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SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 5, 1958

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:45 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor.

Mayor Miller stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the bids submitted for the sale of the five Certificates of Indebtedness totaling \$42,000.00 being issued to reimburse the General Fund for expenditures made in the Special Improvements of Houston, Kennebec and Brighton Avenues and Merwood Drive and Forest Park Storm Drainage projects.

Councilman Forshee at this time proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1490

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

Section 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with Law and Ordinance No. 1487, TWO bids had been received and opened at the Council Meeting of April 28th, 1958, and

Section 2. THEREFORE, THAT the LOW bid submitted by THE CITIZENS BANK OF TAKOMA PARK be accepted and the sale of Certificates of Indebtedness be hereby awarded to Citizens Bank of Takoma Park, as stated in Section 3 below:

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT Certificates of Indebtedness be issued on May 15th, 1958 as follows:

- (a) Certificate Number 58-S1-1, to mature and become payable on May 15th, 1959, at an interest rate of TWO per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on November 15th and May 15th until maturity.
- (b) Certificate Number 58-S1-2, to mature and become payable on May 15th, 1960 at an interest rate of TWO per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on November 15th and May 15th, each succeeding year until maturity.
- (c) Certificate Number 58-S1-3, to mature and become payable on May 15th, 1961 at an interest rate of TWO AND ONE HALF per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on November 15th and May 15th each succeeding year until maturity.
- (d) Certificate Number 58-S1-4, to mature and become payable on May 15th, 1962 at an interest rate of TWO AND ONE HALF per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on November 15th and May 15th each succeeding year until maturity.
- (e) Certificate Number 58-S1-5, to mature and become payable on May 15th, 1963 at an interest rate of TWO AND ONE HALF per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on November 15th and May 15th each succeeding year until maturity.

Section 4. THEREFORE THAT, the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to prepare and execute the FIVE CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS each in the principal amount of EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,400.00) in the TOTAL sum of FORTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, with proper coupons attached to each Certificate designating the rate of interest, interest sum to be paid and interest due date.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, 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.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, it was moved, seconded and carried, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Haynes M Lindgren
Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 12, 1958

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

The minutes of April 28th, 1958, were corrected as follows: Under Public Safety Committee, Item 1, Page 7, that "Councilman Sidell reported on the suggested fire alarm boxes for the City and requested that the City Fire Board set up a Committee to investigate this system, and that the Police Department be requested to study this matter too", in lieu of "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," also the last sentence, "The system will be discussed further and also studied by the City Fire Board". Also, that under Parks and Recreation Committee, Page 4, Item 3, that it be removed and the following substituted, "Councilwoman Monitor reported that the 4th of July Committee met last Thursday, and that a request had been made by a local organization for a large trailer, for use in the parade for a float, and that it would be needed at least two days in advance". There being no further corrections, it was moved, seconded and carried, that the minutes of April 28th, 1958 be accepted, as correct.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Maryland Municipal League, Notification of Joint Meeting, Montgomery County Chapter and Prince George's County Chapter, Takoma Park Municipal Building, 8:00 p.m., May 15th, 1958.
2. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Notification of Re-hearing, May 15th, Case No. 599, Appeal & Petition, Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, 7420 Maple Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
3. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Notification of Public Hearing, May 15th, Case No. 628, Petition of Mrs. Catherine M. Maddox, 8204 Roanoke Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
4. Prince George's County Board of Appeals, Notification of Public Hearing, May 15th, Case No. 1367, Petition of Baxter H. Murphree, Lot 18, Block 38-C, Fletchers Addition to Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
5. Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, 7420 Maple Avenue, Request for Hearing at Council Meeting, May 12th. Referred to Law and Ordinances and Public Welfare Committees.
6. Arthur C. Keefer, 901 Sligo Parkway, City, Dangerous hole caused by Storm Water Drainage. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
7. Mrs. Ruth B. Pratt, Librarian, Takoma Park Maryland Library, Appreciation for efforts of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Referred to Council Files.
8. Mrs. A. Wertheimer, 7513 Dundalk Road, City, Request for "Street" and "No Thru Street" Signs. Referred to Public Welfare and Public Safety Committees.
9. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, Tax Rate Reduction. Referred to Finance Committee.

10. V. T. H. Bien, President, Takoma Park Historical Society, Smithsonian Institute request for street lamp. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
11. Mrs. Selma Kirstein, Gladsell Company, request for street light installation at rear of 8210 Roanoke Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
12. J. Wilson Dodd, 7209 Spruce Avenue, City, Application for position with City. May Miller requested that Mr. Dodd's letter be acknowledged.
13. Johnny Jones, regarding dogs on the loose. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
14. Melvin L. Reese, County Manager, Montg. Co., Regarding pay of Justice of the Peace, for Montgomery County. Referred to Law and Ordinances and copy to Corporation Counsel.
15. Etta Mae Davis, Secretary, Community League, Amendment to Sec. 1427(a) of City Charter referring to City Budget. Referred to Law and Ordinances and Finance Committees.

The Financial Statement for the month of April was read as follows;

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-General Fund	Suburban Trust Company	
3-31-58 Balance	17430.16	3-31-58 Balance 851.66
Deposits - April	46416.42	No deposits or withdrawals -
	<u>63846.58</u>	4-30-58 Balance 851.66
Disbursements - April	37613.57	
	<u>26233.01</u>	

Special Improvement Fund - Citizens Bank:

3-31-58 Balance	8663.32
Deposits - April	389.98
	<u>9053.30</u>
Disbursements-April	3442.50
	<u>5610.80</u>

For complete Financial Statement

see Pages 16 & 17.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller issued a Proclamation, designating May 17th to May 30th, for the annual Poppy Drive, May 24th being designated as Poppy Day, to be sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 28. The Mayor asked that the Citizens of Takoma Park take an active part in this drive and give it full support.

Mayor Miller announced the Joint Meeting to be held here in the City on May 15th, 8:00 p.m., between the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Chapters of the Maryland Municipal League. Scheduled for discussion will be a report on Zoning by municipal officials from the lower Montgomery County towns and a report of a decision of the Prince George's County Municipal Association to undertake, this summer, a study of city-county fiscal relations.

Mayor Miller also expressed his opinion on the letter received from Mr. Melvin L. Reese, County Manager, Montgomery County, referring to the Montgomery County Justice of the Peace, and recommended that this matter be brought to the attention of the Montgomery County Council.

Mr. Milton A. Smith, Attorney representing Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, addressed the Mayor and Council explaining the circumstances concerning

Mrs. Ralls' request for permission for two additional patients at her nursing home, thus increasing limit from 10 to 12, at 7420 Maple Avenue. Mr. Smith stated that he had supporting evidence that Mrs. Ralls had been misled by County Officials about eight years ago, at which time she could have been granted the full number, and was therefore, requesting the Council to give full consideration to Mrs. Ralls, in her request for a re-hearing, as all that is being requested is to rectify the error that was made in 1950 upon the advice of a former building inspector of the County. Mr. Smith also stated that Mrs. Ralls request for re-hearing was only for the purpose of increasing number of patients and that there was no need for further additions to the present building, as the addition added a few years ago, would adequately take care of the increase in number.

Councilman Forshee asked where this supporting information could be obtained and was informed by Mr. Smith that it could be obtained from the County Nursing Home Regulations, and that he was sure they would be able to furnish a letter confirming the above.

Mr. Smith further stated that the re-hearing date scheduled for May 15th, is being postponed, due to the fact that he will be out of town, and asked the Council if they had any objection to a postponement, and was informed by Councilman Sidell there was no objection to this continuance.

Mayor Miller referred the above to the Public Welfare and Law and Ordinances Committees.

Mr. Adolph Juhl, 804 Jackson Avenue, former City Councilman greeted the Mayor and Council, inquiring as to the status of the Budget and further stated that he felt the City was in need for expansion, especially, commercially also that it needed more general Civic improvement and offstreet parking, particularly for the Fire Department. Mayor Miller stated that at a recent meeting of the Mayors of this locality, that it was stated that Takoma Park is far ahead of most communities in services to the people.

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, spoke concerning Mr. Juhl's statement, that he would like to see services in the City continue, and that he was happy to understand that City employees are getting a cost of living pay raise, also that he did not want to be identified with the letter from the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, as he was no longer a member. When asked if he thought Mr. Juhl's statements were characteristic of the City, he stated that he didn't think that the City was on the downgrade.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell moved the appointment of John W. Saunders, to the Takoma Park Police Department, effective May 15th, under the Merit Plan for the customary six-months probationary period, at a salary of \$3,800.00. This appointment will fill the vacancy created by Corporal Elliott W. Anderson. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Sidell introduced the Regulations for Operation and Maintenance of Montgomery County Fire Rescue Alarm Facilities with certain amendments, as recommended by the City Fire Board. After considerable discussion including an explanation of the project by Deputy Chief LaScola, as to its operation; and several statements by Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, in that he did not approve the move, as he felt the City should be responsible for its own fires, although he did approve of

mutual aid; Councilman Sidell moved the above Regulations be adopted, with the Fire Board Amendments, and that question of legality of Section 2B14 be left in. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried. All members voted Yea, except Councilman Collison, who voted Nay, stating that his vote was on the principle that no further authority should be released to the County.

Councilman Roth asked if the City could withdraw at any time in the future, and was informed that the City could, however, that it would be an expensive proposition to do so.

3. Councilman Sidell mentioned a request by a Mr. Hutton of Heather Avenue, however, it seems that it was a verbal request, therefore, he requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write Mr. Hutton and ask him to submit his request in writing.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Councilwoman Monitor stated that she had no report at this time, and that the request by Lee Jordan for a suitable building for Recreation would be reported on by Councilman Collison.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for approval the payment of bills for the Month of April in amount of \$37,613.57. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee moved that \$60.50 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund for the purchase of a much needed slip sheeter attachment for the City Office Mimeograph Machine. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Forshee stated that the date of May 27th, 8 p.m., has been set for the Budget Hearing, to be held at the municipal gymnasium. Mayor Miller suggested that all recommendations be filed in writing, at which time they will be given consideration.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Roth stated he had no report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the Storm Drainage Construction, WSSC-Cedar & Philadelphia Avenues, that there are questions as to whether the present three drains should be connected, and the expense involved. The matter will be studied further; He also reported on the Glenside Drive improvement request by Mrs. Flaiz, concerning the storm drainage line, and that this had been discussed with Mr. McNeill of McNeill Surveys, Inc., in that the proposed storm drain line had been approved by Sanitary Commission in 1953, that any change in the plans would have to be at the expense of the owners, and that Mrs. Flaiz will be contacted further concerning this; Councilman Collison also summarized on the North Takoma Storm Drainage project, and recommended that the Clerk-Treasurer write the Sanitary Commission that the \$36,000 previously appropriated should be held in abeyance for this project.

2. Councilman Collison reported on the grading plans for Niagara & Ritchie Avenues in area of 7620 Maple Avenue, that the completion of this work is months away, however, that Mr. Mason has the plans for the proposed Public Works Building ready to submit, so that when the project is started it might be necessary to enter from the upper level, which can be done. Councilman Collison reported that the question had been raised in connection with the new proposed Public Works Building, as to whether there would be need for three-phase electrical work. There are no facilities in the area for this type of current, and it would be an expensive undertaking to install it. It is thought that this type electrical current might be needed, therefore, the matter will be studied further.

3. Councilman Collison reported that the request for a hearing on improvement of Haywood Avenue from Larch Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway, and request for paving of Wabash Avenue from Eastridge to Sligo Creek Parkway are being held up until such time as an estimate of cost and a hearing date can be set up.

4. Councilman Collison reported on the request of Lee Jordan for a suitable building for a recreation center; that he had spoken to Mr. Mason the architect asking if it is possible to erect a building of cinder block for approximately \$6500, with the minimum of facilities and Mr. Mason stated that he doubted that it could be done for that amount, but would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Mr. Mason will prepare preliminary plans for such a building which Councilman Collison hopes to present at the next Council Meeting.

5. Councilman Collison made a progress report on the interviewing of applicants for the position of Director of Public Works, stating that nine interviews had been held with five more scheduled in the coming week with the top flight applicants.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie stated that the decision in the case of Mrs. Ralls' nursing home will be held pending receipt of the letter mentioned by Mr. Smith during the Open Meeting.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported on the Case No. 628, Petition of Mrs. Catherine M. Maddox, 8204 Roanoke Avenue, for a child care home for not more than 20 children. He stated that he had driven past the place, however, was not able to tell too much about the location. He further moved that a continuation of this case be requested by the Council, for reasons of lack of time before the public hearing on May 15th, and upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman McKenzie also requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write the Board of Appeals in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and request that in the future, these appeals be sent to the City with more advance notice of the public hearings, in order to enable the Committee to make a thorough study, and that the Council as a whole, can make a thoroughly considered and fair decision.

Deputy Chief LaScola of the Fire Department reported on his trip to the Arson Seminar at Purdue University, speaking very highly of the training he received while at the school. Deputy Chief LaScola also stated that he had received appointment to the International Association of Arson Investigators, effective July 1, 1958. He stated that he had filed application about a year ago, and that the applicants are screened very carefully;

also pointing out that the dues per year is \$7.00, however, the books and data received are of great value.

Councilman Collison reported at this time that several complaints had been received concerning parking on the West Side of Sycamore Avenue, near the intersection of East-West Highway. This matter will be turned over to the Public Safety Committee for investigation.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

George M. Miller

Mayor

Harold M. Lindgren

Clerk-Treasurer

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 26, 1958

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

The Invocation was given by Rev. Taylor G. Bunch, Sligo Seventh Day Adventist, Carroll and Flower Avenues, Takoma Park.

Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes of May 12th, 1958 be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Raymond L. Worthington, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, West end of Merwood Drive, Bicycle situation. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
2. Raymond L. Worthington, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, Codification of Ordinance No. 1400, Section 5, Discipline, Department Heads. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee, with copies to each Committee Chairman.
3. W. H. Atherly, 8010 Maple Avenue, City, Request for "No Parking Signs" at alley entrance to residence. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Mrs. Alice M. Black, Corresponding Secretary, Takoma Park Junior High School P.T.A., request for temporary asphalt walkway on one side of Grant Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
5. Mr. & Mrs. E. Horace Siegler, 201 Tulip Avenue, City, Street Lamp at 7204 Cedar Avenue. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. Mrs. Fred D. Lindsey, 7400 Birch Avenue, City, Commendation for clean-up assistance, vicinity, Holly and Dogwood Avenues, & recommendation that vacant lot be posted. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. George J. Hadjinoff, 8202 Roanoke Avenue, City, Protest of Petition of Catherine M. Maddox for child care home. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
8. County Board of Appeals, Montgomery County, Dismissal of Case No. 601, Petition of George and Ethel Wargo, 8402 Flower Avenue for Special Exception to permit use for tourist home of dwelling on Lot 1, Block 57, Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park. Referred to Council Files.
9. County Board of Appeals, Montgomery County, Case No. 628, Petition of Mrs. Catherine M. Maddox, ten-day extension for further hearing, if desired. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
10. Mrs. Charlene B. Scott, Secretary, Takoma Park Veterans' Council, Invitation to attend ceremonies at War Memorial, May 30th, 10:00 a.m. Referred to Council Files.
11. Lillian I. Ralls, 7420 Maple Avenue, Case No. 599, Montgomery County Board of Appeals. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
12. John P. Hewitt, Director of Parks, MNCP&PC, U. S. House Resolution 11993, Greenbelt Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller announced the schedule for the ceremonies to be held at the Veterans' Memorial at Maple and Philadelphia Avenues, on May 30th, at 10:00 a.m. He urged that all Council Members and Citizens be present at the services.

Mayor Miller also issued a Proclamation in honor of National Flag Week to be held from June 8th through the 14th. He also urged that the Citizens of the Community should display the American Flag in their homes, or businesses, in appreciation of having the privilege of living in a free democracy, and having the right to worship God, each in his own way, also that in displaying the flag it would be an excellent reminder to the children of the Community, making them more aware of the wonderful privilege of living in America.

Mr. Plummer M. Shearin, Attorney, 8641 Colesville Road, representing Mr. & Mrs. Augustine, owners of the property at 7204 Cedar Avenue, and who are now overseas, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the street lamp in front of the Augustine property. Mr. Shearin read a letter from Mr. Augustine, in which he stated that he had purchased the property with the understanding that the lamp remain and that he had put considerable time and money in maintaining the lamp, and felt the lamp should remain in its present position. Mr. Shearin requested the Mayor and Council, not to make a decision until he had been able to ascertain to whom the lamp rightfully belongs. Mr. Shearin will notify the Council of any developments with reference to the lamp. The Council complied with Mr. Shearin's request.

Mr. Reid N. Painter, 703-05-07 Devonshire Road, asked the Council, if they had heard anything from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, concerning the survey of the storm water conditions in his area.

Mr. Joseph Pearce, 302 Grant Avenue, City, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. Navy, addressed the Council, stating that some time ago he had suggested that stop signs be placed on the corner of Holly and Grant Avenues, which had been taken care of, also that he had spoken to Chief Foster, expressing his appreciation. Mr. Pearce further requested that the Council investigate the traffic situation near the Recreation Center on Darwin Avenue. He stated that there is a stop sign on the corner, however, he believed that it was too high for the motorist to see, especially at night, therefore, are not aware that there is a stop sign on the corner. After considerable observation he strongly felt that traffic in the area was becoming quite a hazard. He suggested that perhaps a heavy white line could be painted at the intersection, or some arrangement made to remedy the condition.

Mayor Miller stated that he was somewhat aware of the situation, and further referred Mr. Pearce's request to Councilman Sidell, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, complimented the Mayor and Council on the fine job done on the budget, however, he still thought that the budget should be submitted to the public, before it was acted upon by the Council.

Mayor Miller explained at length to Mr. McClenon, the procedure following in preparing the City Budget, also that it is submitted to all Civic Associations, and Citizens requesting copies, and any suggestions are welcomed, and in the event suggested changes are received, they are given due consideration by the Committee in charge of the budget.

Mr. Adolph Juhl, 804 Jackson Avenue, asked if the salaries paid the Mayor and Councilmen are limited by the City Charter, and was told that they were, after which he stated that it is a matter that should be given due consideration.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor stated that she would await further information concerning the lamp at 7204 Cedar Avenue before taking definite action.
2. Councilwoman Monitor requested that anyone interested in taking a couple of the foreign students into their home, to please contact the City Office, or her. The students will be here about the 14th of July.
3. Councilwoman Monitor brought to the attention of the Council, that last year it had been decided to build a trophy case in the hall of the City office, and that there were trophies to be placed in it, and she imagined that there would be some from the 4th of July parade again this year, therefore, she requested that Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee take care of having this trophy case installed.
4. Councilwoman Monitor reported that she had received a request from Mr. Waldron, for a stake truck, for use by the Cub Scouts to make a float for the 4th of July parade, therefore, moved that this permission be granted, also that those using the float assume any responsibility in connection with the truck. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.
5. Councilwoman Monitor announced that the next Founder's Day meeting would be held Tuesday, June 3rd, at 8 Sherman Avenue; also that the Montgomery County Recreation Department will sponsor an instruction course in weight lifting, at the gymnasium.
6. Councilwoman Monitor stated that the Committee recommends that the Mayor and Council support the project as referred to in the letter from Mr. John Hewitt, concerning U. S. House Resolution 11993, Greenbelt Park, and that the proper parties be notified, also that copies of the letters be sent to MNCP&PC. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.
7. Councilwoman Monitor brought to the attention of those present that Mrs. Etta Davis is in Suburban Hospital, and that she would appreciate any cards sent to her.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported that notice has been received from Schell S. Hoyer Company to audit the City Accounts, at a cost of \$500.00. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1491

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

Section 1. THAT Schell S. Hoyer and Company be engaged to conduct an audit of the books of the City, inasmuch as an amount has been appropriated in Account Number 10.422 for accounting and auditing.

Section 2. AND THAT the period beginning July 1st, 1957, and ending June 30, 1958 be audited for a fee as submitted in the amount of \$500.00.

Upon being seconded, and put to question, the above 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 Forshee announced that the Budget Hearing would be held on Tuesday, May 27th, at 8:00 p.m.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported that a meeting had been held with the Library Board, and that the discussion was on the responsibility of the utilities and janitor services at the Library. Councilman Roth stated that he told the Library Board Members that he was sure that this could be discussed in detail after the Budget Hearing.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the Vacancy - Public Works Director - stating that after duly advertising, and the receipt of 60 applications, the Committee after screening the applicants, and after interviewing a dozen or more, called back three for further interview, and after due consideration, one of the gentlemen had all the qualifications desired. Councilman Collison moved the appointment of Captain Earl K. Rhodes, 7420 Holly Avenue, City, as Director of Public Works and Inspections, for the City of Takoma Park, effective May 27th, 1958. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee and Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was unanimously carried. Mayor Miller stated that he would issue the oath of office to Mr. Rhodes at the close of the meeting.

2. Councilman Collison presented two sets of plans he had received from Mr. Mason, architect, on the proposed building at Heffner Park for recreation purposes, and that the building would cost approximately \$12,800 to complete, and that this would include the heating system, two restrooms, a kitchen space with roughed in plumbing, and electric wiring; also that the building would be constructed of cinder block, painted on the inside, so that there would be little in the building that could be damaged. He further stated that Mr. Mason's fee is usually 6 percent, however, he thought it would be more or less 5 percent. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved for the authority to have Mr. Mason proceed with detailed plans and then to advertise for bids. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner requested that Case No. 599, Appeal & Petition, Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, be transferred to the Public Welfare Committee; also that the request for comments or suggestions concerning 1957 report on taxation and fiscal matters by the Legislative Council of Maryland be transferred to the Finance Committee; also that the request of the Community League concerning City Charter, and the Amendment to Sec. 1427 (a) of City Charter referring to City Budget, would take considerable study, and possibly amendments to the charter, therefore, were to be considered with more care; report was also given on the suggested increase in Pringe George's Representation - City Council, stating that he had made a survey of the percentage in representatives, and that it came out in half figures, therefore, would need more study. Further word from the County is being awaited in the case of Montgomery County Justice of the Peace.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie requested that the Dangerous hole, rear 901 Sligo Parkway, caused by storm water drainage be transferred to the Public Works Committee. It was stated that this item had been taken care of; It was further requested that Item 2, request for "Street" & "No Thru Street" signs - Dundalk Road, be transferred to the Public Safety Committee.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported on the request of Catherine M. Maddox, Case No. 628, Petition for a child care home in dwelling already erected on Lot 59, Block 55A, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, also known as 8204 Roanoke Avenue, already in an R-10 Zone. It was further stated that Chief Carter of the Fire Department had been requested to investigate the dwelling, and after doing so, reported that Mrs. Maddox intends to enclose the garage as a shelter area, and remodel the first floor and basement for facilities

for the children, also the back yard area of about 50 feet might be adequate. Chief Carter further reported that the premises were alright for purposes intended. Therefore, Councilman McKenzie stated that, in view of the fact that the Council had been given only a ten-day continuance, and inasmuch as the ten days were up, there wasn't sufficient time to supply a recommendation to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals, therefore, the decision would be left entirely up to the Board of Appeals.

Councilman Collison questioned whether the present off-street parking could be abolished, and it was decided that this factor should be left up to the Board.

3. Councilman McKenzie reported on the case of Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, Case No. 599, Appeal and Petition for two additional patients in her nursing home, 7420 Maple Avenue, Lot 7A, Block 86, Petty Estates Subdivision. The hearing date on this case will be June 6th, A letter was introduced to the Council from Mrs. Virginia B. Maxwell, R.N., Institutional Program Coordinator, Montgomery County Health Department, stating that in May 1947, Mrs. Ralls could have been licensed for 12 patients, at that time had she requested same, however, her request was for ten beds only. At this time, Councilman McKenzie stated that the Committee recommends that the Council go on record as disapproving this request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Monitor.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that, while twelve patients might have been excessive previously, however, that she does have space for two additional ones now.

Councilman Forshee stated that to go back and correct something that was out of order in the past, would not be against the zoning Ordinance, and further stated that he would like to see the Council recommend her request favorably. He also stated that he didn't see where two additional people in the City, was quite as bad as allowing 20 children to be placed in an area much smaller, and he didn't feel that the decision to recommend disapproval was a fair one. There was also a statement made that patients are usually from out of the City, however, it was brought out that many of the children who are cared for in child care homes, are also brought in from other places.

Both Mayor Miller and Corporation Counsel stated that Mrs. Ralls operates a very reputable institution.

Councilman Turner asked how the people who live in the area feel, and was told that they didn't seem to be opposed to any additional increase.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that he understood that when original application was made for ten, the sleeping quarters were occupied by family, and just the downstairs area used for patients, however, the family is no longer with her. Subsequently when addition was put on, facilities for the family were placed in the new addition. Mrs. Ralls in making her request back in 1947, did so on the basis that certain members of the family were with her, however, now that some of the family have left, she no doubt feels the need for additional income. He further stated that the question is whether more patients are wanted in the City. (See Page 23, 2nd paragraph for correction)

Councilman Collison stated that the Council has always taken a firm stand on special exceptions to the Housing Ordinance, and that it was his opinion that in this case the Council should remain firm.

Councilman Sidell stated that he is in agreement with Councilman Forshee, that the Council should grant the exception.

Therefore, a vote was taken on the previous recommendation that the Council go on record as disapproving the subject request, with a final vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, McKenzie, Roth, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Opposed: Councilmen Forshee and Sidell.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for "Street" and "No Thru Street" signs - Dundalk Road, that the street signs have been ordered, and that the request for "No Thru Street" sign will be investigated; also that the request for a street light installation at rear of 8210 Roanoke Avenue, is related to a survey of lighting in that area made by PEPCO, and that a meeting of the Committee will be held on June 2nd, and some of these items will be cleared up at that time.
3. Councilman Sidell stated that the complaint of U. S. Mail Boxes corner of Flower and Erie Avenues will be turned over to the Police Department, to contact the Post Office Department Inspector to see if the boxes on corner are creating a hazardous condition. Councilman Turner spoke at this time, stating that he had been approached by one of the gentlemen in his department, concerning such a situation, and that he had talked with him, and if he could be of any assistance he would be glad to help, therefore, Councilman Turner was requested to investigate the situation further.
4. Councilman Sidell also reported that he would have a recommendation to make after the June 2nd meeting of his Committee, concerning the stop signs on Holly and Grant Avenues.

Councilman Sidell stated that he had a bicycle that he would be happy to loan out, to anyone desiring to ride it in the 4th of July Parade, as the routing set up for the parade was quite a strenuous one.

Captain Cissel, of the Police Department announced that the Public would have the opportunity to see the Takoma Park Police Department in action on May 31st and on June 7th, on Channel 4, 6:30 p.m., on Police Court.

Fire Chief Carter stated that the City of Rockville will have Memorial Day Services at 2:00 p.m., followed by a parade, so anyone wishing to attend, might do so.

Mayor Miller requested that a Resolution be adopted, in proper memoriam, to be presented to Mrs. Charles Ferry; the Mayor's request was so moved by Councilman Colli-
son, and upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, was carried unanimously. The Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the passing of Charles F. Ferry has removed from this life a beloved and respected friend, and

WHEREAS, as a resident property owner in the City of Takoma Park for twenty-five years, he gave unstintingly of his time and energy to the improvement and betterment of the community in which he resided and was respected and honored by people in all walks of life, irrespective of race, creed and color, and

WHEREAS, as an employee of the City of Takoma Park in the capacity of Inspector of Buildings, he was faithful and loyal, and diligently discharged the duties of his Office,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the heartfelt sympathy of the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of Takoma Park, Maryland, is hereby extended to Mrs. Charles F. Ferry and family in their bereavement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be given to Mrs. Charles F. Ferry at 7114 Poplar Avenue, City of Takoma Park, Maryland, as a small token of esteem and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered by Mr. Charles F. Ferry to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

This Resolution duly made by motion, seconded and unanimously adopted, this 26th day of May, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

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

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

At this time, Mayor Miller issued the Oath of Office to Mr. Earl K. Rhodes, as new Director of Public Works and Inspections.

George M Miller
Mayor

Hayes M. Bridgman
Clerk-Treasurer

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
April 1958

	Cash Balances Beginning of Month		Cash Bal- ances at end of Month
3-31-58 Citizens Bank-General Fund	17430.16	4-30-58	26233.01
3-31-58 Citizens Bank-Payroll Fund	671.59	"	264.69
3-31-58 Suburban Trust Company	851.66	"	125.00
3-31-58 Petty Cash Fund-City Office	125.00	"	851.66
Total Cash in Bank & On Hand	19078.41		27474.36

	April 1958 <u>Receipts</u>	Total Budgeted Revenues To 4-30-58	Budget Bal- ances as of 4-30-58	1957-58 Percen- Adopted Budget Total	tage Rev. To Budget
<u>REVENUES:</u>					
Taxes: Local Gross					
1.0 Total Collection	95.45	356702.35	2168.07	358870.42	99.4
1.5 Taxes State Shared	11139.84	69871.99	8478.01	78350.00	88.0
2.0 Licenses & Permits	379.55	17582.07	6287.93	23870.00	73.6
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	33.00	842.64	2277.36	3120.00	27.0
4.0 Use of Money & Property	211.70	2443.76	-353.76	2090.00	116.9
5.0 Revenue: Other Sources	34159.03	34159.03	-659.03	33500.00	102.0
6.0 Service Charges & Fees	290.69	10057.60	907.40	10965.00	91.8
Total Budgeted Receipts	46309.26	491659.44	19105.98	510765.42	96.3
Non-Budgeted Receipts	273.77				
Total Cash & Receipts	46583.03				
Less Accrued & Deferred Rev.	166.61	46416.42			
Total Cash & Receipts	46416.42				
	65494.83				
		This month's percentage figure: 83 1/3			
		<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	

	Expended	Balance	Budget
<u>DISBURSED & ACCRUED:</u>			
10.0 General Government	3947.63	42406.95 (A)	12817.05 52720.00 76.8
11.1 Police Department	8593.95	86246.06 (B)	19300.32 102577.10 81.8
11.2 Fire Department	5032.37	59822.79 (C)	10836.21 70305.00 84.7
11.3 Protective Inspection	569.83	5708.82 (D)	1631.14 7339.96 77.8
11.9 Other Protection	-	1556.93 (E)	259.47 500.00 85.7
12.1 Public Works Office	1097.64	13973.98 (F)	5040.98 19014.96 73.4
12.2 Public Works Highways	5179.56	45579.20 (G)	17840.80 63420.00 71.9
12.9 Public Works Repair Shop	2549.70	24708.82 (H)	-1848.87 22610.00 108.1
13.0 Public Works Sanitation	5059.74	48511.54 (I)	10049.46 58561.00 82.8
19.0 Recreation Division	1067.62	32056.75 (J)	7011.07 35357.82 82.1
21.0 Miscellaneous	5154.09	26885.99 (K)	895.11 26710.10 96.8
22.1 Council Appropriation	45.30	145.30 (L)	427.64 572.94 25.3
4th of July Expense		1271.92 (M)	
Legal Reserve Fund			37629.99 51076.54 26.3
Total	38297.43	388875.05	121890.37 510765.42 74.1
Non-Budgeted Accounts	802.07	(A) 2504.00	
	39099.50	(B) 2969.28	
Less: Cash Discounts	17.06	(C) 354.00	
	39082.44	(E) 1316.40	
Less Adjustments	1061.97	(H) 249.95	
Cash to be accounted for:	27474.36	(J) 3710.00	
		(K) 1071.00	
		(M) 1271.92	
		13446.55	

GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS COMPARISON
March 31, 1958 and April 30, 1958

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Balance 3-31-58</u>	<u>Balance 4-30-58</u>	<u>Changes During Month</u>
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-General A/C	17430.16	26233.01	+8802.85
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-Payroll A/C	671.59	264.69	-406.90
Suburban Trust Company-General A/C	851.66	851.66	-
Petty Cash Fund-City Office	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable-1957 Levy	5522.35	5426.90	-95.45
Taxes Receivable-1956 Levy	156.90	156.90	-
Taxes Delinquent	572.49	572.49	-
Interest Receivable on 1956 Levy	2.64	2.64	-
Due from Special Assessment Fund	48334.63	48452.55	+117.92
Due from Uniform Account-Policemen	779.62	684.62	-95.00
Towing Charges Receivable	38.00	64.50	+26.50
Prepaid Insurance	9374.09	8198.85	-1175.24
Certificate of Deposit	100000.00	100000.00	-
Accrued Rent & Interest Receivable	1224.06	1390.76	+166.70
Prepaid State Retirement	9374.09	-	-9374.09
Protective Apparel	-	84.60	+84.60
New Public Works Building	-	900.00	+900.00
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Total Assets Accounts	194457.28	193409.17	-1048.11
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts - Commitments Payable	10358.18	10196.65	-161.53
Certificate of Indebtedness	74500.00	74500.00	-
Escrow & Deposit Refundable	1125.00	1135.00	+10.00
Accrued Interest Payable	1166.91	1305.69	+138.78
Accrued Payroll	902.84	1721.88	+819.04
Maryland Income Tax Withheld	530.03	190.99	-339.04
Group Hospitalization Withheld	34.56	43.20	+8.64
D. C. Income Tax Withheld	107.00	30.50	-76.50
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Total Liability Accounts	88724.52	89123.91	+399.39
Unappropriated Surplus from Previous Year	4321.59	4332.51	+10.92
Appropriated Unexpended Net Asset Value	63601.18	62322.76	-1278.42
Unappropriated Reserve Fund Balance	37809.99	37629.99	-180.00
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Total	194457.28	193409.17	-1048.11
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Special Improvement Account 3-31-58	8663.32		
April Receipts	389.98		
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April Disbursements	3442.50		
Balance 4-30-58	5610.80		
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BUDGET HEARING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 27, 1958

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Miller, Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Absent: Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman Forshee welcomed all citizens present, stating that the Council was presenting the tentative budget which would not be adopted until the Council Meeting on June 9th. He also stated that the Council and the Finance Committee would appreciate any constructive suggestions concerning the budget. He further thanked all those responsible for the part they took in the preparation of the proposed budget for 1958-59, 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 with a Summary of Estimated Revenues.

Mayor Miller addressed those present, extending warm words of welcome. The Mayor also introduced the new Director of Public Works and Inspections, Mr. Earl K. Rhodes.

Mr. John F. Kozel, asked if the new Lee Avenue Apartments are figured in the increase in county taxes.

Mr. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer, stated no, they were not, but would probably be in the half-year levy taxes.

Mr. Vincent Amoroso, questioned as to whether there would be any development on the property at N. H. Ave. and University Lane.

He was informed that the matter had been discussed with Mr. Woodall some time ago, as to what the prospects were, and it seems there is an endeavor to get at least one large department store in the locality, so that the City would have at least one large department store.

Mr. Amoroso further stated that the City could stand about a \$3,000,000 increase to assist in taxes for the City, and wondered what the Mayor and Council could do about promoting such a project, which could be aided by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kozel stated that definite plans were underway and that they had been turned over to the State Roads, with an attempt to promote industry in the area, which would be one way to increase income without increasing taxes.

Mayor Miller stated that he had talked with various businessmen of the City, about setting up a recommending body to promote the business area of Takoma Park. He further stated that the Council is prepared, this year, to spend some money for expansion, and that it will probably take more than a thousand dollars to promote a program in areas that can be taken in under the Home Rule.

Mr. Kozel asked what actual income tax was received this year, in connection with 1.52 - Income Tax. Councilman Forshee stated that \$40,804.60 has been received.

Mr. Stephen Curtis, spoke on 6.21, Protective Inspection - stating that the City could expand its borders, asking if it had every occurred to the Mayor and Council that the Protective Inspection Program may have retarded the growth of the City.

At this point, Councilman Forshee stated that the matter of Protective Inspection should not be gone into at this time, as it is necessary that the City operate on a Budget, and what we have presently, might not be what we will have a year from now.

Mr. Robert Mandel referred to 10.592 and stated that he was disappointed that provisions had not been made for the printing of the City Laws and Ordinances, however, Councilman McKenzie informed him, that the amount allotted would take care of it.

Mr. Kozel stated that under 10.131 he hoped that next year steps would be taken to increase the salaries of the Mayor and Council, and believed that it could be done without upsetting the budget.

Mayor Miller jokingly suggested that the Finance Committee put in a salary increase for the Mayor, for \$5,000, then he was quite sure that the Fire House would be filled to capacity.

Councilman Forshee stated that a change of this nature would have to be by Charter Amendment.

Mr. Vincent Amoroso asked that the 10% Legal Reserve be explained. He was informed that the City Charter requires that it be set up. At this time, Councilman Turner read an excerpt from the City Charter explaining the 10% Legal Reserve.

Mr. Amoroso asked just what happened to the Reserve.

Mayor Miller proceeded to explain that the Reserve was set aside to be used for necessary and emergency items, that come up during the Budget Year, but are not provided for in the Budget.

Mr. Curtis asked if the money from the Legal Reserve is kept in the checking account of the City, or if it is invested to obtain interest.,

Mayor Miller stated that the Legal Reserve is placed in the bank in a savings account, where it draws the usual interest. There was some question concerning investing it in stock, or elsewhere, however, it was pointed out that it is necessary to place it where there is easy access to it, so that if it is needed, it can be gotten readily.

The question was raised on 10.491, \$720.00, as to what it was for, and person was informed that it was for the purpose of repairing the parking meters.

Question was raised on 10.291, increase in salaries of the Justice of the Peace. It was stated that increases were granted due to the resignation of Mr. Dodd, and that it was hard to find the services of a good J. P. It was then asked why the increase hadn't been given to Mr. Dodd, and it was stated that when the Council was ready to give an increase to Mr. Dodd, his resignation was read, so it was dropped for the time-being.

Mr. Curtis asked what Item (J) under 11.111, Police Department was for.

Councilman Sidell stated that it was for a promotion of rank.

Mr. Robert Mandel, President of the Spring Park Community Association, speaking for the Association, stated that there had been concern about the salary level of the Police Department. He stated that at the last meeting of the Association a resolution was adopted, that the increases in the budget are not adequate, and that the cost of living increase, to be studied in the future, however, it is something which is due right now and might well be included in the present budget. He further stated that \$9,000 is not enough to take care of the increases the Association had in mind, and it is wondered where the City expects to get the rest. It was also stated that if necessary to obtain enough money that the tax rate go back to \$1.00.

Mayor Miller addressed those present, stating that the City is under a Merit Plan, which was adopted to pay the men a starting salary of \$3,800; also that four years ago the men were not paid as well, nor were there as many men on the force.

Councilman Roth, at this time quoted salaries of other cities in the County, which were in some cases, lower than in the City.

Mr. Amoroso stated that Councilman Roth had given a good report, however, he could have gone a step further and also compared the number of days worked and hospitalization and other benefits.

Mayor Miller stated that as long as he is Mayor, that the Council will do the best that it can, and that during the past four years the Council Members have discussed constructively many of the problems facing the City.

Mr. Amoroso stated that he was in accord with the Mayor's statements, and that as a taxpayer he knew that when a dollar of his money was spent, it was spent wisely.

Mr. Sydney Tymeson stated that he was well aware of the experiences of the Council, and that he was certain that the Council could work out the pay increases in a fair way.

Mayor Miller stated that the Prince George's Municipal Association, to which the City belongs, is going to conduct a study of the tax differentials this year. The Committee has engaged the services of a consultant to survey and investigate the Prince George's County records and it is hoped a tax differential arrangement may be worked out as a result of this survey.

Mr. Mandel stated that he didn't intend to dwell directly on the Police Department, but that the Association was interested in all City employees getting a cost of living raise, also that they would like to see a five-day week for the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Forshee stated that many of the suggestions presented had been received before, however, the Council feels that there are questions that require a little more than snap judgment. Also that he is quite sure that something will be done when there has been an opportunity to study the whole situation.

Mr. Kozel stated that he believed that when the Merit Plan was changed and modified the purpose was to eliminate the discussion of salaries at the Budget Hearing.

Councilman Forshee stated for that reason the pay scale was included in the Merit Plan, and he would like to suggest, if everyone was agreeable, that the question of salaries not be brought up further at this meeting. Also that while everyone might feel there is some reason for a change, it will be necessary to make a change in the Merit Plan first of all.

Mr. Curtis asked why the salary of the Public Works Director is higher than those for the Police and Fire Chief.

Mayor Miller stated that he was unable to answer the question fully, however, that it was based on the management of each department.

Mr. Charles H. Howe, Member of the City Fire Board, spoke as a member of the Budget Committee of the Fire Board. He stated that every possible item had been cut that was advisable, however, that he was sorry to see that no provision had been made in the proposed budget for a replacement of the 21 year old fire engine, and it is strongly felt that the Mayor and Council should make some provision for this. Also that the Committee feels that provision should be made to increase the salaries of all City employees.

Mr. Tymeson stated that we live in a progressive community, however, he doubted that there are many people in the community today, who purchased their homes by paying cash, but do so over a long period of time. Therefore, he was of the opinion that the City should take out a \$60,000 Certificate of Indebtedness, for in so doing it would enable them to off-set the expense of some things, over a long range paying plan.

Councilman Collison stated that there are a lot of things that need to be done, and Members of the Council have discussed ways and means to set up a fund to off-set depreciation.

Fire Chief Carter referred to the \$27,000 for Capital Improvements as allocated in the Budget, also that he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the approval of his proposed budget, also for the City Fire Board; and that he knew that the Council was well aware of the need, and he felt sure that it would be met.

Councilman Collison stated that it is not intended to fill the position of Assistant Director for the Public Works Department, until it is observed how the new Director gets along.

Mr. Mandel asked concerning 12.202A, stating that less has been requested this year, and he wondered why, when the cost of road materials has gone up.

Councilman Collison stated that the account was over-estimated last year.

Mr. Michael Derato, 12.201, asked about Mr. Boetker, Street Superintendent; why his salary remains the same.

Mr. Derato was informed that Mr. Boetker had reached the peak under his category on the Merit Plan.

Mr. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer stated that the Street Supervisor gets over-time pay, which is paid strictly out of the Street Labor Account.

Mr. Tymeson stated that he thought it would be a good idea to have department heads placed under the Merit System, so that they could be hired on their ability, and thus remove the political aspect.

Mr. Curtis stated that during the time after Mr. Remsen resigned, that the Clerk-Treasurer, and Mr. Boetker cared for the responsibilities of the Public Works Department, therefore, due to the fact that a salary had not been paid Mr. Remsen, he thought it should be paid to them.

Mr. Amoroso stated that in connection with the resignation of Jim Mayo, former employee of the Public Works Department - Mr. Mayo did considerable work in the repairing of the Public Works vehicles - that it would be an excellent way to save money, in hiring a man capable of handling this repair work, plus carrying on other duties, and paying him enough for his services, in order to obtain a man truly capable for the job.

Mr. Kozel referred to Account 19.103A, and 19.202F & H and 19.203A, stating that he did not believe that the \$1100 carried in these accounts is necessary, and that it could be placed in the Library Improvements Account 19.103A.

Councilman Forshee stated that three Council Members have been appointed to serve on a Committee with Members of the Library Board, to work out various matters, and that they had their first meeting during May, and that a brief report had been given at the Council meeting on May 26th.

Mr. Derato, referring to Account 21.902, stated he understood most of the insurance is given on a bid basis, however, he was told that in February 15, 1957, the insurance

for the City was let on a three-year basis. Mr. Derato asked if there was any money saved in handling the insurance in this manner.

Mr. Pridgen, Clerk-Treasurer, stated that this method of setting up the insurance for the City was prepared on a loss basis, and at the time a bill is sent after the three-year period is up, then it will be possible to know just how much has been saved under the Retrospective Plan. It was further stated that previously the insurance for the City had been placed under several plans, and after investigation, it was strongly felt that by compiling it together that there will be considerable savings.

Mr. Kozel suggested the following proposals:

1. That the Tax Rate for the City be set at \$.95.
2. That all Capital Improvements be financed over a period of time by Certificates of Indebtedness.

He further proposed that Account 22.OA & B be removed, also that the \$27,000 savings on the above proposals would put the City in a more favorable position for annexation.

It was asked what the Heffner Park Project was.

Councilman Collison stated that Heffner Park was two pieces of property on Oswego Avenue, one part is the colored children's playground and the other just a small parcel of land connecting with it. Also that an agreement had been established with the people who use the playground to interchange, so that the playground portion could be used as part of the Public Works Project, and that the money allotted in Account 22.OA was for the purpose of making the remaining part into a playground for the children.

Mayor Miller stated that he would like to see a newspaper established here in the City, and hoped that this project might be carried out in the future.

Councilman Forshee thanked all those present for attending the Hearing, and that the statements made would be given consideration by the Finance Committee, also by the Mayor and Council as a whole.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen
Clerk-Treasurer