

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 8, 1957

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:45 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor, Corporation Counsel Gingerich, Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen and Public Works Assistant Weimer. Absent: Councilman Collison and Kozel.

Mayor Miller stated that the Press had been notified, and that the purpose of the Meeting was to consider the widening of Maple Avenue, and the case of Elsie Hovey vs City of Takoma Park. Mayor Miller requested Councilman Sidell to report in the absence of Councilman Collison, on the Public Works Committee project concerning the widening of Maple Avenue, also that Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee would report on the injury claim of Elsie Hovey against the City.

In accordance with action of the Council to advertise for bids on the proposed widening of Maple Avenue, in accordance with specifications and plans known as Job P. W. 57-3, four bids had been received and opened at 4:00 p.m., May 2nd, 1957. Councilman Sidell stated that all bids had been carefully considered and moved the adoption of the following: Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1440

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

Section 1. THAT in the public interest and welfare MAPLE AVENUE be widened from the DISTRICT Line to EAST-WEST Highway at PHILADELPHIA AVENUE on the NORTHWEST side and on the SOUTHEAST side from the DISTRICT Line to the NORTHEAST side of driveway now in place serving Lot 3, Block 3, Block 3, B.F.G. Subdivision, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications titled JOB P. W. 57-3 "PROPOSED WIDENING OF MAPLE AVENUE".

Section 2. AND THAT the contract for such widening be awarded to CONTEE SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY INC., of Laurel, Maryland, in accordance with their LOW BID #3 in the principal sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$17,616.85).

Section 3. THAT THEREFORE the Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to contract with CONTEE SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY INC., upon receipt of proper Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificates of Insurance and to make payments from the Reserve Fund, upon job progression in accordance with Specifications.

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to negotiate with Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the adjustment and/or relocation of it's facilities in the affected area.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Collison and Councilman Kozel.

Councilman McKenzie reported that Corporation Counsel Gingerich, for the City of Takoma Park, had been successful in the settlement of the claim against the City by Elsie Hovey, in the sum of three thousand dollars, one-half of which was to be paid by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, inasmuch as that corporation is also involved in the litigation. Councilman McKenzie moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1441

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

Section 1. THAT the CLERK-TREASURER be hereby authorized to pay in the amount of ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS to Elsie Hovey, H. Alguire McPaul and Ralph G. Shure, her Attorneys, as full and final settlement of the claim against the City of Takoma Park, for personal injuries sustained by Elsie Hovey, by falling on a City sidewalk.

Section 2. AND THAT such payment above authorized be made from the Reserve Fund.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Collison and Councilman Kozel.

Mayor Miller mentioned the fact that Judge Anderson had not yet signed the decree, and asked Corporation Counsel Gingerich if he could ethically and properly speak to the Judge as to the date he expects to sign. Corporation Counsel Gingerich replied he would see what he could do.

Councilman McKenzie stated that it was his understanding that there are now two Justices' of the Peace, for Prince George's County, in the City, Mr. Harlan Frey of 214 Spring Avenue, having been appointed recently. Councilman McKenzie assured those present that the Law and Ordinances Committee would investigate the matter further.

Councilman Forshee reported that if there were no objections the Proposed Budget would be mailed to the Civic Associations this week, and that the Public Hearing on the Budget would be set for May 29th, 8 p.m. at the Municipal Gymnasium in the Fire House.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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George M. Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Ridgway
Clerk-Treasurer

Ordinance

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 13, 1957

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

Councilwoman Monitor corrected the minutes of April 22, 1957 as follows: Parks and Recreation Committee, Item 5, after first sentence, comma and "also work being done at Forest Park" inserted.

Councilman Kozel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 22, 1957, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

The Financial Statement for the Month of April 1957 was read as follows:

	Cash	Total	Budget	1956-57	Per-
Revenues	Balance	Revenues	Available	Total	tage
April 1957	4-30-57	To 4-31-57	To 6-30-57	Budget	Rev. To
					Budget
3-31-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	14552.16				
3-31-57 Bal. Sub. Tr. Bank	13522.89				
4-30-57 Bal. Both Banks	28075.05				
					This month's Percentage Figure: 83 1/3
<u>Revenues</u>					
1. Taxes: General	10864.67	435208.91	3087.31*	432121.60	100.7
1. Int. & Penalties	107.25	2819.13	2219.13*	600.00	469.8
2. Licenses & Permits	464.73	19961.10	3788.90	23750.00	84.0
3. Fines & Forfeitures	108.80	752.80	1347.20	2100.00	35.8
4. Use of Money & Property	576.25	1116.25	576.25*	540.00	206.7
5. Revenues: Other Sources	45.50	34085.51	2035.51*	32050.00	106.3
6. Service Charges	177.00	1560.50	939.50	2500.00	62.4
Rm. & Apt. Reg.	127.00	8512.00	1615.70*	6896.30	123.4
Certificate of Deposit	50000.00	504016.20	3458.30*	500557.90	100.7
Towing	68.50	438.00			
Prepaid Insurance	179.82	1354.55			
Exchange		22.00			
Escrow		475.00			
Credits	42.50				
Canteen	5.91	62767.93	35.72		
		90842.98	506341.47		
<u>Disbursements</u>					
10.1 Clerk's Office	2361.95	27684.31	9190.69	36875.00	75.1
11.812 Govt. Bldgs.	620.31	5693.28	133.28*	5560.00	102.4
10.10012 P/W Repair Shop	1350.81	16694.71	3944.71*	12750.00	130.8
11.1 Police Department	8108.83	85156.93	13534.07	98691.00	86.3
11.2 Fire Department	4968.41	57426.11	6686.89	64113.00	89.6
11.3 Protective Inspection	413.05	4452.52	2443.78	6896.30	64.6
12.1 P/W Office	2889.59	29353.68	4846.32	34200.00	85.8
12.2 P/W General	8140.19	85429.44	5892.36	91321.80	93.6
12.2 P/W Highway	109.25	2538.18	709.15*	1829.03	138.8
12.4 P/W Highway Lighting	1375.18	13403.09	2796.91	16200.00	82.7
13.1 P/W Sanitation	909.59	10975.80	3274.20	14250.00	77.1
19.3 P/W Recreation	145.95	3189.60	1460.40	4650.00	68.6
19. Cultural: Library	-	18615.96	694.88*	17921.08	103.9

* Over-estimate

21. Miscellaneous Expense	3588.38	14734.27	734.27*	14000.00	105.2
22. Council Appropriations	35.00	4639.81	3080.53	7720.34	60.1
22.2 Capital Budget	15679.23	32084.14	3692.86	35777.00	89.7
23.1 Insurance	-	4833.04	4186.35	9019.39	53.6
		<u>416904.87</u>	<u>54869.07</u>	<u>471773.94</u>	<u>88.4</u>
Towing	47.50	431.00			
4th of July	-	3176.21			
Special Improvements	12920.57	45334.60			
Prepaid Insurance	-	8267.28			
Escrow	100.00	350.00			
Boston Ave. & Sidewalk	-	739.25		* Over-drawn	
Exchange	-	22.00			
Halloween	-	63763.79	152.51		
		<u>27079.19</u>	<u>475377.72</u>		

4-30-57 Bal. Citizens Bank	27056.30
4-30-57 Bal. Sub. Tr. Co.	22.89
4-30-57 Bal. Both Banks	<u>27079.19</u>

Special Library Building Account	
3-31-57 Bal. Citz. Bank	78.24
Withdrawals	60.00
4-30-57 Bal. Citz. Bank	<u>18.24</u>

Special Improvement Account	
Bal. Citizens Bank 3-31-57	16678.55
Withdrawals	3282.50
	<u>13396.05</u>
Deposits	
Bal. Citizens Bank 4-30-57	<u>144.08</u>
	13540.13

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. William B. McKinney, Clerk County Council for Montgomery County Maryland, Approval of Application No. B-523, R-60 to R-20 Zone, Lot 27, Block 54, BFG Sub-division, Bess Ninaj, Applicant, Opinion and Resolution on Application. Referred to Council File.
2. William L. Montgomery, Assistant Pastor, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Apology for absence at Council Meeting for Invocation. Referred to Council File.
3. John P. Callahan, Vice Pres., Carole Highlands-Hillwood Manor Recreation Council, appreciation for Recreation Fund participation. Referred to Council File.
4. F. T. Hauser, Anchor Post Products, Inc., Fencing for Impounding Lot, Rear Lots 15 & 16, Block 18, B. F. G., Subdivision. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Ernest J. Umberger, Pres., North Takoma Citizens Association, North Takoma Storm Drainage Project. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. M. E. Fagerstrom, Pres., Takoma Park Md-DC Chamber of Commerce, Bus Stop Park Benches. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
7. Dr. John Bata & Family & Mr. & Mrs. H. R. House & Family, card of appreciation. Referred to Police File.
8. James R. Maddy, Chief Project Services, United States Atomic Energy Commission, request for City Questionnaire and statistics. Referred to Clerk-Treasurer for reply.
9. Geo. E. Keneipp, Director of Vehicles and Traffic, Washington, D. C., One-way streets, Maple and Cedar Avenues. Referred to Public Safety File.
10. Francis J. Garner, Garner Insurance Agency, Commendation of Lt. S. J. LaScola of Fire Department, and Capt. E. W. Cissel and Det. Sgt. Russell Merson of the Police Department, on recent Arson Case. Personnel Files.

11. Howard Baker, Chairman, Building & Grounds Committee, Takoma Park Elementary School PTA, Exit drive from Takoma Park Elementary School. Referred to Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Committees.
12. Taxpayer, concerning roaming dogs. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
13. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, City., concerning Cedar and Maple Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
14. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, City, sale of fireworks, District of Columbia. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Miller gave an extensive report on the Anniversary Celebration of the Washington Sanitarium, which he attended on Sunday, May 12th. The Mayor stated that it certainly is a pleasure and a benefit to the Community to have a top-rated hospital such as the Washington Sanitarium in this locality. The Mayor stated that he had spoken a few words at the celebration and commended those in charge of the program on the fine job they had done to make it such a success.

After a meeting with representatives of the Park and Planning Commission and City officials on May 13th, concerning an extensive survey to be made of the City of Takoma Park with regard to the revision of the 1952 zoning plan and highway changes, a suggested joint statement in behalf of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the City of Takoma Park was read by Mayor Miller. At this time, Mayor Miller presented copies of this joint statement to the Press Members present at the meeting, requesting them not to publish these statements until Thursday, May 16th. The Mayor also stated that as soon as this plan has been submitted to the Council by Park and Planning, the Council will make every effort to cooperate, as it is felt the City should have a definite plan. Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation to Mr. Burrage, Mr. Hewins and Mr. J. Bond Smith for their cooperation in this matter.

OPEN MEETING:

Corporal Wilfred R. Ringer spoke regarding the traffic conditions in connection with the School Safety Program. He stated that he had worked for sometime as Police Safety Coordinator in the City, also working with Lt. Charles Seek of the Montgomery County Police Department. Corporal Ringer stated the present sign system used in the School Traffic Program is a dangerous hazard, as many of the schools are located at the crest of a hill, or just over the hill, therefore, the only indication of a school, is the sign placed in the center of the street, which often is ignored by the motorist, and quite frequently struck by passing cars. Corporal Ringer also stated that he has stopped many motorists for traveling too fast, and 60 per cent of them claim they didn't see the signs. It was also mentioned that the present arrangement requires considerable man hours to place the signs, therefore, Chief Foster, Lt. Seek and Corporal Ringer had discussed the matter and determined that too much manpower would be required to remove and replace the signs at various times during the day. Corporal Ringer further stated that because the signs are in position during the entire school day, they become ineffective and motorists often ignore them. Corporal Ringer brought these facts to the attention of the Mayor and Council and Citizens present, in order to introduce a light system he felt would be an excellent solution to the present situation. The light system was displayed for those present, of blinker type, designed by Kenneth W. Smith of Alexandria, Va., about 11 yrs. ago. This particular system is fully used by Alexandria, several cities in the South, including Florida, and is now being adopted in some Western States. The blinker-light works automatically, being set for hours needed, and would be placed at right approaches to school, working much the same as a caution light, which has proved extremely effective in slowing down traffic. Corporal Ringer further pointed out that the lights are being adopted in the State of Virginia on July 1st, and he would

very much like Takoma Park to be the first City in Maryland to adopt them. The quoted cost per unit would be approximately \$140.80, supplied by Wink-O-Matic Co., with about eight needed in the City. Corporal Ringer, stated that Lt. Charles Seek had worked with him on this School Safety Program, and that he is one of the finest men he had ever worked with, also that Lt. Seek was present to say a few words supporting his request.

Lt. Seek endorsed Corporal Ringer's statements whole-heartedly, also that he is very much in favor of slowing down traffic in school vicinities, and said very definitely that the blinker-light system displayed to the Mayor and Council, and Citizens present, would be much safer for the children.

Mrs. Florence Valentine, 6920 New Hampshire Avenue, City, heartily endorsed the light system suggested by Corporal Ringer, and Lt. Seek. Mrs. Valentine is a Crossing Guard, and stated that numerous times she has had to leave her post and pick up the school signs knocked over by a motorist, who failed to stop.

Mrs. Frances H. Goode, 909 Glaizewood Ave., City a Prince George's County Crossing Guard, also stated that the blinker-light system would be most effective, and that motorists would certainly observe it more closely, than the present arrangement of signs.

Councilman Forehand thanked Corporal Ringer and Lt. Seek for presenting their views on the blinker-light system, and assured the officers that he would consult with members of his committee, and attempt to work out a solution to the problem.

An interested citizen stated that Corporal Ringer and Lt. Seek should certainly be commended on the efforts they have put forth in their attempts to make the City of Takoma Park a safer place for children to live.

Mayor Miller thanked the Officers, also Mrs. Goode, and Mrs. Valentine for coming to the meeting and supporting the officers in their fine endeavor.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel reported that the reconsideration of rezoning from R-55 to C-1 of 3.865 acres at Intersection of Ann Street and University Lane could be removed from Agenda, as the County has approved this Application with provisions for a buffer strip, also that the rezoning of No. 8 Philadelphia Avenue, Zoning Application No. B-507, is under consideration, and that Attorney Ralph Shure would like to set up a meeting in the future, however, as the application is not due to come up for a month or two, a meeting was not yet scheduled. Councilman Kozel said that this situation may be resolved with the new zoning plan under consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In the absence of Councilman Collison, who is out of the City, Councilman Sidell, Vice Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported:

1. That the Bid for the widening of Maple Avenue has been let to the Contee Sand and Gravel Company of Laurel, Md. This decision was made at a meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council on May 8th, at which time they voted to accept the Low Bid of \$17,616.85. The widening will cover West Side from D. C. Line to Philadelphia Avenue, and on East Side from D. C. Line to end of post office lot. It was stated that the insurance papers covering the job would be available within the next few days, and that the first block by the Post Office would be done in 20 days, and the overall widening in 45 days.

2. Councilman Sidell moved that the request of the Takoma Park-Langley Junior Chamber of Commerce be granted use of the Stake-body truck owned by the Public Works Department, for use in constructing the float they will present in the 4th of July celebration. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilman Sidell reported that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had approved the Storm Drainage Project at Houston and Kennebec Avenues.
4. Councilman Sidell reported on the request by Mrs. Mary Wyatt, to provide a street entrance to her home, 7801 Allegheny Avenue. The Public Works Department has investigated the possibility and will proceed with putting the alley off of Elm Avenue in shape to permit access to her property, also that the Clerk-Treasurer has written PEPCO about suitable lighting in the alley.
5. At this point Mrs. Florence Valentine, 6920 New Hampshire Ave., mentioned the loose pavement on Ethan Allen Ave. at its Intersection with Elm Ave., that it had been nicely repaired, however, a good deal of tar had been used, and created quite a sticky area. As she is a Crossing Guard at this point, it necessitates her standing in the tar a great deal, and she stated she would appreciate it if the City would remedy the situation, as oftentimes her shoes get stuck in the tar.

Mayor Miller requested that Councilman Sidell call on Mr. Reid N. Painter as he would like to discuss a situation with him.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that his committee had discussed considerably the Discount and Penalties on 1/2 and 3/4 year tax levy bills, and that they would present a decision by the 1st of June, in time for next year's taxes.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the question of zoning laws under jurisdiction of the City, as listed on the Agenda would undoubtedly be answered when the Park and Planning Commission submits its survey. A similar statement was issued by Councilman Kozel, Chairman Civic Improvements Committee, and Councilman Sidell in his report of the Public Works Committee.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell said to remove from the Agenda the petition for a sidewalk-Garland Ave. at Trescott Ave. as the property owner agreed verbally to assume the cost. Councilman Sidell stated that the sidewalk in question was a continuation of the sidewalk on Garland Ave., including the driveway, and since only a single property is involved the Committee felt the owner could do one of two things: (1) that the City will do the work on assessed basis of \$155.00; (2) or the owner contract the job direct, provided it is according to City specifications and a permit is obtained. Councilman Sidell requested that the Clerk-Treasurer inform the owner of the Committee's decision, and offer the three-year-payment plan if the City does the work.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand reported that he had received the PEPCO survey on street lighting of Maple Avenue this date, however, the Committee has not had the opportunity to look it over as yet, however, it is expected a report will be ready by the next meeting.
2. Councilman Forehand reported that the Clerk-Treasurer had written to PEPCO concerning a survey of the street lighting on Linden Circle, however, no report has been received as yet.

3. Councilman Forehand moved that the Council approve payment to Baron DeKalb of the Takoma Park Fire Department the sum of \$13.50, for emergency repair work to the clutch of one of the vehicles of the Fire Department. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Forehand stated that at the previous meeting he had requested the Council Members study the Police Manual prepared by Chief of Police Foster, and further moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Police Manual to be used in the Takoma Park Police Department. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forshee commended Chief Foster on the fine job he did in compiling the Manual, and that it is a credit to the Police Department. Mayor Miller asked the Chief to furnish a copy to the Press.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported on the two bids received for the Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of \$50,000.00; (1) Citizens Bank of Takoma Park, Interest Rate of 2 7/8%; (2) Suburban Trust Company, Interest Rate of 2.40%; therefore, Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1442

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

Section 1. THAT by virtue of the authority vested in the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland under Section 1426(b) of the City Charter, printed 1953, also known as Section 104.8 of the Montgomery County Code (1950), the said Council hereby directs that the City of Takoma Park shall borrow, under the authority so vested, the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of replenishing the General Fund for monies expended on Special Improvements until such time as projects are finally completed and Special Assessments may be levied and Certificates of Indebtedness for such be issued.

Section 2. AND THAT a "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" had been inserted in The Maryland News in each of two successive weeks, April 26th, 1957 and May 3rd, 1957, reading as follows: "In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter and in accordance with the motion duly passed by the Mayor and City Council on April 22nd, 1957, the City of Takoma Park will issue one Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of \$50,000.00 dated May 15th, 1957 to be paid on or before May 15th, 1958, for the purpose of replenishing the General Funds of the City for Assessable Special Improvements, such Special Assessments to be levied and Certificates of Indebtedness issued when projects are completed. Sealed bids in writing on this Certificate of Indebtedness indicating the rate of interest to be charged will be received in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer until 4:00 P.M., Thursday, May 9th, 1957. Haynes M. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer".

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT bids were received from (1) The Citizens Bank of Takoma Park quoting an interest rate of 2 7/8% per annum; (2) Suburban Trust Company quoting an interest rate of 2.40% per annum.

Section 4. THEREFORE THAT the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer are authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Indebtedness to bear date of May 15th, 1957, payable on or before May 15th, 1958 in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) with interest at the rate of 2.40% per annum in the following form:

United States of America
State of Maryland
CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS
Issue of 1957

No. 1 of 1957
\$50,000.00

Takoma Park, Maryland

The City of Takoma Park, a Body Politic and Corporate, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, does hereby certify that it is indebted to the bearer hereof, or if registered otherwise than to bearer, then to the registered holder hereof in the sum of Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), which said sum it promises to pay to the bearer, or to the registered holder, as the case may be, on or before the 15th day of May 1958, together with interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of 2.40 per centum per annum, payable on or before May 15th, 1958.

Both the principal and interest of this Certificate of Indebtedness are payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the Citizens Bank of Takoma Park, Maryland, Carroll and Laurel Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is issued pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly of Maryland.

Said Certificate of Indebtedness is also issued in accordance with Ordinance Number 1442 duly passed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park on the 13th day of May, 1957.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland and the full faith and credit of the Mayor and Council and of the City of Takoma Park is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the same and of the interest to accrue hereon.

This Certificate of Indebtedness may be registered both as to principal and interest in the owner's name on the Registration Books kept at the office of the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park at 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

It is hereby certified and recited that all Acts, conditions and things required to happen, exist and be performed, exist and have been performed in due time, form, and manner as required by the laws and Constitution of Maryland and the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, and that together with all other obligations of the City of Takoma Park issued and outstanding under the provisions of its Charter, the total of such obligations do not exceed the total amount authorized by law.

In Testimony Whereof, the Council of the City of Takoma Park, acting for and in behalf of said City, has caused this Certificate to be signed by its Mayor, its Corporate Seal to be affixed hereto, attested by its Clerk, this 15th day of May, A.D., 1957.

The City of Takoma Park
BY: George M. Miller
ATTESTED: Raymond [Signature] Mayor
[Signature] Clerk-Treasurer

Upon being seconded by Councilman Kozel the Ordinance was passed with a Roll Call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Collison.

2. Councilman Forshee announced that the Proposed Budget had been prepared, and sent out to various organizations, with notice of the Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 29th. At this time Councilman Forehand requested that Chief Foster and Chief Carter be on hand to explain their departments' budget.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that all necessary preparation had been made to purchase spigots for the Park water fountains, therefore, moved that four (4) hydrants be placed, with necessary spigots, at the cost of \$426.80, amount to be taken out of Park Supplies Account (A,C 12.202B). Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion carried with (4) yeas, (2) Abstained from voting. Mr. David Weimer, Acting Public Works Supervisor reported that the job could be completed in about a week's time.
2. Councilwoman Monitor stated that she had received a request from PEPCO to move a light pole in Spring Park, and to string wire across street to Poplar Avenue, therefore, moved that the Mayor and Council grant this request. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the request of Lee Jordan: There had been discussion at the previous Council meeting concerning the empty school building, and that Corporation Counsel Gingerich had spoken with the School Board Attorney concerning the use of this building, and reported that the School Board may consider exchanging the building for the Baseball Lot next to the school. The Committee felt this was not a fair exchange, as the building is valued at about \$3,500 and the land \$10,000. The matter is pending.
4. Councilwoman Monitor informed Mayor Miller that the bump will be removed from the Ball Diamond.
5. Councilwoman Monitor reported that Radio Station WGAY has changed it's set up on programs, therefore, there is no longer time available for Takoma News broadcasting. She stated that Chuck Dulane had thanked Mrs. Etta Davis for the fine job she has done during the time she broadcasted for the City, also that a letter should be written to Mr. Dulane thanking him for the assistance given to Mrs. Davis and the City. Councilman McKenzie stated that the Committee should get together and adopt some method to keep the citizens informed on activities here in the City.
6. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Teen Club again painted curbs in the City the past two Saturdays, and requested that a letter be sent the Teen Club thanking them for their efforts. In this same connection, Mayor Miller requested the Clerk-Treasurer obtain the names of the Teenagers that participated in the campaign and issue each a Certificate of Appreciation, which he would sign.
7. Councilwoman Monitor reported on a meeting held with Mrs. Vera Hash, and Mrs. Ellen Linson, concerning recreation programs in the Park Areas. Forest Park will be supported, also hope to support Hampshire Greens, also Sligo Terrace, however, Spring Park was dropped.
8. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the Foreign Exchange Students that will visit the City on July 16 or 17th, that Mrs. Vance Tribbett would again take charge. It was also mentioned that the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church would sponsor one bus load. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the City sponsor two bus loads of students. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller requested Councilman Kozel to contact the Ministers in the area about sponsoring the students, if necessary, to which he agreed.

Chief of Police Samuel A. Foster reported that seventeen juveniles had been apprehended removing gas from Public Works Trucks. Mr. Dave Weimer further reported that locks had been placed previously on the gas caps, however, the locks had been broken.

Lt. Steven LaScola thanked the Mayor and Council for making it possible for him to attend the Arson School at Purdue University recently. Lt. LaScola further stated that he had obtained several excellent pointers in Fire Protection tactics, one especially, presented by Mr. Martin Scott, Fire Marshal in New York City, which enabled him to detect a youngster involved in a fire this past week.

Councilman Forehand requested Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to draft a letter of commendation to Lt. LaScola, Captain Cissel and Det. Sgt. Merson for their fine detection performance in the Ira Carter Arson Case.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Forshee moved the meeting adjourn. Upon being seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

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George M. Miller

Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen

Clerk-Treasurer

BUDGET HEARING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 29, 1957

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 8:15 p.m. Those present: Mayor Miller, Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell, and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilman Forehand.

Councilman Forshee welcomed all citizens present, also inviting them to attend the City Council Meetings held each second and fourth Mondays of each Month. He thanked all those responsible for the part they took in the preparation of the Proposed Budget for 1957-58, especially the Department Heads who prepared the budget for their particular departments. He made summary statements concerning the Budget and suggested that discussions be confined to a particular section at a time, and that it be started at the Revenue portion.

Mr. Sydney Tymeson asked that Account 2.31 Share Auto Tag Fees be explained, as to why it is lower than last year.

Mr. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer, explained that this year only \$14,000.00 had been collected up to the present time, and that the estimated figure for this next year is based on that figure. Also that the months of November through May, are rather static months, therefore, little Revenue is derived during this time.

Mr. Tymeson asked that Account 1.391 Bank Share Tax, be explained.

Mr. Pridgen, stated that the Bank Share Tax is based on \$100.00 valuation of financial share holdings by City residents, and that the figures are supplied by the Counties. Too, that the estimated collection for this year has thus far exceeded last year.

Mrs. Vera Hash questioned the Auto Tax Fee, Account 2.31, wondering if the City is collecting all the tax that is due them, and suggested some method of audit be used.

Mr. Pridgen stated that the City previously has had an individual who checks the records of the County, to find out if the City is collecting all due them, however, it was recently learned that the Counties use their own figures and a list of street numbers only are necessary.

Mr. Robert Mandel asked the difference between Account 2.23 Traders Licenses, and Account 2.24 Occupational Licenses.

Mr. Pridgen stated that the Traders Licenses are issued by the Clerks of Court of both Counties, at Rockville and Upper Marlboro, with the Clerk of Court later remitting to the City, whereas the Occupational Licenses (Canvassers, Hucksters, etc.) are issued directly from the City Office.

Mr. Tymeson asked three questions as follows:

(1) Account 1.21 Penalties and Interests, why it should go up?

Mr. Pridgen stated that the City had a rather heavy delinquent tax list this past year, however, we do not anticipate more than \$4,000.00 tax carry over on June 10. That the City has collected most of Prince George's delinquent taxes already, altho there is between four or five thousand dollars outstanding on Montgomery County as yet.

(2) Mr. Tymeson, concerning the Sale of Impounded Property, Account 4.91, is it due to Policemen's efficiency or to salesmanship ability?

Mr. Pridgen stated that there is somewhat of a double situation involved. Due to the fact that the Police Department is bringing in more cars, also other items of equipment than they have brought in during previous years, the Revenue derived from the sale of this impounded property is higher than in previous years, and also, more publicity has been given to the Public Auction, thereby creating more competitive bidding.

(3) That Account 5.0 Revenue from Other Agencies be explained.

Mr. Pridgen explained that some of the items that were on the previous year's budget, are placed in a different account number.

Mr. Tymeson also questioned Account 6.21 Protective Inspection, however, was informed that questions of this nature should be held up and discussed in their proper order in the Budget.

Mr. Phelps asked how the Library Tax is computed.

Mr. Pridgen stated that this tax in the Revenue section is contributed by Montgomery County and is based on the assessable valuation within the City.

Mr. Edwin S. Turner asked if this was the maximum amount that could be obtained from the County?

Mr. Pridgen told Mr. Turner that to the best of his knowledge it is.

Mr. Turner further stated that at a recent meeting of the Library Association, considerable discussion was held on Revenue that might be received from the City, altho he assumed that no one had approached the City as yet, from the Library Association.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council has had one meeting with the Finance Committee of the Library, and will have subsequent meetings with the Library. Also, that the Council has tried to be conservative in their figures.

Mr. Derato questioned the \$30,000.00 balance due on trucks, also Widening of Maple Avenue, and was told that the Certificates of Indebtedness on trucks have been paid off and it is expected that the Maple Avenue widening will be paid off this year.

Mr. Herbert Smith quoted a statement by Mrs. Gratia Woods, President of the Community League, that the Community League believes that the Legal Reserve Item should be cut from 10% to 5% for the Reserve Fund, therefore, that an amendment to the Charter be voted on.

Councilman Forshee asked Mr. Smith that this request be submitted to the Mayor and Council in writing.

Mr. Walter McClenon, asked why Account 10.132 Mayor and Council Expense has increased \$340 over last year.

Mr. Pridgen told Mr. McClenon, that this Account 10.132 covered expenses, such as conventions, flowers, etc., and due to the rising costs, the previous amount did not cover expenses.

Mr. McClenon also asked about Account 10.592 Municipal Code, stating that this work had begun about four years ago, and asked when it would be completed.

Mr. Pridgen informed Mr. McClenon, that the Lawyer handling this had completed his work, and that the City office had the Codification ready for binding, and that it would be sent to the various Officials and Citizens Associations for their study and further recommendations in the very near future.

Mr. Turner questioned the Capital Outlay of the City, stating he thought the Council is walking into a trap, if they were attempting to complete all the items listed this next year.

Mayor Miller explained to Mr. Turner, that the Council felt that this Capital Outlay summary is a much needed statement to the Budget, as all the items listed are needed eventually by the various Departments, however, due to the fine operation of the Departments, they will not attempt to accomplish all these items next year, however, plan to consider them in order of greatest need.

Mr. Turner stated that the Council should be realistic and face the issue and that the items listed should be allowed for, however, Mayor Miller told those present, that the Mayor and Council will attempt to do some of the things listed in the Capital Outlay, however, the Council feels that major items, such as moving of Public Works Department, will have to be done on an installment basis. Also, that a majority of the minor improvements would be taken care of by Legal Reserve, possibly 25%, to come out of Legal Reserve. The Mayor further stated that he would like to see Legal Reserve changed and to lay aside 25% of Legal Reserve to cover Capital Outlay Items in a sinking fund.

Councilman Collison stated that possibly some of the lesser items should be put in the budget, however, beginning at this stage, and looking ahead to the next year, it is hard to say what will actually be most greatly needed three to six months from now.

Mr. McClenon mentioned a Sinking Fund, previously mentioned by Mr. Tymeson, and was told by Councilman Forshee that an investigation is being made in an attempt to come up with a proposal, as to how a Sinking Fund could be included in the Budget.

Mr. Tymeson stated that any questions he might have are not in the form of criticism, for in having served on the Council previously, he thought the present Council is doing a tremendous job in administering obligations. He felt it might help if the Council wouldn't hold over obligations, however, in order to be fair to the citizens, the Council has placed considerable items in the Capital Outlay statement.

Councilman Kozel pointed out, at this time, that the present City Charter does allow a Sinking Fund, however, does limit the amount, and stated that this should be amended in order to increase the amount desired.

Mr. Smith stated that the Community League felt that Takoma Park should have some type of newspaper, to come under Account 10.9 Community Promotion.

Mr. Mandel referring to Page 16 Capital Outlay Items, if it is necessary to place items together, concerning large and small items. Stated this is good, but suggested that this list be broken down into two parts, second part being Council Deferred Items.

Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works, explained to Mr. Mandel that all the items listed on Capital Outlay are all old items, with the exception of the proposed new Public Works Building, and that the purpose of the Capital Outlay List is that it was felt that the larger items should be spread out over a period of years.

Mr. Tymeson, also Mr. Derato, asked who was taking care of the Parking Meter Collection, Account 10.491, and were told it was being done by Lt. Bell of the Police Department, on his own time, along with an armed member of the force.

Mrs. Abby Mandel asked what services were not being rendered while this Parking Meter Collection was in operation, and was informed that there was no slack in the efficient operation of the Police Department during this time.

Mrs. Hash asked what will be done now that the radio program, under Community Promotion, Account 10.991, has been discontinued, and was informed that there were no definite plans at this time, however, the proper committee is working on it.

Account 10.1002 (A) Advertising was questioned, and Mr. Pridgen stated that it covered newspaper notices, advertisement of bids, Public Auctions, etc. (B) Suggestion Fund was explained to those present as being a new item, to be used for payment to City Employees, whenever suggestions are turned in that would benefit the operation of the City. Mr. Tymeson thought this an excellent idea, however, that it should be higher. Mr. Tymeson further stated that he would like to see the \$1,040.00 under Account 10.991 be used to obtain an addressograph for the City Office, to enable correspondence arriving at the various homes, to be sent out in a more efficient manner. He felt a method of communication is needed.

Mr. Tymeson questioned Account 10.811 as to what Building Maintenance Supervisor consisted of, and was told that it was the City Carpenter, who had previously been paid from the Council Appropriations Account.

Mr. Derato stated that he thought that the Clerk-Treasurer could be used for a Clearing House for News of the City. He also stated that the Mayor and Council are not being compensated enough for the work they do, and that their salaries should be higher.

Mayor Miller pointed out to those commenting on Account 10.991 that Station WGAY had given 15 minutes of free time to the City, and that the person who had presented the news had given a great deal of time in collecting the news, also spent a good deal of time on Sunday afternoon presenting it.

Mr. Turner, stated that he was in favor of Account 10.991, and expense involved, and that the party concerned has done a tremendous job.

Councilman Forshee stated that the Mayor and Council appreciated all the suggestions and comments on this expenditure, and that something would be done concerning this item.

Suggestion made that 10.131 should be placed under 10.132 along with Mayor and Council expense, as there might be some question of personal income tax returns by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Mr. Tymeson stated that there is a letter on file in the City Office, from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, clearing up any difficulty which might arise, in connection with Accounts 10.131 and 10.132.

Mr. Derato asked if the Clerk-Secretary (D), Account 10.141, was in line with the Merit Plan and was told that it was.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Tymeson questioned Account 11.112 (I) ICPA, as to why nothing was listed this year, and was told that the Convention was being held in Hawaii, therefore, no one will be attending it.

(O) Training - FBI included was explained as cost of meals, for officers, that would attend the school at Quantico. The FBI pays all other expenses. Mr. Tymeson further questioned if the Detective Bureau is included in this Account and was told it was.

Mr. Tymeson stated that there are 20 different Police Officers listed and wondered if this is enough for the City Protection. He felt it was not.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council is in favor of increasing the efficiency of the Police Force, whenever possible.

Mr. Tymeson questioned if enough provisions had been made to send the necessary officers to schools, and was informed by Chief Foster that even though they had had to cancel out a course this past year, it was felt that adequate provision had been made for this next year.

Councilman Forshee stated at this time that it hoped that all Departments will be able to stay within the Budget when adopted this next year.

Mr. Tymeson stated that he would like, as a point of interest, if the Council does see any extra dollars, that it be placed in Motorized Equipment, in order to have good equipment on the streets, also in the Detective Bureau.

Mr. Derato questioned the various pay grades of the Police Department. Suggested the money used for Publicity be made available for promotions in the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Forshee stated that the heads of all departments were considered for pay raises, however, the Council is not sure it can be done at this time.

Mr. Derato pointed out that at one time most all the department heads received approximately the same salary. He further stated that in the town of Karlstad, N.J., a place smaller than Takoma Park, the pay grades are better than here. It was also pointed out that the City taxes were higher there, also that the townspeople had to support the schools, as the County did not. He further agreed with Mr. Tymeson that the motorized equipment of the Police Department should be kept in good repair. He further suggested that it would be a good idea to replace Police Cars 4 & 5, as they were no longer in good condition, for the work required of them.

Mr. Derato recommended that a Clerk or two be placed on the staff of the Police Department, relieving the officers that have to carry on the clerical details.

Mayor Miller stated that the Police Department has progressed a great deal, also that the Council is cognizant of all the items needed by them, however, it would take time to accomplish all their objectives. At this time, Mayor Miller quoted pay grades for the Fire, Police and Public Works Utilities of various cities in this vicinity, as a comparison to the pay grades of the City of Takoma Park. He also quoted at this time the various tax rates of the City from 1949 to present year, showing the decrease in taxes for the City. Mayor Miller quoted from a letter from Mr. Oosterhous, stating that Langley Park and the Pinecrest Area are presently lost to the City, however, we still assist Prince George's County on Police Calls in the Area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Lampe suggested an increase in Car Allowance for the Fire Department.

Mayor Miller spoke on the graduation of nineteen men for completing course in Fire Prevention, which was prepared by Past Fire Chief McBride. The course covers 60 hrs., and will probably be adopted by other Volunteer Fire Departments throughout the Nation.

PROTECTIVE INSPECTION:

No questions.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Herbert Smith questioned Account 12.2, whether any work would be done on Brashears Run and pile of rocks near the Public Works Department, that possibly the Hot Shoppe could use the rock to fill the hole for the building being erected.

Councilman Collison stated that nothing would be done this year concerning above, and not until the Public Works Department is moved. The rocks have to be broken up first, and the City does not have the equipment to handle the job. Mr. Remsen also made mention that efforts have been made to remove the rocks in question, but had not met with success as yet.

Mr. Derato inquired about Account 12.102D, Car Allowance of \$360.00, if it were an increase in salary.

Councilman Forshee stated that it had not been in last year's budget but that the item had been paid from Council Appropriations.

Mr. Turner asked if all departments were covered on Car Allowances and was informed they were.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Mr. John Roth asked what balance was left on Library Certificate of Indebtedness.

Mr. Pridgen replied the balance is \$28,000.00 and a payment is due in June.

Mr. Mandel asked what the plans were concerning the Library Operation, and Mayor Miller said the matter had not been worked out as yet.

Mr. Tymeson asked about Account 19.302(B), Water-Drinking Fountains, that he had observed an appropriation for four new faucets and Councilman Kozel told him they were replacements of existing faucets.

Mr. Turner asked what the maximum rate of the Library Tax is, and was told it was computed at 5¢ per tax dollar again this year.

Mr. Tymeson asked plans on the Golden Age Club Program, and Councilwoman Monitor replied that no definite plans have been made as yet.

Mr. Mandel asked about Insurance coverage, and Councilman Kozel explained the City's new Retrospective Plan for Insurance.

Mr. Derato asked if the General Liability Policy also covered automobiles and was told it did.

Mr. Mandell remarked on the value of General Liability Insurance, also inquired on the Capital Asset setup procedure, which was explained by Mayor Miller and the Clerk-Treasurer.

GENERAL:

Mr. Haynes Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer gave Councilman Forehand's views on the Budget, due to his absence from the City at this time.

Mr. John Roth, commended the Council on the work done on the Budget.

Mr. Turner (A) Commended the Council and recommended \$1.00 Tax Rate for the year

1957-58. (B) Recommended the War Memorial proposed for the City should be erected, that it is a blot on the City not to have it.

Mr. Mandel spoke in behalf of the Spring Park Community Association, that they were opposed to a reduction in the City taxes.

Question was raised on the Boston Avenue Paving Project, and Councilman Sidell stated it was an assessable job.

Mr. Smith recommended the War Memorial for the City, also that the Spring in the City be used for a fountain, and that the Public Works Department should have a greenhouse.

Councilman Kozel recommended Blinker-Lights be put on the Capital Outlay Sheet. He also recommended that Account 10.811(B) be increased five or six hundred dollars, in order to take care of the Library Building Janitorial Service, especially since the Library quarters had been enlarged and its volume of circulation increased.

Councilman Forshee thanked all those present for coming to the Budget Hearing, and announced that the Mayor and Council would hold another meeting on June 4, for further consideration and possible adoption of the Budget for 1957-58.

Mayor Miller also thanked all present for attending the Meeting, also those who attend the Council Meetings. He also mentioned the recent editorial in The Evening Star Newspaper, titled "Takoma Park's Assets", stating that what we have in Takoma Park is a grass roots government, and that people do not realize the blessings we have in Takoma Park. The Mayor further stated that if the citizens of Takoma Park will hold on to freedom we have we will have no fear of a centralized government and communism. The Mayor stated that the Council will try to adopt a budget that will be satisfactory to all.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Lidgum
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 27, 1957

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Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:07 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 May 13, 1957, and that they be accepted as correct. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. A. V. Ceccone, 6513 Westmoreland Avenue, City, Traffic and Sidewal condition - vicinity Westmoreland Avenue. Referred to Public Safety and Public Works Committees.
2. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Fire Call Response and Pinecrest Special Fire Tax Area. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Rules and Regulations. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Miriam E. Gair, 608 Elm Avenue, Request for use of truck - 4th of July parade. Referred to Public Works and Parks and Recreation Committees.
5. Robert T. Simonds, 7305 Cedar Avenue, request for limited parking 7305 Cedar Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. Arthur Templeton, Assistant Superintendent, Board of Education, Exit Drive from Takoma Park Elementary School. Referred to Parks and Recreation and Public Works Committees.
7. Mrs. Adeline R. Gooch, Corresponding Secretary, Takoma Park Elementary School PTA, appreciation for assistance by Police and Fire Departments and to Mayor Miller for his address, "Takoma, Past and Present". Referred to Council Files.
8. Ernest J. Umberger, President, North Takoma Citizens Association, request for Budget appropriation for North Takoma Storm Drainage Project. Referred to Public Works and Finance Committees.
9. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, complaint of condition of property adjacent to 700 Block Colby Avenue owned by Mr. Opha Mays. Referred to Public Welfare and Civic Improvements Committees.
10. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, 40 hr. work week for employees in City Fire and Police Departments. Referred to Public Safety and Finance Committees.

Mayor Miller welcomed all those present at the meeting, inviting them to return. At this time, Mayor Miller read a letter from the City Fire Board, complimenting the Clerk-Treasurer, Mr. Haynes Pridgen on the fine job he has done in keeping the Fire Board informed of the various activities carried on by the City. The Mayor felt it was a fine gesture on the part of the City Fire Board to send this letter, and an indication as to the fine job Mr. Pridgen is doing in his role as Clerk-Treasurer for the City.

Mayor Miller read the editorial that appeared in The Evening Star Newspaper on May 23rd, titled "Takoma Park's Assets. Mayor Miller asked that Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee, later present a motion that a letter be written to the Editor of The Evening Star, thanking him for the fine editorial.

Mayor Miller read his Proclamation, proclaiming the Month of June, as Recreation Month. At this time Mayor Miller thanked Councilwoman Monitor for the fine work she has done on the Council, especially with the Recreation Department of the City.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Melvin E. McBride, Chairman of the City Fire Board, spoke in behalf of Lt. S. J. LaScola, complimenting him on the fine work he has done with the Fire Department, also mentioned the recommendation sent in by the City Fire Board, recommending promotion of Lt. LaScola to Assistant Fire Marshal in September 1955. The City Fire Board feels the promotion of Lt. LaScola has been held up for a long enough period, and that Lt. LaScola has certainly earned this promotion. He further stated that Lt. LaScola is considering another position, and unless the promotion and proper increase were granted, he would undoubtedly accept the offer. Mr. McBride pointed out that the Fire Department had previously lost a capable Fire Marshal for the same reason, and they hated to see it happen again. Therefore, the City Fire Board recommended that Lt. LaScola be given the promotion, with the advance in pay, retroactive to July 1956.

Mr. McBride also brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council that the position of Paid Deputy Fire Chief had never been filled, even though the Fire Board had officially recommended it be done. The Board would appreciate the Mayor and Council looking further into this situation. He also requested that the recommendation concerning Fire Call Response in the Pinecrest Special Fire Tax Area, and Rules and Regulations by the City Fire Board referred to earlier in the Meeting be accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported that he had received word from the Public Works Department that there is additional work to be done in the Widening of Maple Avenue, as it has been discovered that a small area jutting out from the curb, located near the District Line, on the Post Office Side, would have to be removed. Also that this area has not been included in the Original contract, and would cost approximately \$440.00. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved to amend Ordinance No. 1440 as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1443

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1440, for the widening of Maple Avenue, be amended to include the removal of a small area jutting out from the curb, in the vicinity of the District Line, on the Post Office Side, in the approximate amount of FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$440.00), payment to be made from the RESERVE FUND.

Section 2. AND THAT the CONTEE SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY INC., be duly authorized to proceed with work according to Original Contract Specifications.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the above Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote as follows: Yeas: Councilman Collison, Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie, Kozel, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

2. Councilman Collison reported on the Houston and Kennebec Avenues Paving Project, that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had agreed to participate to the extent of \$863.22, providing the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission would equal the sum. Later acknowledgement was received by Park and Planning

that they would pay \$1,000.00 towards the project. Councilman Collison therefore, moved to accept the proposal of \$863.22 from WSSC, and \$1,000.00 from MNCP&P. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to send bills to both organizations to expedite collection.

3. The tar condition, Ethan Allen Ave. at Intersection with Elm Avenue has been taken care of and can be removed from the Agenda, also the paving of Niagara and Ritchie is under consideration of the Committee, as is the Parking Lot Opposite #8 Columbia Avenue, pending further action.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

No report.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie read a proposed statement prepared by Corporation Counsel Gingerich, by Direction of the Mayor and Council, relative to the Special Fire Tax Area in that Portion of the 17th (Chillum) Election District, Prince George's County, which is removed from the protection of the Takoma Park Fire Department by State Legislation, effective June 1, 1957. Councilman McKenzie moved that the statement as read, be circulated in the above mentioned area, also a copy be sent to the City Fire Board. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mr. McBride commented at this time, that it had been most unfortunate that efforts to prevent this action were ineffective, however, that upon a discussion with Col. Ring, he was told that all of the area had not been contacted by Mr. McClelland, and if an attempt had been made by the home owners in that area to present a petition, that probably the Governor would not have signed the Bill.

2. Councilman McKenzie read a proposed letter to be written concerning the editorial in The Evening Star, on May 23rd, titled "Takoma Park's Assets". Councilman McKenzie moved that the Clerk-Treasurer send this letter of appreciation to the Editor of The Evening Star. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forehand moved to accept the resignation of Police Officer James L. Powell, effective June 15th, 1957, who has been appointed as a Virginia State Trooper. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forehand moved that upon the recommendation of Chief of Police Foster, that Melvin C. Tefteau, 4527 - 34th Street, Brentwood, Maryland, be appointed as a Police Officer with the Takoma Park Police Department, at a salary of \$3,800.00, under the Merit Plan, effective June 15, 1957. Mr. Tefteau has passed all the necessary requirement tests. 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 Private Ray D. Williams be promoted to the rank of Private First Class, in the Police Department, as of June 1, 1957, with salary increase according to present Merit Plan. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Forehand moved that upon recommendation of Chief of Police Foster, that Private Herbert E. Bever be promoted to the rank of Private First Class, in the Police Department, as of June 1, 1957, with salary increase according to present Merit Plan. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman Forehand moved that Private First Class Donald L. Olsen, of the Police Department, be authorized to attend The Maryland Traffic Institute at the University of Maryland, from July 22, 1957 to August 2, 1957, at a total cost of \$100.00. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

6. Councilman Forehand moved that upon recommendation of Chief of Police Foster, that Private Johnney C. Walter be granted Military Leave of Absence under the Laws of the Selective Service System existing at the date of his induction, should he be drafted for Military Service. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

7. Councilman Forehand reported on the request of Robert T. Simonds, for limited parking in vicinity 7305 Cedar Avenue. He stated that he and Chief Foster had investigated the area, and that "no parking" signs had been placed in the area, which relieves the difficulty. He requested the Clerk-Treasurer to inform Mr. Simonds of this action.

8. Councilman Forehand moved that the Mayor and Council accept the following recommendation of the City Fire Board:

- (1) That the City Fire Department discontinue initial response, to the Special Tax Area known as Pinecrest, on all calls as of June 1, 1957.
- (2) That any Mutual Aid agreement with any Company to this Area be first brought to the attention of the City Fire Board, for their recommendation. Mutual Aid, in this case, meaning that Chillum Adelphi Fire Department would have to be out of service or on the scene in this area before the City Fire Department could respond to a call in this area.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

9. Councilman Forehand reported on the request of Mr. A. V. Ceccone, 6513 Westmoreland Avenue, City concerning the sidewalk conditions, caused by hedges in the area. Chief Foster stated that he would take care of having the hedges trimmed, and that the Clerk-Treasurer is to inform Mr. Ceccone.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for authorization the payment of bills for the Month of April, in the amount of \$6,697.64. Upon being seconded by Councilman Kozel, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Forshee extended appreciation to the Department Heads for keeping their expenditures at such a low figure.

2. Councilman Forshee reminded those present of the Proposed Budget Hearing in the Fire House on May 29th, and invited all. Verification was made with Mr. Remsen, at this time, as to arrangement of speaker's rostrum and seating facilities.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that she had checked into the Sponsorship of Major-etts, and discovered that this is usually taken care of by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department. She has contacted the President of the Auxiliary, and is awaiting further instruction.

2. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the petition for an exit drive from Takoma Park Elementary School to Holly Avenue. She stated that a meeting had been held with School Officials and that the County feels it would be to the City's advantage to sell the ball field to the County. No decision has been reached, pending a further offer from the County.

3. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the telephone facilities at Washington Park, that a survey had been made, however, at the wrong park and after correction, the report will be submitted in the near future.
4. Councilwoman Monitor stated that a few of the Bus Stop Park Benches donated by the Chamber of Commerce had been placed, and that pictures would be taken, along with a small ceremony dedicating them. The remainder will be placed soon.
5. Councilwoman Monitor reported that there were no further developments with regard to the foreign students, scheduled to arrive soon, however, that Mrs. Tribbett is working on the situation, and will notify the City as soon as all details are available.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, Councilman Forshee moved that the meeting adjourn. Upon being put to question, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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George M. Miller
Mayor

Hayes M. Pridgen
Clerk/Treasurer