed some invoices dated back as far as October, however, this situation has been taken care of, as the Clerk-Treasurer recently notified all departments to turn in thier invoices promptly.
2. Councilman Forshee moved that Clerk-Treasurer Haynes M. Pridgen be given a permanent appointment as of April 1st, 1957. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilman Forshee moved that Mrs. Elaine Pellenbarg be placed on permanent appointment, effective April 15, 1957, at the salary of \$3,200.00 annually, retroactive to January 1, 1957. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried.
4. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1436

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 FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00), plus ACCRUED Interest, balance on a Certificate of Indebtedness, to the CITIZENS BANK OF TAKOMA PARK, covering Public Works Vehicles.

Section 2. AND THEREFORE the City Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to make payment to the CITIZENS BANK OF TAKOMA PARK, in the amount specified in Section 1 of this Ordinance, to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

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, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilman Kozel.

5. Councilman Forshee reported on the Montgomery Section Tax Collection effort, that of the remaining 168 accounts unpaid, about half were collected when the County notified the City Office to stop collection. It was felt had there been more time, there would have been a better percentage. Councilman Forshee stated that all departments have turned in their budget reports, and that the Clerk-Treasurer is working on condensing these reports and will have a draft ready by the next Council Meeting. Also that the Department Heads have been working on cutting City expenses, and have gained some headway.

6. Councilman Forehand moved that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter of commendation to Officer Ringer and all persons or organizations, who worked with him, to make the dinner for the School Safety Patrols a success. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman McKenzie moved the meeting adjourn. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

George M. Miller

Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen

Clerk-Treasurer