

Special Meeting
Mayor and Council
January 4, 1960

Mayor Miller called the Meeting to order at 9:20 p.m., at the conclusion of a Civic Improvements Committee Meeting of the Council as a whole. Mayor Miller requested the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll which indicated all Council Members to be present as follows: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Mayor Miller stated that the Park and Planning Commission Staff had requested action on a certain Zoning Petition in order that it could be presented to the Prince George's County Planning Board at their meeting scheduled for January 6th. Mayor Miller further stated that after consultation with Councilman Roth, it appears that the recommendation of the Committee is not contrary to the wishes of citizens, therefore, it will be permissible to conduct this meeting without formal notification to the Council, Press and citizens that have expressed opinions. Mayor Miller informed Councilman Roth that the matter could be handled in one of two possible ways, either by a Committee Resolution to be confirmed by the Mayor and Council at the next meeting or by formal action of the Mayor and Council tonight, as he chooses.

Councilman Roth then presented Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3548, Lots 1 to 12 inclusive and 20 to 24 inclusive, Block 4, New Hampshire Gardens requesting a change from the R-55 and R-18 Zone to the C-0 Zone. Councilman Roth produced an architects rendering as submitted by Attorney Blair H. Smith, showing the proposed construction, after which there was general discussion concerning the project. Councilman Roth stated that he feared that a change to the C-0 Zone would not end the matter, because a portion of the land has been zoned R-18 for some years and still has not been developed. Councilman Sidell brought up the question that a commercial office probably would not be occupied at night and should have less disturbance to the existing R-55 residential area than if an R-18 building was erected.

Councilman Roth as Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee proposed a motion to recommend denial of the subject Petition and in presenting the motion stated reasons for the recommendation as follows:

1. The current zoning is sound. It provides the needed buffer zone between commercial and residential. In this connection it is important to point out that the residential area under discussion consists of homes in the \$20,000 range and up. The area produces a high tax revenue to the city and to the county. The residents of this area deserve the protection of sound zoning practices.
2. There has been no change in the character of the area that would justify rezoning of the property in Petition 3548. The Langley Park intersection was zoned as commercial more than 10 years ago. The area covered by the petition was zoned for an apartment buffer zone more than 10 years ago. The commercial land has since had buildings constructed in accordance with the zoning. The land covered by the petition should also have been used in accordance with the zoning. The owners' delay in making use of the land should not be considered as any argument for granting him rezoning.
3. There is no hardship to the owner in using the land for apartments. The location should be highly attractive to apartment dwellers.
4. There is no lack of land in the area already zoned for commercial use. There are currently "For Sale" signs in the area advertising several hundred thousand square feet of commercial land.

Montgomery County Board of Appeals. Notice of granting Petition Case #815, Takoma Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question a unanimous vote was cast in favor of the motion as stated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

[Signature]
Clerk-Treasurer

(4) 0-378. Blair H. Smith & William B. Wheeler, Attorneys for William L. Blair, Applicant, Lots 1, 2, 10 & 11, Blk 36, Takoma Park Subdivision, located in Takoma Park on east side of Jackson Ave., north of Lincoln Ave., containing 109,180 sq. ft. (R-60 to R-10 Zone).

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REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 11, 1960

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Those present: Councilwoman Monitor, Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner.

Councilman Collison moved that the minutes of December 14th, 1959, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. U. S. Congressman John R. Foley, Sixth District, congratulations to Mayor Miller upon his election as Vice President of the Maryland Municipal League and offering his assistance. Referred to Council Files.
2. John E. Slayton, Director of Town Affiliations, American Municipal Association, reporting that the association has started to find a suitable South American City with which Takoma Park may affiliate. Referred to Council Files, also Mayor Miller asked that the Clerk-Treasurer contact the association, as he has had word that a new Director has been appointed.
3. Mrs. George Cook, President, Lay Committee, Takoma Park Health Center, expression of appreciation for use of basement at #8 Sherman Avenue as headquarters for their Christmas Basket Bureau and a report of the activity. Referred to Council Files.
4. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, recommendation that the City send a bulletin to each householder annually giving information on Special trash collection service and burning regulations. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
5. Jerome S. Antel, Jr., 7113 Central Avenue, City, report of defective conditions of storm sewer running from Garland Avenue into creek. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. Miriam Tymeson, Principal, John Nevins Andrews School, reaffirmation of desire to purchase City-owned property adjacent to school. Referred to Finance and Civic Improvements Committees.
7. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Notice of granting Petition Case #815, Takoma Motor Company for Special Exception to permit use as an outdoor automobile sales lot - Lot #1, Block F, Gilbert and Woods Subdivision, located on Carroll and Westmoreland Avenues in a C-2 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
8. E. W. Bucklin, Director, Department of Inspections and Licenses, Montgomery County, request for recommendation to County Council on Zoning Amendment Petitions as below:
 - (a) C-358, Marion F. & Lura E. Burton, Applicants, Lots 14, 26, 27, 28, Sec. 7 of S.S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, (located west side Sheridan Ave. between Hancock & Carroll Aves., Takoma Park, containing 34,973 sq. ft.,) R-60 to R-10 Zone.
 - (b) C-359, Marion F. & Lura E. Burton, Applicants, Lots 13 to 18, incl. Sec. 9 of S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, (located northeast corner of Sheridan & Hancock Aves. Takoma Park, containing approximately 54,000 sq. ft.), R-60 to R-10 Zone.
 - (c) C-362, J. Fendall Coughlan, Attorney for Lillian T. Fowler, Applicant, Lots 2 & 3, Blk 91 of Beale's Subdivision, Takoma Park (Unrecorded), (located southwest corner of Boyd Avenue & Manor Circle North, Takoma Park, containing 14,350 sq. ft.) R-60 to R-10 or R-20 Zone.
 - (d) C-378, Blair H. Smith & Whilliam B. Wheeler, Attorneys for William L. Ball, Applicant, Lots 1, 2, 10 & 11, Blk 36, Takoma Park Subdivision, located in Takoma Park on east side of Jackson Ave., north of Lincoln Ave., containing 109,180 sq. ft.) R-60 to R-10 Zone.

Petitions listed were referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.

9. Miss Dorothy I. Thompson, 109 Sheridan Avenue, City, and 61 petitioners, residents on Sheridan, Hancock, Sherman, Carroll, Lincoln and Jefferson Avenues, protesting Zoning Petitions Nos. C-358 & C-359 and the request for rezoning of the former Bishop Murray property. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. Milton Iskow, 657 Houston Avenue, City, request for better lighting conditions on Houston Avenue between Flower and Roanoke Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
11. John D. Emler, 7204 - 14th Avenue, City, Complaint of boulders in public right-of-way and cars overhanging pavement on Hilltop Road between Sligo Creek Park and Piney Branch Road. Referred to Public Safety Committee. It was later reported that this location is outside City limits, and gentleman to be so notified.
12. Karl L. Lundbert, 8212 Houston Court, City, recommendation for traffic safeguards, Houston Court and vicinity. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
13. J. T. Baker, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, recommendations:
- (a) Endorsement of Acting Chief LaScola's recommendation for the promotion of Lt. J. T. Baker to rank of Captain and Private Glenn L. Minton to rank of Lieutenant;
 - (b) Endorsement of Acting Chief LaScola's recommendation for two new paid men- G. E. McKenzie, Jr., starting January 16th and J. Parsly starting January 18th.
 - (c) Recommendation of appointment of Acting Chief LaScola as Delegate and H. Woodall as Alternate to Montgomery Fire Board.
- Referred to Public Safety Committee.
14. Honorable Lansdale G. Sasscer, Jr., Chairman, Prince George's County Delegation, House of Delegates, Annapolis, Md., enclosure of Notice of Hearing on Wednesday, January 20th, 8:00 p.m., for purpose of considering proposed legislation at the General Assembly forthcoming Session. Mayor Miller directed the Clerk-Treasurer to acknowledge letter and thank him for information. Referred to Council Files.
15. Copy of letter to Department of Highways, Prince George's County written by Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association concerning Service Road parallel to and along West side of New Hampshire Avenue between Belford Place and the Allen Shopping Center, South of Maryland Route #410. Referred to Council Files.
16. Letters from Charles N. Calhoun, 8304 Eastridge Avenue and Carl Seek of the Washington Missionary College, to the Takoma Park Police Department in appreciation for services rendered. Referred to Council Files.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Citizens Bank - General Fund:

11-30-59 Balance	29,361.99
Dec. Receipts	55,553.78
	<u>84,915.77</u>
Dec. Disbursements	56,533.03
12-31-59 Balance	<u>28,382.74</u>

Suburban Trust Company:

11-30-59 Balance	3,399.50
Dec. Receipts	539.07
12-31-59	<u>3,938.57</u>

Citizens Bank - Special Improvement Account:

11-30-59 Balance	3,294.41
Dec. Receipts	1,896.26
	<u>5,190.67</u>
Dec. Disbursements	1,865.60
12-31-59	<u>3,325.07</u>

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller said that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Lampe and Mr. Waldron of the Spring Park Community Association protesting information he had received that there would be a package liquor store in the new Co-op shopping center to be erected. Mayor Miller pointed out that this is a matter for the store owners particularly since the area is outside City limits, however, he requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter accordingly.

Mayor Miller extended New Year's greetings to those citizens at the meeting, also to all of the radio audience.

Mrs. Lester Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, spoke to the Council with reference to the rezoning of the former Murray properties, also referring to the petition that was read earlier in the evening by the Clerk-Treasurer. She requested that when this petition does come before the Council for action, that she be notified, in order that a larger delegation might represent the citizens in the area. She strongly pointed out that they have just recently gotten the school situation straightened out, and to over-crowd the area again would present further problems.

Mr. Raymond Hunter, 8501 Greenwood Avenue, a Takoma Park cab driver, asked what possibility there would be in licensing cabs in Prince George's County, in order that they would be able to operate in that County only, stating that the Takoma Park Cab Drivers would like a study made of this situation. Mayor Miller referred this request to the Public Safety, Finance and Law and Ordinances Committees.

Councilman Roth said that in connection with the rezoning of the former Murray property, that the actual papers have not been received as yet, however, that the petition read earlier would be considered along with them, at the proper time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for approval of the payment of expenditures for the month of December 1959 in the amount of \$56,533.03. Included in this expenditure is the settlement of the Martin property for almost \$20,000. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Forshee reported that another parking meter has been damaged and will have to be replaced. He, therefore, moved that \$49.00 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to cover cost of replacement of the meter. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.
3. Councilman Forshee reported on the recent request by Nationwide Insurance Companies to bid on insurance requirements of City; he pointed out that the City has been insured under the retrospective plan the past three years, and that this plan seemed to be adequate, with the City receiving proper dividends; however, the Mayor told the Clerk-Treasurer that anyone who might want to survey the insurance situation of the City, could do so, and submit an estimate if they desire.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported on the letter read earlier in the meeting, concerning the notification of citizens concerning the trash collection policy of the City. He said that schedules are available at the Public Works Department, however, that the Committee would study further the suggestion that notices be furnished the citizens at various intervals. He said that the complaint against the City Housing Ordinance is under study.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. With reference to Mr. Derato's letter on traffic hazard on N. H. Ave., Northbound before it reaches Univ. Blvd. E., Mr. Derato stated that he has received an acknowledgment from the State Roads Commission, that this matter has been given Special Study No. 225, and will be investigated. Councilman Sidell asked that the Clerk-Treasurer write SRC and request that the City be notified as to the decision rendered on this request.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that after study by the Committee of the hazardous condition caused by the allowance of parking on Ritchie Avenue, and after full investigation, that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1568 B

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited, at all times, on the NORTH side of Ritchie Avenue, from Niagara Avenue to Geneva Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

4. Councilman Sidell reported as follows on the request for a street light on Garland Avenue on pole between #7400 and #7402 as follows: He moved that PEPCO be directed to install one 1000 lumen street light on pole between Nos. 7400 and 7402 Garland Avenue. This was seconded by Councilman Forshee. Councilman Collison questioned if this type of light would be bright enough to light the area, inasmuch as it had been discussed at a prior time that it was hoped to install 2500 lumen lights in the future. Councilman Sidell stated that the installation of a 1000 lumen light, was in keeping with the other lights in the area. All voted in favor of the motion.

5. Councilman Sidell reported that in the request for light on Wyatt Lane, that information has been received that other use might be made of the property, therefore, matter may not need action and that Committee will await developments.

6. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for street lights along Holton Lane, East of New Hampshire Avenue, that inasmuch as word has been received from PEPCO giving a recommendation, he moved that four 2500 lumen lights be placed on Holton Lane, also two 2500 lumen lights be placed in the alley, and that PEPCO be authorized to install these lights at an annual cost to the City of \$154.20. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

7. Councilman Sidell reported on the request by the Takoma Park Library for positive action to prevent unauthorized use of parking facilities, and moved that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1569 B

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

Section 1. THAT a "TWO HOUR PARKING ONLY, at any times" sign be placed on the parking lot of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

8. Councilman Sidell moved that the City Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise for bids for two (2) new four door sedans, to be used as police cruisers, with trade-in allowance on two (2) 1958 Ford 4-door sedans, known as Police Cars #4 & 5; cars to have the following specifications:

1960 standard 4-door sedan
Horn Ring
Air & Oil Filters
Directional Signals
235 Horsepower V-8 Engine
Automatic Transmission
Backup lights
Front Arm Rests
Heater & defrosters
Right & left sun visors

Also that an alternate bid be received, same as above except to have heavy duty chasis, suspension and shock absorbers, 70 amp. hr. battery, heavy duty front seat, also back & cushion, heavy duty breaks. Bids received are to be opened at 4:00 p.m., January 25th in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the above motion was carried.

8. Councilman Sidell asked that the request for a dark room for the Police Department at #8 Sherman Avenue be removed from the agenda, inasmuch as the matter has been turned over to the Public Works Department, and that they will take care of the work to be done.

9. Councilman Sidell reported on the suggestion to correct hazardous traffic condition of portion of Lincoln Avenue between Aspen and Boyd Avenues, reporting that to prohibit parking in this area or to make it a one-way street, would tend to increase the traffic using the street, thus creating a further hazardous condition. Councilman Sidell pointed out to Mr. Derato, who was present, having initiated the suggestion, that if he wished to carry the matter further, he would be glad to discuss it with him. Mr. Derato said that his request was just a suggestion, and seemed satisfied with the explanation.

10. Councilman Sidell stated that he and Chief of Police Foster had investigated the complaint of traffic conditions in Houston Court, that had been previously made by Mr. Carl Lundberg, also after having considered his suggestions, found them very good. Realizing the conditions in the Court, were in need of correction the following Ordinances were moved for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 1570

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited, at all times, along public curb bordering to 8207 Houston Court.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

The Ordinance was seconded by Councilman McKenzie.

ORDINANCE NO. 1571

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited, at all times, on the Southwest side of Brighton Avenue between Houston Avenue and Houston Court.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

The Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Forshee.

ORDINANCE NO. 1572

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

Section 1. THAT parking be prohibited, at all times, on the Southeast side of Houston Avenue, from Kennebec Avenue to Roanoke Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the installation of the necessary signs.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

The Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Roth. Upon being put to question, the above ordinances, as stated, were adopted by roll call votes as follows: Yeas: Councilwoman Monitor, Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sdiell and Turner. Nays: None.

11. Councilman Sidell announced that due to the resignation of Captain Hermon Woodall, that the Council move for adoption the recommendations by Acting Fire Chief S. J. LaScola and the City Fire Board; promotions of Lt. J. T. Baker to rank of Captain and Pvt. G. L. Minton to rank of Lieutenant in the Volunteer Fire Department. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Sidell further

reported that upon a recent study made by Acting Chief LaScola and the Committee on the needs of the Fire Department personnel, to better serve the public, that two additional paid men be appointed to the Fire Department, and so moved. This was seconded by Councilman Collison. Councilman Forshee said that he was not in objection of bettering the services to the Public by the hiring of additional men, however, wondered how these men would be paid; he was informed that the salaries would be taken from the Reserve Fund at this time; to this he was in objection, stating that he did not believe it good business to take this amount from the Reserve, inasmuch as the Reserve was set aside to cover emergencies arising, that are not accounted for in the working budget. Mayor Miller said that the City usually operated on a cash basis, and he realized that only emergencies should be taken from the Reserve, however, he felt that this could be classified as an emergency, especially since it will be of benefit to the citizens of Takoma Park. Councilman Sidell pointed out when Raymond Carter was Chief, prior to adoption of the Budget, the former Chief stated that the Fire Department could operate on a 5½ day week without an increase to the staff, but that subsequently a Fire Board Committee studied the manning problem and then the former Chief then recommended three additional men after the Budget was adopted. After considerable more discussion, a vote was taken as follows: Yeas: Councilwoman Monitor, Councilmen Collison, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Nays: Councilman Forshee. Councilman Roth said that basically he agreed with Councilman Forshee concerning the appropriations from the Reserve Fund. Councilman Collison said that the hiring of two additional paid men would raise the rating of the Department with the Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau.

Therefore, Councilman Sidell moved that Gibson E. McKenzie, Jr., be appointed to the Takoma Park Fire Department as a Private, for a probationary period of six months, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum, effective January 16th, 1960. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell moved that John Parsly, be appointed to the Takoma Park Fire Department as a Private, for a probationary period of six months, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum, effective January 16th, 1960. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Herman Woodall be appointed Alternate Delegate to the Montgomery County Fire Board. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

12. Councilman Sidell reported on the parking problem in vicinity of the Montgomery Junior College and stated that possibly a meeting should be held with the North Takoma Citizens Association, State Roads Officials, Mr. Rhodes, Councilman Forshee and others, and a discussion held on possibility of (1) placing of no parking sign on Takoma Avenue from Buffalo to Albany Avenues on the park side; (2) no parking from Takoma Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue on the parkside; He was of the opinion that this might force the school board to take action on their college parking problem. Mayor Miller said that this matter should be discussed in the Committee meeting. Councilman Sidell said that he was just bringing to attention some possibilities and that perhaps a meeting should be held with people involved to further investigate the situation.

13. Councilman Sidell moved, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster, that Private Richard B. Owen be returned to uniform duty from the Detective Bureau. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

14. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster, moved that Corporal Herbert E. Bever, be appointed to fill the vacancy created in the Detective Bureau. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

15. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster, moved that John W. Saunders, be appointed to the Takoma Park Police Department as a Private, for a six months probationary period, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum, effective January 15th, 1960.

Mr. Saunders had been with the Department previously, however, had left because of family difficulties, which Chief Foster said had been worked out, and that he was most anxious to return. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the request for shelters in the City Parks is still under consideration by the Finance Committee; also that there is no further report on the possible use of City Triangle along B. & O. RR at Takoma Avenue for College Parking, until such time as the Park and Planning Commission have finished their survey of the area; also that the Town Affiliation Program for the City is progressing as stated in the letter read earlier in the evening. Councilwoman Monitor reported that there will be a meeting on this Thursday of representatives of the Montgomery County Recreation Department, and any others who might be interested at #8 Columbia Avenue at 4:15 p.m. There will be Recreation classes in Ballet, Baton, Creative Arts, etc., sponsored by the Prince George's County Recreation Department at various locations. All Classes start the First Week in February, with registrations being accepted until classes are filled. For further information about fees and locations please call APpleton 7-8696. Councilwoman Monitor reported that the Committee has completed the Baseball Schedules for this Spring; She said that Spring Park is in need of improvement in order to allow baseball playing, and asked that the Public Works Department look into the matter. She said that roller skating at the gym has improved and that usually as many as 100 skate during the Saturday program.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported that his committee will work with the Public Works Committee on the offer to purchase City owned property adjacent to John Nevins Andrews School; He said that a meeting was held with Mr. Weltman on January 4th, at which time he presented his proposal, with respect to the request for rezoning of the former Murray property, however, the facts will have to be given considerable thought;

2. Councilman Roth reported that Z.A.P. #A-3548, Blair H. Smith, Attorney, Lots 1-12 inclusive and Lots 20-24 inclusive, Blk 4, N. H. Gardens, R-55 & R-18 to C-0 Zone, had been discussed at a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on January 4th, and that the Council had gone on record as recommending denial of this petition.

3. Councilman Roth reported that the MNCP&PC has asked permission to use and reproduce in whole or part the City of Takoma Park Map compiled by McNeill Surveys, in their preparation of a new zoning plan map for the City, and so moved that permission be granted. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Roth announced that the City has another post office within the City Limits, known as the Langley Park Station. He requested that the Clerk-Treasurer write the Langley Park Chamber of Commerce and compliment them on the splendid dedication held on the occasion. He further said that letters should be written to the Post Office, Shoe Giant and the A & P, inasmuch as they are all within the City limits, telling them of the services available to them, such as Police & Fire Protection, also Trash Collection Services.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison moved for authorization to have the Clerk-Treasurer advertise for bids for the improvement of the portion of Kirklyn Avenue & Service Drive on New Hampshire Avenue, opening date to be set by the Public Works Committee, inasmuch as approval has not been received from the WSSC as yet. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried. Subsequent to the meeting, the Public Works Committee, set the date of January 29th, 4:00 p.m., for the bid opening.

2. Councilman Collison reported that defective conditions reported on the storm sewer running from Garland Avenue into Creek, has been investigated by the Public Works Department and will be taken care of.
3. Councilman Collison reported that the plans for the NT Storm Drainage problem is still in the hands of WSSC, and when returned to the City and acted upon, it will have to be returned to WSSC for further consideration.
4. Councilman Collison reported that the bids received on the air conditioning of the Library will be opened this Thursday.
5. Councilman Collison reported that the improvement of Cockerille Avenue is held up pending action on the offer by John Nevins Andrews School to purchase parcel of land owned by the City, and the possibility of the School purchasing the Gustafson property, owner of which had made the original request for the improvement.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman Turner had no Committee report at this time, however, he commended the City on its Christmas Program, also that Councilwoman Monitor can be very proud of the Tree Lighting Program held at the Library.

Police Chief Foster reported that on January 16th, at 6:30 p.m., Takoma Park Police will be on Traffic Court.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Lidger
Clerk-Treasurer

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REGULAR MEETING
Mayor and Council
January 25, 1960

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Councilwoman Monitor, Councilmen Roth, Sidell and Turner.

The Invocation was rendered by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor James F. King of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

The Minutes of January 11th, 1960, were moved for adoption by Councilman McKenzie. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Eric I. Weile and Egbert F. Tingley, Postmaster - Expression of appreciation to Takoma Park Fire Department for participation in Dedication Ceremony of new Post Office at Langley Park. Referred to Council Files.
2. Mrs. Karl A. Lundberg, 8212 Houston Court - Expression of appreciation for prompt action on recommendations of traffic safeguards in Houston Court. Referred to Council Files.
3. Gerhard Eck, President, Shoe Giant, Inc., - Acknowledgement of notification of installation of adequate lighting for Holton Lane and other Municipal services rendered. Referred to Council Files.
4. Werner Kloetzli, Jr., Senior Planner, MNCP&PC, - Confirmation of arrangements for a meeting 7:30 p.m., January 26th with Mayor, Council and Department Heads. Referred to Council Files, also Mayor Miller strongly urged that all members of the Council be present, as well as Department Heads.
5. John H. Light, Office Engineer, Dept. of Public Works, Montgomery County, concerning improvement of Woodbury Avenue and B & O RR bridge at Juniper Street. Referred to Civic Improvements and Public Safety Committees.
6. Marion F. Burton, 802 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, Md.- Regarding Zoning Amendment Petitions No. C-358 and C-359. (Sheridan & Hancock Avenues). Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Russell Conwell Ross, 7809 Wildwood Drive, City, Concerning traffic hazards: (a) Increasingly heavy traffic on Wildwood Drive; (b) Heavy foliage and lack of Stop sign at Cole Street and Ann Street. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Arthur C. Stebbins, 34 Freemont Avenue, City - Request for permission to clean out brush and level off ground between trees across the street from the rear entrance to his property. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
9. John W. Neumann, 8213 Sligo Creek Parkway, City - Request for permit to pave public property access to his property. Referred to Public Works and City Office.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller, at this time, issued the Oath of Office to a group of Firemen and Volunteer Officers of the Takoma Park Fire Department; He then presented Certificates of Promotion to the following Firemen: K. F. Kearns to PFC; C. J. West to Sergeant; B. E. DeKalb to Sergeant; S. R. Fickes to Sergeant; G. L. Minton to Lieutenant; R. B. White to Lieutenant; W. A. Flagg to Lieutenant; J. P. Baker to Captain; C. G. Fiske, Sr., to Captain; T. J. Clark to Captain; S. J. LaScola to Deputy Chief. After the presentations Mayor Miller commended the Fire Department very highly and said that it was one of the finest in the State of Maryland.

Stewart H. Sweeney, 11 Sherman Avenue, addressed the Council in connection with the Zoning Petition C-378, which involves application for rezoning of Lots 1, 2, 10 & 11, Blk 36, Takoma Park Subdivision from R-60 to R-10 Zone, property being located on the East Side of Jackson Avenue, North of Lincoln Avenue. He said that he had petitions signed by approximately 149 citizens in the area in opposition of the proposed zoning, and presented copies to each member of the Council, in order that they could follow along with his remarks. He said that the residents of the area are very much opposed, inasmuch as the surrounding properties are valued from \$22,000 to \$35,000, and R-10 zoning would reduce the value of these homes; also that the access to the property up for rezoning, is very congested, it being a narrow street, and to add this type building, would further create additional traffic hazards; also in allowing this type construction would create problems in the school system. A Mr. Hayman then presented a series of photographs also explaining what would be created should the apartment project be built. Mr. E. O. Wolfe, also said that he had prepared considerable data in the case, having also presented the Council with a copy of a ten page report, and that he would be happy to answer any questions, however, that Mr. Sweeney had presented the case quite thoroughly. Mr. Sweeney also stated that the data presented to the Council this evening, would also be presented to the Montgomery County Council, at the time the property came up for final action.

Councilman McKenzie said that Mr. Sweeney should have saved some of his effort for the zoning case that is to soon come up on Hancock Avenue, to which Mr. Sweeney replied that they were quite ready to present their case in this rezoning venture.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth said that the Council gets a considerable number of petitions for rezoning of properties and that the Council takes the objections to these very seriously. He pointed out that citizens are fortunate in that they do not have to travel far to bring their objections to the governing body, also that the Council is aware of the traffic hazards, problems to schools and property owners that the passing of some applications would cause. In view of statements presented, and upon Committee's recommendation, he moved that the Council go on record as disapproving Z. A. P. C-378. Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried. Mayor Miller directed that the City Corporation Counsel represent the City when the hearing comes up before the Montgomery County Council on March 2, 1960, 8:00 p.m.
2. Councilman Roth reported that the application for liquor license that was proposed for the new shopping center on N. H. Avenue has been denied by the Prince George's Liquor Commission.

At this time Marion F. Burton, 802 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, spoke in behalf of his Z. A. P. C-358 and C-359 and petition that was read previously concerning the rezoning of lots on Sheridan Avenue between Hancock and Carroll Avenues. He asked that if this were to come up before the Council within the next 30 days that it be postponed, inasmuch as he was leaving this week for Florida, and would be gone about a month. Councilman Roth said that a report would probably be given in due time, and asked Mr. Burton if he cared to discuss it, or present further data, his Committee would be happy to have it.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie said that flyers on the trash collection program of the Public Works Department will be circulated.
2. Councilman McKenzie said that the Public Works Department is in need of a pickup truck; inasmuch as to repair the station wagon recently wrecked would cost approximately \$793.00, and that to replace it with the same year model would cost about \$900.00, it is the opinion that it would be better to purchase a pickup truck at this

time. He, therefore, moved for advertisement for bids, with proper specifications, for a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pickup truck, bids to be opened at 4 p.m., February 18th, 1960. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell said that he had the pleasure of attending the North Takoma Citizens Association Meeting and explained to them that the Committee wished to present to the Council the various restrictions apparent in the parking problem of the Montgomery Junior College. However, that Mr. Ehrbright of the College asked that a meeting be held with Dr. Whittier, Supt. of Schools, Dean Deyo and others, and that until such meeting is held, City should withhold any action. This meeting is scheduled for February 3rd, (This date changed subsequently to February 24th), in the Council Room at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Sidell asked that the Council as a whole attend this meeting.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that two bids had been received in response to the City's advertising for fire hose for the Fire Department, one from American La France and the other from F. L. Anderson. Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of an Ordinance, accepting the bid from the American La France Company as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1573

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

Section 1. THAT in accordance with bids received and duly opened on January 15th, 1960, that 600 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " American La France, Alfron Brand, 600 lb. test, 100% dacron fire hose, heavy duty, with N. S. T. rocker lug, drop forged, couplings be purchased.

Section 2. AND THAT the above fire hose be purchased from the AMERICAN LaFRANCE CORPORATION, Silver Spring, Maryland, at a cost of EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$840.00), less TWO percent as specified in original bid submitted by the American LaFrance Corporation.

Section 3. AND THAT the purchase of this fire hose be charged to Budget Account No. 11.213 and funds transferred from the Reserve Fund.

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

3. Councilman Sidell reported that the Committee has had the chance to review the bids received for the two desired Police Cars, that the low bid of Banning and Son Motors be accepted, in the amount of \$3,357.96 for two 1960 Dodge, heavy duty police cars, trading in two 1958 cars. He pointed out that their bid was lower than the other bids received on just a standard model. Mayor Miller questioned the feasibility of changing to another model car, the two old ones having been Fords, as to whether this type of model has been checked out with other departments using these cars. It was more or less the opinion of the Committee that most Chrysler built cars were of similar design. Therefore, the following Ordinance was moved for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 1574

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

Section 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on January 25, 1960, for two new police cruisers, to replace Cars #4 and #5.

Section 2. AND THAT a LOW NET bid has been submitted by Banning and Sons Motors, Inc., of \$3,357.96, (\$4,157.96 less trade-in allowance of \$800.00 and tax exemption) to furnish two 1960 Dodge Dart, 4-Door Sedans, Municipal Patrollers, to meet all specifications for use as Police Cruisers and trade-in of Police Cars #4 and #5.

Section 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract for purchase is hereby awarded to Banning and Sons Motors, Inc., in the net sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED, FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-SIX CENTS (\$3,357.96) for two cars.

Section 4. AND THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to assign to Banning and Sons Motors, Inc., the title of two 1958 Ford Sedans, Serial No. C8CG-125892 on #4 and Serial No. C8CG-115913 on #5, and transfer from the RESERVE FUND the amount of this appropriation.

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

4. Councilman Sidell reported on a previous request by a Mr. Stebbins that the curb be cut back at corner of Jefferson and Carroll Avenues, referring to his second inquiry concerning this; he said that McNeill Surveys had been requested to make a survey of this complaint, and at this time the matter is in their hands. Mayor Miller asked that the Clerk-Treasurer inform Mr. Stebbins of this matter.

5. Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of Private Richard B. Owen be accepted effective January 22nd, 1960, with regret. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell also announced that the Fire and Police Departments have put out a very fine annual report, and that copies are available to the public should they wish to be seen.

Mr. Wolfe asked at this time the procedure to get a light replaced. It seems he has been having difficulty. He was informed as to the correct procedure.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner quoted from an article in the January issue of Coronet with reference to need for brighter lights on the City Streets.

2. In view of the approaching election for the Mayor and City Council, Councilman Turner moved for adoption the following Ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman McKenzie:

ORDINANCE NO. 1575

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

Section 1. THAT the City Clerk shall call a meeting of the citizens for the making of nominations for the Mayor and Councilmen at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 8th, 1960, at the Municipal Center in the Fire House at the corner of Philadelphia and Carroll Avenues. The said meeting shall be conducted as prescribed in Section 1422(h) of the City Charter.

Section 2. There shall be a City Election to elect a Mayor and seven Councilmen at the Fire House between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1960. The said Election shall be conducted by means of Voting Machines, and as nearly as practicable all laws and regulations governing the use of Voting Machines in elections in Montgomery County shall apply to the use of Voting Machines in the said City Election.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall make arrangements with the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery County for the use of eight Voting Machines at the said City Election, and shall arrange to have placed on each Voting Machine the names of all candidates nominated at the Citizens' Meeting on March 8th, except any who may within three days thereafter have filed with the City Clerk his refusal to have his name so placed.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall cause a notice of the Citizens' Meeting and the City Election to be inserted in the Maryland News and the Prince George's Post the last week in February and the first week in March. He shall also cause the insertion in the Maryland News and the Prince George's Post, the third week in March, of a facsimile of the arrangement of the names and words on the Voting Machines.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall prepare cards bearing the names and addresses of all voters, certified by the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and shall furnish such cards to the judges and clerks of Election.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall recommend to the Council the names of seventeen persons for designation by the Council as judges and clerks of Election.

Section 7. The City Clerk, with the assistance of the Chief of Police, shall see that the City Election is conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and of Section 1422 of the City Charter.

Section 8. The Judges of Election shall meet in the City Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue as a Board of Election at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 23rd, 1960, and shall determine and certify the results of the Election, as provided in Section 1422(i) of the City Charter. The Council shall meet in special session to receive the Certification from the Judges at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1960.

The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Councilwoman Monitor, Councilmen Roth, Sidell and Turner. Councilman Forshee raised the question as to the need for eight voting machines, when they were not all used and was told the purpose is that in the event a machine would jam it was necessary that there be a couple in readiness. Mayor Miller strongly urged that as Election time approaches that it is the duty of every eligible citizen visit the polls and cast his vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday programs held at the Municipal Gymnasium, under supervision of the County, that these programs are doing very well, with less problems than they have presented in the past. She said that the newly organized program at the Heffner Park Recreation Center is also progressing very well.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison said that the plan on the North Takoma Storm Drainage project had been returned from WSSC with conditional approval. He said that Mr. Rhodes and he had taken it to McNeill Surveys and had gone over changes that the Commission required before final approval; the one exception can be altered and then it will be returned to the Commission for approval; He reported that bids on the improvement of Kirklyn Avenue and Service Drive will be opened on Friday, January 29th.
2. Councilman Collison reported on the results of opening of bids in the air conditioning of the Library, stating that the prices ranged from \$11,888.00 to \$12,647.00, also that all bids submitted were strictly in accordance with specifications, with bid bonds in order. He further said that the Capital Cooling Corporation submitted the low bid. He said that there has been question as to feasibility of air conditioning of the Library, and he pointed out that in installing air conditioning, it would increase the efficiency of operation of the Library, the patronage during the summer months, adding greatly to the comfort of those spending time there, also play an important part in the preservation of the books. Councilman Roth highly endorsed the air conditioning of the Library. Councilman Collison, therefore, proposed the following Ordinance for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Turner:

ORDINANCE NO. 1576

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

Section 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with Law, bids have been received and publicly opened on January 14th, 1960 for the installation of a complete air conditioning system in the Public Library Building owned by the City of Takoma Park, located at 101 Philadelphia Avenue;

Section 2. AND THAT the comfort and health of the patrons and employees and the interest of the preservation of books justify the expenditure.

Section 3. THEREFORE THAT the LOW BID submitted by the Capital Cooling Corporation in amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$11,888.00) be hereby accepted and contract awarded thereto in accordance with plans and specifications known as Project P/W Job 59-3;

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to execute necessary contract and transfer funds to provide payment for same from the RESERVE FUND.

Councilman Forshee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, at this time, offered a strong rebuttal to the expenditures thus far authorized during the evening. He reviewed the Capital Expenditures under consideration by the Council and asked that the Council exercise caution in their future expenditures.

Mayor Miller replied to Councilman Forshee's statements, that the present Council has made tremendous progress, and he was certain they were operating on a safe basis. He strongly pointed out that the Council had no intention of raising City Taxes at this time or in the future. It was further said that the financial position of the City has never been better.

Councilman Collison further said that he and Mr. Rhodes and a friend had made a study of the possible placing of electric fans in the Library to help with the cooling of it and it was determined that this would not be too desirable a step and after investigation of other buildings he was quite sure the above action is the proper one. After further

statements, question was called on the proposed Ordinance with a final vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner and Councilwoman Monitor. Councilman Forshee abstained.

3. Councilman Collison reported on the proposed improvement of Hayward Avenue, and said that the property owners are in favor of improvement, except the one piece of property which cannot be sold; he expected to have another interview with this owner and make known the City's position, in order that a decision can be made in the improvement of Hayward Avenue.

4. The request for improvement of Cockerille Avenue is still under consideration pending action taken by the John Nevins Andrews School; He reported that in connection with letter read earlier in meeting, with a request by Mr. Stebbins, 34 Fremont Avenue, for permission to clean out brush and level off ground between trees across the street from the rear entrance to his property, that this property belongs to the Park and Planning Commission, therefore, out of City jurisdiction.

5. Councilman Collison reported on the request by John W. Neumann, 8213 Sligo Creek Parkway for a permit to pave public property access to his property. He said that after investigation that the Committee recommends that Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works be authorized to issue a permit to Mr. Neumann, work to be done in accordance with statements in his letter, also that the City Office be authorized to issue permit. Upon being seconded by Councilman Roth, and put to question, the motion was carried.

6. Councilman Collison reported that the decision has been made to remove the house from the former Bennett property adjacent to the Fire House, in order that work can be started on the parking lot. He moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to notify the tenants of the building, that it will be necessary for them to vacate the premises within sixty days of February 1st, 1960. Motion was seconded and carried.

Councilman Turner asked what the opinion of the residents in the area might be to the construction of a parking lot. It was stated that in this case, it is the City's opinion that the need is very apparent, and would certainly remove the congested situation on the public street, and thus present a much better appearance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported that the bill has been received from the Maryland Municipal League for the payment of yearly dues, and inasmuch as there was not enough appropriated for this, that the amount of \$75.78 be transferred from General Council Appropriations to cover this item. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forshee requested that the Department Heads have their suggested budget in the hands of the Clerk-Treasurer by the first of March.

Mayor Miller read the Proclamation, proclaiming the week of April 3rd to the 9th, 1960 as National Library Week in Takoma Park. He also pointed out in the Proclamation, the Takoma Park Maryland Library will celebrate its twenty-fifth year of faithful service to the Community this year. The Proclamation will be sent to the schools here in the City to be posted.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Hayward M. Lidger
 Mayor
John W. Neumann
 Clerk-Treasurer

George M. Miller
 Clerk-Treasurer
 Mayor