

PUBLIC HEARING  
in  
CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS  
February 2, 1959, 8:30 p.m.

The Hearing was called to order by Mayor Miller at 8:30 p.m. City Officials present were Mayor George M. Miller, Councilman Robert W. Collison, Councilman Ralph F. Sidell, Councilman Gibson E. McKenzie, Councilman Clayton D. Forshee, Councilwoman Emily P. Monitor, Councilman John D. Roth, Councilman Edwin S. Turner, Haynes M. Pridgen, City Clerk-Treasurer, Vincent L. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, Earl K. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, Harvey D. Williams, Housing Inspector, Fire Chief Raymond E. Carter and Deputy Fire Chief Stephen J. LaScola. Montgomery County Officials present were Mr. C. P. Courtney, Chief Building Inspector, Mr. Judson M. Beavers, Building Inspector and Mr. Robert L. Adamson, Supervising Sanitarian, Division of Sanitation, Health Department. Attorneys present representing the property owner, Mrs. Margaret B. Murray, were Ralph D. Shure, Esq., and Joe M. Kyle, Esq. A number of unidentified persons were also present. A transcript of the Hearing was taken by Mr. John P. Pavlovsky, Stenotype Reporter, a copy of which is contained in the City Office file on the case.

Mayor Miller stated the Hearing had been continued from January 19th, 1959 and was for the purpose of hearing evidence presented in concerning the City of Takoma Park versus Mrs. Margaret B. Murray, relative to 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117 and 119 Lincoln Avenue, situated on Lots 21, 22 and 23 of Block 50, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision in reference to condemnation of the buildings thereon.

Mr. Shure questioned the amendments to Ordinance No. 433 and stated for the record that Ordinances 438 and 1193 were not served on the property owner.

Mr. Robert L. Adamson was called by Mr. Gingerich as the first witness for the City. Mr. Adamson stated that he had inspected the subject properties on October 22nd, 1958 in the presence of Mr. LaScola and Mr. Beavers. He related the conditions observed that he considered to be unsafe and detrimental to public health. Mr. Adamson was questioned by Mr. Gingerich and cross examined by Mr. Shure and Mr. Kyle.

Mr. Judson M. Beavers was next called by Mr. Gingerich. Mr. Beavers stated he had made an inspection on October 22nd, 1959 in company with Mr. Adamson and Mr. LaScola and upon being requested by Mr. Gingerich he related conditions observed that he considered to be unsafe from a habitable and structural standpoint. Mr. Beavers was questioned by Mr. Gingerich and cross examined by Mr. Shure.

Mr. Stephen J. LaScola was then called by Mr. Gingerich. Mr. LaScola stated that he also had made an inspection on October 22nd, 1958 and related conditions observed by him that constituted fire hazards and rendered the buildings as unsafe for human habitation. Mr. LaScola presented photographs that were duly marked as Exhibits numbering from one to fourteen inclusive. These photographs after having been marked by Mayor Miller were passed to Members of the City Council. Mr. LaScola was questioned by Mr. Gingerich and cross examined by Mr. Shure. Councilman Turner and Councilman Collison also questioned Mr. LaScola.

Mr. Adamson was recalled by Mr. Gingerich and Mr. Adamson stated that conditions are present in violation of Montgomery County Code, Section 5-8.

Mr. Gingerich summed up by stating that the proceedings was brought under Ordinance of the City of Takoma Park dealing with health, and the Fire Ordinances of the City of Takoma Park as to health menance and dangerous conditions and also under the Building Code of the County. He stated that the evidence presented by the Health

Inspector, the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshal and forcefully supported by the photographs, definitely indicated that the buildings in question are hazardous to life and property and that their condemnation is in the public interest.

Mr. Shure stated that it is recognized that the buildings are not the kind that the Mayor and Council would enjoy living in, but that the property owner's Constitutional rights are to be protected. He stated that in his opinion the Ordinance had not been complied with and that if necessary the case could be carried to Court. He stated that to condemn the buildings would deprive the owner of the only property she owns and that the only proper solution to the problem is to rezone the property to R-10. Mr. Shure stated that his client could not make application for eighteen months, whereas, the City can make application for rezoning at any time and that in his opinion it would be in the best interests of the City to have the property rezoned R-10 and then a reputable business firm could properly develop it. He further stated that he could negotiate a sale within thirty days, if the Mayor and Council will favorably consider his suggestion.

Mrs. Beatrice M. Reed was asked if she wished to speak and she stated that Mr. Shure had already spoken in the same manner that she would have. Mr. Shure pointed out that she is in the real estate business in Washington and is the daughter of Mrs. Murray and that she is in agreement with him that his suggestion is the proper method to handle the problem. He further stated that he has been authorized by Mrs. Murray to speak as he has and that he also has authority to negotiate a contract.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council would await the official transcript of the minutes before rendering a decision.

The Hearing adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

(A copy of the transcript of the Hearing is placed in the City Office file "Lincoln Avenue Properties - Condemnation of".

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Hayneson Judgum  
Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 February 9, 1959

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Excused: Councilman Hollison.

Councilman Forshee requests that the minutes of January 26th, 1959 be corrected as follows: Under Public Works Committee, Item 3, second paragraph, third line from bottom, that the amount of \$18,500.00 be changed to \$18,750.00. Councilman McKenzie then moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Letters from various Members of Montgomery and Prince George's County Delegation pledging support of House Bill No. 18 (Urban Renewal Legislation for Municipalities). Referred to Council Files.
2. Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Maryland, appreciation for complimentary copy of Historical Brochure. Referred to Council Files.
3. John C. Post, former Mayor of Takoma Park, thanking for invitation to cornerstone laying ceremony, Public Works Building. Referred to Council Files.
4. Abe S. Rosen, president, Government Public Relations Association, stating that Certificate of Award for Historical Brochure being forwarded under separate cover. Referred to Council Files.
5. John W. Osborn, Pastor, Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church, signifying his pleasure of serving Council Meeting by presenting invocation. Referred to Council Files.
6. Raymond L. Worthington, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, expression of appreciation to City Council and especially to Councilwoman Monitor for efforts to make Takoma Park a better place in which to live. Referred to Council Files.
7. Henry H. Baldwin, Jr., National Police Officers Association of America, stating that Takoma Park Police Department has been selected for the "Walker Safety Award". Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Samuel S. Jacobson, 7709 Garland Avenue, request for favorable consideration of Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-127, (Lot 19, Blk 37, B.F.G). Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
9. Jesse F. Nicholson, Sec.-Treas., MNCP&PC, Z.A P. A-3312, William A. Koier & Elmer F. Blanchard, Applicants, R-55 to C-1 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. Raymond L. Worthington, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, stating opposition to Z. A. P. No. 3258, Lot 1, Blk 5, N.H.G., R-55 to C-0 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
11. Paul R. Tharp, Manager, Radio Station WGTS-FM, suggestion that Council Meetings be broadcast "live". Referred to Council Files. Mayor Miller announced that a meeting had been set with Mr. Tharp for February 10th.
12. Alster & Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C., offer to provide aerial photographs and maps of City. Referred to Public Works Committee.
13. Charles W. Snyder, Public Health Engineer, Maryland Department of Health, offer to assist in solution of any refuse disposal problems. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

14. Ross Beville, 404 Lincoln Avenue, City, Complaint on condition of Lincoln Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
15. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, request that letter be written to Montgomery County Fire Board endorsing the appointment of Fire Chief Raymond E. Carter as Delegate and Mr. Herman N. Woodall as Alternate Delegate to represent the City on the County Fire Board. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
16. Newton F. Butts, Budget Officer, Montgomery County, requesting that fire tax rate be fixed for City Special Fire Tax Area. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
17. Raymond L. Worthington, President, Hampshire Greens Community Association, request for the construction of a footbridge at Carroll Avenue and Long Branch. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.

## BANK STATEMENT:

## Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:

12-31-58 Balance	74,156.03
January Receipts	72,483.86
	<u>146,639.89</u>
January Disbursements	52,429.42
1-31-59 Balance	<u>94,210.47</u>

Certificates of Deposit \$100,000.00

## Suburban Trust Company:

12-31-58 Balance	14,516.69
January Receipts	113.55
1-31-59 Balance	<u>14,630.24</u>

## Special Improvement Fund:

12-31-58 Balance	1,468.85
January Receipts	5,163.45
1-31-59 Balance	<u>6,632.30</u>

## OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller welcomed those present, then spoke briefly on the tax rate differentials for the Prince George's Area. He also presented a pamphlet concerning this, which will be mailed out to the residents in the Prince George's Area.

Mayor Miller presented Honorary Citizens' Certificates to Mr. Ted Cowher and Mr. Carl R. Sidell, for the splendid job they are doing in the Community, stating that it is people like them who help to build the City into what it is.

Mr. Raymond L. Worthington, 7505 Glenside Drive, President of the Hampshire Greens Citizens Association, addressed the Council on Z.A.P. A-3258, stating that residents are quite concerned about maintaining area residential; that lot up for rezoning is on West Side of N. H. Avenue, and is surrounded by nice homes. He also stated that he had hoped some of the residents would be present to voice their opinion, also that considerable pressure was being put on the owners to have the area rezoned commercial. He further stated that it might be a question of time before the whole West Side is commercial, and that people with large sums of money in their homes would not appreciate what might happen.

Dr. John W. Mason, 1208 Holton Lane, addressed the Council on the same Z.A.P. He stated that Mr. Worthington had presented the case very well. He added that at present there are no Commercial establishments nearby, and that a good number of the people are retired and plan to live there for a long time. Therefore, the area is very much residential, and valuable to the owners if it is kept so.

Mayor Miller asked Councilman Roth, if this zoning petition would be acted on during the meeting, and he replied yes, therefore, Mayor Miller directed that he give his Committee report first, in order not to delay the gentlemen present, if they desired to leave.

Lt. Bell announced at this time, of the passing of one of Takoma Park's prominent citizens, Dr. J. Walter Dudley. Mayor Miller asked that a resolution be proposed later in the meeting. Councilman Turner acknowledged that he would do so.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported on Zoning Amendment Petition #A-3258, Lot No. 1, Blk 5, N.H.G., R-55 to C-0 Zone, that after study by the Committee moved that the Council go on record as recommending disapproval of the C-0 Zone, which would permit office buildings, and inasmuch as the area surrounding subject lot is residential, it should remain R-55. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Roth reported on Z.A.P. C-140, Ralph G. Shure, Attorney, Lot 26, Blk 50, B.F.G., R-60 to R-10 Zone, stating that this petition had been held up because of Cumberland Avenue, which may be abandoned, however, after investigation, he moved that Park and Planning be notified that the Mayor and City Council go on record as recommending approval of the change to R-10 Zone. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilman Roth reported on Z.A.P. C-105, David & Edith Schaffer, Applicants and Owners, Lot 24, Blk 50, B.F.G., R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone. He moved that the Mayor and City Council request the Park and Planning Commission to defer the hearing on this petition for 60 days, thus giving the City's Corporation Counsel ample time to attempt to ascertain the rightful ownership of property adjacent. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.
4. Councilman Roth reported on Z.A.P. C-127, Samuel S. Jacobson, Applicant and Owner, Lot 19, Blk 37, B.F.G., R-60 Zone to R-40 Zone. He stated that the owner plans to erect a rambler style home on the lot, with a two room & bath facility in the basement, and it seems that this is not out of line with other use in the area, therefore, he moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as recommending approval to the R-40 Zone. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.
5. Councilman Roth reported on Z.A.P. A-3278, Lot 18, Blk 34, B.F.G., R-55 to R-18 Zone. He moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as recommending disapproval of this request for zoning change, for should the change to R-18 be granted it would create a severe traffic hazard on Sligo Creek Parkway. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.
6. Councilman Roth reported on Z.A.P. A-3312, William A. Koier and Elmer F. Blanchard, Applicants, located in vicinity of Holton Lane, R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone, stating that the Park and Planning Commission should be notified, that this petition is outside the City limits. Also that the City Council appreciated having been requested to give an opinion on this property, inasmuch as it lies adjacent to the City, and that the Council refrains from making a specific recommendation, however, the rezoning of this land would not appear to have any adverse affect on the City. The Council was in agreement with this.
7. Councilman Roth reported that the request by John Nevins Andrews School to purchase City-owned lot adjacent to school property is being worked on, as is the Washington Sanitarium Church's suggestion concerning possible outdoor amphitheater near Long Branch Park.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that inasmuch as the transcript for the Public Hearing on the Lincoln Avenue properties had not been received as yet, the Committee would withhold its recommendation at this time.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the poor and unhealthy condition of property located at 149 Ritchie Avenue has been greatly improved.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman of the Committee, reported that provisions had not been made for gutters and downspouts on the Heffner Park Community Building. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works reports that this project can be accomplished per an estimate of \$85.00, therefore, he so moved. This amount is to be made available from the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that Mr. Rhodes had contacted Weible Associates with reference to the air conditioning for the Takoma Park, Maryland Library. In their survey they will inform the City as to the pros and cons of type of air conditioning needed, after which the Council could make their decision accordingly. It was also pointed out that there would be a fee for this estimate which the City would be obligated to pay. It was then decided that a limit be set to spend for this, therefore, Councilman McKenzie moved that a sum not to exceed \$150.00 should be set for the services. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported on request by City Fire Board of Clarification of Item C of Ordinance 1400 (Merit Plan) in which there is no mention of sick leave for an employee of less than one (1) full year of employment; that Committee recommends to the Law and Ordinances Committee that an employee of less than (1) year of service be eligible to earn leave at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  day per month, during their first year of service. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Sidell also asked that the Law and Ordinances Committee clarify Item 4E on the Merit Plan, if an employee is being paid under Workmen's Compensation for injuries, can he draw his regular pay, and use his sick leave. As stated in the Merit Plan, he shall receive additional sick leave at the discretion of the City Council, which would make it possible to receive his regular pay, if so directed. It was also noted that no provisions have been made in the Merit Plan for the hourly employees to receive its benefits even though such have been in effect in fact for numbers of years.
2. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for street lights on Dundalk Road, stating that the matter had been held up by PEPCO, however, that matter would be taken care of in the near future.
3. Councilman Sidell reported on the Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau - Recommendations for the improvement of Fire Defense in the City and Fire Tax Area of Takoma Park, that gentleman working on program is out of the City at present, however, that work will be resumed as soon as he returns.
4. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for investigation of violation of "Walk" and "Red" lights at Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues, and stated that the stop light is of old make and the type of mechanism did not permit the proper timing in the change of lights, thus creating a situation whereby pedestrians and drivers did not wait long enough for the proper change. He did not think it feasible to change the light at this time.
5. Councilman Sidell moved that the Flag at the Library be raised daily by the Police Department. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.
6. Councilman Sidell stated that he planned to meet with Mr. Marshall of PEPCO on the other lighting requests next week.
7. Councilman Sidell reported that Fire Chief Carter had requested that \$2,000.00 be transferred over to the Fire Department Account to cover various items. The larger

one being the repair of Engine 21 which is out of service at this time due to a transmission breakdown. He stated that it would cost \$865.00 to repair the present one, and \$885.00 to replace it with a new unit.

Chief Carter also stated they were expecting a bill from Seagrave for parts ordered that would amount to approximately \$100.00.

Councilman Sidell stated he didn't feel that the entire amount should be allotted, however, moved that the sum of \$1,500.00 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Fire Department Account and the remainder if they find it should be needed at a later date. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

8. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for footbridge at Carroll Avenue and Long Branch, that there is a need for action. Mayor Miller suggested that a letter be sent to the County stating that numerous school children use this bridge which is in a hazardous condition, and request that they look into the situation.

9. Councilman Sidell moved that Private Robert E. Porter be promoted to Private First Class, effective March 1, 1959. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

10. With reference to recommendation by City Fire Board, Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Hermon N. Woodall be appointed as Alternate Delegate to the Montgomery County Fire Board. It is understood that Fire Chief Carter, will serve as Delegate. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

11. Councilman Sidell moved that Chief of Police Foster be authorized to increase his staff to a total of 22 men, as of June 1st, one appointment to include the reappointment of a military man on leave, should he choose to return to duty; also that as of July 1st, 1959, the Police and Fire Departments be authorized to go on a 5½ day work week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth. Councilman Sidell further stated that the money to cover the expense of the three additional men would be taken from the Reserve Fund.

Councilman Turner stated that he was in favor of the motion, as the Police and Firemen serve in quite a hazardous line of duty, and that the present hours worked are very hard on them.

Councilman Forshee stated that he was in favor of cutting the working hours, however, not in favor of hiring more men, and feels that money should not be spent at this time, therefore, he moved that the motion be tabled for the time being. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, the motion was ready for vote. Upon being voted on, the result was three and three, therefore, Mayor Miller cast his vote negative, thus creating a final vote of four to three against the tabling of the motion. Councilman Forshee's motion therefore, failed.

Councilman Roth stated that he was definitely in favor of a 44 hour work week, also that after considerable discussion with Councilman Sidell concerning the feasibility of retaining the present number, yet cutting the working hours, it culminated in the fact that, to do this, would affect the type of service rendered to the public, therefore, he was not in favor of any reduction in the service.

Mayor Miller called for a final vote on the original motion as proposed, which was as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: Councilman Forshee and Councilman McKenzie abstained.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that a special roller skating program had been set up on January 30th, for the Brownie Troops, and that about fifty of the children turned out, a larger number than anticipated. The next skating program scheduled for them will be on February 22nd.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for the approval of the expenditures for the month of January in the amount of \$52,491.30. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Per request by Newton F. Butts, Budget Officer, Montgomery County, Maryland, Councilman Forshee moved that the Fire Tax Rate for the City of Takoma Park be set at 12¢ per \$100 assessed valuation. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilman Forshee gave a brief resume of the funds that could be expected from the revenue sources for the remainder of the present budget year; and that there is very little balance left in the Reserve Fund at this time. He also stated his opinion as to the amount being spent by the City and expressed concern as to whether the present tax rate could be held, if expenditures continued to rise. He further reported that it will be necessary to issue Certificates of Indebtedness before the end of the fiscal year to complete the financing of the Public Works project.

Councilman Turner stated he shared Councilman Forshee's comments, however, that the Council is well aware of how expenses have increased over the period of years.

Councilman Forshee also questioned the progress being made in the distribution of the Historical Brochures of the City. He expressed concern as to the cost involved, and the fact that so many were still on hand. However, he was informed that the Police Association had taken over the sale of them, and that it was moving along satisfactorily.

## LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner moved the adoption of a Resolution in Memoriam of the passing of Dr. J. Walter Dudley, to be presented to Mrs. Dudley. Dr. Dudley served as the first Fire Chief in Takoma Park, and for many years as Pharmacist at the Park Pharmacy here in the City. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the resolution was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. J. Walter Dudley, has removed from this life a beloved and respected friend, and

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Walter Dudley had served the City of Takoma Park as its first Fire Chief; also served as Pharmacist for the Park Pharmacy for many years, giving unstintingly of his time and energy to the improvements and betterment of the City of Takoma Park and the neighborhood in which he resided. He was respected and honored by people in all walks of life, irrespective of race, creed or color;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the heartfelt sympathy of the Mayor, City Council and Citizens of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, is hereby extended to Mrs. J. Walter Dudley and family in their bereavement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be given to Mrs. J. Walter Dudley, at 7335 Carroll Avenue, City of Takoma Park, Maryland, as a small token of esteem and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered by Dr. J. Walter Dudley to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Signed and Sealed this 9th day of February, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine.

/s/ George M. Miller, Mayor  
 Robert W. Collison, Councilman  
 Clayton D. Forshee, Councilman  
 Gibson E. McKenzie, Councilman  
 John D. Roth, Councilman  
 Edwin S. Turner, Councilman  
 Emily P. Monitor, Councilwoman

2. Councilman Turner moved that the Mayor and Council endorse the reappointment of Mr. Harlan Frey as Justice of the Peace for Prince George's County. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried. The Clerk-Treasurer was authorized to prepare the necessary letters.

3. Councilman Turner moved that the Mayor and Council endorse the reappointment of Mr. George A. Cook as Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. The Clerk-Treasurer was authorized to prepare the necessary letters.

4. Councilman Turner reported that the suggestion concerning the Code of Ordinances is being worked on; He also stated that the City of Takoma Park has one of the strongest dog ordinances in the County, and that the item that the City take action concerning dogs, similar to Montgomery County's Ordinance should be removed from Agenda. He further reported that he had held a meeting with Fire Chief Carter and Deputy Chief LaScola on the possible adoption of Ordinance similar to the Montgomery County Fire Prevention Code, and that soon a report would be submitted to the City Council.

Fire Chief Carter reported that the Fire Department is in need of a Booster Hose, which would cost approximately \$600.00 and that he would like this item carried in the next meeting; he also reported that on Sunday, February 8th, he and a group of firemen attended a house burning at Princess Ann, Md., and that a good deal of valuable information was obtained.

Mr. Williams, City Building Inspector, stated that he had been informed by Mr. Andre Gleyzal that he intends to make the necessary corrections in his property in order to conform with the building code for the City.

Mayor Miller announced for Chief of Police Foster, that beginning March 3rd through the 26th, that the Police Training School will be held at the Takoma Academy. He stated that the FBI will engage in the instruction work, as will some of the Police-men themselves. Graduation night will be on the 26th, and the Mayor requested that the Council make every effort to attend some of the schedules.

Mayor Miller announced that a program would be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in honor of the recent appointment of The Right Reverend Monsignor King, at which time the Mayor will present the Resolution recently adopted for Reverend King. The Mayor expressed his wishes that the Council would attend this presentation.

Mayor Miller set Monday evening, February 16th, 7:30 p.m., for a meeting of the Council Committees as a whole.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
January 1959

	<u>Cash Balance Beginning of Month</u>	<u>Cash Balance End of Month</u>	
12-31-58 Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-GF	74156.03	94228.97	
12-31-58 Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-PA	3447.85	2675.19	
12-31-58 Suburban Trust Company	14516.69	14630.24	
12-31-58 Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	
12-31-58 Cash in Banks-On Hand	<u>92245.57</u>	<u>111659.40</u>	

		<u>Total Bud- geted Rev. to 1-31-59</u>	<u>Budget Bal. as of 1-31-59</u>	<u>Adopted Budget Totals</u>	<u>Percen- tage to Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
1.0 Taxes-Local	6178.85	361788.80	4641.55	366430.35	98.7
1.5 Taxes-State Shared	4774.82	76642.71	5157.29	81800.00	93.6
2.0 Licenses & Permits	4323.32	15608.77	8416.23	24025.00	64.9
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	87.00	1725.60	-525.60	1200.00	143.8
4.0 Rev. from Use of Money & Prop.	314.68	2268.41	171.59	2440.00	92.9
5.0 Rev. from Other Agencies			33329.19	33329.19	-
6.0 Serv.Chgs. for Current Service	6462.00	8038.97	3046.03	11085.00	72.5
Balance from Legal Reserve Fund	30000.00*	30000.00	-	30000.00	100.0
*Transferred to Unappropriated Surplus	52140.67	496073.26	54236.28	550309.54	90.1
Non-Budgeted Receipts	50958.51		This month's percentage figures 58 1/3%		
	<u>103099.18</u>				
Less Accrued & Deferred	30501.77	72597.41			
Total Cash Receipts		<u>164842.98</u>			

		<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<b>DISBURSED &amp; ACCRUED:</b>					
10.1 Government Administration	2934.32	18041.26	22003.74(A)	36045.00	45.0
10.8 Government Building	1949.79	9730.96	7909.04(B)	17640.00	55.1
11.1 Police Department	9177.96	58860.14	45809.86(C)	102286.00	56.2
11.2 Fire Department	7327.54	43921.79	28898.21(D)	72545.00	60.3
11.3 Protective Inspection	559.56	2684.84	5715.16(E)	8400.00	31.9
11.9 Other Protection	12.59	325.26	482.74(F)	500.00	40.2
12.1 P/W Office	956.37	6674.72	5785.28(G)	12460.00	53.5
12.2 P/W Highways	4956.20	37053.42	25026.58(H)	61080.00	59.6
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	2155.51	16480.76	8729.24(I)	25210.00	65.3
13.0 P/W Sanitation	4810.96	33494.70	24602.30(J)	58097.00	57.6
19.0 Recreation	499.69	24657.57	11302.55(K)	33328.12	68.5
21.0 Miscellaneous	1367.00	12650.69	16261.81(L)	28912.50	43.7
22.0 Capital Budget	11262.98	44043.78*	17291.47(M)	27000.00	71.8
22.1 Council Appropriations	-	11285.14	489.83(N)	11774.97	95.8
Legal Reserve Fund	-	-	16408.97(O)	55030.95	70.1
	<u>47970.47</u>	<u>319905.03</u>	<u>236716.78</u>	<u>550309.54</u>	<u>57.4</u>
Non-Budgeted Accounts	15403.73		*From unappropriated Surplus		
	<u>63374.20</u>			6312.27	
Less Cash Discounts	37.78			556621.81	
	<u>63336.42</u>			(A) 4000.00	
Adjustments	10152.84	53183.58		(C) 2384.00	
	<u>111659.40</u>	<u>111659.40</u>		(D) 275.00	
				(F) 308.00	
				(H) 1000.00	
				(K) 2632.00	
				(M) 28022.98	
				<u>38621.98</u>	

GENERAL FUND  
Balance Sheet Accounts Comparison  
December 1958-January 1959

<u>Assets</u>	Balance 12-31-58	Balance 1-31-59	Changes During Month
Citizens B nk of Takoma Park	74156.03	94228.97	20072.94
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-Payroll Acct.	3447.85	2675.19	-772.66
Suburban Trust Company	14516.69	14630.24	113.55
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable - 1958 Levy	14329.72	12014.81	-2314.91
Taxes Receivable - 1957 Levy	2500.53	2669.89	169.36
Taxes Receivable - 1956 Levy	156.90	156.90	-
Interest Receivable - 1956 Levy	2.64	190.38	187.74
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	572.49	229.10	-343.39
Due from Special Assessment Fund	3349.11	10151.32	6802.21
New Public Works Building	24874.76	33673.18	8798.42
Heffner Park Community Building	7879.04	10343.60	2464.56
Certificate of Deposit	150000.00	100000.00	-50000.00
Towing Account	71.00	24.50	-46.50
Uniform Account	481.22	671.57	190.35
Prepaid State Retirement	-	2467.00	2467.00
Protective Apparel	186.84	217.51	30.67
Prepaid Insurance	2554.56	-	-2554.56
Oswego and Niagara Avenue	106.00	106.00	-
Accrued Interest Receivable	408.18	427.86	19.68
Bennett Property Acquisition	70.00	70.00	-
Glenside Drive Project	58.78	2710.30	2651.52
Martin Property Acquisition	17.30	17.30	-
Lee Avenue Improvement	3.30	3.30	-
Commercial Trash Accounty Receivable	114.00	520.00	406.00
	<u>299981.94</u>	<u>288323.92</u>	<u>-11658.02</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Escrow Account	580.00	680.00	100.00
Federal Withholding Tax	2450.72	2327.40	-123.32
Maryland Withholding Tax	837.83	275.17	-562.66
D. C. Withholding Tax	113.56	38.10	-75.46
Group Hospitalization	47.74	36.52	-11.22
Certificate of Deposit	21000.00	21000.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	16.67	49.92	33.25
Accounts Payable	11225.08	10363.99	-861.09
Accrued Payroll	-	1748.17	1748.17
Commercial Trash Billing	114.00	520.00	406.00
Refundable Overpayment of Taxes	-	20.87	20.87
	<u>36385.60</u>	<u>37060.14</u>	<u>674.54</u>
Unappropriated Surplus from Prev. Year	53931.78	4620.29	-49311.49
Appropriated Unexpended Net Asset Value	159226.79	186217.74	26990.95
Unappropriated Reserve Fund Balance	17683.97	16408.97	-1275.00
General Fixed Assets in Progress	32753.80	44016.78	11262.98
	<u>299981.94</u>	<u>288323.92</u>	<u>-11658.02</u>
Special Improvement Fund:			
12-31-58 Balance	1,468.85		
January Receipts	<u>5,163.45</u>		
1-31-59 Balance	<u>6,632.30</u>		

*George M. Miller*  
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Mayor

*Haynes M. Miller*  
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Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
February 23, 1959

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor.

The Invocation was rendered by Chaplain Kenneth Crofoot of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.

Councilman Roth requested that the minutes of February 9th be corrected as follows: Under Public Safety Committee, Item 6, that the name of Councilman Sidell be placed in lieu of Councilman Roth. Councilman Forshee also stated that at the previous meeting it had been directed that an Ordinance be adopted issuing Certificates of Indebtedness for the Public Works Project, however, it was decided that this item be dropped for the time being, thus explaining its absence from the minutes. After correction and explanation, it was moved, seconded, and carried, that the minutes be accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Senator Edward S. Northrop, Senate of Maryland, Senate Resolution No. 7, commending and congratulating City of Takoma Park on its Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Referred to Council Files.
2. Senator Edward S. Northrop, Senate of Maryland, Confirmation of endorsment of Mr. George A. Cook as Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County. Referred to Council Files.
3. Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., Senate of Maryland, acknowledgment of Mayor Miller's letter regarding Urban Renewal. Referred to Council Files.
4. Copy of letter from Senator H. Winship Wheatley Jr., Senate of Maryland to Mr. Harlan Frey, Confirmation of submission to Governor for reappointment as Justice of the Peace for Prince George's County. Referred to Council Files.
5. Rt. Rev. Msgr. James F. King, Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, expression of gratitude for Resolution and Mayor & Council attendance at Reception. Referred to Council Files.
6. Mrs. R. C. Stirling, Corresponding Secretary, Takoma Park Elementary School, Parent Teachers Association, expression of appreciation for complimentary copies of the Historical Brochure. Referred to Council Files.
7. Mrs. Kathryn Iverson, Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, Takoma Park Unit No. 28, calling attention to need to impress general public of the reverence and solemnity that should be associated with the Veterans' Memorial at Memorial Park. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. Arthur K. Stellhorn, Director of Planning, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Explanation for the delay in the Proposed Revision of the Zoning and Highway Planning for the City of Takoma Park. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee. Mayor Miller instructed that the Clerk-Treasurer address letters to Senators Wheatley and Northrop, calling attention to fact that there had been a joint statement by Park and Planning pertaining to preparation of Map, and requesting their cooperation.
9. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, submission of 1959/60 Budget as proposed by Department Chief, with enumeration of certain changes recommended on motion by the City Fire Board. Referred to the Finance Committee.
10. Notice - Municipal Officials Workshop, April 25th, sponsored by Montgomery County Chapter of Maryland Municipal League. Referred to Council Files.

11. News Bulletin #69. Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee regarding 1959 Program for Community Inspection of Automobiles in Nationwide effort to reduce traffic accidents caused by vehicles which are not maintained in safe driving condition. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

#### OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller spoke on the tax differential problems of Prince George's County, stating that an Action Committee has been formed, of which the Mayor is a member. He further stated that meetings have been held with the Prince George's Delegation also with the County Commissioners and that it is hoped a bill will be introduced to the Senate. Also that if the bill failed to be introduced that the Committee would start negotiations again. He also quoted from an article from the Evening Star wherein opinions were given by Senator H. Winship Wheatley and President of County Commissioners Harry W. Reichelt. The Mayor stated that a meeting of the Action Committee will be held within the next ten days. He stated that he could see no reason why Senator Wheatley would not introduce a bill on the Prince George's County Tax Differentials.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner stated that he thought the Mayor's presentation on the tax differentials was very well put.
2. Councilman Turner stated that there would be a meeting of the Law and Ordinances Committee on March 2nd, the time to be announced later. (The meeting will be held in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer).
3. Councilman Turner stated that the Committee had investigated the clarification of Item C of Ordinance 1400, concerning sick leave for employees of less than one full year of employment, also Item 4E, and in doing this found other items of the Merit Plan that needed clarification, therefore, a further study will be made.
4. Councilman Turner reported on the suggestion that an Ordinance similar to Montgomery County Fire Prevention Code be adopted for City, that matter was about ready to be placed before the Council for consideration, however, code of ordinances is involved too, so it will take some time before completion.
5. There is no further report on the Martin property as matter is in hands of County Council and Circuit Court.

Mayor Miller questioned Councilman Turner if his Committee has worked out any program concerning dogs in the City. Councilman Turner stated that his Committee was aware of the serious problem that dogs were presenting in the City, however, after comments by Director of Public Works Rhodes, on dog catching facilities, he was quite certain the situation could be worked out with the Public Works Department.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie stated that the offer of assistance in solution of any refuse disposal problems was discussed at the Public Works Committee Meeting last week, however, has not been brought to the attention of the Public Welfare Committee as yet.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported on the complaint regarding parking area opposite #8 Columbia Avenue & Fence, stating that the matter had been discussed as to how much ground would be devoted to impounded cars, and how much to City parking. This has not been decided as yet.
3. Councilman McKenzie reported that Director of Public Works Rhodes has furnished the Public Welfare Committee with a schedule for sidewalk repair, therefore, it is planned

that the Committee will have a plan worked out by Spring.

4. Councilman McKenzie reported that the petition concerning hazardous condition of creek in front of apartment building was discussed at Committee meeting, however, report was not ready as yet.

5. Councilman McKenzie gave the Committee's report on the Public Hearing on the Lincoln Avenue properties owned by Mrs. Margaret B. Murray, stating that after the matter having been treated through the proper channels, and after Committee had studied the transcript of the Hearing, the following facts are brought to the Council's attention in testimony by witnesses:

1. The floors are unsafe, floor joists unsupported.
2. Stairs and steps are dangerous.
3. Buildings are termite infested.
4. Toilet facilities, which are located in the dirt-floored cellars, are not operative in some of the buildings.
5. Holes in the plumbing pipes.
6. Holes in plaster leaves lathes exposed.
7. Chimneys are unsafe, and chimney thimbles loose and some not covered, permitting coal gas and smoke to seep into the bedrooms.
8. Unsecured light fixtures on the ceiling, uncovered junction boxes with exposed wires.

He further stated that the committee finds the buildings are unsafe for human habitation, and the conditions are such that death can result from fire or disease. A probability which, if it came to pass, would point the finger of guilt at the Council and Officials of Takoma Park.

Therefore, the Committee finds no alternative but to recommend condemnation of these buildings. Councilman McKenzie moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1522

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

Section 1. THAT the buildings located at 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117 and 119 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., be condemned as unfit for human habitation, and,

Section 2. THAT the owner, Mrs. Margaret B. Murray, be ordered to have these buildings vacated within 60 days from February 23rd, 1959.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the Inspector of Buildings for the City of Takoma Park be hereby authorized and directed to place placards on each of the buildings above named in Section I in accordance with this condemnation Ordinance.

Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that prior to the Council Meeting the Public Safety Committee had not held a meeting. However, that a meeting had been held with the Civil Defense Director of the City and Mr. Gair reported that a plan has been

submitted to the various churches in the City, and that he wants the Public Safety Committee to study the plan.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that Boy Scout Troop #702 of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, have submitted a "Preparedness Plan" for Civil Defense, which he will turn over to the Director of Civil Defense for his opinion. Mayor Miller asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Cina, Scout Master, acknowledging this Plan.

3. Councilman Sidell mentioned the Inservice Training School to be sponsored by the Police Department under the direction of Chief Foster, at the Takoma Academy from March 3rd, through March 26th. From schedule prepared and those having worked on it, it is apparent that an excellent course is being offered. Mayor Miller will give the opening address.

4. Councilman Sidell announced that the Civil Defense Office in Rockville is holding additional courses at the County Building on Civil Defense and public is invited.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor requested that item one concerning the Hampshire Greens Community Association's request for construction of a footbridge at Carroll Avenue and Long Branch be deleted from her Committee as it has been taken care of by the Public Safety Committee.

2. Councilwoman Monitor requested that the inquiry as to fixed type auditorium seating or stage draperies in new Community Center be deleted, as this type of arrangement will not be needed; also that the Washington Sanitarium Church's request regarding outdoor amphitheater near Long Branch Park be deleted as this property is outside the City limits. The letter will be acknowledged with the City's approval; also that item of quotation for mist spraying of trees be deleted, as this type of spraying is not effective on the evergreens in the City.

3. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the activities at the Municipal Gymnasium have been cancelled, in order to hold the School Safety Patrol Dinner.

4. Councilwoman Monitor announced that the State of Maryland residents may get Pine tree plantings free from the State as part of its reforestation program. Those interested should get in touch with the Forester's office, 503 Main Street, Laurel, Md., telephone number PARKway 5-0189.

5. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Director of Public Works has requested additional funds for Municipal Parks, Salaries & Labor (Code No. 19.301) in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be deducted accordingly: \$900.00 from Code #19.201A; \$100.00 from Code #19.202A; \$50.00 from Code #19.202G; \$125.00 from Code #19.202I, a total of \$1,175.00; also that an additional amount not to exceed \$825.00 for Municipal Parks, Salaries and Labor, with the hope that savings can be made under other subheads of Code No. 19.2 and 19.3 to offset this \$825.00 authorization. Councilwoman Monitor so moved that the sum of \$2,000.00 be granted. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee had no pending matters at this time, although he requested that the Department Heads have their budget reports for the Year 1959/60 in by the end of February.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth requested that the complaint concerning narrowness and additional lighting Flower Avenue, also dangerous condition at Flower & Kennebec Avenues be removed from his Committee and transferred to the Public Safety Committee.
2. Councilman Roth reported on the Washington Sanitarium Church's request for possible amphitheater near Long Branch Park. He stated that this property is outside the City limits, however, he was of the opinion that the City should make a statement concerning this request. He proposed that the Church's letter be acknowledged to the effect that even though the property is outside the City limits, that the City has no objection to the erection of an amphitheater, and that he felt that it would be a fine addition to the area, and a benefit to the City. He also suggested that a copy of the Church's letter be sent along with a transmittal letter to the Park and Planning Commission endorsing the project. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to take care of the matter.
3. Councilman Roth reported on the John Nevins Andrews School desire to purchase City-owned lot adjacent to school property, in that there is discussion on problem of street right-of-way, which will be taken up with the City Attorney, there is no final report at this time.
4. Councilman Roth reporting on the decision of Montgomery County Planning Board concerning Takoma Avenue in a Master Plan of streets and highways for Silver Spring & vicinity, stated that the matter had been discussed and in view of the position the City has taken, and the fact that the Planning Board has made its decision, after the City submitting statements, there appears nothing further the City can do, therefore, he requested that the item be removed from the agenda.
5. Councilman Roth reported on the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association's request that published zoning notices contain street addresses; stating that in his opinion this is an excellent idea and represented a great deal of merit, and that the Council should write the Park and Planning Commission and suggest this to them; also that the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Commissioners should be notified of this suggestion; He proposed that some type of notification could be sent the Civic Associations whenever a zoning application pertained to their particular locale. This will be looked into.
6. Councilman Roth stated that there was discussion at the Committee meeting on the Schaffer Property on Maple Avenue, concerning Z.A.P. C-105, R-60 to R-10 Zone.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the offer to provide aerial photographic maps of City, requesting that the Clerk-Treasurer acknowledge this letter that the City has no need for this type of work at this time.
2. Councilman Collison reported on the complaint of condition of street - Lincoln Avenue, that temporary repairs have been made, however, it will be necessary to make more extensive repairs, which will be done once the weather conditions have become more desirable.
3. Councilman Collison requested that Items 1, Paving Niagara & Ritchie Avenues in area 7620 Maple Avenue; Item 6, State Roads Commission concerning Federal Aid Urban Program; and Item 14, Petition of residents of 7620 Maple Avenue concerning hazardous conditions of creek in front of apartment building, be combined under one statement on the agenda, as they all tie into one another.
4. Councilman Collison reported on the request by North Takoma Citizens Association concerning North Takoma Storm Drainage in that it has been discussed with Mr. Reagan;

and it is the desire to have the Public Works Committee to discuss with the North Takoma Citizens Association the possibility of three proposed plans; the intention to be that the best one will be selected, as to effectiveness and economy. This method has been expressed to the Citizens Association and they are in agreement; He also stated that work is progressing on the Glenside Drive Paving Project; the drainage problem - 703-05-07 Devonshire Road can be removed from agenda; no action has been taken on the request for hearing on improvement of Hayward Avenue from Larch Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway; He further requested that Item 9, complaints concerning Flower and Kennebec Avenues be removed from his agenda, until such time that the Police Department can investigate the visibility when approaching Flower Avenue from Kennebec; He reported on Item 12, complaint of storm drainage in area Highland Avenue between Allegheny & Cockerille Avenues; that the solution is a bonafide and complete improvement of the street, and that Mrs. Blundon's letter should be replied to in that fashion; He requested that Item 15, decision of Montgomery County Planning Board concerning Takoma Avenue on Master Plan of streets and highways for Silver Spring & vicinity be removed from his agenda, as same has previously been reported by the Civic Improvements Committee.

5. Councilman Collison reported concerning the assessment of the paving of Kennebec and Houston Avenues, that Mr. Angel & Mrs. Dunn requested that their assessments be reviewed. The Committee made a complete investigation and found sufficient grounds for reduction of assessments as levied. He also stated that they had met with Mr. Remsen and Mr. Rhodes, and that the assessments have been clarified for reduction, however, the figures have not yet been worked out, also that the basis for assessment of Boston and Dundalk has been established, now awaiting the final figures.

6. Councilman Collison reported on the proposed repairs for the ladies and men's rest-rooms in City Building, stating that a new itemization has been prepared which will cut in half the original estimate prepared; also when costs are ready, Committee will ask for appropriations.

7. Councilman Collison reported on the plan from the State Roads Commission on New Hampshire Avenue and University Blvd, concerning street treatments of curb entrance and proposed driveway entrance on N. H. Avenue side at the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center. He stated that his Committee met with the Civic Improvements Committee and there is a rather serious difference of opinion with completing of Kirkland Avenue. Councilman Collison stated that he would like a meeting of the Council as a whole on these matters. He did state that the Public Works Director has been advised that their plan is alright.

8. Councilman Collison reported that the Public Works Department is in need of a steam cleaner which would greatly improve on the care of the trash trucks. He stated that this cleaner can be purchased from a firm in Baltimore for the sum of \$316.00 and moved an appropriation from the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller questioned as to the progress of the air conditioning for the library; also the furnace for the City Building; he was informed that these matters are being considered by Committee.

Mr. Robert Tice of Radio Station WGTS-FM was present at the Council Meeting with broadcasting equipment from the Station, to make a trial run of the Council meetings, which will be broadcast live beginning on March 9th.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

George M Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Pugh  
Clerk-Treasurer