

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 8, 1957

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell, Absent: Councilwoman Monitor.

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

Mayor Miller read his proclamation designating "Spring Clean Up for Fire Safety Week" for the City of Takoma Park, commencing April 22nd, 1957, and terminating April 27th, 1957.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, concerning Budget on recommending disapproval of position of Superintendent of Machinery. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
2. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, concerning Budget on recommendation of acceptance of Salary Table Adjustment Recommendations. Referred to Finance Committee.
3. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, concerning Budget Reference to Page 2, Code No. 11.213, Capital Outlay, Item "H", to read: "3" Fire Hose, 600 ft." Referred to Finance and Public Safety Committees.
4. William L. Montgomery, Assistant Minister, Takoma Park Prebyterian Church, request for use of gymnasium. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
5. Dean Donald E. Deyo, Montgomery Junior College, Parking Lot - Portion of Washington Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation and Public Safety Committees.
6. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, "One Way Streets - Maple and Cedar Avenues." Referred to Council Files.
7. Joseph P. Fahey, Executive Director, Wheeling, West Virginia, Request for information on Housing Ordinance. Referred to the Law and Ordinances Committee.
8. Wilhelm Isaacson, 6613 Allegheny Avenue, Ash Collection. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee.
9. G. Roy Hartwig, Deputy Director of Civil Defense, concerning Civil Defense Generator Set. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
10. Ernest J. Umberger, President, North Takoma Citizens Association, Invitation to attend Citizens Association Meeting on April 11. Referred to Council Files. Mayor Miller requested that Councilman McKenzie attend this meeting, also any other Council Members that can, to do so.
11. John P. Callahan, Vice President, Carole Highlands - Hillwood Manor Recreation Council, concerning Spring Recreation Program Funds. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
12. Marshall E. Rose, 519 Elm Avenue., City, Storm Drainage Problem - Forest Park. Referred to Public Works Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Brooks Perring, 8634 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Real Estate Agent for the Post Office Department told the Mayor and Council that it is anticipated that the new Post Office on Maple Avenue, will be completed about the middle of May, and it is to be opened some time before the 1st of June. Mr. Perring stated that he had visited the City Office earlier in the day, and that it was his understanding that it is the City's intention to widen the street in front of the Post Office, in order to provide parking for patrons, therefore, he wanted to know if it would be possible to have the street completed by the dedication date of the new Post Office Building.

Councilman Collison informed Mr. Perring that it would be possible to have the street widening completed in front of the Post Office Building, however, upon being questioned, Councilman Collison replied that no decision has been made concerning the widening of the entire block.

Mayor Miller stated that the citizens of Takoma Park owe Mr. Perring a debt of gratitude for the fine work he has done in making it possible to have the Post Office located in Takoma Park.

Councilman Forehand asked Mr. Perring about the holes in the sidewalks, in front of the new Post Office Building on Maple Avenue, also the large piles of dirt left, stating that no precautions have been taken, concerning these hazards, and was informed by Mr. Perring that this was not in his line of work, but the responsibility of the contractor doing the job.

Mr. Karl Lundberg, 8212 Houston Court, thanked the Mayor and Council, also Mr. Remsen, for the fine job of paving on Houston, Kennebec and Brighten Avenues, and that it was a pleasure to use the streets. Also, that it had been about a year since he has been attending the Council Meetings, and has found it a very pleasant experience, and is very impressed with the sincerity of the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Collison asked Mr. Remsen if the Park, in the area of streets, mentioned above would be put back in usable shape, now that the paving is completed, and Mr. Remsen informed him that it would be as soon as the weather permitted, to allow a large grading truck to enter the park area.

Mrs. Mary Wyatt, 7801 Allegheny Avenue, City, stated that she has had to go through her neighbors yard to gain access to the main street, for the last 10 years, as the street has never been cut through. Mrs. Wyatt requested this work be done, and at this time Mayor Miller referred her request to Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, for further investigation and action.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported on the activities of the Health and Welfare Center at #8 Sherman Avenue, that 363 individuals had taken advantage of the X-Ray Machine in Takoma Park last month; 31 children have been treated; 152 given polio inoculations. He also mentioned that he had received a letter from one of the nurses serving the Center, thanking him for the services rendered by the City, and in turn he thanked the Mayor and Council.
2. Councilman Sidell reported on the erection of partial sidewalks at the Silver Spring Intermediate School, mentioning that the County has already started the blacktopping of the sidewalks and had about 200 feet already completed on Philadelphia Avenue, and it looked as if they are going all the way to Chicago Avenue. Councilman Sidell also mentioned he had a call from a lady in the area wondering why the City didn't participate in the Chicago Avenue sidewalk; also a call from another gentleman asking why the City didn't participate in the blacktopping of the sidewalks.

3. Councilman Sidell also reported on the Sidewalk Repair Contracts under Matters Pending, stating that this project is being held up until the new budget is prepared showing how much money will be allotted for spending on this project.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1437

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

Section 1. THAT automobiles, 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 May 24, 1957, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6 p.m., in accordance with the laws of the City and State of Maryland.

Section 2. AND THAT the Clerk-Treasurer take care of all details in preparation for this Public Auction.

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

2. Councilman Forehand moved that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Police Association of Takoma Park, Maryland, be accepted. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forehand also requested that the Clerk-Treasurer notify Det. Sgt. Russell S. Merson, President of the Association, of the Council Action. Also, the Council, after studying the Constitution and By-Laws credited it with being a fine piece of work.

3. Councilman Forehand reported that he and Chief Foster investigated the request of Mrs. R. S. Burpo, 609 New York Avenue, City, to place a "no parking" Sign opposite her driveway, however, this request is denied, as have been similar requests. It was also requested that the Clerk-Treasurer inform Mrs. Burpo of the Council's decision.

4. Councilman Forehand moved that upon recommendation by Fire Chief Raymond E. Carter, that Lt. S. J. LaScola be given permission for official leave to attend the 13th Annual International Arson Seminar at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Also that he be allowed \$150.00 to cover his expenses, to be charged to Budget Item 11-212 A-2. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman Forehand congratulated Chief of Police Samuel A. Foster on the fine job he did in compiling the Police Department Manual. Every police officer will receive a copy of the Manual.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel stated that the reconsideration of rezoning from R-55 to C-1 of 3.865 acres at Intersection of Ann Street and University Lane is pending, until the Citizens Association hold a zoning meeting on Thursday evening, April 11th.

2. Councilman Kozel reported on Zoning Application B-507, that he had received a letter from Attorney Ralph Shure that the Zoning Application had been withdrawn, however, that they will re-apply in July for R-40 Zoning, and in the meantime they would like to have a meeting with the Civic Improvements Committee.

3. Councilman Kozel reported on the Resale of Multiple Family dwellings, per letter from Mrs. Margaret Miller, recommending that a letter be sent to Mrs. Miller informing her that the zoning restrictions are listed at the Maryland Park and Planning Commission for the benefit of the citizens, and that the City does not make zoning restrictions. Also, in answer to her question as to whether the owner of a piece of property has to tell the zoning when placing the property for sale; Corporation Counsel Gingerich informed the Council, that we did not have to answer this question, as it is of a legal nature, and a concern of the property owner.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported; that the request to Bid on Bituminous Road Material Requirements, will be placed on list, to submit a bid to the City along with others;
2. No further report on the North Takoma Storm Drainage Project, however, Director Remsen has written to the Citizens Association with more thoughts on the subject;
3. Public Works has already replied on the request for repairs, Woodbury Drive, New York Avenue to Takoma Avenue, and there will be more definite reports as soon as the weather clears up;
4. The storm waters 7300 Block of Hancock Avenue are still under investigation.

Councilman Collison reported on Matters Pending as follows:

5. Paving of Niagara and Ritchie Avenues are progressing slowly, also there are two more dedications to be signed;
6. Concerning advertising for bids for Boston and Dundalk Aves., City is still waiting for completion of all house connections by builders;
7. Complaint regarding Parking Area Opposite #8 Columbia Ave. & Fence, that there are definite plans, and that Mr. Remsen is working on several proposals. Mr. Remsen later reported that the bids concerning the fence were to be sent out on April 9th;
8. Health Hazard Open Ditch Rear 209-211 Spring Avenue, that the Prince George's Health Officer inspected the Spring, and stated the water is free of pollution;
9. That there has been no further word from PTA for Petition for Exit Drive from Takoma Park Elementary School;
10. Concerning Dirt and Water Damage to Back Lot 6913 Prince George Ave., still being worked on as there seems to be several items in need of clarification;
11. Inquiry as to City Jurisdiction - Storm Waters - 703-05-07, still under investigation and later reported on by Mr. Remsen, that this does not come under City Jurisdiction and should therefore, be removed from the Agenda;
12. Councilman Collison reported on Dean Deyo's last letter reporting that the College did not go along with the City's Decision concerning the parking lot-Portion of Washington Park and that the situation should be dropped for the time being; Councilman Collison stated that we should go along with this decision of the Dean's;
13. Councilman Collison reported on the final payment of the Philadelphia Avenue Traffic Light, that it is in order, and should be taken care of, as it does not require Council Action;

14. Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1438

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

Section 1. THAT the amount of SIX-HUNDRED and TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.00) be placed in the Budget for 1957/1958 to cover expenses incurred in the surveying of the Property Sites of the proposed new Public Works Buildings.

Section 2. AND THEREFORE, the \$625.00 allotted above, be the maximum to be spent, and should the surveying of this project appear to cost more, the work should be stopped, until further decision is made by the Mayor and Council.

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

15. Councilman Collison stated that the Committee approved Mr. Remsen's request for a month's leave to visit his son in California. Mr. Remsen received the best wishes of the Mayor and Council for a pleasant trip. Mr. Remsen thanked the Mayor and Council for granting this leave.

16. Councilman Collison mentioned that the Houston and Kennebec Project is about completed, and a second requisition in the amount of nearly \$13,000.00 has been approved. He also spoke on the Westmoreland Avenue Drainage Project by the District, and stated he was sure the City would benefit by it.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that at the Recreational Meeting held last Thursday, Lee Jordan approached him that he would like to have his playground equipment placed outside as soon as possible, so that he can begin his Spring Recreational Program as soon as weather permits. Mr. Jordan also mentioned that he had attempted to obtain one of the church basements in the Takoma Park area, however, they are used quite frequently for dinner meetings, and he inquired of the Recreation Committee, if there is a chance for a building or room that might be used for this purpose, on City Property. At this time Mrs. Etta Davis spoke of a "do it yourself" project, whereby just the purchase of lumber, with the aid of workers, a suitable building can be erected. Mayor Miller mentioned the Heffner Playground area back of the S. S. Elementary School, that arrangements had been made with the County, that this area is to always remain a recreational area, and that nothing can ever be built on this ground, however, there was some discussion of turning over an old school building for Recreational purposes. At this time, Mayor Miller asked that Councilman Collison, McKenzie and Councilwoman Monitor get together with Mr. Jordan and attempt to work out a solution, agreeable to all.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. The subject of roaming dogs was brought up, and Councilman McKenzie stated that in his opinion the City should take a more definite stand on the subject, with the following action taking place: The Law and Ordinances Committee moves that a man be assigned from the Public Works Department to act as dog catcher two and one-half days a week.

The course of action to be followed, concerning the dogs caught, shall be governed by the City Ordinance adopted pertaining to dogs. Also, that this motion take effect as of May 20, 1957. This motion was seconded by Councilman Forehand. At this point, after considerable discussion, Chief Foster of the Police Department stated that he would be happy to cooperate, and have his Police Cars, cruising the area, radio in when packs of dogs are sighted, thus enabling the Public Works Department to immediately send their truck to the area. Mr. Remsen felt that he didn't have the personnel available to enable him to release a man $2\frac{1}{2}$ days a week to act as dog catcher, therefore, Councilman Forshee moved to amend the above motion, dropping the $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, and to have Public Works, assign their man whenever there would be one available. The general opinion of the Council on this amendment was that it did not definitely place a man in the job, therefore, it was felt little would be accomplished by this method. Mayor Miller seconded this amendment to the original motion, however, in a final vote, with Councilmen Collison, Forehand and Sidell voting Nay, the amendment was dropped.

Councilman Collison amended the above motion to read that a man should be assigned not more than two and one-half days, also that he work in conjunction with the aid of the Police Cruisers, as mentioned by Chief Foster. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion as amended, all voting Yea, except Councilman Forshee, Nay. Councilwoman Monitor Absent.

Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works, assigned the Sanitation Foreman as Dog Catcher.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to cash in the \$50,000.00 Certificate of Deposit with the Citizens Bank of Takoma Park, when necessary. Upon being seconded by Councilman Kozel, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Forshee reported that the City will not receive further Revenue from Income Tax Sources as anticipated, during the current budget year. At this time mention was made of the stingy Mayor of Westminster, Maryland, concerning the progress he had made in cutting the City Taxes.
3. Councilman Forshee reported that the Finance Committee will hold a meeting with Mr. Remsen, on Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m., at #8 Columbia Ave., to go over his section of the Budget, as Mr. Remsen will be leaving next week for a month's leave to California.

Fire Chief Carter reported that the Pumper checked on March 28th, by the Maryland Fire Rating Bureau had checked out satisfactory. Also, that the Chief had been able to attend the Fire Inspectors' Course at Maryland University last week. Chief Carter thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation for Fire Clean-Up Week, and also for sending Lt. LaScola to the Arson Course, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. Remsen reported that the moving of the loudspeaker and record player, at the gymnasium will be completed by Wednesday of this Week.

Appreciation was extended to Mr. Ferry, Inspector of Buildings, for the fine work he has done for the City concerning the Registration of Apartments.

Mayor Miller gave a brief report on the Prince George's Association Meeting he, Councilman Kozel and Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen attended recently. Mayor Miller stated that House Bill #697 sponsored by the Prince George's County Commissioners would have given the Commissioners complete Municipal powers, had it not been

amended to a great degree through the efforts of a delegation of Prince George's County Mayors. He stated that the Bill as originally drawn would have been in direct conflict with the Home Rule Bill recently enacted in benefit of Maryland Municipalities, passed several years ago.

Mayor Miller moved that a Resolution be sent to Councilwoman Monitor in Sympathy with the recent death of her Father. Upon being duly seconded, the motion was carried and is quoted as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the passing of John Johansson has removed from this life the beloved Father of Mrs. Emily P. Monitor, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Emily P. Monitor being an elected Official of the City of Takoma Park, serving as the first Councilwoman, and being such service has been performed in a most Loyal and Conscientious manner,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the heartfelt sympathy of the Mayor, City Council and Citizens of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, is hereby extended to Mrs. Emily P. Monitor and Family in their bereavement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be given to Mrs. Emily P. Monitor at 511 Elm Avenue, City of Takoma Park, Maryland, as a token of sympathy in the loss of her Father.

Signed and Sealed this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Seven.

/s/ George M. Miller,
Mayor, City of Takoma Park, Maryland.
Robert W. Collison, Councilman.
Oscar J. Forehand, Councilman.
Clayton D. Forshee, Councilman.
John F. Kozel, Councilman.
Gibson E. McKenzie, Councilman.
Ralph F. Sidell, Councilman.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Kozel moved the meeting adjourn. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Minutes of April 23, 1957
March 1957

	3-31-57	Total	Available	1956-57	Percentage
Revenues	Cash	Revenues	Budget	Total	Revenue to
March 1957	Balance	To 3-31-57	Balance To 6-30-57	Budget	Budget
2-28-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	11,434.05				
2-28-57 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	13,522.89				
2-28-57 Bal. Both Banks	<u>24,956.94</u>				
					This month's percentage figure: 75%

Revenues

1. Taxes: General	11,709.02	424344.24	7777.36	432121.60	98.2
1. Int. & Penalties	203.40	2711.88	2111.88*	600.00	452.0
2. Licenses & Permits	753.35	19496.37	4253.63	23750.00	82.1
3. Fines & Forfeitures	227.00	644.00	1456.00	2100.00	30.5
4. Use of Money & Property	45.00	540.00	-	540.00	100.0
5. Revenues: Other Sources	33028.44	34040.01	1990.01*	32050.00	106.2
6. Service Charges	82.50	1383.50	1116.50	2500.00	55.4
Rm. & Apt. Reg.	538.00	8385.00	1488.70*	6896.30	121.6
		<u>491545.00</u>	9012.90	<u>500557.90</u>	98.2
Towing	25.00	369.50			
Canteen	7.30	29.81			
Exchange		22.00			
Insurance	<u>1052.77</u>	<u>47671.78</u>	1174.73		* Over-estimate
		<u>72688.92</u>			
Escrow		475.00			
		<u><u>493616.04</u></u>			

Disbursements

10.1 Clerk's Office	2357.19	25322.36	11552.64	36875.00	68.7
10.812 Govt. Bldgs.	857.82	5072.97	487.03	5560.00	91.2
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1908.74	15375.90	2625.90*	12750.00	120.6
11.1 Police Department	8243.13	77048.10	21642.90	98691.00	78.1
11.2 Fire Department	5065.62	52468.20	11644.80	64113.00	81.8
11.39 Protective Insp.	503.37	4039.47	2856.83	6896.30	58.6
12.1 P/W Office	2988.05	26464.09	7735.91	34200.00	77.4
12.1 P/W General	7134.34	77289.25	14032.55	91321.80	84.6
12.2 P/W Highway	-	2428.93	899.90*	1529.03	158.9
12.4 P/W Highway Lighting	1357.55	12027.91	4172.09	16200.00	74.3
13.1 Sanitation	1104.34	10066.21	4183.79	14250.00	70.7
19.3 P/W Recreation	149.78	3043.65	1606.35	4650.00	65.5
19.1 Cultural: Library	752.13	18615.96	694.88*	17921.08	103.9
21.1 Misc. Expenses	21.73	11145.89	2854.11	14000.00	79.6
22.1 Council Appropriations	35.00	4604.81	3115.53	7720.34	59.6
22.2 Capital Budget	1000.00	16404.91	4372.09	20777.00	79.0
23.1 Insurance	-	4833.04	4186.35	9019.39	53.6
		<u>366251.65</u>	90222.29	<u>456473.94</u>	80.3

* Over-drawn

<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Disbursements</u> <u>March 1957</u>	<u>3-31-57</u> <u>Cash</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Disbursements</u> <u>To 3-31-57</u>
Towing			383.50
Insurance	8267.28		8267.28
4th of July			3176.21
Special Improvements	<u>2807.60</u>	<u>44553.67</u>	32414.03
Boston Ave. Sidewalk		<u>28075.05</u>	739.25
Exchange			22.00
Halloween			152.51
Escrow			250.00
			<u>411656.43</u>

3-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	14552.16	Special Improvements Account	
3-31-57 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	<u>13522.89</u>	Bal. Citizens Bank 2-28-57	15738.78
	<u>28075.05</u>	Deposits	939.77
Cert. of Deposit	50000.00	Bal. Citizens Bank 3-31-57	<u>16678.55</u>
Total Funds Available	<u>78075.05</u>		

Special Library Building Account		
2-28-57 Bal. Citizens Bank		78.24
No Deposits or Withdrawals		-
3-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank		<u>78.24</u>

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 22, 1957

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Remembered to #55
Clark Treasurer

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell, and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilwoman Monitor corrected the minutes of April 8, 1957 as follows: Under Public Welfare Committee, Item 1, that the words "do Date", be deleted. Councilman Collison corrected Item 16, under Civic Improvements Committee as follows: That Westmoreland be inserted in lieu of "Grant".

Councilman Forehand then moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 8th, 1957, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Financial Statement for the Month of March 1957 was read and is on the preceding pages No. 53 + 54.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Colonel G. A. Ring, 418 Circle Ave., telegram, Forest Park Drainage Project. Referred to the Public Works Committee.
- 1A. Ltr. to Col. Ring, signed by Haynes M. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer, concerning Forest Park Drainage Project. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. J. V. Murphy, 725 Auburn Street, City, destruction of property by ball players. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
3. Mrs. Virginia J. Ryan, #1 Linden Circle, City, request for street light. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
4. Mrs. Lucille Oosterhous & Mrs. Alice E. Sayers, ltr. of thanks for dinner for School Safety Patrols. Referred to Council Files.
5. Karl Edler, Area Supervisor, Recreation Board, P. G. County, withdrawal of supervision at Takoma Park Teenage Program on Wednesday evenings. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
- 5A. Karl Edler, Area Supervisor, Recreation Board, P. G. County, concerning subject mentioned in #5. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. William E. Daugherty, Clerk of Session, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, City, One-way traffic on Maple Avenue. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
7. Raymond Hunter Brown, Minister, Grace Methodist Church of Takoma Park, Zoning Application A-2890. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
8. Joseph M. Knott, Wonder Bread Bakery, request to use carousel at 27 Laurel Ave. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
9. William B. McKinney, Clerk, Montgomery County, Zoning Application No. B-507. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. O. W. Youngblood, 7131 Maple Ave., City, One-way traffic on Maple and Cedar Aves. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
11. C. Douglas Lampe, Spring Park Community Association, Loose pavement on Ethan Allen Ave. at its intersection with Elm Ave. Referred to Public Works Committee.

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12. Petition from Citizens on Maple and Cedar Aves., rescind ordinance of Jan. 1. 1957 concerning the mentioned streets. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.

13. Petition signed by citizens 7200 Block Maple Ave., concerning traffic on Maple Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. C. A. Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue, spoke on the Petition he had submitted with the 72 signatures, concerning the one-way streets of Maple and Cedar Avenues. He stated that at least 60 of the 72 were property owners, and that the remaining 12 probably were too, however, he was not certain. He firmly stated that they would like the streets restored immediately, as stated in the two petitions, and also suggested that several "No Parking" signs should be placed at head of Cedar at Birch, along the curb, as a lot of people don't bother to read one sign, therefore, it is felt that several would be more effective.

Mr. Robert Simonds, 7305 Cedar Avenue, stated that he would like to see Cedar Avenue restored to two-way traffic, for under the present arrangement the speed of cars has increased to such a point, that it has become dangerous. Mr. Simonds spoke in behalf of his neighbor, Mrs. Amelia Burroughs, as being entirely in accord with Mr. Railey's Petitions, and that the recent newspaper statement, that Mrs. Burroughs was soliciting resolutions in the neighborhood, was untrue. Also that he had spoken to a number of people living between the 7200 and 7400 blocks of Cedar Avenue, and that no one wants two-way traffic.

Mayor Miller assured Mr. Simonds that the newspaper article mentioned above did not originate from any member of the City Council, and Mr. Simonds said he knew that, however, that he was just clearing up a misunderstanding which seemed to have developed from it.

Mr. Walter H. McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, stated that he did not sign the above mentioned Petitions, as he did not know enough about the overall picture, however, he felt there was enough interest shown, that should justify reconsideration by the authorities of all factors involved, in the final decision of the streets. He stated that one-way streets did create more traffic, and travel, to get to a particular place, however, if the change to a one-way street does benefit the traffic problem, then people who live in the area should not object, even though they might not like the arrangement.

Mr. Luke J. Bennett, 7211 Maple Avenue, stated he would like to have Maple restored to its original status, as it was quite an inconvenience to some people to have to travel such a round-a-bout way to get to the Banks on Carroll Avenue. Felt it was an injustice.

Mrs. Carrie Braver, 7123 Avenue, stated she is in favor of two-way traffic on Maple Ave., and asked if there would be any change when the Post Office is opened on Maple in the near future, felt that one-way is detrimental to the Post Office.

Mayor Miller stated that when the Post Office is completed, some decision will no doubt be made.

Mr. Charles D. Lampe, 517 Elm Avenue, referred to the Storm Drainage Project on Agenda, stating he was glad to know the project is not considered as completed, as he felt the area in question needed a natural drainage, and hopes that the condition will be improved as soon as possible. Stated the present situation is the result of the work done to present. Mayor Miller assured Mr. Lampe that as soon as the weather permitted, the proper correction would be made.

Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 717 Erie Avenue, spoke on the one-way streets, stating that a change should be made between Valley View and Philadelphia Avenue, permitting two-way traffic as far as Valley View Avenue. Mr. Curtis mentioned he would be leaving the City within the next few weeks, therefore, felt the Council should begin looking for someone to replace him on the Mayor's Advisory Committee, also as Director of Civil Defense. He further stated he appreciated the Council appointing him to these positions, and that he has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Mayor and Council, and hoped there will be an effort made to obtain a more active interest in Civic affairs by a larger number of citizens. He further invited the Mayor and Council to visit him at his new place in the Country.

Mayor Miller expressed the appreciation for the Council and the City of Takoma Park to Mr. Curtis for his fine work and active interest in the affairs of the City. He stated that even though there had been friendly differences of opinion in times past, that it all worked to the ultimate good of the City. Mayor Miller assured those present that any errors made by the officials of the City are surely in judgement and not in intent.

Mr. Railey mentioned the construction work on Carroll Ave. at Maple Avenue, and that 1/10 of the block is in the District, that this situation is bad, as there are large pieces of equipment being left on the street across from the Northwestern Building and Loan Company, also that people are parking their cars by the Building, therefore creating a hazardous condition for cars attempting to travel the area. Suggested that a "No Parking" sign be placed there temporarily, by #6 Precinct of D. C. Police Department to alleviate the situation. Chief Foster was requested to contact the Captain of #6 Precinct on the matter. Mr. Railey further questioned why the District has not been notified as to the traffic conditions created by the One-way Ordinance of Maple Ave. and Cedar Ave. at Carroll Ave.

Councilman Forehand informed Mr. Railey, that the Clerk-Treasurer has written several times to Mr. Keneipp of the District Traffic Board, to check on the situation, and thus far nothing has been done.

Mr. C. M. Kyle, 7416 Cedar Avenue, stated that he likes the one-way street arrangement, even though he signed the two-way Petition, however, that it didn't make any difference to him if the streets are one-way or two-way.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison discussed the request for new street in vicinity of 7801 Allegheny Avenue. Mr. David Weimer, Acting Public Works Supervisor, stated that he had surveyed the area, and that the alley could be cut through with a possible estimated cost of \$300.00. At this point, Mrs. Mary Wyatt, who had requested the work be done, also asked if a light could be placed in the alley, as the area at present is quite dark. This request will be discussed further by the Committee, and reported on at a later date.

2. Councilman Collison requested authority to advertise for bids for the widening of Maple Avenue, according to specifications supplied by the Public Works Department. There was some discussion about widening Maple Avenue all the way to Philadelphia Avenue, which will be considered more in the future, at present, the area in front of the new Post Office Building is most urgent. Councilman Forshee moved that this authority be given, and set time for opening of bids as May 2nd, 1957. Upon being put to question the motion was carried. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated the contract should have a penalty clause in it.

3. Further work will be done on the Storm Drainage Problem - Forest Park area as soon as weather permits. The Paving of Niagara & Ritchie Aves., also the advertising for bids Boston and Dundalk Aves., are still under study.

4. Bids have been received for the Fence on Parking area #8 Columbia, however, the Committee has not had a chance to study them as yet.
5. Councilman Collison inquired of the Clerk-Treasurer if the letter to the School Board had yet been written concerning the Exit Drive at the Takoma Park Elementary School and was informed that it would be written the next day. There is no report at present on the Dirt and Water Damage - Back Lot 6913 Prince George Ave., also Storm Waters 7300 Block of Hancock Avenue.
6. Councilman Collison also stated that \$1,800.00 had been committed in participation in the Houston Kennebec Project - \$800.00 by the Suburban Sanitary Commission and \$1,000.00 by the Park and Planning Commission.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand moved that permission be granted to the Continental Baking Company, to use their carousel at 27 Laurel Avenue on April 25th, 1957, also that Chief of Police Foster block off two of the parking meters in the area, for loading purposes. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Mrs. Virginia Ryan's request for a street light on Linden Circle has been investigated, and Councilman Forehand instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to write PEPCO to make a survey on Linden Circle, and submit the report to the Council.
3. Councilman Forehand also reported on the request of J. V. Murphy, 725 Auburn Ave., concerning destruction of property by baseball players. Upon investigation, along with Chief Foster, they could find no such an address, and upon inquiring around the neighborhood, located no one by that name, also there were no children playing in the street at the time.
4. Councilman Forehand moved that the Ordinance concerning the one-way streets on Maple and Cedar Avenues be continued until after construction on the street was finished. At this point, Corporation Counsel Gingerich pointed out that legally a definite time limit would have to be placed in adopting such an Ordinance, or make the Ordinance permanent, and even though it might be made permanent it could be rescinded at a future time. Councilman Collison amended the above motion that Cedar be restored to its original status prior to the passing of Ordinance No. 1419, however, this amendment failed due to lack of second. Mr. Railey spoke at this time, opposing such an Ordinance, also asking Mr. Gingerich if he had read the two Petitions that he had submitted earlier. Mr. Gingerich said not, as he had arrived late, therefore, Mayor Miller briefed him on the Contents, however, Mr. Gingerich stated he was not disputing the Petitions, merely he was clearing up the matter of the time limit of such a proposed Ordinance, in order to make it more legal. After this discussion the above mentioned motion was dropped for lack of support. Councilman Forshee spoke at length on the one-way street situation, stating he felt the Council should try out some of the other suggestion submitted, rather than leaving the street in its present status. This brought a murmur of approval from the citizens present. Councilman Forshee stated that to make the Ordinance permanent had an air of finality. Councilman Kozel stated that the present arrangement had been established upon request of citizens to alleviate the traffic congestion on Maple and Cedar Avenues, therefore, he felt it wise to establish a definite viewpoint on the situation. Therefore, Councilman Forehand moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1439

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1419 governing the ONE-WAY
traffic on MAPLE and CEDAR Avenues, adopted by the Mayor and

City Council on November 26, 1956, be made PERMANENT this date, April 22nd, 1957.

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

Councilman Collison supported the preceding statements by Councilman Forshee, and at this time Councilman Sidell, stated he was in favor of putting Cedar back to two-way, with restricted parking during rush hours. He was also in favor of widening Maple Avenue at City expense.

5. Councilman Forehand moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Police Manual prepared by Police Chief Foster. However, Councilman Kozel and Forshee stated they had not inspected the Manual as yet, due to having no copy, therefore, Councilman Forehand withdrew his original motion until further study could be made by all Councilmen.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Sidell stated that the complaint concerning ash collection at 6613 Allegheny Avenue has been taken care of by the Sanitation Department.
- 2. A report was made that a letter has been received from the State Road Commission in reply to Mr. Remsen's letter, stating that S.R.C. will not participate in the cost of the curb project in front of High's and Hubbard's.
- 3. Councilman Sidell reported on the Clean-up Campaign in the City, at the present time, and that the trash-pick-up by the City trucks will take place on April 24th.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman McKenzie reported that Mr. Ferry had answered the request for information on Housing Ordinances - Slum Areas - Wheeling, W. Va.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the request by Hillwood Manor Recreation Council, concerning Spring Recreation Program Funds, that there is money in budget available, therefore, Councilwoman Monitor moved an appropriation of \$100.00 to assist them in their Recreation Program. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
- 2. Councilwoman Monitor reported that she had spoken to Lee Jordan concerning his request for a suitable building for their teenage recreation program. Councilwoman Monitor asked Corporation Counsel Gingerich to speak to the School Board Attorney in an attempt to obtain use of the abandoned school building on the property, for this project. Councilwoman Monitor said they investigated the building and should it be obtained, would need considerable work done to it, such as cleaning, paint, broken windows replaced and heat at a later date. However, Mr. Jordan had stated that if the City could furnish some of the materials, he would furnish the men to complete the job. This matter will be further investigated by the Committee.
- 3. Councilwoman Monitor stated that Dean Deyo of Montgomery Junior College has given permission for use of the restrooms of the School, in the Washington Park Area. The matter of a telephone is still pending, awaiting report from the telephone company.
- 4. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the teenagers, from the Teen Club, were out painting the curbs yellow this past weekend, under supervision of Officer Capozzi of the Police Department, also that they would like to work at the project another day during their Easter vacation. Interesting pictures were circulated showing the youngsters at work.

5. Councilwoman Monitor reported on progress at Heffner Park, that Public Works Department have moved its supplies and that some work had been started on the embankment, to help hold it back, and as soon as heavy equipment could be moved in the job would be completed. She also mentioned that there were quite a few parks in the City that are rarely mentioned, and that considerable work is being done in these areas, such as pansie beds and trees planted. Also that Mr. Gustafson had mentioned to Councilwoman Monitor that the meeting held with the Recreation Committee on April 4th, was quite successful, and that quite a few suggestions had been received concerning the summer recreation program. She also mentioned that Prince George's County may discontinue their program in Spring Park.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel reported that Zoning Petition No. A-2940 hearing was held this past Wednesday, at which time no decision was made by the County Council, and that they are continuing the hearing. The attorney for the Petitioners will meet with property owners in the area to try to work out a suitable arrangement, with a buffer strip, with a small section on Ann Street as buffer strip of apartments. As of this past Friday no decision had been made.
2. Councilman Kozel reported on Zoning Petition A-2890, that correspondence had been received from Reverend Brown, Grace Methodist Church on this zoning petition. This is evidently to be re-appealed, however, that Mr. Pridgen, the Clerk-Treasurer had written the County Commissioners, informing them that the Council still goes on record as having recommended denial of this petition, as previously stated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for authorization, the payment of bills in the amount of \$23,158.00 for the month of March. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forshee mentioned that \$13,000 of this amount was in payment of the Houston-Kennebec Project.
2. Councilman Forshee informed the Council that the General Funds were in need of replenishing, because of monies expended on Special Improvements, therefore, Councilman Forshee moved that the Clerk-Treasurer advertise for Bids for a Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of \$50,000.00, Bids to be in by May 9th. Councilman Collison seconded the motion, after being put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilman Forshee asked the cooperation of the Council, and all Department Heads, concerning the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, stating that it would, be close, however, could be worked out with the cooperation of all.
4. Councilman Forshee announced that the proposed 1957/1958 proposed Budget hearing has been set for May 29th, in order that the Budget might be adopted by the last Council Meeting in May, and also requested that all Council Members attend the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for April 29th, to again review the proposed budget.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Collison moved the meeting adjourn. Upon being seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

James M. Pridgen
Clerk-Treasurer