

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 March 9, 1959

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:57. Those present: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman McKenzie moved that the minutes of February 23rd, 1959, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., Acknowledgement of telegram from Mayor Miller regarding adjustment of tax rate between Prince George's County and Municipalities. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Senator Edward S. Northrop, Acknowledgement of letter from Mayor Miller concerning the Park & Planning Commission's agreement to make a Master Plan for Takoma Park; 2(a) Copy of letter written by Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., to Mr. Herbert Wells of MNCP&PC relating to above. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. Letters from Members of Prince George's and Montgomery County Delegations acknowledging letter from Mayor Miller in opposition to House Bill No. 117. Referred to Council Files.
4. George S. Barkman, Town Supervisor, Laurel, Md., Appreciation for literature sent by Mayor Miller concerning rules and regulations governing refuse collections. Referred to Council Files.
5. Vincent M. Brown, President, Takoma Langley Junior Chamber of Commerce. Invitation to Mayor Miller to speak to organization on the role of the young men in his Community. Referred to Council Files.
6. George J. O'Hare, Chairman, Prince George's County Municipal Association, Notice of a meeting with Community Delegation on March 10th in Annapolis concerning City-County fiscal relations. Mayor Miller announced the hearing in Annapolis at 3 p.m., March 10th. Referred to Council Files.
7. Same as above. Notice of Annual banquet to be held Thursday, April 16th, at the Crystal Room, St. Bernards Church, Riverdale, Md. Referred to Council Files.
8. National Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Bureau, Washington, D. C., Regarding National Program. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
9. Board of Appeals, Montg. Co., Case #728, Petition of Mrs. Dorothy A. McLean:
  - (a) Copy of letter of North Takoma Citizens Association request for two-week delay;
  - (b) Letter from Rev. David L. Watterworth, Georgia Avenue Christian Church, information concerning above Petition. Referred to Civic Improvement Committee.
10. Board of Appeals, Montgomery County, Case No. 726, Appeal of Robert E. Orange, for a variance for insufficient square foot area for an R-40 Zone at 704 Houston Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
11. Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Z. A. P. No. A-3312, Robert H. Symonds, Agent. R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
12. George A. Huse, 8321 Sligo Creek Parkway, City, Regarding improvement of Wabash Avenue from Eastridge Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
13. Jacob N. Halper, 908 Heather Avenue, City, Regarding excavation at Heather and Elm Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.

14. R. G. Shure, Attorney, Regarding property on Lincoln Avenue, Mrs. Margaret B. Murray, Lots 21, 22 & 23, Block 50, Gilbert's Subdivision. Referred to Civic Improvements and Public Welfare Committees.

15. Petition, Residents, 8000 Block Maple Avenue, requesting reconsideration of parking restrictions in alley in rear of properties. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

16. Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau - Re- Takoma Park Fire Tax Area. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

17. William M. Greene, 7127 Willow Avenue, City, Regarding inadequate street lighting on Willow Avenue. Referred to Public Safety and Public Welfare Committees.

18. Howard Carle, W. Hyattsville, Commendation of PFC Olson. Referred to Council Files.

19. Columbia Map Company, Washington, D. C., Presentation of Columbia Map of Greater Washington. Referred to Council Files.

BANKD STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:

1-31-59 Balance	94,228.97
February Receipts	56,885.08
	<u>151,114.05</u>
February Disbursements	84,451.62
2-28-59 Balance	66,662.43

Certificates of Deposit 50,000.00

Suburban Trust Company:

1-31-59 Balance	14,630.24
February Receipts	333.20
	<u>14,963.44</u>
2-28-59 Balance	

Special Improvement Fund:

1-31-59 Balance	6,632.30
February Receipts	276.70
	<u>6,909.00</u>
2-28-59 Balance	

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the American Legion, designating March 15th to March 21st as birthday week. He commended the American Legion on the fine work they have done over the period of years, stating that he was happy to be a member of Latimer Post No. 28. He then presented the Proclamation to Legion officials present.

The Walker Safety Award was presented to Mayor Miller and Chief of Police Samuel A. Foster by Sergeant Baldwin of Baltimore, Md., who was presented by Sergeant Kavanaugh of the Maryland State Police, for the fine record made by the Takoma Park Police Department for the year of 1958. The gentlemen thanked Chief Foster for the fine cooperation extended them, and in turn Chief Foster thanked them for their cooperation.

Mayor Miller presented the framed Certificate of Award received by the City, for the Historical Brochure on the 75th Anniversary of Takoma Park, which was adjudged the most outstanding publication for 1958 at the American Municipal Congress held in Boston on December 2nd, 1958.

Mr. H. J. Bison, Jr., 709 New York Avenue, addressed the Council on the Appeal of Mrs. Dorothy A. McLean for special exception for 715 New York Avenue, Case No. 728, Board of Appeals, Montgomery County, to operate a private club in church property at this address. Mr. Bison is a property owner next door to the property in question, also chairman of the zoning committee of the North Takoma Citizens Association. He stated that he wished to inform the Council that the North Takoma Citizens Association by action of its executive council and authority given under constitution and by-laws has taken the position of opposing petition, and requested that the City Council recommend that it be denied. He stated that the membership would no doubt be between 150 and 175, and that there would be a problem of offstreet parking which could create a traffic hazard,

as New York Avenue is already crowded with traffic. He further stated that if such use is permitted in the area it will be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance and will destroy the residential zoning now prevalent. He asked that the Council not be misled into thinking this would be a private club as it is in fact a legitimate theatre and it is the understanding that tickets will be sold to the general public for theatre performance. It is the desire of the citizens in the surrounding area that the Council protect their rights as private residential area for the intrusion of a commercial activity. Mr. Bison stated that he would have liked the petitioner to present her case first, however, he would yield the floor to her at this time.

Mrs. Dorothy McLean, 5514 Carolina Place, N. W., Washington 16, D. C. addressed the Mayor and Council stating, that she has no desire to fight for property or be considered a nuisance. She stated that she has looked for over a year for a suitable place for their theater, which would also contain a workshop in cultural art or dramatics. She stated that they would not be a legitimate theater, extending no services, except instruction courses. There would be two paid directors, and club would be composed of scientists, government employees, etc. Mrs. McLean stated that if the people of Takoma Park do not want them, they do not want to come into the City. She stated that she had talked the matter over with Rev. Watterworth, and he was in sympathy with their desires.

Councilman Turner asked her if she would be the purchaser or would someone else and she stated that she would be.

Mayor Miller asked her if she was aware of the offstreet parking requirement, and she stated that she was not aware at the time proceedings started but now understands that space for the cars must be provided.

Councilman Forshee asked her how many members the club had at this time and was informed that at present there were about 25 regular members.

Councilman Roth asked her what use the building would be put to during the daytime, and she replied not much, if any. She further stated that a workshop would be held from 6 to 8 p.m., not to interfere with evening performances.

Mr. Bison pointed out that the operation will be a legitimate theater as defined by the Zoning Ordinance and that tickets will be sold for performances. He also stated that only 32 ft. was available for parking on the side of the church, and about 18 ft., at the rear, which would not allow room for many cars, and that even a ten car parking lot will be a nuisance to nextdoor neighbors. He also pointed out that if the auditorium is filled to capacity of 175 people on street parking for 87 or 88 cars will be general and that narrow streets and Montgomery Junior College evening classes already create a bad problem.

Dr. E. J. Coulson, 7617 Takoma Avenue spoke to the Council, stating that he lived to the rear of Mr. Bison, and that he was very much concerned with the parking situation in area, that it is critical at present, and would be aggravated by additional parking. He further stated that they have to entertain presently on the weekends because of the parking problem during the week and this operation will create even further problems on weekend. He stated that the North Takoma Citizens Association was very grateful to the City Council for having obtained continuance in the case and asked that they continue to help out in this situation.

Mrs. McLean pointed out that this property is for sale and no matter who it is sold to, that this type of problem would arise, whether her group purchased it or someone else did.

Mr. Ralph Titzler, 503 New York Avenue endorsed opposition to the Petition, stating that of prime importance is the impact on the parking in the area because there is no

space available. He questioned the sale of tickets as non-commercial and the rental of the property to an unknown organization.

Mr. Mark Nearman spoke in behalf of Mrs. McLean as a member of Lobby Theatre, Inc., stating that he was a paid staff director and that even though the staff directors are trained and paid employees that the activity should not be classed as a commercial venture. He stated that the enterprise should be considered strictly as a cultural arts and dramatic venture and that the sale of tickets is solely for the support of the organization and not for the profit or benefit of the individual members. He mentioned that if Lobby Theatre, Inc., does not wish to use the building, a similar or affiliated organization will be formed.

At this time, Mayor Miller stated that he thought sufficient evidence had been presented concerning the above, and suggested that those opposing the special exception might stand up in order to represent the number opposed. The majority of the people present stood up.

Mr. James T. Brown, 6610 Westmoreland Avenue, spoke in favor of the theater, having formerly been an actor, stating that there is never an actors' row in a penitentiary.

Mr. Albert Boyer, 7707 Chicago Avenue, owner of property adjacent to church, facing on Chicago Avenue, stated that main issue is parking situation, and due to the narrow street, there have been quite a few accidents, and an increase in the flow of traffic would increase the hazard. He stated that he was not so much in objection to the theater, as he was to the rezoning factor.

Dr. Ernest Umberger, 512 Albany Avenue, stated that to allow theater or club to establish would be a major step towards commercialism.

Mr. Schmidt, a resident in area stated that he agreed with the others, stating that when there would be a plumbers or school meeting, it would be almost impossible for him to get into his driveway.

Mayor Miller stated that the matter has been referred to the Civic Improvements Committee, with request that a committee report will be ready prior to the continued hearing date.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported that all items are steadily progressing, altho he requested that Item 4 - hearing on improvement of Hayward Avenue from Larch Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway - be removed as it is doubtful any action will be taken on it.
2. Councilman Collison reported for the benefit of the North Takoma Citizens Association present, that the drainage problem project will be ready for review within about two weeks, and that McNeill Surveys have worked out about four different prospects, and discussion will be held as to which would be more feasible to use.
3. Councilman Collison reported on the request by Jacob Halper, 908 Heather Avenue, regarding excavation at Heather and Elm Avenues, stating that the excavation was made by the WSSC, however, that the hole had been filled temporarily, and that more permanent correction would be made at a later date.
4. Councilman Collison reported on data received from the State Roads Commission at their meeting held on February 25th, 1959, that inasmuch as the Maple Avenue Paving project will be handled under the Federal Aid Program; stating that funds amounting to \$125,000.00 will be involved, of which Federal Aid Urban Funds will participate to the extent of 50%, or approximately \$62,500, the remainder to be financed by City authorities, and that Takoma Park has to its credit about \$101,697.00. He also pointed

out that upon completion of this work that the roadway will remain and be maintained property of the City. McNeill Surveys, Inc., will proceed to develop a plan for the Council's approval.

5. Councilman Collison reported on the assessment for Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Angel and Mr. & Mrs. Rupert Dunn in the Houston-Kennebec Project. As stated before, upon investigation by the Committee it was found that the assessments were too large; in checking County procedure, it seems that when any front footage or side footage is compiled it is measured along the property line, and where lots have a rounded corner, that one-half the length of the arc is considered as front footage and one-half of the length of the arc is considered as side footage and assessed accordingly. Therefore, the Public Works Committee recommend that the following changes in assessment be made: Angel - \$4,020.55 to \$3,817.07, reduction of \$203.48; Dunn - \$1,076.72 to \$806.59, reduction of \$270.13; the Committee further recommended that these reductions be approved, and the difference made up by the City from the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller asked if the City would continue this formula for the setting of assessments, and Councilman Collison replied that they will request that this method be typed on the special assessment notices when they are sent out. All were in favor of this action.

6. Councilman Collison, upon recommendation by the Public Works Director, moved that Nancy M. Cole be appointed permanently as secretary for the Public Works Department, effective March 1st. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

7. Councilman Collison, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee, moved that Mr. Harvey D. Williams, be appointed permantly as Building Inspector for the City, effective March 1st, 1959. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

8. Councilman Collison reported that there is an opportunity to purchase the air compressor, property of Esso Standard Oil Company, presently being used at the Public Works Department for \$80.00. He moved that this be done. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor and Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

9. Councilman Collison reported that there is need for a dolly for the public works department, however, there is a variance in prices, therefore, he will study it further, and report on it at the next meeting.

Mayor Miller questioned if the Committee is still working on the repair of the restrooms in the City Office building and was informed that work is progressing. He also requested that a check be made with Mr. Wyble on the air conditioning of the Library and City Building.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that work is progressing on the Clarification of the Merit Plan concerning sick leave for an employee of less than one full year of employment, also other items under discussion. There will soon be a report ready for the Council.

2. Councilman Turner spoke on the problem of roaming dogs within the City of this time of the year. He pointed out that the City has a strong Ordinance in this respect and quoted Sections 1 and 2 of same. He stated the City is prepared to enforce the Ordinance and took this means of putting the Citizens on notice that such will be done.

3. Councilman Turner moved that a resolution be adopted in memoriam of Frederick L. Lewton, a former Mayor of the City of Takoma Park. Mr. Lewton resided in Florida at the time of his death. Upon being seconded, and put to question the motion was carried. The Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the passing of Frederick L. Lewton, has removed from this life a beloved and respected friend, and

WHEREAS, as the former Mayor for the City of Takoma Park, gave 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; Now, 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. Frederick L. Lewton and family in their bereavement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be given to Mrs. Frederick L. Lewton, now residing in Florida, as a small token of esteem and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered by Mr. Frederick L. Lewton to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

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

4. Councilman Turner moved the adoption in recognition of the American Legion's 40th Anniversary, also in honor of the local John B. Latimer Post No. 28. Upon being duly seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried. The Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the National Organization of the American Legion celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary during the period March 15th to 17th, 1959, and

WHEREAS, the John B. Latimer Post No. 28, Department of Maryland, The American Legion, which was originally chartered as Takoma Park Post No. 28 and is The Flag Post of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, the John B. Latimer Post No. 28 has upheld the traditions and principles of The American Legion and maintained a most patriotic and cooperative spirit in the City of Takoma Park, Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend the John B. Latimer Post No. 28 for its patriotism and worthwhile activities in civic endeavors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to the John B. Latimer Post No. 28 as a token of esteem and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Signed and sealed this 23rd day of March, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie addressed the Council presenting data on the Lincoln Avenue Properties, stating that Attorney Shure had stated that in the event the Council did not recommend the rezoning of the Lincoln Avenue Properties, as per his suggestion, that he would be forced to take legal measures. Therefore, Councilman McKenzie stated that the matter had not been thoroughly discussed with his Committee, however, he was taking the initiative and so moved that the Council deny the request for re-application for rezoning. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Monitor.

Councilman Forshee stated that he didn't know whether it is the duty of the City Council to recommend rezoning, and that there may be times when they might want to, however, he didn't like the Council being threatened.

Mayor Miller stated that he was sure that he understood Councilman McKenzie's views on the matter, however, he strongly recommended that the situation should be considered more thoroughly, therefore, moved that the motion be tabled and that the Civic Improvements Committee bring a recommendation to the Council within the next two meeting dates.

Councilman Collison stated that he felt the Council would be in a very weak position to propose a zoning matter such as the above, at this time.

The Council voted unanimously to table the above motion for the time being.

Councilman Roth stated that a letter should be prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen, with the correct legal terminology, in answer to Mr. Shure's letter, stating the Council's views at this time, also stating that the matter has been turned over to the Civic Improvements Committee at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that he and Chief Foster had a meeting concerning the recommendations for street lights in the City.

2. Councilman Sidell read the resignation of Glenn L. Minton from the Takoma Park Fire Department. He moved that this resignation be accepted with regrets, effective March 15th, 1959. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. Mayor Miller requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Sgt. Minton, thanking him for the service he has extended to the City.

3. Councilman Sidell mentioned the letter of appreciation received from the Police and Firemen's Association and directed that the Clerk-Treasurer acknowledge it and thank them for the letter.

4. Councilman Sidell reported on the request by Mrs. Dunn concerning the street light situation on Flower Avenue in Kennebec Area, stating that he had discussed the problem with Mr. Marshall of PEPCO and that the culmination of the meeting was that the county probably will take care of increase in lighting; also problem of parking too close to intersection, stating that Highway 787 is involved and City has no right to place "no parking" signs on a State highway; he quoted from a memo from Major Foster, that State Roads Commission be requested to place "No Parking from here to Corner" signs within forty feet of Kennebec, Houston, Hudson, Wabash, Domer, Erie and Maplewood Avenues, where they intersect with Flower Avenue, and so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of John W. Saunders from the Takoma Park Police Department be accepted effective March 23rd, 1959. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

6. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Chief of Police, and Committee, moved that Charles R. DuBois, 608 Tomlinson Avenue, Glendale, W. Va., be appointed as a Private to the Takoma Park Police Department, for a six-months probationary period, effective April 1st, 1959, at a salary of \$4,000.00 per annum, in accordance with the Merit Plan. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the complaint that the public is not showing proper reverence and solemnity to Veterans' Memorial at Memorial Park, requesting that a letter be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 28, informing them that a careful watch is being kept on the area, in an attempt to alleviate complaint.

2. Councilwoman Monitor announced that the Prince George's County Recreation Department are sponsoring Workshops during the Month of March and information concerning the activities can be obtained by calling APpleton 7-8696; She also announced that the Woodmoor Bowling Alley, Four Corners, are sponsoring free bowling lessons for housewives, Week of March 16th, Monday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 p.m. Baby sitting services will be provided.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for the approval of the expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$84,451.62 (which included payments on P/W Bldg., and an Insurance payment). Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee reported that all Budget proposals were in the hands of the Finance Committee, and that there should be some report at the next meeting.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE.

1. Councilman Roth reported that in connection with the special exception request by Mrs. Dorothy McLean, that he would withhold recommendation on it until the Committee as a whole could discuss it. Councilman Roth reported the following action on zoning amendment petitions:

C-105, Schaffer, Lt. 24, Blk. 50, B.F.G. (Maple & Lincoln Aves.) R-60 to R-10, being held up in accordance with our request for a 60 day deferrment.

C-118, Daugharty, Lts. 15, 16 & 17, Blk. 6, L & E (Tulip Ave.) R-20 to R-10, Denied officially March 3rd. This coincides with our recommendation.

The following have been tentatively approved, however, are not yet official:

C-127, Jacobson, Lt. 19, Blk. 37, B.F.G. (Lincoln Ave.) R-60 to R-40..



C-131, Graver, Pt. of Blk. 4, S.S.C., 7406 Hancock Ave., R-60 to R-10.  
C-135, Horning Bros. Lt. 33, Pt. Lt. 32 & Pt. of alley, Blk 55, R-60 to R-10.  
(Hudson or Houston Ave.)  
C-140, Shure, Lt. 26, Blk. 50, B.F.G., Cumberland Avenue, R-60 to R-10.

2. Councilman Roth proposed that when a Zoning Petition arrives in the City Office that a copy be sent to the Citizens Association to be affected by the particular request. The Council was in agreement that this be done.

Chief of Police Foster reported that the Law Enforcement Officers Training School that is being held at the Takoma Academy is very successful.

Chief Carter of the Fire Department reported that he was not quite ready to suggest a prospective appointment to replace Sgt. Minton, however, that he would present one at the next meeting.

City Buildings Inspector Mr. Williams thanked the Mayor and Council for his permanent appointment, also Councilman Collison for his kind comments.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

George M Miller  
Mayor

August M. Ludwig  
Clerk-Treasurer

GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
February 1959

	Cash Balance Beginning of Month	Cash Balance End of Month				
1-31-59 Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	94228.97	66662.43				
1-31-59 Citizens Bank of Takoma Park P/A	2675.19	2987.03				
1-31-59 Suburban Trust Company	14630.24	14963.44				
1-31-59 Petty Cash	125.00	125.00				
	<u>111659.40</u>	<u>84737.90</u>				
			Total Bud- geted Rev. to 2-28-59	Budget Bal. as of 2-28-59	Adopted Budget Totals	Percen- tage to Budget
REVENUES:						
1.0 Taxes - Local	3344.44		365133.24	1297.11	366430.35	99.6
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	5.00		76647.71	5152.29	81800.00	93.6
2.0 Licenses & Permits	629.89		16238.66	7786.34	24025.00	67.5
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	119.00		1844.60	-644.60	1200.00	153.6
4.0 Rev. from Use of Money & Prop.	299.68		2568.09	-128.09	2440.00	105.2
5.0 Rev. from Other Agencies	-		-	33329.19	33329.19	-
6.0 Serv.Chgs.for Current Service	1985.09		10024.06	1060.94	11085.00	90.4
Balance from Legal Res. Fund	-		30000.00	-	30000.00	100.0
	<u>6383.10</u>		<u>502456.36</u>	<u>47853.18</u>	<u>550309.54</u>	<u>97.2</u>
Non-Budgeted Receipts	50992.77					
	<u>57375.87</u>					
Less Accrued-Deferred	157.59		57218.28			
Total Cash Receipts	<u>168877.68</u>					
			This month's percentage figure: 66 2/3			
DISBURSED & ACCRUED:			Expended	Balance	Budget	
10.1 Government Administration	2806.21		20847.47	19197.53(A)	36045.00	52.0
10.8 Government Building	1563.77		11294.73	6345.27(B)	17640.00	64.0
11.1 Police Department	8779.25		67639.39	37030.61(C)	102286.00	64.6
11.2 Fire Department	6330.05		50251.84	24068.16(D)	72545.00	67.6
11.3 Protective Inspection	558.11		3242.95	5157.05(E)	8400.00	38.5
11.9 Other Protection	-		325.26	482.74(F)	500.00	40.2
12.1 P/W Office	991.41		7674.13	4785.87(G)	12460.00	61.5
12.2 P/W Highways	3177.52		40230.94	21849.06(H)	61080.00	64.8
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	2915.26		19396.02	6129.98(I)	25210.00	75.9
13.0 P/W Sanitation	4475.01		37969.71	20127.29(J)	58097.00	65.3
19.0 Recreation	586.45		25244.02	11541.10(K)	33328.12	68.6
21.0 Miscellaneous	6652.22		19302.91	9609.59(L)	28912.50	66.7
22.0 Capital Budget	10789.99		54833.77	274.21(M)	27000.00	99.5
22.1 Council Appropriations	-		11285.14	489.83(N)	11774.97	95.8
Legal Reserve Fund	-		-	13682.97(O)	55030.95	75.1
	<u>49625.25</u>		<u>369538.28</u>	<u>180771.26</u>	<u>550309.54</u>	<u>67.1</u>
Non-Budgeted Accounts	48377.53					
	<u>98002.78</u>					
Less Cash Discounts	10.47				(A) 4000.00	
	<u>97992.31</u>				(C) 2384.00	
Adjustments	13852.53		84139.78		(D) 1775.00	
	<u>84737.90</u>		<u>84737.90</u>		(F) 308.00	
					(H) 1000.00	
					(I) 316.00	
					(K) 3457.00	
					(M) 28107.98	
					<u>41347.98</u>	

GENERAL FUND  
Balance Sheet Accounts Comparison  
January-February 1959

<u>Assets</u>	Balance 1-31-59	Balance 2-28-59	Changes During Month
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park	94228.97	66662.43	-27566.54
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park - Payroll Acct.	2675.19	2987.03	311.84
Suburban Trust Company	14630.24	14963.44	333.20
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable - 1958 Levy	12014.81	9410.95	-2603.86
Taxes Receivable - 1957 Levy	2669.89	2669.89	-
Taxes Receivable - 1956 Levy	156.90	156.90	-
Interest Receivable - 1956 Levy	190.38	190.38	-
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	229.10	229.10	-
Due from Special Assessment Fund	10151.32	10151.32	-
New Public Works Building	33673.18	50363.68	16690.50
Heffner Park Community Building	10343.60	10343.60	-
Certificate of Deposit	100000.00	50000.00	-50000.00
Towing Account	24.50	42.50	18.00
Uniform Accounts	671.57	704.22	32.65
Prepaid State Retirement	2467.00	1233.50	-1233.50
Protective Apparel	217.51	163.29	-54.22
Oswego & Niagara Avenues	106.00	106.00	-
Accrued Interest Receivable	427.86	264.21	-163.65
Bennett Property Acquisition	70.00	19205.76	19135.76
Martin Property Acquisition	17.30	17.30	-
Glenside Drive Project	2710.30	2710.30	-
Lee Avenue Improvement	3.30	3.30	-
Commercial Trash Account Receivable	520.00	196.00	-324.00
Prepaid Insurance	-	10654.30	10654.30
	<u>288323.92</u>	<u>253554.40</u>	<u>-34769.52</u>

Liabilities

Escrow Account	680.00	680.00	-
Federal Withholding Tax	2327.40	2340.40	13.00
Maryland Withholding Tax	275.17	546.62	271.45
D. C. Withholding Tax	38.10	81.13	43.03
Group Hospitalization	36.52	20.88	-15.64
Certificate of Indebtedness	21000.00	21000.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	49.92	83.17	33.25
Accounts Payable	10363.99	11450.45	1086.46
Accrued Payroll	1748.17	1776.07	27.90
Commercial Trash Billing	520.00	196.00	-324.00
Refundable Overpayment of Taxes	20.87	20.87	-
	37060.14	38195.59	1135.45
Unappropriated Surplus from Prev. Year	4620.29	4636.29	16.00
Appropriated Net Asset Value	186217.74	117170.51	-69047.23
Unappropriated Reserve Fund Balance	16408.97	13682.97	-2726.00
General Fixed Assets in Progress	44016.78	79869.04	35852.26
	<u>288323.92</u>	<u>253554.40</u>	<u>-34769.52</u>
Special Improvement Fund:			
1-31-59 Balance	6632.30		
February Deposits	276.70		
2-28-59 Balance	<u>6909.00</u>		

REGULAR MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
March 23, 1959

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

The Invocation was given by Rev. Desmond P. Murphy of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Councilman Sidell moved that the minutes of March 9th, 1959, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Expression of appreciation for complimentary copies of Historical Brochures. Referred to Council Files.
2. Leslie R. Mansell, Pastor, Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church, requesting the removal of the taxicab stand now located on Laurel Avenue. Referred to the Public Safety and Civic Improvements Committees.
3. John P. Callahan, Vice President, Carole Highlands, Hillwood Manor Recreation Council, request for financial support in the 1959 Recreational Program. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
4. Michael Melkisetian, Owner Lot 1, Block 7, New Hampshire Highlands, request for the ten year payment plan for assessment of Glenside Drive improvement. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. Mrs. James C. Edwards, 101 Sheridan Avenue, City, Complaint of condition of property at 103 Sheridan Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
6. Robert J. Sisk, Sec.-Treas., North Takoma Citizens Association. Enclosure of copy of motion passed by Association relating to Petition No. 728, Special Exception, Mrs. Dorothy McLean. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Lee Frew Platt, Realtor, Silver Spring, Maryland, relating to Petition No. 728, Special Exception to R-60 Zoning. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
9. David L. Watterworth, Minister, Georgia Avenue Christian Church, relating to Petition No. 728, Special Exception to R-60 Zoning. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. Paul R. Tharp, Manager, Radio Station, WGTS-FM, Apology for difficulties encountered in radio broadcast of March 9th. Referred to Council Files.
11. Paul R. Tharp, Manager, Radio Station WGTS-FM, Request for assistance in obtaining a seat in the United States Congress Press Gallery. To be handled by Mayor Miller through the City Office.
12. Ellery Denison, 7207 - 13th Place, City, Statement of intention to join motorcade to Annapolis on March 24th, supporting tax differential bill effecting Prince George's County. Referred to Council Files.
13. Walter L. Adamson, 7001 Aspen Avenue, City, Commendation of Corporal Bever, Police Department. Referred to Council Files and Public Safety Committee.
14. Gordon Speer, 2534 - 14th Street, N. E., City, Commendation of PFC James Newton, Police Department. Referred to Council Files and Public Safety Committee.
15. James A. Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association - President; suggestions concerning Budget for 1959/60. Referred to Finance Committee.

16. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, request that Dog Ordinance be enforced. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.

17. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, condition of property owned by Opha Mays, backing up on Colby Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

8. Dorothy A. McLean, 5514 Caroline Place, N.W., relating to Petition No. 728. Referred to OPEN MEETING: (Civic Improvements Committee.)

Mayor Miller commended the Takoma Park Fire Department, stating that last year the Department ranked 8th in Fire Prevention, however, this year they had moved up to 2nd place. He quoted from a Certificate of Merit received from the National Fire Protection Association, for the fine achievement in fire prevention work. The Certificate was then presented to the Mayor by Fire Chief Carter.

Mayor Miller spoke briefly on the Tax Differential Program for Prince George's County, stating that it is to be discussed with officials of the State, at Annapolis, on Tuesday, March 24th; summarizing that in January 1958, the Prince George's County Municipal Association appointed a Committee to study City-County fiscal relations in the County. The Committee had completed its study, and House Bill 717 had been introduced. The meeting at Annapolis gave officials and citizens of the Prince George's area a chance to speak in behalf of House Bill 717.

Mayor Miller also reported to the public that the cost for broadcasting the City Council Meetings is undertaken at a cost to the City of about \$5.00 a month.

Mr. Climon McCalvin, 28 Ritchie Avenue, President of the Colby Avenue Citizens Association, addressed the Council on several issues: (1) The residents of Colby Avenue would like the Council to consider the possibility of cutting through from Hayward Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway; (2) The Council had been approached previously in regard to the dangerous condition to school children, where it is necessary for them to catch a bus in vicinity of Flower and Sligo Parkway - It was pointed out that this has been brought to the attention of the Park and Planning Commission, as the area is outside City limits - the matter will be checked further; (3) He also brought to attention the condition of house at 818 Colby Avenue - the house has no sewer and has an outdoor toilet; (4) He also referred to Cherry Avenue, stating that street should be improved, so that damage of past years could be eliminated.

Mayor Miller questioned the dangerous condition concerning the school children, further stating that the Clerk-Treasurer should look into the matter, also that the above items would be turned over to Councilman Collison; with item on house turned over to Councilman McKenzie.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, representing the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, spoke on the three letters read previously in the Council Meeting: (1) She stated that City's Dog Ordinance was a good one, and that she would like to see the City enforce it, that help was needed very much in the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association area; (2) She stated that another very excellent ordinance - one pertaining to "no parking, 5 ft. from private driveways"; she would like to see this enforced, as she has been having considerable difficulty in the parking of cars in the vicinity of her own driveway; (3) She stated that the vacant lot on Ethan Allen Avenue, next door to Thompsons Esso Station has become an eyesore, being littered with considerable debris; (4) Also that the property on Colby Avenue, backing up on Lincoln has become a parking ground for trucks and debris, and should be looked into; (5) She stated that the Citizens Association is not in favor of the cut through of Hayward Avenue from Larch to Sligo Creek Parkway; (6) Mrs. Hash referred to Z.A.P. C-127, Samuel S. Jacobson, Applicant & Owner, Lot 19, Block 37, B.F.G., R-60 to R-40 Zone - stating that she believed the Council made a mistake in recommending this request be approved; further stating that the building being erected on lot is three-fourths completed and zoning is not yet approved by County, and one can see that there is definitely going to be an apartment in this building. Therefore she requested that the Council give a great deal of thought in the future to zoning of property, especially in the case of multiple family.

Mrs. Lester Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, spoke concerning the possible rezoning of the Lincoln Avenue Properties, stating that the people in the area would like to see zoning for Garden-type apartments, rather than high density; as the latter would create a crowding of the area, thereby affecting the present class schedules in the schools, which is good; she further stated that to increase the area population by high density would no doubt result in the necessity for a half-day schedule at the schools, which could be avoided.

Mrs. Walter Swett, 7212 Maple Avenue, representing the Women's Club of Takoma Park, addressed the Council in behalf of Mrs. Dorothy A. McLean's request for a Special Exception, in regard to the former Christian Church's building on New York Avenue. Mrs. Swett stated that she has lived in the City 27 years, and strongly felt that this type of cultural venture would benefit a great number of people. She further stated that the Club as a whole endorsed the project, as did Mrs. Gates, President of the Federation of the Women's Clubs. She also stated that she felt the residents in the vicinity of the building in question would find no more objection to this type of venture, than should another church occupy the building; also that a cultural center such as proposed would be a benefit to the young people, giving them a chance to engage in a worthwhile project. It was stated that some of the teachers to be used in this endeavor will come from Catholic University and other Universities in the area. She closed her remarks with the statement that the Members of the Women's Club would look forward to the benefits from this type of activity.

Mr. Hanserd K. Presley, 207 Lincoln Avenue, addressed the Council, stating that he has lived in the City for 37 years; and that he hoped that if an apartment project is erected on the Lincoln Avenue Properties, that it will be a first class one, also that it is never allowed to get into the condition the present buildings are in.

Mayor Miller asked how many people were in attendance with reference to these properties and about fifteen people responded. Mayor Miller also stated that the Council has not made a recommendation as yet, also stating that the problem involves two thoughts; that if the property were subdivided, who the purchaser would be and what type of building would be erected on premises.

The question was asked as to whether there is an inspection of types of houses that are built; Mayor Miller informed citizen that the City's Building Inspector will inspect properties.

Another citizen spoke in behalf of the request for special exception in the case of Mrs. Dorothy A. McLean, stating that it was their understanding that in the event request is granted, that it would revert back to its present zoning, should property change hands. Party was informed that this is correct.

Mayor Miller stated that this special exception case is one of the most difficult cases the Council has ever been faced with.

Mrs. John Carter, 7316 Maple Avenue, who is connected with the fine arts department of the Takoma Park Women's Club stated that this is one of the best propositions offered for use of the former church property and recommended that it be sold to the fine arts group.

Mrs. Vera Hash spoke at this time, having just returned to the Council room, reporting that she had just received word that citizen living at 502 Lincoln Avenue had been badly bitten by a dog this day and emphasized the need for the enforcement of the dog ordinance.

Mr. Henry Bison, 709 New York Avenue addressed the Council, appealing in defense of his home, stating that even though he respected the rights of those speaking, the residents in the area most immediately affected should be afforded the rights due as citizens

of the community; further stating that some of the people speaking did not live in the community to be affected and it is not their problem, also that the North Takoma Citizens Association is unanimously opposed to the zoning exception and that the issue present is not the need of a cultural center, but whether the proposed use of this property is for a theater, at which tickets will be sold to the general public all over the Metropolitan area. He further stated that it is his thought that this will be a legitimate theater, and not a private club. He also stated that he realized that the problem of off-street parking could present a problem in the event another church group were to obtain the property, however, that the citizens were not objective to a church group. He used the Council to visualize a parking lot with hot pavement, lights and five foot fence on a summer night and if this is desirable to a next door neighbor.

Councilman Forshee asked Mr. Bison if the citizens in area had any suggestions as to how this property could be used; Mr. Bison replied that they prefer its use as church property, however, that he was not in position to answer the question fully at this time.

Councilman Turner asked if the Montgomery Junior College has any interest in this, and was informed that there was no knowledge at this time. Councilman Roth asked if the Executive Council of the Citizens Association and the Church could meet and decide upon a possible use for the property. Mr. Bison stated that if the exception is granted, it will be used as a wedge before the Board of Appeals which will mean the end of the residential nature of North Takoma.

Mr. John Sidell, Sr., 10 Montgomery Avenue, referred to Rev. Watterworth's letter, stating that he is one who has an investment of 30 years time in the property being sold; and that he thought the special exception would be a benefit to Takoma Park, and anything that affected Takoma Park, would affect him too.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported on the City's request to the Board of County Commissioners that street numbers be placed on zoning applications. He stated that matter is to be taken up with the Technical Staff and that a later report will be given.

2. Councilman Roth reported on the request of John Nevins Andrews School to purchase the adjacent lot to school owned by the City; stating that this property is dedicated for a possible cut through to Cockerille Avenue, however, this is not to be done at this time; He stated that the City should not sell the property and thus create the possibility of cutting off any future access, therefore, he moved that the School be granted the use of the lot, as a playground, and that a legally appropriate letter be written to this effect. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Councilman Sidell questioned if this use is made of the lot, how it would affect Mr. Raines property, adjacent to lot, and should he be considered in this; it seemed the consensus of opinion was there shouldn't be too much objection to this.

Councilman Collison stated that if the use as a playground becomes objectionable, it can be withdrawn.

The motion was amended in that the improvement of the property would be the school's responsibility and expense. All voted in favor of the motion as amended.

3. Councilman Roth reported on the zoning petition covering the property, A-3312, Robert Symonds, in back of the new A & P store being erected on New Hampshire Avenue, stating that this had been discussed with the Committee, however, that inasmuch as this property does not lie directly in the City limits, and there are no adverse affects to the City that the Board of County Commissioners should be so notified, expressing the Council's appreciation for having the opportunity to state an opinion in this case. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Roth reported on the request for special exception in the case of Mrs. Dorothy A. McLean, that he would like to discuss it further with the committee before final action is taken.

Mayor Miller asked how long the previous continuance in this case held, and after discussion it was realized that another continuance would be needed in order to have ample time to give a recommendation, therefore, Councilman Roth suggested that a letter be written the County Board Board of Appeals for Montgomery County requesting an extension in the continuance of the subject special exception, until after the next Council meeting, which is scheduled for April 13th. This was in agreement with the Council, and would grant the Council additional time to extend a recommendation.

Councilman Collison asked Mr. Bison if their objections were only on the parking situation, and if that be the case, then if the property is used for other than a church it puts the question up against a stone wall. Mr. Bison agreed that this is a major factor, however, that the only use they could see for the property is church use.

4. Councilman Roth reported on the zoning in the case of the Schaeffer property at corner of Lincoln and Maple Avenues - until the status of Cumberland Avenue is clarified a decision on this property will be withheld. The Committee will discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the improvement of Wabash Avenue, referring to the Park & Planning Commission's statement that they refused to allow cut through of the street to Sligo Creek Parkway, and that this information had been passed on to the petitioners. Mr. Huse was rather concerned at this disapproval, as he was interested in obtaining better access to his home. Councilman Collison stated that he and Mr. Rhodes planned to meet with Mr. Huse and discuss this matter more thoroughly.

2. Councilman Collison reported in connection with Mrs. Hash's statement concerning the cutting through of Hayward Avenue, from Larch to Sligo Creek Parkway, also Cherry and Colby, in that to do this, involved the dedicating of a street, which cannot be done.

3. Councilman Collison reported on the North Takoma Storm Drainage Program, stating that a meeting has been set up for 7:30, March 30th in the Council Room, to discuss with the Public Works Department, an Engineer from McNeill Surveys, and interested citizens from the Association. This seemed in agreement with those present.

4. Councilman Collison reported that the Glenside Drive Project is progressing.

5. Councilman Collison reported concerning the air conditioning estimates for the Library and City Building, that due to the death of Mr. Wyble's father, in Europe, the work has been postponed for the present.

6. Councilman Collison reported that the Committee has received estimates for the renovation of restrooms in the City Building and so recommends that the estimate of \$1,784.00 be accepted. Tiling and plastering will amount to \$957.00; plumbing \$460.00, to be done by the W. H. Smith Company of Silver Spring, Maryland; remainder of \$316.00 will cover metal stalls for the restroom on the first floor. Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1523

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

Section 1. THAT the sum of ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,784.00) be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to cover



the cost of the renovation of the restrooms located in the City Building at #8 Columbia Avenue; and

Section 2. THAT this work be carried out as to specifications agreed to by the Public Works Director and the Public Works Committee of the City Council.

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, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Nays: None.

Councilman Collison did report at this time that bids will be obtained for the air conditioners to be installed in the City Building; one in the Clerk-Treasurer's office; one in the Chief of Police's Office and in the Detective Bureau; one in the City Office and two in the Council Chamber; also installation of wiring for a hot plate in the Judge's Chamber. Councilman Collison did recommend that the cost of \$350.00 be granted to the Robert C. Marshal Company, Ltd., for the wiring for the air conditioning installation. No action was taken at this time.

6. Councilman Collison reported that a change-order of \$405.00 had been received from Mr. Mason, covering a change in the contractor's estimate for the grading of Oswego Avenue, and so moved that this amount be accepted by the Clerk-Treasurer. Upon being seconded by Councilmen Forshee and Roth, the motion was carried.

7. Councilman Collison reported that there is an additional cost of \$60.10 for the installation of hardware in the Heffner Park Community Building. Committee recommends that this amount be appropriated from the Reserve Fund, and so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reported that he had contacted Mrs. Dorothy McLean by telephone and that she will also write a letter to the Board of Appeals of Montgomery County requesting an extension of continuance in her special exception case, also that she will furnish the City with a copy.

Councilman Roth then moved that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter to the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County requesting that they grant the City an extension in the continuance of this case for at least four weeks, or until after the next scheduled Council Meeting on April 13th. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE;

1. Councilman Turner thanked Mrs. Hash for her report on the Dog Ordinance, and informed the citizens of Takoma Park, that arrangements have been made, that their dogs will be picked up unless they conform to the City Ordinance governing same.

2. Councilman Turner commended Chief Carter and Deputy Chief LaScola on the way they handled the suggestion of Charles H. Howe, Fire Marshal, Montgomery County, that City adopt an Ordinance similar to Montgomery County Fire Prevention Code. This matter is being worked out and Councilman Turner requested that this item as well as request by City Fire Board for Clarification of Item C of Ordinance 1400 (Merit Plan) concerning sick leave for an employee of less than one full year of employment, etc; which will be considered at time the Codification of the City Laws and Ordinances are worked out, be removed from agenda.

3. Councilman Turner reported that the deed has been recorded with regard to MNCP&PC Property, Maple Avenue between Lee and Sherman, transferring it to the City of Takoma Park, therefore, item can be removed from agenda.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that the City Building Inspector will look over property in connection with Lee Avenue, also with property on Colby Avenue.

2. Councilman McKenzie stated that his Committee is studying further ways of including single houses into the Ordinance governing Housing Inspection, especially concerning the treatment of sanitation facilities of the property.

Councilwoman Monitor asked if Ordinance covered facilities in buildings rented out for office space; Councilman Turner quoted from Ordinance concerning the Inspection of Buildings.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the earlier request of the Carole Highlands Recreation Council, for the sum of \$100.00 to help sponsor their recreation program for this year. As this has been done in the past, she so moved that this amount be granted, to be charged to Account 19.202C. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, this motion was carried. Councilman Roth stated that in this letter it should be stated, that the City is supporting this project, as a large number of the children of the City use the park facilities, even though this area is outside the City limits. Councilwoman Monitor was in agreement that this be included.

2. Councilwoman Monitor reported that Montgomery County will sponsor a series of recreation programs at the Takoma Recreation Center, during the Easter Vacation, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Fire Chief Carter, moved that Private Ronald E. Holland, be appointed permanently, effective March 15th, 1959. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Sidell reported on the attempt to establish ownership of a Gas Light in front of #10 Pine Avenue, that inasmuch as Mrs. Vayo resides at this address and claims ownership, that the City Clerk-Treasurer write her that if she wishes to claim ownership, that the light be moved from Public Property, and so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman Colli-son, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster, that payment of the amount allocated for the Detective Car Allowance be discontinued as of April 1st, 1959, that this action is due to the purchase of a new car for the Bureau's use. It was further stated by Councilman Forshee, that he was in favor of this, altho' the amount allocated should be left in account 11.112K. It was further suggested that should the police car not be available for the Bureau's use, then the rate of 10 cents per mile should be paid. This was so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of Corporal Wilfred R. Ringer be accepted as of March 13th, 1959. Corporal Ringer will accept other employment. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman Sidell moved, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster, that Wayne B. Allen be appointed for a six months probationary period, to the Takoma Park Police Department, effective April 1st, at a salary of \$4,000.00 per annum, in accordance with the Merit Plan. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell suggested that in cooperation with Fire Chief Carter, and Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen, that City advertise for applicants for the Fire Department to fill present vacancies. However, it was moved that this matter be tabled. So ordered.

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

*George M. Miller*  
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Mayor

*Wayne M. Pridgen*  
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Clerk-Treasurer