

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
July 14, 1958

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

Councilwoman Monitor moved that the minutes of June 23rd, 1958, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. The Douglas family, 6833 Eastern Avenue, City, appreciation for Resolution on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Zilpha M. Douglas. Referred to Council Files.
2. Robert Mandel, Secretary, Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, Inc., notification of Public Liability insurance coverage on fireworks exhibition. Referred to Council Files.
3. Mrs. Raleigh Martin, Suffolk, Virginia, congratulations to the City on the fireworks display on July 4th. Referred to Council Files.
4. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Case #628, Petition Mrs. Catherine M. Maddox, decision granting Special Exception for Child Care Home, 8204 Roanoke Avenue, City, in an R-10 Zone. Referred to Council Files.
5. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Case #639, Petition Thomas B. & Celeste M. Bowden, decision granting Special Exception for Child Care Home, 120-122 Geneva Avenue, City, in an R-60 Zone. Referred to Council Files.
6. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Case #599, Petition Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls, notice of re-hearing scheduled on July 10th, 1958, 3:00 p.m. Referred to Council Files.
7. High's Dairy Products Corporation, Washington, D. C., requesting three parking meters on Grant Avenue near Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, record of motions at meeting of June 25th, 1958, regarding Private David B. Weimer and Private C. J. West. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
9. M's Blanche Van Huesen, 7523 Maple Avenue, City, Storm drainage, 7523 Maple Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
10. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Hyattsville, Md., Storm drainage - Philadelphia and Maple Avenues. Referred to Public Works Committee.
11. Marvin J. Duncan & Company, Kensington, Md., request to bid on Community House, Heffner Park. Referred to Public Works & Parks & Recreation Committees.
12. Miss Georgiana Lightfoot, 7315 Piney Branch Road, City, "Takoma Park - Need for a Newspaper." Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
13. Mr. & Mrs. Merritt E. Caskey, 8109 Carroll Avenue, City, letter of appreciation to Police Department. Referred to Police Files.
14. George Radovich, 215 Hodges Lane, letter of appreciation to Police Department. Referred to Police Files.

## OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller addressed those present, concerning the recent data received, relating Takoma Park's need for a local newspaper. The Mayor also stated that he was acquainted with a gentleman, presently staffed on a newspaper, with years of experience, who would like to meet with the Committee and discuss the possibilities of such a venture. He further stated that there were some excellent suggestions in the letter and data sent to the City office by Miss Lightfoot, and that they would be given due consideration. Mayor Miller reported on the recent Crab Fest sponsored by the American Legion and the JayCeas - a good time was had by all, and he had never seen so many crabs eaten by one person before, the person being Betty McDevitt. Mayor Miller also read a card presented to him by Mr. Howard Fisk, Reporter for The Star, that was sent to him on June 1, 1908, signed by Mayor Ben Davis. At that time the Press was notified of the meetings, and Mr. Fisk stated that this was one of the many interesting items he came across while checking his files recently.

Mayor Miller stated that the 4th of July Celebration this year was one of the finest the City has had in a long time, and that the Committee should be commended for the excellent job they had done in the preparation of all the events. He further stated that about four years ago, he had made Jack I. Resnicoff an honorary citizen of the City, however, Mr. Resnicoff had retaliated this year, and presented the Mayor and Council certificates of appreciation for the cooperation they had given the Takoma Independence Day Committee, thus helping to make the celebration possible. The Mayor presented the certificates, and also expressed his sincere thanks to the Committee for the gesture.

Mr. Reid N. Painter, 703 Devonshire Road, addressed the Council, stating that it looked as if he would get no support from the City, per his former request, however, he did request the help of the City in clearing out the storm drain on his property. He asked if the City could possibly clear it once a year, and he would take care of it at other times. Councilman Collison stated that he would give no answer at this time, however, that he would study the request. Mr. Painter also stated that there was a large hole in the street, in front of his house, caused by the recent hard rains. He stated that the hole had been patched, but only temporarily, for as soon as there would be another hard rain, it would wash out again, and he wondered if this is all that would be done. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, stated that due to the bad weather we have been having, it is impossible for the crew working on these repairs, to place permanent patches, however, that he would look into the matter.

Mr. Painter also stated that his property had been reassessed three thousand dollars, about three years ago, and again this year for five hundred dollars more. He stated he had been attempting to locate a Mr. Mack Brown, who is a Tax Assessor for Prince George's County, but thus far, had not, therefore, requested help on this. Mayor Miller directed the Clerk-Treasurer to obtain this information, and then contact Mr. Painter.

Mr. Monroe H. Dixon, 206 Lincoln Ave., addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the rezoning of property, in the vicinity, belonging to Madam Murray. He was accompanied by a group of citizens from the area, who are interested, and wondered if anything was scheduled to be discussed at the meeting. Mayor Miller stated that notice of this request for rezoning had not been received as yet. Mr. Dixon stated that the people in the area are not in favor of the type of apartments that Madam Murray plans to erect, and wanted to protest the request for rezoning. Mayor Miller stated that as soon as a notice is received from the Zoning Board that the Clerk-Treasurer will notify Mr. Dixon. He also told Mr. Dixon that there should be representation at the next Council Meeting, should the notice be received by then, and if not, it may be necessary to schedule a special meeting to act on the notice, also that there should be representation at hearing in Rockville when it is scheduled.

The Clerk-Treasurer pointed out that the final decision does not lie in the hands of the Mayor and Council, that they only make a recommendation concerning the appeal.

Mr. C. Douglas Lampe, 517 Elm Avenue, requested that "No Parking, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.," signs be placed in Block from Elm to New Hampshire Avenue on Ethan Allen Avenue, so that there will be two lanes free for cars to pass during this busy time. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Lampe also questioned when the trophy case would be installed in the City Office Building, and was told that it had been held up due to the illness of the City Carpenter, however, it was thought that it would be taken care of very soon.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that discussions have been held with the Finance Committee on the Community League Resolution concerning City Charter, and that steps are being taken to bring matter to a favorable conclusion; also that the item concerning suggested increase to Prince George's representation - City Council be removed from agenda, unless there were other statements by citizens, however, Mayor Miller suggested that it be kept on until the entire Committee could act on it; also that the Community League's suggested Amendment to Sec. 1427(b) of City Charter and Provisions for cost of living adjustment - City employees were being studied, also that the Consideration of reducing Reserve Figure in City Charter has been worked on, and that the Committee was about ready to submit material to Corporation Counsel Gingerich in order to take final action.

2. Councilman Turner stated that on behalf of the Founder's Day Committee he would like to extend sincere thanks to Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Higgins & Mr. Boetker for the assistance given in the preparation of their entry in the parade, for the 4th of July Celebration. Also that he was given the opportunity of plugging for the City on Brooke Johns' television program this past Saturday afternoon, and was able to place emphasis on the Founder's Day Celebration scheduled for November. At this time, Councilman Turner very ably presented to the Mayor and Council the very elegant trophy that the Founder's Day entry had received in the parade. The entry took first place among the non-commercial entries, and will be given a place of honor in the trophy case to be erected in the City office.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Due to the absence from the City of Councilman McKenzie, there was no report given at this time.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell requested that the report on hearing under Housing Ordinance, 209 Manor Circle South be removed from his Committee, as it is properly being carried on the Public Welfare Committee. He stated that he would be glad to attend the Committee Meeting on this matter.

2. Councilman Sidell reported on complaint of "No Parking" problem in alley - Heather Avenue, stating that he had investigated the area, and while there, found a car parked in violation, and upon contacting the Police Department, the situation was taken care of. He also conversed with Mr. Hutton while in the vicinity. In view of the fact that the Police Department is now aware of the violation in the alley, the situation has cleared up, so that it will not be necessary to remove the "No Parking" signs in the area.

3. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for (3) parking meters on Grant Avenue, and that after four of the store owners being contacted in the area, three being agreeable, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1496

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

Section 1. THAT three (3) parking meters be placed on GRANT Avenue off Carroll Avenue, on the side of the High's Dairy Products Store;

Section 2. AND THAT the meters be of the usual two hour limit, to be 1¢ for 12 minutes, 5¢ per hour, and so on.

Section 3. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to place the parking meters as directed in Section 1.

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the Penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing no parking in the City of Takoma Park.

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

4. Councilman Sidell after investigation of the request for "No Parking" sign at alley entrance to residence 8010 Maple Avenue, and upon recommendation of the Committee, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

## ORDINANCE NO. 1497

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

Section 1. THAT "No Parking" sign be placed at the alley entrance to residence at 8010 Maple Avenue;

Section 2. AND THAT parking be PROHIBITED, at all times, on both sides of alley in rear of properties facing 8000 Block of MAPLE Avenue and 8000 Block of SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY, beginning parallel to Lots 33 and 55, and at Lot 48 and ending at South corner of Lots 42 and 52, in Block 53, Flower Avenue Park subdivision.

Section 3. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to place the proper signs in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance;

Section 4. AND THAT the Penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing no parking in the City of Takoma Park.

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

Councilman Sidell requested, in connection with this Ordinance, that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter to the abutting property owners to be affected by this Ordinance, telling them that a request was made by property owner in area, restricting this area, also telling them that a study had been made by the Police and Fire Departments, and that in the best interests of all the signs will be erected.

5. Councilman Sidell reported on the study of traffic hazards, Grant, Holly & Darwin Avenues, and the Committee moves that the Public Works Department be directed to paint a large STOP on the street with accompanying white lines, on Grant Avenue, for the East bound traffic, in an attempt to correct the hazardous condition. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.
6. Councilman Sidell moved that upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Carter, and the City Fire Board, that Private David B. Weimer, be permanently appointed, effective July 1st, 1958. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.
7. Councilman Sidell, upon the recommendation of the Police Association, and the Committee, moved that Wayne Barnett Allen be appointed as a Special Police Officer, effective July 14th. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.
8. Councilman Sidell, upon the recommendation of Chief of Police S.A. Foster, moved that Private Robert B. Macdonald, having met the requirements of the probationary period, that he be permanently appointed, effective July 1st, 1958. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.
9. Councilman Sidell requested that Chief of Police Foster investigate the request of Mr. C. Douglas Lampe stated earlier in the meeting.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the street lamp at 7204 Cedar Avenue is being moved to private property, and requested that the Smithsonian Institute be notified of this development.
2. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Foreign Students had all arrived, and were housed and happy. She also stated that they would be entertained on a boat ride - courtesy of the Wilson Line on July 15th, a square dance at the Takoma Recreation Center on July 16th, and a swimming party at the Takoma Park-D.C. Pool on July 17th. Councilwoman Monitor also requested that any of the Councilmen's wives who could serve as hostesses at the square dance on the 17th, were most welcome.
3. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the square dancing held at Washington Park on July 13th was well attended, and that the next event was scheduled for July 27th, and in the event of rain it would be held the following Sunday.
4. Councilwoman Monitor announced that a Fishing Rodeo would be sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation Department, and the JayCees, on July 16th & 17th, for children 8 to 17 years of age, time would be 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaak Walton League Pond, including free worms. A free lunch will be served by the young businessmen of the JayCees.
5. Councilwoman Monitor reported that she had attended the Brooke Johns' Television Show on Saturday afternoon, July 12th, and that he is attempting to commend the teenager of today, as most of the newspaper incidents concerning them, are not good. He is going to sponsor a program which will be called "Boy of the Month Club," for which various boys will be chosen, also an award given. Councilwoman Monitor had the Clerk-Treasurer read a poem entitled "Don't Blame the Children" by John Lair in The Chicago Club Reporter, concerning teenagers. She also requested that a copy of the poem be sent to Brooke Johns.
6. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the bicycle situation, West end of Merwood Drive, that it had been taken care of, thanks to the able assistance of Councilman Roth, who built a bicycle stand for the area, and on behalf of the Recreation Committee she extended sincere thanks to Councilman Roth.

Mayor Miller stated that the Government has available for purchase, cannons, which he thought would be a very nice addition to Memorial Park. He further requested the Clerk-Treasurer to look into this possibility, and work with Councilwoman Monitor on this project.

The question of the flood lights for Memorial Park came up again, and Captain Rhodes reported that he had investigated some of the possibilities, and that he had been warned against placing lights on the ground, which would leave them open for vandalism; also the possibility of erecting them on the telephone poles is being considered, however, there is considerable more study to be done, before a final report can be given.

Councilman Collison suggested that consideration be given to the erection of a flag pole at the Memorial Park site.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported that the City Office is quite busy working on the tax bills for the fiscal year 1958-59.
2. Councilman Forshee stated that as considerable money arrives in the City Office, from the tax bills, he would like to see the same procedure followed as in previous years, that some of the money be placed in Certificates of Deposit, in order that they might draw interest, as before. There was no objection to this procedure.

Councilman Turner questioned if most of the City business is done with one bank, and was informed that most of the depositing is done at the Citizens Bank. He stated that he had been approached on this.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported that he and Councilman Turner had met again with the Library Committee, and that tentative agreements are to be drawn up, and will then be presented to the Council at the next scheduled meeting.
2. Councilman Roth stated that re-zoning notices have not been received as yet on the following: (1) W. A. Martin - R-10; (2) Property on Manor Circle - R-10; (3) Property of Madam Murray.

Mayor Miller requested the Clerk-Treasurer to set up a meeting concerning the Annexation Study of Pinecrest and Hampshire Knolls.

Councilman Turner questioned what is to be done about the rock area by the Public Works Department, and was told that the area belonged to the Park and Planning Commission, and would probably be developed into a park area. Councilman Turner expressed his concern about the low cost apartment buildings in the City, stating that very careful consideration should be given to the establishment of apartment projects in the City.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

(See correction of below paragraph on Page 59, Minutes of July 28th.)

1. Councilman Collison reported on the possibility of the City again taking over issuance of Building Permits, stating that he and Mr. Rhodes had visited the City of Gaithersburg, also conferred with Mr. Bucklin of Montgomery County, and that both areas were of the same opinion, that it would not be practicable for the City to undertake this job again, also that consideration would have to be given to zoning and planning in the City. He further stated that he had inquired of Mr. Bucklin what the dollar value might be to the City, and Mr. Bucklin called him the next day, stating that so many permits are handled that it would take considerable research to determine the exact amount derived from them. Councilman Collison further stated that he had requested of the Clerk-Treasurer

that one of the City Clerk's spend a few days in Rockville going over records, to determine how much is involved. It was also stated that it would have to be a considerable amount, for the City would have to hire about three additional people to handle this project. The matter will be investigated further and reported on at a later date. Councilman Collison further stated that he had conversed with Corporation Counsel Gingerich and that he will draw up a brief as to what the City's rights under the Home Rule Bill are in the above.

2. Councilman Collison reported on the damage to hose tower, Fire Department, that he concurs with the opinion of Mr. Rhodes, that the hose tower was never attached solidly against the building, and that by digging around the footings, it might be possible to determine if the footings are in place. He also stated that when the present siren equipment was added to the top, it increased the weight on the tower. However, before beginning to dig, Mr. Rhodes would like to obtain a set of the original plans and look them over first.

3. Councilman Collison reported that McNeill Surveys, Inc., have plans before the Sanitary Commission concerning paving of Niagara & Ritchie Avenues in area 7620 Maple Avenue.

4. Councilman Collison reported on the North Takoma Storm Drainage situation, stating that Mr. Remsen had drawn up a set of plans some time ago, that would cost the City about \$7200 instead of the \$72,000 project as proposed by the WSSC, and that he had gone over them with Mr. Remsen, also with Mr. Rhodes, and presented them to the North Takoma Citizens Association as an alternative to the original plan, and they seemed quite interested. It would take considerable time to carry out the original plans from a financial standpoint. He also discussed the extent of water drainage into City as result of construction along B. & O. R.R., stating that this area takes in about eight square miles, extending back in the vicinity of the B. & O. station in Silver Spring. He further stated that he thought the WSSC should be contacted and see if there is some way to catch some of the water before it gets to the City.

5. Councilman Collison reported that a meeting had been held with Dr. & Mrs. Flaiz, concerning paving of street in the N. H. Highlands Subdivision, that several items had been clarified, and that plan for development has been turned over to McNeill Surveys, Inc., for revision.

6. Councilman Collison reported on the drainage problem at 703-05-07 Devonshire Road, stating that he had not heard from the Sanitary Commission regarding this, however, that he would contact them and see what progress they have made.

7. Councilman Collison reported that the Plans for the Recreation Building in Heffner Park, also the plans for the new Public Works Project, have been turned over to Mr. Remsen, for review and comment. He further stated that at one time the comment had been made that it would be impossible to begin work on the Public Works Project until Oswego Avenue is completed, however, there is access from the upper level, so there would be no need to hold up the project. Councilman Collison did state that he would be out of the City from August 11th, until after Labor Day, however, the plans would continue to progress, which was agreeable with the Mayor and Council.

8. Councilman Collison reported that work would begin soon on the trophy case, as the City Carpenter is scheduled to return to work on July 15th.

Councilman Collison stated that the building to be erected in Heffner Park is not only a Recreation Building, but will be used for Civic purposes too. He further mentioned that the County had erected a building for this purpose from surplus materials, however, the building was mostly frame, and still cost about \$10,000. This type of building would not be too satisfactory, however, one of cinder block type would be more practical.

Deputy Fire Chief LaScola announced that Fire Chief and Mrs. Carter are the proud parents of twin girls; also, Mr. Rhodes announced that the John Boetker, Jr., family were proud parents of a boy. Mayor Miller directed that letters of congratulations be sent these people.

Chief of Police Samuel A. Foster stated that in connection with the possibility of the City acquiring a cannon for the Memorial Park site, that he knew of a place that one could be obtained for a small sum.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that he had attended the re-hearing on July 10th, concerning the request for two additional patients in the nursing home operated by Mrs. Lillian I. Ralls. He stated that she was supported by a local real estate man, who stated that all the City was good for was nursing homes, or apartment dwellings, due to high taxes, etc. Mr. Gingerich further stated that a much better plea was presented at this time, very lengthy, and Mrs. Ralls' stated that she would have had space back in 1950, however, an error was made by herself, and that she had probably been misled by the Building Inspector of the County. She further stated that the old building was such at that time, that it would not attract anyone, should she want to sell it at a reasonable price. There has been no notice of final judgment from the Board of Appeals as yet.

Councilman Turner requested the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter of appreciation to the 4th of July Committee, for the assistance they had given the Founder's Day Committee during the Celebration. He also commended the Police Department on a recent situation, that happened in his area, and which they took care of so ably.

Mayor Miller requested that Councilman Forshee, and Councilman Turner, with their Committees meet with him after the Council Meeting to discuss various details.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen  
Clerk-Treasurer



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
July 28, 1958

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

The Invocation was rendered by Rev. Leslie R. Mansell, Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church. After the Invocation, Mayor Miller thanked Rev. Mansell, stating that the Council deeply appreciated the efforts of the Clergy in the City, taking time out from their busy schedules to serve at the Council Meetings.

Councilman Collison moved that the minutes of July 14th, 1958, be corrected as follows: (1) Under Public Works Committee, Page 6, Item 1, Line 4, that, the words "that it would not be practicable for the City to undertake this job again, also that" be removed; (2) Page 7, last sentence of first paragraph, that the "existing laws" be substituted in lieu of "Home Rule Bill are in the above". Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes of July 14th, be accepted as corrected. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Forte H. Sandison, President, Labor Day Parade, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Dept., congratulations on City Parade and request for information. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
2. Morris Vogel, M/Sgt., U.S.M.C., Quantico, Va., application for employment with City. Letter was acknowledged, with copies to Department Heads. Referred to Council Files.
3. George Christopher, Mayor, San Francisco, President, American Municipal Association, soliciting Membership into Association. Referred to Finance Committee.
4. Jesse S. Cowdrick, 9006 Highland Drive, Adelphi, Maryland, appreciation for permission to use Municipal Gymnasium by Natinnal Seventh Day Adventist Chorus for evening program of motion pictures. Referred to Council Files.
5. Petition signed by residents in 900 Block of Larch Avenue, establishment of one-way traffic on Larch Avenue between Elm Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue in interest of public safety. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Notice of Hearing July 3rd, 9:15 a.m., Case No. 653, Appeal of Prentice W. Savage, 723-725 Erie Avenue, Lots 26 & 27, Block 52, Flower Avenue Subdivision, for special exception for an insufficient rear yard of 20 feet less than required for a C-1 building adjacent to an R-60 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission - Zoning Amendment Petition as follows:
  1. Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-10, Opha & Belle F. Mays, owners Lot 34, Block 55 of B.F. Gilbert's Subdivision; R-60 zone to R-10 zone.
  2. Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-12, Manor Apartments, Inc., owner Lot 47, Block 45, Carroll Manor Addition to Takoma Park; R-20 zone to R-10 zone.
  3. Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-24, Milton Diener, Contract Purchaser, Siguard and Karin Christiansen, owners, Lots 48, 49, 50, 51 & 52, Block 55, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, R-60 zone to R-10 zone.
  4. Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-28, William B. Wheeler, Attorney for W. A. Martin, owner, Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 102, Takoma Park Subdivision, R-60 zone to R-10 zone.

5. Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-89, Herman Iskow, owner, Lots 21,22 & 23, Block 50, B.F. Gilbert's Subdivision, R-60 zone to R-10 zone.
8. John W. Neumann, 8213 Sligo Creek Parkway, City, requesting Council to withhold decision on Z.A.P. No. C-24, until New Master Zoning Plan for Takoma Park is completed by Park and Planning Commission. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
9. Corporal Wilfred R. Ringer, School Safety Coordinator, Takoma Park Police Department, Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend Safety Patrol Camp. Mayor Miller requested that the letter be acknowledged, also that someone will attend.
10. S. B. Brinkly, Jr., Gen'l Mgr., High's Dairy Products Corp., appreciation for promptness of action by Mayor and Council for providing parking meters on Grant Avenue. Referred to Council Files.
11. Letter of appreciation signed by Foreign Students on Bus No. 10B, mailed from Syracuse, N. Y.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (For complete statement see Pages 83 & 84)

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| Citizens Bank-General Fund Balance 5-31-58             | \$42,822.36              |
| Plus cancelled disbursement check                      | 25.00                    |
| June Cash Receipts                                     | 17,004.09                |
| Total to be accounted for                              | <u>59,851.45</u>         |
| June - Cash Disbursements                              | 41,572.54                |
| Citizens Bank - General Fund - Balance 6-30-58         | <u><u>18,278.91</u></u>  |
| A/P approx. \$12,000 Certificate of DepositeCitiz.Bank | 50,000.00                |
| Suburban Trust Company - General Fund Balance          | 851.66                   |
| No Receipts or Disbursements                           | -                        |
| Suburban Trust Company - General Fund Balance          | <u><u>851.66</u></u>     |
| Citizens Bank - Special Improvement Fund 5-31-58       | 488.58                   |
| June Receipts  | 789.92                   |
| Total to be accounted for                              | <u>1,278.50</u>          |
| June Disbursements                                     | 123.20                   |
| Citizens Bank - Special Improvement Fund-Balance       | <u><u>\$1,155.30</u></u> |

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller gave a brief resume on the foreign students who were guests of the City earlier this month. He stated that the students were a fine group of young people, very much like our own teenagers, who after spending their last year in high school here in the United States, were enroute to their respective countries. The Mayor stated that it was a very worthwhile experience for the people who housed the students, and he hoped that others would enjoy this experience in the future. He also stated that the students appreciated being made honorary citizens of the City, and in return had sent him a letter making him an honorary citizen of their bus. However, the Mayor was unable to accept their invitation at this time.

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, stated that he had received a letter from one of the students, telling him that Takoma Park had been very good to her while she was here, and that all the students would treasure their honorary citizens certificates.

Mr. Milton F. Denault, 904 Larch Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the recent petition received from residents in 900 Block of Larch Avenue, requesting

establishment of one-way traffic on Larch Avenue, between Elm Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue, in the interest of public safety. He stated that the residents of the area had considered the possibility of parking on only one side, however, this did not seem to be the proper answer, and after due consideration, it is their opinion that the decision made would be the best. Mayor Miller referred this matter to the Public Safety Committee, also with help of Chief Foster.

Mr. John W. Neumann, 8213 Sligo Creek Parkway, addressed the Council concerning his letter requesting Council to withhold decision on Z.A.P. No. C-24, until new Master Zoning Plan for Takoma Park is completed by Park & Planning, also mentioning that he had spoken to Mr. Stellhorn about this matter, and that he had been well advised, that nothing should be done on this, as per statements in his letter.

Councilman Turner asked Mr. Neumann how other neighbors felt about this request for zoning change, and was informed that he, with about two other families lived in a rather isolated area, and his objections were in regard to facts as he saw them, and that other neighbors were completely on other side of project.

Councilman Roth asked Mr. Neumann if he was planning to present his views at the meeting of the County Council concerning this petition, and Mr. Neumann replied he was.

Mr. Lee Amann, a neighbor in the vicinity, supported Mr. Neumann, stating that he had little to add to Mr. Neumann's statements, however, to have R-10 Zoning would force building up in the air and thus develop a problem of parking.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the complaint of storm drainage - 7523 Maple Avenue, that he had investigated the situation and that the situation was one of a private matter. Therefore, he requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write property owner that the City regrets being unable to assist her, also give her the names of the property owners surrounding her, and that her only solution is a Civil Suit.
2. Councilman Collison reported on the WSSC, Hyattsville, Md., Storm Drainage - Philadelphia & Maple Avenues, that he had inquired at the WSSC office, and it was indicated that this project is to get underway next month. He further stated that it would be impracticable for the City to do anything at present, in taking up the drains, to see what damage might be apparent, for if State Roads Commission gets to widening Philadelphia Avenue, any work done now, would have to be done over again. The item is to be removed from agenda.
3. Councilman Collison reported that the request by Mr. Painter, concerning large hole in street, in front of his home, was progressing and would soon be completed.
4. Councilman Collison reported that recently the alternative presented to the North Takoma Citizens Association, referring to the Storm Drainage Problem, was acceptable, and that soon sample easements would be presented to them, therefore, project was moving along slowly.
5. Councilman Collison reported on the request for paving by Doctor and Mrs. Flaiz, and stated that specifications for work were being prepared by Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, and when finished and plans approved, City will advertise for bids.
6. Councilman Collison reported that he had contacted the WSSC concerning drainage problem at 703-05-07 Devonshire Road, that at date of meeting, nothing had been done as yet.
7. Councilman Collison reported that on the request for hearing on improvement of Hayward Avenue, from Larch Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway, that there were objections, therefore, there would be a need to hold a public hearing.

8. Councilman Collison reported that there had been no opposition from property owners on request for paving of Wabash Avenue from Eastridge to Sligo Creek Parkway, however, Park and Planning staff is opposed to this project and further investigation is necessary.

9. Councilman Collison reported that the damage to the Fire Tower at the Fire Department had been investigated, however, no action taken as yet. Deputy Chief LaScola reported that upon his investigation it was discovered that the tower had been erected in 1939, and that three years after construction, the crack appeared, and that four steel rods were placed at that time. Deputy Chief LaScola reported that he had been told by Mr. Joseph Martin, a builder, that the crack could be filled with rock wool, also that one of the bricks could be knocked out and weld a piece of steel to high beam at back of Fire House, and these two steps should help to correct the situation. Councilman Collison stated that this action was in accordance with decision of Director Rhodes and himself, therefore, work will proceed.

10. Councilman Collison reported on the complaint of a storm drainage problem of Mrs. Blundon, on Alleghany Avenue, that after investigation the circumstances are such that the problem has occurred on an unimproved street in the City. Therefore, he directed that the City Clerk-Treasurer write Mrs. Blundon, explaining the source of the problem, and that it would be necessary for the residents in the area to request street improvement, after which the Mayor and Council could take the proper action.

11. Councilman Collison reported that a bill has been received from Mr. Mason, Architect, for the Heffner Park Project in the amount of \$660.00, therefore, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1498

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

Section 1. THAT in the interest of providing more efficient City facilities, consideration be further given to the construction of a Community Recreation Building, in Heffner Park, in the City of Takoma Park;

Section 2. AND THEREFORE THAT, Mr. Philip W. Mason, Registered Architect, having been appointed as the Architect for the Project, and having drawn plans and specifications of the building contemplated;

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT an agreement and contract having been established with Mr. Mason, at the designated fee not to exceed SIX PERCENT (6%) of the cost of the building;

Section 4. THAT Mr. Mason has submitted his bill dated July 17th, 1958, for his fee for the plans for the building as stated in Section 1, in the amount of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$660.00);

Section 5. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the bill as stated in Section 4, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

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

11. Councilman Collison moved for authorization to direct Mr. Philip W. Mason, Architect, to receive bids for the Public Works and Heffner Park Projects, and that the bids be received (1) Estimates for both projects together; and (2) Estimates, separately for each project; bids to be duly opened in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, in accordance with proper procedure, in the presence of Director Rhodes, Clerk-Treasurer and him. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

12. Councilman Collison reported that there would be an additional need for appropriations to cover the repair of City Streets, therefore, proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1499

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

Section 1. THAT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) be appropriated from the RESERVE FUND and transferred to Street Labor Account #12.201B, to cover repair of City streets.

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

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner stated that as a taxpayer, and not as a City Councilman, he would like to commend Councilman Collison on the splendid job he is doing in his department, in various phases in the City. Councilman Collison further stated that the Director of Public Works Mr. Rhodes, was to be commended too, on the fine job he is doing.
2. Councilman Turner called a meeting of joint Committees - Law & Ordinances and Finance, to discuss items on his Committee, which will need the consideration of the entire Council. The meeting will be held at the home of Councilman Sidell, on July 31st, at 8 p.m.
3. Councilman Turner congratulated Councilwoman Monitor on the fine job she had done in connection with the recent visiting foreign students.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Due to the absence of Councilman McKenzie, there was no report at this time. Mayor Miller announced that Councilman and Mrs. McKenzie were involved in an automobile accident while vacationing in California, resulting in the complete loss of their car. Fortunately, the Councilman and his wife were not seriously injured. It was expected that Councilman McKenzie will be at the next Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that his Committee had held no meetings, however, he did state that Chief of Police Foster had given him recommendations on the request for "No Parking" 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., on Ethan Allen Avenue between Elm & N. H. Avenues, therefore, he was sure the Committee would have an answer by the next scheduled meeting.
2. Councilman Sidell reported that Fire Chief Carter had recommended that two of the Privates at the Fire Department be promoted to Privates First Class, and requested that this item be placed on the agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the lack of recreation facilities - Prince George's County - consideration of deadend streets; that she had spoken to Chief of Police Foster

to see if he knew of any areas where basketball facilities could be set up. Chief Foster informed her that there would be safety measures to consider, therefore, she requested that this item also be placed on the Public Safety Committee, in order that Councilman Sidell could work with her on this.

2. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the suggestion that flood lights, cannon & flag pole be installed at Veterans' Memorial Park is being studied by Director of Public Works Rhodés.

3. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the recreation activities for the City as follows: (1) Square Dancing was held on July 27th, at Washington Park, with an excellent turnout; (2) Next Square Dance event will be August 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m; (3) OUTDOOR MOVIE, August 12th, 8:00 p.m., Forest Park, as part of the Prince George's County Recreation Program. There will be recreation facilities for the youngsters, prior to dusk, when movie will be shown; (4) On August 14th, at 8:00 p.m., there will be a Recreation Program at the Municipal Gymnasium, combining the various parks in the City, under the direction of Miss Nancy Morgan, featuring acrobatics, etc. The parents of all children, and all citizens are cordially invited to attend this event, for they will see what the children have accomplished during the summer months.

4. Councilwoman Monitor stated that those who accepted the invitation of the Police Association at the home of Mr. Zimmerman, R ndallstown, Md., on the 26th, had a great time. Mayor Miller requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Zimmerman, in appreciation for his hospitality.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for authorization the payment of bills, for the month of June, in the amount of \$41,572.54. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee stated that he expects to give a report on the HR8755 Social Security Amendment providing coverage for Police & Firemen at the same time report is given on the Merit Plan.

3. Councilman Forshee requested that item - Legislative Council of Maryland's request for comments or suggestions concerning 1957 report on taxation & fiscal matters be removed from agenda.

4. Councilman Forshee reviewed the Community League's suggested amendment to Section 1427(a) of the City Charter referring to the City Budget and reported that in most instances the City is already complying with the suggestions made. Councilman Turner concurred, stating that joint Committees had considered this matter in May. Mayor Miller was in agreement with the Councilmen's statements and the Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to communicate the report to the League.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth stated that the Library Board Committees will be ready to submit their report by the next meeting.

2. Councilman Roth reported that it would be agreeable to set up a meeting with Mr. Harris of the Park & Planning Commission, concerning zoning problems in City - Meeting will be held next Monday evening, at #8 Sherman Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Council will meet as a whole Committee.

Councilman Collison reported that a request has been received from the Library concerning the uncomfortable temperature situation at the Library, during the summer months.

Mayor Miller requested that Councilman Collison and his Committee, work out some arrangement for improving the Women's and Men's restrooms in the City Office Building.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, Councilman Forshee moved that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Lindgren  
Clerk-Treasurer