

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
April 14, 1958

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshee, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor.

Vicar John S. Wilch, St. James Lutheran Church rendered the Invocation.

Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes of March 24th, 1958 be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. C. Douglas Lampe, 517 Elm Avenue, City, addressed the Mayor and Council, stating that he was aware of the increase in salary that was proposed for Mr. Remsen, Director of the Public Works Department, that he was of the opinion that this token raise should not be given at this time, but that the Council should wait until July, and the adoption of the new budget at which time all Department Heads could be given an equal raise.

Mrs. Vera A. Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, City, stated that she was quite aware of the fine work that Mr. Remsen is doing, however, she felt the raise proposed for Mr. Remsen, was an unequal one, and unjust to other department heads and to the taxpayers of the City of Takoma Park.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Patricia R. Beam, Acting Clerk, County Council for Montgomery County, Md., Opinion and Resolution on Application No. B-571, Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Text. Referred to Council Files.
2. Edmund C. Mester, Executive Secretary, Maryland Municipal League, concerning U. S. Senate Bill S-3497, entitled "The Community Facilities Act of 1958." Referred to Finance and Law and Ordinances Committees.
3. Edmund C. Mester, Executive Secretary, Maryland Municipal League Meeting, 8:00 p.m., April 11th, home of Mayor Frederick W. Turnbull of Somerset, Md., concerning policy statement on planning. Mayor Miller and Councilman McKenzie attended the meeting.
4. Frederick J. Richardson, President, Maryland Municipal League, Tenth Annual June Conference, June 16th & 17th, Ocean City, Md. Mayor Miller requested that any members of Council attending should notify the Clerk-Treasurer as soon as possible.
5. Frederick J. Richardson, Chairman, Prince George's County Municipal Association, Notice of Meeting, 8 p.m., April 17th, Cottage City Fire House.
6. Carl N. Everstine, Secretary, Legislative Council of Maryland, Request for comments or suggestions concerning 1957 report on taxation and fiscal matters. Referred to the Finance and Law and Ordinances Committees.
7. Joe M. Kyle, Attorney-at-law, concerning Complaint of surface water drainage from Lot 6, Block 2, Hillcrest subdivision onto part of Lots 26 & 27, Block 2. Referred to Public Works Committee.
8. Jesse F. Nicholson, Sec-Treas., MNCP&PC, Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3150, Blair H. Smith, Agent for Carl B. & Bessie L. Royce, Owners, R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.

9. J. B. Zatman, Public Information Officer, WSSC, Traffic congestion, Carroll Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
10. George A. Huse, 8321 Sligo Creek Parkway, City, Request for paving of Wabash Avenues from Eastridge to Sligo Creek Parkway. Referred to Public Works Committee.
11. C. Douglas Lampe, Chairman, Joint Committee of the Prince George's-Takoma Civic Associations, Recommendation that all Department Heads in the City government be placed under the Merit Plan. Referred to Law and Ordinances and Finance Committees.
12. Elizabeth Sherman, American Field Service, 1958 AFS foreign students visiting Washington. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
13. Reid N. Painter, 703 Devonshire Road, City, Request for correction of Council Minutes of March 10th, 1958, Page 4, Line 13. Mayor directed that this item be referred to Law & Ordinances and Public Works Committees.
14. Mrs. Haynes M. Pridgen, University Park, Md., Letter of appreciation for thoughtfulness of Mayor and Council upon death of her mother. Referred to Council Files.
15. Kenneth E. Cole, 7403 Garland Avenue, City, letter of appreciation for removal of tree on his property. Referred to Council Files.
16. James C. Trefz, Lot 16, Carrolls Subdivision, concerning condition back of store. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Kozel reported on Ordinance No. 3-175 concerning amendment to text of Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance pertaining to R-40, R-30, R-20 & R-10 multi-family zones, that this opinion & resolution has been passed by the County Council.
2. Councilman Kozel reported that the meeting with officials of the MNCP&PC on April 3rd, concerning Plan No. 6 was not actually a re-hearing as yet, but to determine if the facts as presented at the meeting would warrant a re-hearing, which would be set for a later date if deemed justifiable by the majority of Commissioners.
3. Councilman Kozel reported on Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3150, Blair H. Smith, Agent for Carl B. & Bessie L. Royce, Owners, R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone stating that about 6 or 7 months ago the Council approved the addition of 75 ft. on this same request, and that now the owners are asking for an additional 50 ft. for the purpose of a gas station. In view of the fact that there are already five gas stations in the area, also that there are two churches in close proximity, and that another gas station will create added traffic congestion, Councilman Kozel recommended that the Council go on record as opposing this request. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forehand, and put to question, the motion was carried.
4. Councilman Kozel reported on the property development on Merrimac Drive and University Blvd. East. Question was raised as to who had right of way and who would maintain the curb area concerning the cutting of the grass in the vicinity of the service drives and main highway, and it was decided that it was the responsibility of the property owner.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved approval and payment of the bills for the month of March in the amount of \$49,705.82. Upon being seconded by Councilman Kozel, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council the need for Certificates of Indebtedness to cover the Houston-Kennebec and Boston-Dundalk projects; (This Ordinance was originally proposed in the total sum of \$46,000, five Certificates of \$9,200 each. It was subsequently determined that only \$42,000 could be issued at this time, inasmuch as the Boston-Dundalk project has not been officially levied.) therefore, Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1487

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

An Ordinance to authorize the issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness under and by virtue of authority granted to the City Council under Sections 960 and 965 of Article 16 and Sections 1299 and 1306 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland as amended, the said Sections being also Sections 1426 and 1429 of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) and Sections 48-8 and 48-11 of the Montgomery County Code (1955 Edition), providing for the amount, form and terms of said Certificates, the manner of repayment thereof, the pledging the full faith and credit of the City for their repayment in the event that the special assessments prove insufficient for that purpose, and further providing for publication of a Notice to Bidders offering said Certificates for sale.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Takoma Park as authorized by Sections 960 and 965 of Article 16 and Sections 1299 and 1306 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland as amended, the said Sections being also Sections 1426 and 1429 of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) and Sections 48-8 and 48-11 of the Montgomery County Code (1955 Edition), that;

WHEREAS, by the terms and provisions of the Sections herein above mentioned, the City Council of Takoma Park is authorized and empowered to borrow money upon the faith and credit of said City by the issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness, the proceeds therefrom to be used in the grading, constructing, reconstructing, paving or otherwise improving streets, alleys, sidewalks, public highways, or parts thereof, the cost of such improvements or any part thereof, to be charged against the abutting properties found benefited thereby; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the said City Council, the public health, safety and comfort, did require the improvement of:

<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LEVY DATE</u>	<u>BAL. DUE</u>
Flower Ave. Park	49	53	Paving Kennebec Avenue	1- 1-58	3,000.00
B.F. Gilberts	35	55	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	4,020.55
	28B	54	Paving Houston & Kennebec Ave.	1- 1-58	3,409.59
	43	54	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,253.39
Flower Ave. Park	53	53	Paving Kennebec Avenue	1- 1-58	376.72
B.F. Gilberts	61	55A	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,027.26
	42	54	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,439.67
	34	55	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,492.35
	82	55B	Paving Brighton Avenue	1- 1-58	965.64
	39	54	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,059.74
	40	54	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,141.21
	41	54	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,228.99
	64	16	Storm Drainage Forest Park	10-24-57	661.97
N.H. Highlands	14,15,16	2	Storm Drainage Merwood Drive	11- 8-57	1,500.00
B.F. Gilberts	62A	55A	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	842.74
B.F. Gilberts	25	54	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	2,910.60
	27	54	Paving Kennebec Avenue	1- 1-58	1,788.23
	65	16	Storm Drainage Forest Park	10-24-57	595.77

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B.F.Gilberts	87	55B	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,611.56
	86	55B	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,083.79
	85	55B	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,420.19
	84	55B	Paving Houston Avenue	1- 1-58	1,046.92
	83	55B	Paving Houston & Brighton Ave.	1- 1-58	2,075.41
	63A	55A	Paving Houston & Brighton Ave.	1- 1-58	2,052.24
	64A	55A	Paving Brighton Avenue	1- 1-58	1,422.12
	65A	55A	Paving Brighton Avenue	1- 1-58	1,473.56
	81	55B	Paving Brighton Avenue	1- 1-58	1,369.45
				Total	42,269.66

and that the said streets have been improved and the cost thereof paid from general City funds, all pursuant to a public hearing of which due and timely notice was given in the form and manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, the said City Council now desires to reimburse the said general City funds in the amounts paid therefrom for the improvement of said streets,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council aforesaid borrow upon the faith and credit of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, the sum of \$42,000.00 and to issue for said amount five Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$8,400.00 each, numbered 58-S1-1 to 58-S1-5 inclusive, and to mature in order of their consecutive numbers on May 15th, in each year, 1959 to 1963, the said Certificates to be specially designated "City of Takoma Park Special Improvement Certificates of Indebtedness 1958.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that said Certificates of Indebtedness be offered at public sale to the highest bidder or bidders on an interest rate bid basis and that notice of such sale be given by advertisement inserted at least twice in one or more daily or weekly newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Takoma Park and that said sale be held not sooner than ten days following the first insertion of said advertisement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the form of the advertisement shall be as follows:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids in writing on an interest rate basis will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 28th, 1958, by the Mayor and City Council for the purchase of five "City of Takoma Park Special Improvement Certificates of Indebtedness 1958", five in the amount of \$8,400.00 each, which Certificates will be numbered 58-S1-1 to 58-S1-5 inclusive, and to mature in order of their consecutive numbers on May 15th in each year 1959 to 1963, one (1) \$8,400.00 Certificate to mature in 1959; one (1) \$8,400.00 Certificate to mature in 1960; one (1) \$8,400.00 Certificate to mature in 1961; one (1) \$8,400.00 Certificate to mature in 1962; one (1) \$8,400.00 Certificate to mature in 1963. Bids may be for one or more of the said Certificates and must be accompanied by a certified check in an amount equal to 5% of the face value of the Certificate or Certificates bid upon. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. The said Certificates are issued by and under the authority of the provisions of Sections 960 and 965 of Article 16 and Sections 1299 and 1306 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland as amended, the said Sections being also Sections 1426 and 1429 of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) and Sections 48-8 and 48-11 of the Montgomery County Code (1955 Edition), and the proceeds therefrom are to be used for the construction, paving of streets, curbs, gutters, etc., the principal part of which is to be assessed as a benefit against properties abutting the improvements. The said Certificates shall be issued in bearer form with coupons attached for the semi-annual payment of interest and may be registered as to principal or interest or both. The said bids will be opened at a meeting of the Mayor and City Council to be held at 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on the 28th day of April 1958 at 8:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: That said Certificates of Indebtedness shall be in the proper legal form in accordance with custom and usage and shall be executed on behalf of the City of Takoma Park by the Mayor of said City and that the Corporate Seal of said City be affixed to each Certificate, attested by the City Clerk, and that said Certificate together with the interest thereon, shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: That all money received from abutting property owners for said special assessments shall be applied solely to the payment of the principal and interest of the Certificates of Indebtedness hereby authorized to be issued and sold; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: That there be included in the annual tax levy each year on all property in the City of Takoma Park such sums as may be necessary to raise the amount needed to pay the interest and retire maturing certificates, less special assessments in hand or to be received in the said levy year, if there then be a deficiency, to levy against all taxable property in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: That the Mayor and City Council do hereby certify that no litigation of any nature is now pending or threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of said Certificate of Indebtedness or the authority under which the same is made or affecting the validity thereof nor in any manner questioning the use of the proceeds and the provisions for the payment of said Certificates of Indebtedness and the interest thereon, as set forth in the Sections of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland as amended in the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) and Montgomery County Code (1955 Edition) referred to elsewhere in this Ordinance.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Kozel, and put to question the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forehand, Forshie, Kozel, McKenzie, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None.

3. Councilman Forshee stated that the first copies of the proposed budget for 1958/59 are ready, and requested that members of the Council look them over carefully.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported that the condition of street on East End of Heather Ave., where it junctions with alley leading down to Sligo Creek Parkway has been taken care of.

2. Councilman Collison stated that Mrs. Flaiz was present at the meeting and she would like to speak to the Council concerning the paving of Glenside Drive. Mrs. Flaiz stated that she had spoken with Mr. Bucklin of Montgomery County, asking if they could be granted seven more feet in a set back of the building they plan to erect and had been told by Mr. Bucklin that the County requires 25 feet, and that an additional seven feet would have to be acquired from the City, therefore asked the Council to waive the seven foot requirement. Mrs. Flaiz also stated that they have presently abandoned the idea of resubdivision of the lots as discussed in the Public Hearing on March 31st, however, they would still like the storm drain line moved from the proposed location approximately ten feet.

Councilman Collison informed Mrs. Flaiz that it will be necessary for them to write a letter to the Council stating their request in order to have it acted upon, and that the letter should be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer. Mayor Miller stated that the matter should be referred to the Civic Improvements Committee for study.

3. Councilman Collison brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council the suggested changes for salary increases for Department Heads, presenting the following statements:

Councilman Collison stated that Mr. Remsen, Director of Public Works has received an offer of employment from the Architect of the U. S. Capitol, at a salary of \$9,350 a year, however, that Mr. Remsen was willing to continue in his present position if the City would consider giving him an increase of \$1,000 to his present salary of \$6,850. Councilman Collison stated that the City could not afford to lose the services of Mr. Remsen, and therefore, he would like to review the whole situation. Before beginning his review and making any motion concerning this situation, he requested of the Mayor and Council that if he made any erroneous statements he would like to be corrected.

Councilman Collison stated that in the past three years the City has had three Administrative Assistants, and each one that came has left for greener pastures. Not reflecting upon the capabilities of each man, but considering the length of time it takes to acquaint a man with the work of the City, it was obvious that the amount of assistance which the Director obtained from each of the three was rather negligible. He further stated that there has been no one available for quite some time, also that Mr. Ferry would reach compulsory retirement age next year, and the following year Mr. Remsen would. It was in considering these two situations that the Committee thought that immediately following this past election that they would proceed immediately to try and correct the situation. The proposal was to abolish the position of an Administrative Assistant and establish the position of an Assistant Director of Public Works and Inspections, in an attempt to get a man trained to take over the Public Works Department when the need arose. He further stated that the Committee didn't do anything about the above, with the election coming up, however, immediately following election they intended to recommend that action be taken, and that it was Councilman Collison's intention to make a motion to that affect.

Councilman Collison further stated that approximately two months ago, out of a clear blue sky, Mr. Remsen received a telephone call from the Architect of the U. S. Capitol at a salary of \$9,350 a year, at which time Mr. Remsen went to Councilman Collison to inform him what was going on. There was the possibility of losing Mr. Remsen, also Mr. Ferry, who is a very ill man. In visiting Mr. Ferry recently, Dr. Queen happened to be there, so Mr. Ferry asked him how long before he would be able to come back to work, and Dr. Queen stated that it would be at least five weeks or longer, how long, he did not know. Also that Mr. Winegar, the City Carpenter is not available as he had been injured on the job, and is having considerable back trouble. Also that Jim Mayo, the Public Works Mechanic is leaving as of the 15th of April, also that Kay Boetker, Office Secretary is leaving this summer on maternity leave, and it is not certain she will come back. Also that there is no one at present, capable of handling the work required, that Mr. Remsen is now carrying, therefore, a major crisis is at hand, and the City cannot afford to lose the services of Mr. Remsen at this time.

At time of Mr. Remsen's first visit to acquaint Councilman Collison of his visit to the Architect of the U. S. Capitol, as to what was going on, he was told immediately that a man's first duty was to himself and his family, that he should take the position, however, advised him first off before he made any changed at this stage of life, the thing of utmost importance to him, is how it would affect his retirement income, also that he would have additional transportation costs, not having the car allowance he is presently getting.

Councilman Collison stated that Mr. Remsen quoted figures, as to just what he would realize, in that out of the \$2,400 increase he would net about \$1,950 which would be attractive to anyone. Also that Mr. Remsen had told him that he did not care to leave the City employment and that he would be very happy to meet the City halfway, if they would meet him the other half.

At this point, a series of meetings were initiated and on the whole, in all of these discussions it was the general agreement that if possible we should retain the services of Mr. Remsen, if arrangements could be worked out that would be favorable to the other department heads. At the first meeting held the Mayor was not able to be present but for a short time.

Mayor Miller disagreed with the above statement, stating that the first recommendation of the Committee was that a salary adjustment should be made with only one of the department heads.

Councilman Forshee stated that he did not remember that the other department heads were considered at all at this first meeting.

Several days later the Public Works Committee met and were informed of developments to date, and suggested solutions were made by all members of the Committee, however, there was no unanimous agreement of anything.

Councilman Collison stated that the Committee felt they could not grant increases to one and not to the other three department heads, but that the City couldn't afford to do that either, also that when you have a fire, you try to put it out the best way possible.

Councilman Collison had then proposed that Mr. Remsen be granted his requested \$1,000 increase, leaving other department heads to July 1st, but the Committee didn't agree on that, however, finally agreed to ask for a meeting of the Council and to propose a \$1,000 increase April 1st, to Mr. Remsen, leaving other department heads to July 1st. This meeting was attended by five members of the Council and for a very short time by the Mayor. This suggestion received a very cool reception, to say the least, and there was much discussion pro and con, and meeting adjourned without meeting any conclusion. After another meeting by a majority of members, opinion was as before, except that it was agreed that if Mr. Remsen received an increase effective April 1st, then all other department heads should also receive an increase April 1st. It was then decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Forshee stated that he was of the opinion that the first meeting of the Council as a whole, that nothing had been said relative to the others being given any increase.

Councilman Collison stated that it had been said, however, that it was a tentative opinion.

Councilman Forshee again stated that it was his impression as he went away from the first meeting that the whole idea was to be forgotten at the time.

Mayor Miller pointed out that Mr. Remsen had called at his home, explaining his problem, and that it should be presented to the whole Council, at which time the Mayor instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to call a Council Meeting, at which the Mayor would be present.

Mayor Miller stated that the situation with Mr. Remsen was not one that a Councilman had made, but it certainly was presented at a bad time, with some of the present members of Council going out of office and new members coming in. He further stated that the second meeting was for the purpose of having the Committee to review the matter of the other department heads. The Mayor stated that at all times he had waited until the Council had expressed its views before expressing his. Councilman Collison stated that at the second meeting it was concluded if the proposed increase was culminated then the other department heads should also be considered.

Councilman Forshee asked if the first meeting was an approval of the proposal then why was the second meeting called.

Councilwoman Monitor stated that she was not aware of what the first meeting was about, as she had not been told and was not able to attend, because of a meeting that had been scheduled a month previously, and had not been notified of the subject of the first meeting, until the second meeting was called.

Councilman Forshee asked to go on record that the first meeting as being a negative decision concerning the proposed increase in salary.

Councilman Sidell stated he had suggested at the first meeting it be moved that the whole matter be brought before the Council in order that they would have the benefit of hearing the complete story.

It was also stated that Mr. Remsen had asked the Mayor to present the entire affair to the Council without any influence, as he did not want them to feel that he was attempting to put the Council in a bad spot, however, that they would have to make the final decision.

Councilman Collison stated that he didn't know how Mr. Lampe or Mrs. Hash had obtained their information about the increase for Mr. Remsen, further explaining how the proposal for Mr. Remsen was arrived at. He stated it was felt that the Office of City-Clerk Treasurer is the most important position, with Public Works following, then in order the Police and Fire Departments, and that he would propose that the salaries be raised as follows: \$8,000 for Mr. Pridgen; \$7,850 for Mr. Remsen; \$6,500 for Fire Chief; \$6,550 for Police Chief; also stating that Mr. Remsen has agreed to remain with City at this increase and not ask for any other increases until as such time as he retires. He further stated that to lose the services of Mr. Remsen at this time would cost more than if they would grant the increase. Therefore, he moved that the salaries of the four department heads be increased, for the reasons he has tried to express, effective April 1st, 1958. This motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell, and was ready for question.

Mayor Miller addressed the members of the Council stating that some of the Council had served as Councilmen for two terms, and each problem that has come before them, they had always given due consideration and thought to, for the best interest of all concerned, without partiality or prejudice. Also that any problem that had come up he had done likewise, as his duty as Mayor of the City. The Mayor further stated that the Chairman of the Public Works Committee and the Council knew his views on the subject as he had spoken his views, and felt very strongly about losing what he felt to be a very competent employee, also that Mr. Remsen was aware that the City is bound by a budget. The Mayor further stated that the present Merit Plan in the City and the status of its employees is of great importance and after considering all points under question, as the Mayor of Takoma Park and as its Chief Executive Officer, he felt he had two prerogatives, to vote in case of a tie, also the right to make a motion. In making his motion, the Mayor stated that he felt that his motion was fundamentally logical and constructive, even though it may cost the services of a competent employee. He further stated that regardless of the situation at present, and at the cost to the officers, and in view of the fact that a number of the Council will be present on the new Council to consider this proposal, he called upon them to seriously consider his recommendation and to realize strongly, what he felt was in the best interest of all, even though the department heads might feel that he was against them, therefore, the Mayor moved that the previous motion made by Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee be tabled for consideration in the new Budget of 1958-59. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, the motion was put to question.

Councilman Collison stated he agreed completely with the idea that the new Council should have the opportunity to handle the situation, and that is the reason why it was



brought up at this particular meeting, however, if it weren't for one thing, that if this motion was passed it would result in the loss of Mr. Remsen.

Councilman Forehand stated that at this time to raise department heads would affect the morale of the other employees of the City.

Councilman McKenzie made a statement in which he pointed out that to raise department heads salaries at this time would affect the morale of the lower paid employees and that the City cannot always give a raise in the event an employee gets an offer for a better job, as it is impossible to always compete with other organizations. During the course of his statement Councilman McKenzie expressed his opinion that the Public Works Department had always maintained an ample staff.

A final vote was taken on the Mayor's motion, resulting as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Forehand, Forshee, McKenzie and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: Councilmen Collison and Sidell. Passed: Councilman Kozel.

At this time, Mr. Remsen addressed the Mayor and Council, stating he felt he had been acting in the best interest of the City, and that this situation was not of his own volition, in that he had received the call from the Architect of the U. S. Capitol. He further stated that he objected to certain remarks made, and felt that he had given more than his time for the City, and that he had picked up the Public Works Department when it was at a stand still, a situation which was visible all over the City. In view of the motion being tabled, and because, twice for reasons of the Council requesting that he delay acknowledging the offer given him, Mr. Remsen presented his resignation to the Mayor and Council, effective April 15th, 1958.

The Clerk-Treasurer was directed by Mayor Miller to read Mr. Remsen's resignation, after which Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, moved that it be accepted with regrets. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller directed the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a Resolution for Mr. Remsen, expressing appreciation of the City of Takoma Park, for the splendid assistance Mr. Remsen had extended to the City while in its employ. This Resolution was so moved by Councilman Forshee, and upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, was carried. See page 283.

3. Councilman Collison moved that the City Clerk-Treasurer advertise for a new Director of Public Works, in the proper papers and magazines using box numbers, stating the qualifications necessary for this position, also that no salary should be stated, as this would be set at a later date. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie stated at this point that he did not intend to imply in his former statements that the Public Works Department is not being operated efficiently.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

## ORDINANCE NO. 1488

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

Section 1. THAT a STOP sign be placed on BOSTON Avenue at Intersection of PHILADELPHIA Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby directed to install sign to indicate restrictions ordained by Section 1 of this Ordinance.

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

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

2. Councilman Forehand reported that the Police Department had informed him that if they are to continue giving out traffic tickets, an order will have to be placed immediately, as they are about out of the present ones, therefore, moved that the Police Department be given the authority to order 600 traffic ticket books at a cost of \$474.00, to be charged to the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded, by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Forehand moved upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Carter that Deputy Chief LaScola be sent to the International Arson Seminar at Purdue University, beginning 0800, April 26th, 1958 through 0800, May 5th, 1958, at a cost of \$175.00 to be charged to A/C 11.2120. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Forehand moved upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Carter that Private Baron DeKalb be sent to the Seagraves Corporation at Columbus, Ohio, to be instructed in the repair of the Seagraves Engines, and that he be allowed \$100 from the Reserve Fund to cover expenses of the trip. Private DeKalb will leave with Deputy Chief LaScola, also returning with him. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman Forehand moved upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Carter that the sum of \$80.00 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to be used for posters & necessary inspection data for Fire Clean-up Week at the Fire Department, May 11th through 17th. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell moved that approval of "U" Driveway, Lot 27, Block 50, 7619 Maple Avenue be given, however, that the property owner also be informed that any improvements placed on public property may be removed by City if necessity arises. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the sum of \$100 be sent to the Carole Highlands-Hillwood Manor Recreation Council per their request for financial assistance, and that funds are available in Recreation Budget. This same amount was sent them last year. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilwoman Monitor requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter to the Historical Society President, Mr. Bein, requesting their opinion concerning the Smithsonian Institute's request for street lamp at 7204 Cedar Avenue. It seems that the lamp is on City property.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that this portion of the meeting adjourn for a short recess, before the new Council was sworn into office.

Mayor Miller addressed those present commending Councilman Forehand and Councilman Kozel, who are resigning from their respective offices, for the fine job they have done while serving on the City Council, also that the City is proud to have had their services. Mayor Miller presented both gentlemen with a plaque, inscribed with the dates they served and their capacity, in appreciation of services rendered to the City of Takoma Park. Councilman Forehand and Councilman Kozel expressed their sincere appreciation for the recognition given them this evening, stating that it was indeed an honor to have been able to serve the City as a member of the City Council.

Mayor Miller then requested all members of the new Council to stand and repeat after him the Oath of Office, which after being done, the new Council held a brief business session.

Mayor Miller announced that a request had been received for blood for a Mr. John Poole who is a patient at Washington General Hospital. A notice will be posted on the bulletin boards publicizing this appeal.

Mayor Miller reported that the new Council will serve on Committees as follows:

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS: John D. Roth, Chairman; Robert W. Collison, Vice Chairman; Emily P. Monitor, Member.  
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: Clayton D. Forshee, Chairman; John D. Roth, Vice Chairman; Robert W. Collison, Member.  
 LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE: Edwin S. Turner, Chairman; Ralph F. Sidell, Vice Chairman; Gibson E. McKenzie, Member.  
 PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Gibson E. McKenzie, Chairman; Emily P. Monitor, Vice Chairman; Edwin S. Turner, Member.  
 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Robert W. Collison, Chairman; Gibson E. McKenzie, Vice Chairman; Clayton D. Forshee, Member.  
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Ralph F. Sidell, Chairman; Clayton D. Forshee, Vice Chairman; John D. Roth, Member.  
 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Emily P. Monitor, Chairman; Edwin S. Turner, Vice Chairman; Ralph F. Sidell, Member.

Mayor Miller directed that the City Clerk-Treasurer prepare a Proclamation for Fire Clean-up Week which will be May 11th, 1958 through May 17th, 1958. The Proclamation was issued by Mayor Miller the 18th day of April, 1958.

Councilman McKenzie presented the plat plan for the widening of New Hampshire Avenue in connection with Parcel A, Block 19, NHG, and moved that the Council go on record as approving this plat. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Collison reported on the condition of streets that have been damaged by ice and snow this past winter and that an additional crew of men are required to perform rapid repairs over a period of the next several weeks and that there is a man in the department capable of undertaking the supervisory work of this crew and that he should be paid at a foreman's rate for the temporary period, therefore, Councilman Collison moved that \$3,000.00 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to expedite this program. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Turner brought up the question of the gas station proposed in Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3150, which had been acted upon earlier in the evening by Councilman Kozel. Councilman Turner stated that he did not go along with the Council's disapproving this request, for due to investigation, he was of the opinion that the City is in need of more business places, and that the request for 50 more feet should have been approved. Councilman Forshee moved the disapproval formerly passed be recinded for further study and report at the next Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison, and upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen  
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
April 28, 1958

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

Rev. Wm. L. Montgomery, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, rendered the Invocation.

Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes of April 14th, 1958 be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Lucille J. Oosterhous, Patrol Sponsor, J. Enos Ray School, appreciation for Safety Patrol Dinner. Referred to Council Files.
2. Robert G. Carey, Assistant Professor of Journalism, University of Maryland, Expression of thanks to Mayor Miller for his participation in Press Institute. Referred to Council Files.
3. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Case No. 599, Appeal and Petition, Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, Resolution Order for rehearing, date not set. Referred to Public Welfare and copy to Corporation Counsel.
4. Elder A. J. Bachand, 514 Elm Avenue, Protest of 12 minute parking meters in front of Post Office. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. Safeway Stores, Unsatisfactory condition of sidewalk in front of 6909 Laurel Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
6. Mrs. Ruth J. Ferraro, 7908 Flower Avenue, complaint of U. S. Mail Boxes corner of Flower & Erie Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
7. Robert Z. Boyer and other Petitioners, 7600 Block New Hampshire Avenue, request for Traffic Control Box at exit of parking lot in 7600 Block, New Hampshire Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Howard C. Paine, 6910 New Hampshire Avenue, Protest against rezoning of land, Block 27, B. F. Gilberts addition to Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
9. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, approval of Regulations for Operation and Maintenance of Montgomery County Fire Rescue Alarm Facilities, with certain amendments. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
10. Lawrence R. Waltz, Fire Marshall, Prince George's Department of Fire Prevention Annual Report. Referred to Fire Department File.
11. Robert J. McLeod, Deputy Chief Engineer, WSSC, Storm Drainage Construction proposed by Commission at Cedar and Philadelphia Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee with copy to Corporation Counsel.
12. S. W. Tymeson, Police Department Service, April 28th, ltr. of appreciation. Referred to Police Files.
13. Melvin L. Reese, Manager, Montgomery County, Civil Defense Operation 1958. Copy to Mr. Gair and Public Safety Committee.
14. Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Ave., ltr. explaining Prince George's County's participation in summer recreation Program. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
15. Takoma Park Police Association, Petition for wage increases and other benefits. Copies to be furnished all Council Members, also Chief of Police.

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

GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
March 1958

	Cash Balances Beginning of Month		Cash Bal- ances at end of Month		
2-28-58 Citz. Bank -General Fund	19948.06	3-31-58	17430.16		
2-28-58 Citz. Bank -Payroll Fund	455.20	"	671.59		
2-28-58 Sub. Tr. Co.-General Fund	851.66	"	851.66		
2-28-58 Petty Cash Fund-City Office	125.00	"	125.00		
3-1-58 Total Cash in Bank & On Hand	<u>21379.92</u>	"	<u>19078.41</u>		
		Total		1957-58	Percent-
	March	Budgeted	Budget Bal-	Adopted	tage
	1958	Revenues	ances as	Budget	Rev. to
	Receipts	To 3-31-58	of 3-31-58	Total	Budget
<u>REVENUES:</u>					
Taxes, Local-Gross	3014.92				
Less Discounts	.49				
Penalties	127.48				
1.0 Total Collection	3141.91	356606.90	2263.52	358870.42	99.3
1.5 Taxes State Shared	22.50	58732.15	19617.85	78350.00	75.0
2.0 Licenses & Permits	513.09	17202.52	6667.48	23870.00	72.1
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	51.70	809.64	2310.36	3120.00	25.9
4.0 Use of Money & Prop.	298.30	2232.06	-142.06	2090.00	106.8
5.0 Revenues: Other Sources	-	-	33500.00	33500.00	-
6.0 Service Charges - Fees	448.88	9766.91	1198.09	10965.00	89.0
Total Budgeted Receipts	<u>4476.38</u>	<u>445350.18</u>	<u>65415.24</u>	<u>510765.42</u>	<u>87.2</u>
Non-Budgeted Receipts	42804.18	47280.56			
Total Cash & Receipts	<u>47280.56</u>	<u>68660.48</u>			
Less Accrued & Deferred Rev.	140.54				
Total Cash Receipts	<u><u>68519.94</u></u>				
<u>DISBURDED &amp; ACCRUED</u>					
		<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
10.0 General Government	5022.48	38459.32 (A)	16764.68	52720.00	69.6
11.1 Police Department	8804.45	77652.11 (B)	27894.27	102577.10	73.6
11.2 Fire Department	5062.32	54790.42 (C)	15688.58	70305.00	77.7
11.3 Protective Inspection	562.08	5138.99 (D)	2200.97	7339.96	70.0
11.9 Other Protection	-	1556.93 (E)	259.47	500.00	85.7
12.1 Public Works Office	1104.92	12876.34 (F)	6138.62	19014.96	67.8
12.2 " " Highways	5027.92	40399.64 (G)	23020.36	63420.00	63.7
12.9 " " Repair Shop	2275.63	22159.12 (H)	700.83	22610.00	96.9
13.0 " " Sanitation	4616.80	43451.80 (I)	15109.20	58561.00	74.2
19.1 Recreation Division	774.47	30989.13 (J)	8078.69	35357.82	79.3
21.0 Miscellaneous	2418.65	21731.90 (K)	6049.20	26710.10	78.2
22.1 Council Appropriations	-	100.00 (L)	472.94	572.94	17.4
4th of July Expense		1271.92 (M)			100.0
Legal Reserve Fund		(N)	37809.99	51076.54	25.9
	<u>35669.72</u>	<u>350577.62</u>	<u>160187.80</u>	<u>510765.42</u>	<u>66.9</u>
Non-Budgeted Accounts	13876.82		(A) 2504.00		
	<u>49546.54</u>		(B) 2969.28		
Less Cash Discounts	26.25		(C) 174.00		
	<u>49520.29</u>		(E) 1316.40		
Less Adjustments	78.76	49441.53	(H) 249.95		
Cash to be accounted for	<u>19078.41</u>		(J) 3710.00		
			(K) 1071.00		
			(M) 1271.92		
			<u>13266.55</u>		

GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS COMPARISON  
February 28, 1958 and March 31, 1958

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>2-28-58</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>3-31-58</u>	<u>Changes</u> <u>During Month</u>
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-General A/C	19948.06	17430.16	-2517.90
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-Payroll A/C	455.20	671.59	+216.39
Suburban Trust Company-General A/C	851.66	851.66	-
Petty Cash Fund-City Office	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable 1957 Levy	6823.89	5522.35	-1301.54
Taxes Receivable 1956 Levy	156.90	156.90	-
Taxes Delinquent	572.49	572.49	-
Interest Received on 1956 Levy	2.64	2.64	-
Due from Special Assessment Fund	59660.46	48334.63	-11325.83
Due from Uniform A/C-Policemen	808.62	779.62	-29.00
Towing Charges Receivable	44.50	38.00	-6.50
Prepaid Insurance	2576.46	9374.09	+6797.63
Certificate of Deposit	125000.00	100000.00	-25000.00
Accrued Rent & Interest Receivable	1315.76	1224.06	-91.70
Prepaid State Retirement	1365.71	9374.09	+8008.38
Total Assets Accounts	<u>219707.35</u>	<u>194457.28</u>	<u>-25250.07</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts & Commitments Payable	13130.72	10358.18	-2772.54
Certificate of Indebtedness	74500.00	74500.00	-
Escrow & Deposit Refundable	1175.00	1125.00	-50.00
Accrued Interest Payable	1028.13	1166.91	+138.78
Accrued Payroll	601.92	902.84	+300.92
Maryland Income Tax Withheld	352.82	530.03	+177.21
D. C. Income Tax Withheld	76.46	107.00	+30.54
Group Hospitalization Withheld	25.92	34.56	+8.64
Total Liability Accounts	<u>90890.97</u>	<u>88724.52</u>	<u>-2166.45</u>
Unappropriated Surplus from Previous Year	4321.59	4321.59	-
Appropriated Unexpended Net Asset Value	177350.49	152625.70	-25024.79
Unappropriated Reserve Fund Balance	38035.27	37809.99	-225.28
Total	<u>219707.35</u>	<u>194757.28</u>	<u>-25250.07</u>
Special Improvement Account 2-28-58	22010.65		
March Receipts	3652.67		
	<u>25663.32</u>		
Withdrawals	17000.00		
	<u>8663.32</u>		

## OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller stated that he would appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee in the very near future to take under consideration problems that are not brought to the attention of the Council. Mayor Miller will also appoint a Mayor Pro Tem in the near future.

Mr. Walter H. McClenon spoke concerning the Foreign Students and expressed the hope that the City would entertain them again this year, as they have in past years. Mr. McClenon further stated that a proposal is to be submitted by the Community League concerning the preparation of the budget. The League will suggest estimates be submitted by the Department Heads to the Clerk-Treasurer and after assembly and recommendations by him at Public Hearing, the Mayor and Council make their revisions and adopt the budget.

Mayor Miller then stated that this arrangement had been tried in 1954 in presenting the budget, and that it had been received very negatively by the public.

Mr. McClenon then stated that he thought the City Clerk & Treasurer should be the one to make recommendations in the budget, and the Clerk-Treasurer stated that he felt the Council should make the final decisions concerning the budget, however, that he always attended all the meetings.

Mrs. Theodore R. Flaiz presented the Council with a letter by E. J. Shepherd, Jr., of Shepherd & Worthington, Surveyors, regarding Lots 1 through 5, Block 8, New Hampshire Avenue Highlands including preliminary plan for dividing subject lots into Lots 9, 10, 11 of Block 8. The question of the storm drain came up and Councilman Collison stated that this plan should not interfere with the construction of the storm drain, that it may have to be moved slightly. Mrs. Flaiz also mentioned the setting forward of the buildings on subject lots, rather than on the line.

Dr. Ernest Umberger, 512 Albany Avenue, requested that the Council consider the North Takoma Storm Drainage Project in the budget this year.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that a meeting will be called in the near future concerning the Foreign Students; also that a meeting has been arranged for May 6th with Mr. Hewitt of Park and Planning, and Councilman Collison, concerning a suitable building for recreation per request by Lee Jordan.
2. Councilwoman Monitor commented on the Clean-up campaign recently conducted in the City, stating it was a great success, especially the special trash pick up. She further stated that the Community League had a clean-up project at Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue and Boston, on which they made good progress and that Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Smith entertained various people working on the campaign at a delicious chicken dinner at their home. A contest was held at this dinner judging the posters that were placed around the City, a feat which was hard to make decisions on.
3. Councilwoman Monitor reported that at the 4th of July Committee meeting last Thursday that Mr. John Coffman had requested that an attempt be made to obtain a large trailer for use in the parade for a float, and that it would be needed at least two days in advance. **See minutes of May 12th, Page 3, for correction on above. Volume 26.**
4. Councilwoman Monitor announced that there will be a meeting on May 7th, at 8 Sherman Avenue of the Founder's Day Committee.
5. Councilwoman Monitor requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Vera A. Hash of the Prince George's County Recreation Board, Riverdale, Md., thanking the Board for the support it has again given to the summer recreation program for the City. She



also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Smith for so graciously entertaining at the dinner.

6. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the resignation of Mr. Arthur Queen, Parks Superintendent, dated April 23, be accepted, with regret, effective May 31, 1958. Mr. Queen is going into his own nursery business. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried. Mayor Miller directed the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Queen for his services with the City.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee presented the sealed bids on the Certificates of Indebtedness to the Clerk-Treasurer to be opened, which were as follows:

Citizens Bank - (2) at 2% per annum, and (3) at  $2\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum.  
Suburban Trust Company - (5) at  $2\frac{5}{8}$ % per annum.

It was then decided that a meeting be held on Monday evening, May 5th, at 7:30 p.m., for formal action on the above, at which time the time limit of 10 days, according to the City Charter would be up.

2. Councilman Forshee moved that \$45.30 be appropriated from A/C 22.1 to be sent to the Prince George's County Municipal Association as the City's share in a City-County Fiscal Relations Survey. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Forshee requested that the recommendation that all Department Heads in the City government be placed under the Merit Plan be removed from the Finance Committee and carried on the Law and Ordinances Committee; also that the appropriation for sidewalk repair, double curb in front of High's & Hubbard's be removed from his committee and placed under sidewalk requests until definite action is taken on it; also that the recommended purchase of George Bennett Property by the City Fire Board be transferred to the Public Safety Committee, and removed from his committee, as presently there are no funds available for this purchase, in the budget. Councilman Forshee also stated that a report has been made on "The Community Facilities Act of 1958" and that the item should be removed from the agenda.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth moved that the Council go on record as recommending disapproval of Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3150, Blair H. Smith, Agent for Carl B. & Bessie L. Royce, R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone. The disapproval of this request was for the reasons that subject lot presently contains a satisfactory single family residence; that there are sufficient number of gasoline stations in the immediate area; also that to rezone the property would not accomplish coordinated comprehensive and orderly development of the area, inasmuch as the particular lot was not planned for C-1 Zoning, as adopted by the MNCP&PC under date of July 10th, 1952. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried. It was also stated that Rev. Brown of Grace Methodist Church had telephoned and was quite concerned about the situation.

Councilman Turner also stated that he had talked with various people in the area and that the possibility of a filling station being erected on the property did not received too good a response.

2. Councilman Roth also requested that Item 4 under matters pending - Community League-Route 240 Location be removed from the agenda in that the State Roads Commission and the County have made their decision concerning the route.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison moved that the minutes of March 10th, be corrected as follows: On page 4, line 13, "If the water on the Street was disposed of would I still have water trouble?," "and Mr. Painter answered Yes," in lieu of "If the water on the street were disposed of properly, would that be satisfactory to him, and Mr. Painter said that it would." Upon being duly seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Collison reported that the City had received about 50 applications for the position of Public Works Director, and that the committee was in the process of setting up interview dates, the first one being on Tuesday, April 29th.
3. Councilman Collison reported on the assessment of the property owners in connection with Glenside Drive, stating that the assessment of the storm drainage facilities should only be made to the immediate abutting property owners, which has always been the policy, even though the City Charter provides for the City to set up drainage districts, which has never been done for the reason that WSSC tried this method of storm drainage assessments which proved to be entirely unsatisfactory.
4. Councilman Collison moved that the resignation of Miss Janet D. Richardson, dated April 21st, be accepted, effective May 2nd. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. Miss Richardson is being married and will make her home in California. Mayor Miller directed that a letter of appreciation be written to Miss Richardson.
5. Councilman Collison also requested the George Bennett property matter be transferred to the Public Safety Committee and removed from his Committee.

## LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner thanked the Mayor and Council for their patience for his statements at the previous Council Meeting concerning the gas station situation in Zoning Amendment A-3150, and stated that items 1,2, & 3 on the agenda have been disposed of by other committees and requested they be removed from the agenda.
2. Councilman Turner had no business at this time, other than the appointment of a Committee to serve with a Committee from the Library Board of the Takoma Park, Maryland Library. At this time, Councilman McKenzie stated he would be happy to appoint the committee since this matter had been under his jurisdiction before; Councilman Turner graciously yielded the floor, therefore, Councilman McKenzie moved that Councilwoman Monitor, Councilmen Roth & Turner be appointed to serve on this Committee. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

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

## ORDINANCE NO. 1489

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

Section 1. THAT the sick leave for Mr. Charles F. Ferry, Building Inspector, be extended to May 15th, 1958.

Section 2. AND THAT Mr. Peter Remsen, former Director of Public Works be paid two weeks vacation leave.

Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the preceding Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported on the matter of the condition of stores, rear Lee Avenue, James C. Trefz, owner, recommending that the best thing he could do was to apply for a special exception for automobile parking purposes. Therefore, moved that a letter be written, suggesting that he request this type of zoning, also that he should put up a screen on the lot as he suggested he would do in his letter. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman McKenzie reported on the complaint, concerning the sidewalk at 6909 Laurel Avenue, that upon investigation of the area, found it was no worse than other sidewalks in the vicinity. It is planned that the sidewalks on Laurel Avenue be replaced and appropriations have been made for the project. However, that an attempt is being made to set up a meeting with the owners of the stores in the area to work out further details in repairing the sidewalk area.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported on the suggested fire alarm boxes for the City and suggested that the police department be requested to look into this system. It was stated by Chief Carter of the Fire Department, that the system would work on a telephone basis, whereby the person calling in reporting an emergency any time could be handled through the police department, also that all calls made on these alarm systems are recorded by the telephone company thus limiting anyone attempting to use them as a prank. The system will be discussed further and also studied by the City Fire Board. **See minutes of May 12th, for correction on above. (Page 3), Volume 26.**

2. Councilman Sidell reported that the appointment of another police officer will be brought up in the future. A request has been made for a replacement for one of the officer's who left recently.

Councilman Forshee inquired of the Council, just when they would like to set a date for a public hearing on the new budget. Several possible dates were mentioned but no definite date set at this time.

Councilman Turner stated that he had been requested by various citizens to thank the Mayor and Council for the work that had been accomplished during the Clean-up Campaign.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Lidgum  
Clerk-Treasurer

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Remsen, has resided in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland for many years, devoting much of his time as a Civic leader;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Remsen served as a Member of the City Council from June 4th, 1928 to May 29th, 1936 and discharged his duties as a Councilman with the best interests, orderly growth and development of the City of Takoma Park as his deepest conviction of heart;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Remsen served as Inspector of Buildings for the City of Takoma Park from July 1st, 1953 to September 26th, 1955 with perseverance and diligence.

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Remsen served as Director of Public Works and Inspections for the City of Takoma Park from September 26th, 1955 to April 15th, 1958 with unlimited integrity and faithfulness;

AND WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Remsen did submit his resignation as Director of Public Works and Inspections to the Mayor and City Council effective April 15th, 1958 to accept employment with the Architect of the United States Capitol;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby adopt this Resolution in recognition of the untiring devotion to duty by Mr. Remsen, as a faithful employee of the City and friend to all with whom he came in contact;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council extend to Mr. Remsen their wish for every success in his new venture and that he will enjoy many future years of service and happiness.

Signed and Sealed this 5th day of May in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-eight.

/s/ George M. Miller, Mayor, City of  
Takoma Park, Maryland  
Councilman Robert W. Collison  
Councilman Clayton D. Forshee  
Councilman Gibson E. McKenzie  
Councilman John D. Roth  
Councilman Ralph F. Sidell  
Councilman Edwin S. Turner  
Councilwoman Emily P. Monitor