

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
June 8, 1959

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

Concerning corrections to minutes of last meeting, Councilman Turner requested that the name Councilman Turner be submitted in lieu of Councilman McKenzie under the Law and Ordinances Committee reports; Councilman Sidell requested that under Public Safety Committee, Item 19, Page 7, that it had been brought to the attention of Civil Defense Director Mr. Gair, in lieu of there has been a meeting. (Corrections will be made on official record). Therefore, upon motion made, seconded and carried. the minutes of May 25th, 1959 were accepted as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Harriett C. Stirling, Corresponding Secretary, appreciation for Mayor Miller's enthusiasm in awarding prizes at Art Show, helping to make it a great success. Referred to Council Files.
2. Radio Station WGTS-FM, Congratulations to those assisting in making the past broadcasting year most successful and pleasant. Referred to Council Files.
3. John W. Osborn, Pastor, Sligo S.D.A. Church, Stating his cooperation with observance of Safety Sabbath, May 23 and pleasure upon appointment of Mr. Frederick Reiss as organization chairman of the Takoma Park Citizens Safety Council. Referred to Council Files.
4. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Concurrence with Fire Chief Carter's recommendation of the promotion of Pfc. Charles J. West to the rank of Sergeant. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. George N. Lewis Jr., Director, Traffic Division, State Roads Commission, agreeing to conduct a traffic survey at New Hampshire Avenue and Holton Lane. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. Fred P. Hobart, 4810 Drummond Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md., Owner, Lot 34, Block 72A, T.P.L. & T., Formal protest of Special Assessment for improvement of Boston Avenue \$655.13. Referred to Public Works and Finance Committees.
7. Anthony J. Celebrezze, Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, and President, American Municipal Association, Invitation to the City of Takoma Park for Direct Membership AMA. Referred to Finance Committee.
8. Petition - five residents of Boston Avenue and Boundary Avenue, protesting the nuisance of a fireplace used as an incinerator for trash and garbage at 611 Boston Ave. Referred to Public Welfare and Public Safety Committees.
9. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Z.A.P. No. A-3404, Duckett, Orem & Christie, Attorneys, Lot 19, Blk 1, George A. Gude property, C-1 Zone to C-2 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. D. Leonard Dyer, Clerk to Prince George's County Board of Commissioners, Petition for Special Exception for permission to use as a private swimming pool, premises, Lot 23, Block 94A, Hampshire Knolls, 406 Lincoln Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
11. Ruth J. Ferraro, 7908 Flower Avenue, Complaint against Cross Manufacturing Company and Savage's Food Market on Erie Avenue upon manner in which property is maintained. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

12. Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Carroll, 7700 Takoma Avenue, City, letter and enclosure concerning Communism. Mayor Miller directed that the letter be acknowledged, also that a copy be sent to the 4th of July Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:		Suburban Trust Company:	
Balance 4-30-59	24,079.92	Balance 5-31-59	15,164.57
Deposits	40,161.27		
	<u>64,241.19</u>	Special Improvement Account:	
Disbursements	47,579.86	Balance 4-30-59	14,350.75
Balance 5-31-59	<u>16,661.33</u>	Deposits	780.63
			<u>15,131.38</u>
		Disbursements	8,883.00
			<u>6,248.38</u>

For complete statement see Pages 250 & 251.

Mayor Miller welcomed all citizens present, after which he invited them to remain after addressing the Council during the open meeting, to view the film "The Park Story" to be presented by Mr. John P. Hewitt, Director of Parks of The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He further stated that "The Park Story" shows the development of the parks in the area, and he was sure that everyone would find it quite interesting. The Mayor further pointed out that Takoma Park has some of the most beautiful parks in the area.

OPEN MEETING:

Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, inquired as to what plans are underway for the 4th of July Celebration.

Councilman Roth, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, also a member of the Independence Day Committee reported that the Committee has met several times and that plans are well underway, also that the old parade route will be resumed this year, starting at 10:00 a.m., culminating in a fireworks display in the evening. -See correction Page 252

Mr. Nevin, 814 Larch Avenue addressed the Council on the Improvement of Colby and Hayward Avenues. He was accompanied by another neighbor Mr. & Mrs. Belt, also a Mr. Diamond. He stated that Mr. Belt and he were new property owners in the area and that he had been in communication with Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Williams and they had been out to inspect his complaint. He stated that they have quite a health problem in that there is a deep ravine, into which opens a storm drain, creating stagnant water. Numerous articles of trash and debris collect, creating dams and he has been informed by neighbors that when it gets hot, that the odor becomes extremely unpleasant. This area has also become a playground for children in the neighborhood. He further stated that Mr. Rhodes had informed him that this situation is under consideration in the improvement of Colby and Hayward Avenues, which will necessitate a public hearing, and also be assessable to property owners in the area. Mr. Nevin pointed out that he wanted to know just what action would be taken on this problem.

Councilman McKenzie stated that Councilman Collison has made several reports, however, he was not in position to make a statement himself.

Director of Public Works Rhodes stated that he had sent several Public Works men to clean up the ditch, also Mr. Williams, City Building Inspector, Deputy Fire Chief LaScola, as well as the Prince George's Health Inspector have inspected the ditch, and it was found that there was no health hazard at present, and that the whole problem tied in with improving the entire area, and that it is a complicated situation.

The question was asked who is responsible for trash coming down into the ditch, and it was pointed out that the people in the neighborhood were.

Mayor Miller asked if it was the responsibility of the WSSC or the City and was informed by Director Rhodes that it is the City's responsibility. It was also stated that it will be necessary to obtain permission from Park and Planning to intersect Hayward Avenue at Sligo Creek Parkway and that the Commission had recently turned down a similar situation at Wabash Avenue.

Mr. Nevin stated it had been mentioned previously that the City has some of the most beautiful parks in the area, however, a condition such as this is allowed to remain. Mayor Miller pointed out that he understood the problem, and that the matter was being considered, and he was sure some arrangement would be decided on in the near future.

Mr. Rhodes further pointed out that his Department will attempt to keep the ditch cleaned up and debris removed.

Mr. Nevin thanked Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Williams for their promptness in rendering assistance in the matter, and deeply appreciated it.

Mr. Belt concurred with Mr. Nevin's statements.

Mr. Arthur Williams, 7302 Birch Avenue, City, addressed the Council on the dangerous traffic condition at intersection of Birch & Dogwood Avenues. He pointed out that the problem is urgent, however, he felt that just to put up stop signs in the area was not the answer, and suggested that an overall survey be made to determine what streets could handle the tremendous flow of traffic, and just what could be done about it. He also stated he believed that Cedar, Birch and Holly Avenues were not designed to carry a large flow of traffic. He also pointed out that as the cars travel down Maple Avenue and Cedar Avenue they gain considerable speed, and when this was going on during the rush hours it was impossible to patrol area, as it is necessary for police officers to be in other locations directing traffic.

Councilman Sidell pointed out that his Committee along with Chief of Police Foster would investigate the situation and attempt to work out the problem for the best safety and advantage to all concerned.

Bishop Margaret B. Murray, 1509 - 8th Street N. W., Washington, D. C., addressed the Council concerning her property on Lincoln Avenue, again imploring the Council to help her to get the properties rezoned to R-10. She further stressed the hardship that she is experiencing from the condemnation of the properties. Mayor Miller told Mrs. Murray that the Council is quite aware of the situation, and he was sure there would be a recommendation on this matter in the near future.

Mayor Miller adjourned the Council, and introduced Mr. John P. Hewitt and Mr. Frank Rubini who presented the film "The Park Story". The film was a splendid presentation as to what the Park and Planning Commission has accomplished in developing parks in the area. Those present enjoyed the film immensely. After presenting the film Mr. Hewitt addressed the Council stating that the film was prepared in September 1958; he also narrated on the accomplishments of the Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. He stated that the Commission hopes to complete the park in the Cabin John area within the next 90 days. He also stated that they hoped to complete the park area in Long Branch; also in the Carole Highlands section of the City in the near future. Mr. Hewitt stated that he appreciated the opportunity to show "The Park Story" to the Council.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Committee has under consideration the possible use of City Triangle along B. & O. RR at Takoma Avenue for College Parking.

2. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Foreign Students will be guests in the City July 15th thru July 20th. Anyone interested in housing the students are to contact Mrs. Robert Jones on EV 4-6403.
3. Councilwoman Monitor reported that there will be square dancing again this summer in Washington Park every other Sunday evening, beginning June 28th through August 23rd, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
4. Councilwoman Monitor reported that children registering at Washington and Spring Parks for the summer recreation program may go by bus for swimming on Mondays to Glen Echo Pool for 35¢; those registering at Heffner Park will use the D. C. Pools, no charge. Children must be 8 years and over.
5. Councilwoman Monitor quoted the following message from President Eisenhower in connection with observance of June as National Recreation Month: "During National Recreation Month, it is a pleasure to call the attention of my fellow citizens to the importance of the wise use of their leisure time. Through wholesome and refreshing endeavors, our citizens can be strengthened in body, mind and spirit. The National Community will, in turn, be greatly benefited".
6. Councilwoman Monitor reported that she and Mr. Pridgen attended the dedication of the new "Hall of Nations" building at High Point Senior High School, Beltsville, Md., Monday afternoon. The affair was very enlightening and representatives were present from several foreign countries.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In the absence of Councilman Collison, Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman reported as follows:

1. The Committee had inspected the damaged curb as reported at 22 Philadelphia Avenue, and agrees that it should be added to list of repairs, but is not considered an emergency.
2. That the contract on Oswego Avenue Improvement has been signed and authorization has been given to proceed with the work.
3. That agreement has been reached on the improvement of portion of Kirklyn Avenue and Service Drive on New Hampshire Avenue, therefore, moved that McNeill Surveys be authorized to proceed with plans for the pavement. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported on the complaint of nuisance of a fireplace used as an incinerator for trash and garbage at 611 Boston Avenue, stating that he would ask Deputy Fire Chief LaScola to report on it: Deputy Chief LaScola stated that he had visited the complaint area along with Mr. Williams, City Building Inspector, and found the condition of the incinerator not under the Fire Code area of the City, however, that it is too close to property lines for trash burning purposes. He stated that the owner was given a violation notice not to use the fireplace for burning trash, however, that he could use it for cooking purposes. Deputy Chief further stated that he could see how the fireplace could become a nuisance if not used properly.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the Lee Avenue sidewalk project has been completed, as well as the sodding of the area.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell stated that in connection with the dangerous traffic condition at intersection of Birch & Dogwood Avenues, that with reference to Mr. Williams' statements earlier in the evening, that it will take considerable study before anything can be done.

Question was raised whether this traffic problem will come under the jurisdiction of the new zoning and plan map being prepared by the Park and Planning Commission. Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen stated that the traffic problem will not be part of Park and Planning Survey.

Councilman Turner stated that he had been approached on this traffic problem and that he felt that this is a situation that should receive prompt consideration; Councilman Sidell replied that the Committee has not had an opportunity to meet as yet.

Councilman Forshee asked if a study could be made of the area and was informed by Councilman Sidell, that the Chief of Police would make a study.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that items under matters pending are under study.

Councilman Sidell reported on a letter received by the Police Department commending Officer Allen. He stated that Officer Allen had rendered assistance to a gentleman enroute to North Carolina, and after arriving home had written the letter of appreciation.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that a meeting will be set up within the near future with other members of the Committee to finish up pending matters in the codification of the City Laws and Ordinances. He stated that the other matters on his Committee are still pending.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved the approval of the expenditures of May in the amount of \$7,579.86. \$8,000.00 of this amount went for payment of the Public Works Buildings. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of an Ordinance approving the purchase of the Martin Property, Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 102, Subdivision-Takoma Park, containing 19,988 sq. ft., for the sum of \$18,800.00, this land to be used in the future development of the City. The Ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1542

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

Section 1. THAT WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1503 was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council under date of August 25, 1958, therein authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Takoma Park to pay over to the owners of Lots Numbered ONE(1), TWO(2) and THREE(3), in BLOCK Numbered ONE HUNDRED TWO(102), in the Subdivision known as Part of Block 50A, 89, 102, 103 and 104, Takoma Park. Such sum of money as may be determined by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County as the value of said lots under condemnation proceedings authorized by said Ordinance No. 1503;

Section 2. AND WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel for the City of Takoma Park has negotiated a private settlement of this transaction prior to the decision of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County;

Section 3. NOW, THEREFORE, the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay over to the County Title Company the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$18,800.00) as the full purchase price of said lots as stated in Section 1, known as "The Martin Property";

Section 4. AND THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby further authorized to write off the special assessment balance due to the City for the Improvement of Maple Avenue, accruing the benefit of aforesaid lots in the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) principle plus accruing interest to date of title transfer.

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

Councilman McKenzie stated that it would be well to state in the Ordinance that the City has been attempting to purchase this property since 1956, also that in the meantime the property has been rezoned to R-10. It was also pointed out that the original price was \$19,800, however, there is a special assessment due of \$1,000.00 thus explaining the final price.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth extended a word of appreciation to Mr. Tice on the fine job he has done in broadcasting the City Council Meetings on WGTS-FM.
2. Councilman Roth reported that the abandonment of Cumberland Avenue is progressing inasmuch as letters have been sent out to the property owners involved offering them certain parts of the property to be abandoned, and at this time word has been received that two of the property owners are interested; there still is question remaining in the Schaffer Property; no report on the abandonment of the unnamed street on Lee Avenue; He further stated that the Committee was hesitant to give a report on the Lincoln Avenue Property until property on Maple Avenue has been decided upon. Mayor Miller stated that he hoped Councilman Roth would be able to come up with a solution in the near future.
3. Councilman Roth reported that in the request by Judge O'Hare and clients concerning property on Allegheny Avenue, that as a result of a check with Park and Planning on other property in area, that their request had been turned down. It is the opinion of the Committee that he get in touch with Judge O'Hare and inform him that the City would be unable to support R-10 zone, but that they might see way to zoning for two family apartments.
4. Councilman Roth reported on the request for permission to erect a swimming pool on Lot 23, Block 94-A, Hampshire Knolls, known as 406 Lincoln Avenue, stating that the Committee didn't see where the City was involved to the point to take a position for or against, that it would be up to the other owners in the area to take a stand if necessary.

Deputy Fire Chief LaScola reported to the Mayor and Council that he had visited the premises of the old A & P store on University Blvd., inasmuch as the store is being divided into two buildings, one to be occupied by Goodyear Company, the other by a supply company. He pointed out that the basement will be used for show rooms, however, does not have sufficient exits and that he had talked this over with Mr. Sandburg of Prince George's County. The statement was made that the occupants will no doubt contact the Council on this matter, therefore, the Deputy Chief felt they should know of this situation beforehand.

Mayor Miller informed the radio audience that on June 15th & 16th, the Maryland Municipal League will hold its annual convention at Ocean City, Md. The Mayor and Members of the Council will attend this convention. The Mayor pointed out that there will be a report from the MTAS Committee, as well as a review of recent state legislation, discussions on Budget Problems and Municipal Accounting Legal Problems, etc.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilman McKenzie moved that the meeting adjourn. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

George M Miller
Mayor

Hayes M. Lidger
Clerk-Treasurer

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
May 1959

	Cash Balance Beginning of Month	Cash Balance End of Month
4-30-59 Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	24079.92	16661.33
4-30-59 Citizens B nk of Takoma Park-P/A	2626.70	5352.28
4-30-59 Suburban Trust Company	15164.57	15164.57
4-30-59 Petty Cash	125.00	125.00
	<u>41996.19</u>	<u>37303.18</u>

REVENUES:

				Percen- tage to Budget
	Total Bud- geted Rev. to 5-31-59	Budget Bal. as of 5-31-59	Adopted Budget Totals	
1.0 Taxes - Local	1983.52		372559.50	101.6
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	130.00		88439.81	108.1
2.0 Licenses - Permits	490.91		18121.90	75.4
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	40.70		1980.00	165.0
4.0 Rev. from Use of Mon.& Prop.	520.00		3637.21	149.0
5.0 Rev. from Other Agencies	36180.59		36180.59	108.5
6.0 Ser.Chgs.for Current Ser.	412.25		11242.81	101.4
Bal. from Legal Res. Fund	-		30000.00	100.0
	<u>39757.97</u>		<u>562161.82</u>	<u>102.1</u>
Non-Budgeted Receipts	403.30			
Total Cash Receipts	<u>40161.27</u>		<u>82157.46</u>	Percentage figure: 91 2/3%

DISBURSED & ACCRUED:

	Expended	Balance	Budget	
10.1 Government Administration	2600.41		33852.10	84.5
10.8 Government Buildings	2468.27		6192.90 (A)	91.9
11.1 Police Department	9168.45		19882.26	90.6
11.2 Fire Department	5612.19		1747.74 (B)	89.7
11.3 Protective Inspection	598.25		94840.37	58.7
11.9 Other Protection	-		9829.63 (C)	40.2
12.1 P/W Office	1039.43		67125.96	84.9
12.2 P/W Highways	4478.21		4938.22	85.6
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	4648.69		3461.78 (E)	109.5
13.0 P/W Sanitation	5919.04		72545.00	92.0
19.0 Recreation	1460.21		8400.00	81.4
21.0 Miscellaneous	2416.70		325.26	91.8
22.0 Capital Budget	8959.80		482.74 (F)	187.0
22.1 Council Appropriations	-		10596.71	100.0
Legal Reserve Fund	-		1863.29 (G)	91.8
	<u>49369.65</u>		<u>540615.77</u>	<u>89.9</u>
Non-Budgeted Accounts	8448.00		7874.76	
	<u>57817.65</u>		<u>540615.77</u>	**1345.40
Less Cash Discounts	27.18		*1819.01	A 4000.00
	<u>57790.47</u>		<u>542434.78</u>	B 3990.00
Adjustments	12936.19	44854.28		C 2384.00
	<u>37303.18</u>	<u>37303.18</u>		D 2275.00
				E 308.00
				F 1830.90
				G 2316.00
				H 3457.00
				I 28168.08
				J 473.61
				<u>50547.99</u>

GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS COMPARISON
April-May 1959

<u>Assets</u>	Balance 4-30-59	Balance 5-31-59	Changes During Month
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park	24079.92	16661.33	-7418.59
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/A	2626.70	5352.28	2725.58
Suburban Trust Company	15164.57	15164.57	-
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable - 1958 Levy	4621.43	4621.43	-
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 S/A Fund	9677.71	9677.71	-
New Public Works Building	86339.38	94531.18	8191.80
Heffner Park Community Building	13845.52	14613.52	768.00
Cooperative Purchasing	262.50	-	-262.50
Towing Account	81.00	75.00	-6.00
Uniform Account	1059.03	1493.28	434.25
Prepaid State Retirement	2467.00	1233.50	-1233.50
Protective Apparel	115.85	114.05	-1.80
Oswego & Niagara Avenues	133.96	136.23	2.27
Maple Avenue Improvement	200.00	200.00	-
Bennett Property Acquisition	19205.76	19205.76	-
Martin Property Acquisition	17.30	17.30	-
Glenside Drive Project	4759.06	4817.46	58.40
Lee Avenue Improvement	31.26	35.14	3.88
Commercial Trash Account Receivable	354.00	180.00	-174.00
Prepaid Insurance	8780.72	7638.83	-1141.89
Cumberland Avenue	-	24.40	24.40
Kirklyn Avenue	-	24.40	24.40
	<u>197193.94</u>	<u>199188.64</u>	<u>1994.70</u>

Liabilities

Escrow Account	880.00	930.00	50.00
Federal Withholding Tax	2319.00	4735.10	2416.10
Maryland Withholding Tax	265.39	533.78	268.39
D. C. Withholding Tax	28.65	61.94	33.29
Group Hospitalization	15.66	23.46	7.80
Certificate of Indebtedness	21000.00	21000.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	149.67	182.92	33.25
Accounts Payable	18804.08	19150.24	346.16
Accrued Payroll	1427.26	1786.49	359.23
Commercial Trash Billing	354.00	180.00	-174.00
Refundable Over-payment of Taxes	20.87	20.87	-

	45264.58	48604.80	3340.22
Unappropriated Surplus from Prev. Year	4636.29	4636.29	-
Appropriated Net Asset Value	22644.65	13170.23	-9474.42
Unappropriated Reserve Fund Balance	5313.86	4482.96	-830.90
General Fixed Assets on Progress	<u>119334.56</u>	<u>128294.36</u>	<u>8959.80</u>

Special Improvement Account:

4-30-59 Balance	14350.75
Deposits	780.63
	<u>15131.38</u>
Disbursements	8883.00
5-31-59 Balance	<u><u>6248.38</u></u>

	<u>197193.94</u>	<u>199188.64</u>	<u>1994.70</u>
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REGULAR MEETING
Mayor and Council
June 22, 1959

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Roth, Sidell and Councilwoman Monitor. Absent: Councilmen McKenzie and Turner, also Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen, absent on vacation.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Philip A. O'Shea of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Councilman Roth requested that the minutes of June 8th be corrected, in that the name of Councilman Roth be removed from the second paragraph under "Open Meeting". Councilwoman Monitor requested that under Parks and Recreation Committee, Item 2, the word "in" be used in lieu of "of" the City. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the minutes of June 8th, 1959, were accepted as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Leonard J. Broyles, letter of resignation. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Geo. N. Lewis, Jr., Director, State Roads Commission, Baltimore 3, Md., survey to be made in near future on suggestion by the North Takoma Citizens Association, that a warning sign be installed on Piney Branch Road where it intersects with Eastern Avenue and Chestnut Street. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
3. Harvey D. Williams, Building Inspector, concerning violation of Housing Ordinance 1207 at 309 Ethan Allen Avenue; also ltr from Eunice Graham, same address, requesting a Public Hearing. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
4. H. S. Nelson, Administrator, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, City, letter of appreciation for improvement of lighting on street where the Sanitarium Drive intersects with Carroll Avenue. Referred to Council Files.
5. Perce L. Wolfe, Associate Director of Parks, relating to Long Branch Playground, erection of signs and Glenside Drive approach. Referred to Council Files.
6. Geo. N. Lewis, Jr., Director, State Roads Commission, Baltimore 3, Md., result of traffic survey at intersection of N. H. Avenue and Holton Lane to determine the necessity for the installation of a traffic signal. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
7. Albert K. Stevens, President, Takoma-Langley Taxi Service, regarding Taxi Stand at Laurel and Eastern Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Ellen W. Sager, Mary J. & Marjorie E. Wyatt, complaints concerning "Wyatt Lane"; request that light be installed at some point on Lane; also lack of garbage collection, Referred to Public Works Committee, Public Safety and Public Welfare Committees.
9. Mrs. J. Joseph W. Palmer, Box 225, Route 2, Vienna, Virginia, concerning ownership of three-apartment building known as 7348 Carroll Avenue, violation of Housing Ordinance, and requesting a public hearing if necessary. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
10. Martin L. Luchs, Property Management Department, Shannon & Luchs Company, appreciation for City's cooperation in erecting a "Yield Right of Way" sign at intersection of Houston and Brighton Avenues. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
11. Otto G. Steeger, Acting Chief, Division of Traffic Engineering, Montgomery County, Maryland, traffic order that stop signs be placed at New York Avenue at Chicago Avenue, Chicago Avenue at Woodbury Drive and also New York Avenue at Woodbury Drive. Referred to Council Files.

12. Edwerta B. Barber, Clerk to the Board, County Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, decision on appeal of G. Dale Cornor, for special exception Lot 10, Block 56B, B.F.G. Subdivision, City, known as 8315 Roanoke Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
13. Charles E. Moose, Lot P-27, Block 50, B. F. G. Subdivision, 7619 Maple Avenue, City, request for Public Hearing re Cumberland Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
14. Clifton E. Olmstead, President, Takoma Park, Maryland Library Association, also copies of Estimated Expenditures for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1959 and June 30, 1960. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
15. Geo. N. Lewis, Jr., Director, State Roads Commission, Baltimore 3, Md., requesting the establishment of a loading zone opposite 7214 New Hampshire Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements and Public Safety Committee.
16. Thor W. Rostad, Swede Rostad Company, 6909 Blair Road, Takoma Park, Md., complaint of missing materials. Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee.
17. Raymond E. Carter, Fire Chief, City, absence from Takoma Park Fire Department-Leave. Referred to Council Files.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller welcomed all those present. He then stated that each year for the past three years, the City has been host to a group of Foreign Students. These students are on an exchange basis, spending their last year of high school in this country. He stated that the City has always arranged an interesting program while the students are guests in the City, and that he has given each student an Honorary Citizenship Certificate to take back with them, a thing the students appreciate very much, as evidenced by their letters of thanks. The Mayor further stated that recently the City received a copy of "The Gopher" a newspaper written by students who have spent time in the United States. The name was chosen because its editor resided in Minnesota while here; Minnesota is known as the 'gopher state, thus the title. This year students will be guests in the City from July 15th through 20th.

Mayor Miller reported that the City now has a Takoma Park Art Association with Mrs. Ross Beville, wife of a former Mayor of the City, as first President. The Mayor requested the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a letter of congratulation for his signature, to be sent to the Association, thanking them for this fine program. He also stated that the Association will present an Art Exhibit each year, similar to the one recently held on the Library grounds.

Mayor Miller announced that in keeping with President Eisenhower's Executive Order declaring the 3rd of July a legal holiday, he has requested that this matter be brought up by the proper committee at the proper time, with regard to City Employees.

Mr. O. E. Burton, Kensington, Md., addressed the Mayor and Council, concerning a project for lots on Sheridan Avenue; he presented a plat covering 6 lots on Sheridan, stating that the owner of three lots opposite will be in the project with him. His purpose in presenting the plat was to request rezoning for apartments. Mayor Miller informed him that his official request would have to be directed through the Park and Planning Commission; however, that he could get with Councilman Roth, Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee after the meeting and discuss the matter. He seemed most anxious to have an opinion from the Council, inasmuch as the date for filing for rezoning had to be done before the end of June. Councilman Roth agreed to discuss the matter with him.

Mr. I. Bimblich, Contractor, requested the Council to accept his bid on the parcel of land fronting lots on Maple Avenue, divided by an unnamed street. Mayor Miller pointed out that the Council could not accept the bid, inasmuch as all bids were to be submitted

sealed, to be opened at a specified time, and that the advertising date would not be over until June 26th.

Mr. Bimblich was most anxious to obtain an opinion from the Council on his bid, as he would be out of the City for about a month, wished to submit his bid before leaving, and was anxious to request rezoning of the lots before the end of June.

Mayor Miller repeated his previous statement that all bids must be submitted sealed in accordance with the City Charter. Councilman Forshee stated that perhaps Mr. Bimblich could apply for rezoning also submitting his bid, before the final outcome. Corporation Counsel Gingerich said that he believed it was stated in the advertisement, the lots could be purchased on an R-10 basis.

Mr. Bimblich further stated that if he could not obtain this particular piece of property, he would use a parcel of land he owned beside the property. He was again informed that it was impossible for the City to act on his request at this time. The matter was further discussed with Councilman Roth of the Civic Improvements Committee.

Mr. H. Valanos, representing his father, contested the recent special assessment bill received by James & H. Valanos, 7500 Piney Branch Road, City, on Lot 11, Blk 81, T.P.L. & T.Co., improvement of Boston Avenue in amount of \$990.34. He stated that they felt this assessment was unfair, inasmuch as they did not use the roadway at all. Mayor Miller stated that Councilman Collison, Public Works Committee, and Councilman Forshee, Finance Committee, would go over this assessment, and be glad to meet with him in an attempt to clarify the matter.

Mr. Paul Maisel, 1619 Underwood Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., addressed the Council concerning his recent purchase of Lots 17, 18, and 19 of Gilbert's Tract, on the assumption that he could get it rezoned to R-10, pointing out that the land involved had a deep ravine and would not be suitable for single family development. Mayor Miller informed him that he would have Councilman Roth, Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee consider this matter.

Mr. C. Douglas Lampe, 517 Elm Avenue, informed the Council that he had spoken to Chief of Police Foster about six months ago, to see if it would be possible to have "No Parking" from 4 to 7 p.m. signs, on the righthand side of Elm Avenue to N. H. Avenue. He was informed that this would be a matter for the State Roads Commission. Mr. Lampe further requested the possibility of cutting off service road behind old co-op drug store to enable road to go into three lanes, in an attempt to eliminate back-up of traffic that is prevalent now. Mayor Miller stated that he would have Councilman Sidell contact the State Roads Commission.

Mrs. Ellen Sager, Wyatt Lane, City, addressed the Council in connection with a letter read earlier in the evening with reference to "Wyatt Lane", stating that thus far they have had no luck in getting the roadway fixed. She stated that there used to be an alley along Allegheny Avenue that they used as an exit, but that the property fronting it was sold and the new owner erected a fence, after which an exit area was opened through a garden plot. The area is badly in need of repair, and the lighting is extremely bad. As there are just three families living on the street, they would appreciate whatever could be done to improve their situation. Mayor Miller referred the matter to Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Phillips, 108 Elm Avenue, City, spoke regarding a lot he owns on Holly Avenue, stating that the lot is not wide enough to allow building, but it is possible to build out at the front or rear of lot, and he would therefore, like to have it zoned for apartments. Mr. Phillips was informed that he would have to request the change through the Park and Planning Commission, which in turn would ask the Council for a recommendation. The Mayor referred the matter to Councilman Roth, Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee. Mr. Phillips was further informed that he had until the end of June to file his request.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported that the abandonment of Cumberland Avenue was not going as it was hoped, and due to recent correspondence received, it will be necessary to have another series of investigations. There were no other reports at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison referred to the complaint received earlier in the evening on Boston Avenue Improvement Assessments, also mentioning the one pending on the agenda. He stated that he felt the previous decisions on the assessments will stand, as they had been given very careful study before being made. He added, however, that his Committee would be glad to meet with the persons concerned in an attempt to clarify the situation.

2. Councilman Collison stated that final payment on the completion of the Glenside Drive Paving Project, amounting to about \$600.00 is being withheld pending approval of various items pending with the Park and Planning Commission.

3. Councilman Collison reported on the request of the Takoma Park Maryland Library for additional parking space and lighting for same, stating that this is pending until final settlement is made of the Martin Property.

4. Councilman Collison reporting on the request for improvement of Colby and Hayward Avenues said that information received indicates there are several interested property owners in favor of this and it, therefore, appears necessary to hold a public hearing. However, before this can be done, it will be necessary to have available the cost involvement to all owners, and several dedications will be needed. He also stated that there is a plat plan available that can be readily modified. Therefore, he requested authority to have McNeill Surveys modify plan for the improvement of Colby and Hayward Avenues, and it was so moved. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Collison reported that the date of Public Hearing will depend on completion date of plan.

5. Councilman Collison reported that McNeill Surveys, Inc., has been notified to proceed with plans for improvement of portion of Kirklyn Avenue & Service Drive on N. H. Avenue.

6. Councilman Collison reported on progress of Oswego Avenue Improvement, stating that they are still attempting to get the contractor on the job. He said he had contacted Mr. Tom Heilman of Montgomery Construction Company this week and was informed that it will be about two weeks before they can begin project, but that once they start they can complete the job in about a week. It will, therefore, be about 30 days before job will be completed.

7. Councilman Collison moved that the resignation of Leonard J. Broyles from the Public Works Department be accepted, effective Friday, June 19th, 1959. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller said he wanted it understood that Mr. Broyles' resignation was due to his not being recommended for permanent appointment by Director of P/W Rhodes, and that this was no reflection on Mr. Rhodes. It was also stated that Mr. Broyles has secured other employment.

8. Councilman Collison reported that Director of P/W Mr. Rhodes had informed him the new Public Works Buildings will need screens and venetian blinds before occupancy, that prices have been obtained, and that Councilman Forshee is of the opinion the cost should be charged against the buildings. He further stated that The United Clay Products Company quotes \$138.00 for 32 screens and that this is the only local company which can furnish them. Upon recommendation of Mr. Rhodes it was moved that \$138.00 be transferred

from Account 12.201B, Contingent Fund-Highways Division to P/W Bldg. Fund, and authority be granted to purchase these screens, and that \$145.00 be transferred from Account No. 13.402D, Contingent Fund-Sanitation Division to P/W Bldg. Fund, and authority be granted to purchase venetian blinds from John Lignon, Inc., Bethesda, Md. Councilman Forshee questioned whether it was necessary to act now on this matter, as there will be a delay in moving into the building. The motion was seconded, and upon being put to question, was carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

There was no report at this time as Councilman Turner was absent on vacation.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

There was no report at this time as Councilman McKenzie was absent on vacation.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported that after study, the State Roads Commission cannot recommend installation of a traffic signal at N. H. Avenue and Holton Lane. Councilman Sidell stated the City will go along with this decision, unless just cause is shown to the contrary. He added that it would not be necessary to acknowledge letter of request, as a copy of the reply had been sent by the SRC to Mr. Holland at the H. G. Smithy Company, Realtors.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that the recommended promotion of Pfc. C. J. West to the rank of Sergeant is under consideration by Committee. He also said the letter received and read earlier in the evening from Montgomery County advising they had issued a traffic order for stop signs, N. Y. Ave. at Chicago Ave., Chicago Ave. at Woodbury Drive and also N. Y. Ave. at Woodbury Drive, was deeply appreciated.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor stated that she had no further report on the visiting foreign students; also no report on pending matters.

2. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the letter read earlier in the evening from Mr. Wolfe of Park and Planning Commission concerning the Long Branch Park area. She said that she, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Manuel investigated the area and found the footpath in need of repair. Mr. Rhodes is going to look into getting it into better condition.

3. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the free movie schedule to be sponsored by the Prince George's Recreation Board as follows: July 7th - Sligo Terrace; July 15th - Forest Park; July 20th - Hampshire Greens and August 12th - Spring Park. She also reported that the Recreation Leaders in the various Parks will hold a family night at the completion of the summer recreation program. Heffner Park Playground equipment has been installed, area graded and summer program will open this Wednesday, June 24th. She further reported that the evergreens along Takoma Avenue have been sprayed and fertilized by Park employees. Councilwoman Monitor congratulated Mr. Rhodes on the excellent job his department is doing in the care of the parks and flower beds in the City. She pointed out that they have no specially trained person for this job, but that the parks have never looked better. Councilwoman Monitor reported that there has been a condition in Forest Park, involving ruts cut into ground on Prince George's Avenue side of park; however, the Public Works Department has installed a wall along the P. G. Side of park and it is believed this will correct condition. She also reported that the broken sidewalk has been repaired. Councilwoman Monitor stated that it has been necessary to replace a badly damaged drinking fountain in Forest Park. She further requested that any residents hearing unusual noises in the Parks report it to the Police Department, for damages to items such as drinking fountains are costly. It was reported

that the "Mandaliers" who played during the Founder's Day Program are to be entertained by Mr. & Mrs. Roderic Davis at their home on Sunday afternoon, June 28th between 4 and 7:30 p.m. Notice was also given that from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., on June 28th, there will be square dancing at Washington Park with the public invited.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported that the protest against special assessment for Improvement of Boston Avenue of Lot 34, Blk 72A, T.P.L. & T. Co., is under consideration by the appropriate committee, as reported previously by Councilman Collison.
2. Councilman Forshee moved that July 3rd, 1959 be declared a holiday for City Employees. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Mayor Miller reported that on June 15th & 16th the Maryland Municipal League held its 11th Annual Convention at Ocean City, Md. He stated that the League is primarily concerned with furthering better government throughout the State and State Legislature. He stated there was a great deal accomplished in panel discussions from legal side of Public Works and Public Safety and that Governor Tawes and Senator Kennedy were speakers at the Convention. This Fall, the convention will be held in Frederick, Md. Mayor Miller emphasized that the City of Takoma Park is taking an active part in the Maryland Municipal League.

Mayor Miller admonished the public to support the Statehood of Alaska when approached. He further reminded the Citizens of Takoma Park about the 4th of July Celebration, urging them to attend.

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

George M. Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Ridgman
Clerk-Treasurer