

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 April 11, 1960

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

Councilman McKenzie moved that the minutes of March 28th, 1960, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission: (a) Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3673, Blair H. Smith & Hervey G. Machen, Attorneys, Lots 1,2,3,4,5,23 & 24, Block 4, N. H. Gardens, from R-18 (Multi-family, low density) to C-1 (light commercial); (b) Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3674, Blair H. Smith & Hervey G. Machen, Attorneys, Lots 6-12 inclusive and Lots 20,21 & 22, Block 4, N. H. Gardens, R-55 residential and R-18 (Multi-family - low density) to C-0 (Office Bldg.) Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. John P. Callahan, Vice President, Carole Highlands - Hillwood Manor - Recreation Council, Review of accomplishments for 1959, resume of plans for 1960 and request for customary financial assistance from City to make the complete program. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
3. Mrs. Howard F. Running, 7215 Central Avenue, City, request for speed limit signs at both ends of 7200 Block of Central Avenue in an effort to reduce excessive speed in area. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Mrs. Harriett C. Sterling, 7203 Holly Avenue, City, request for sign to designate location of Recreation Center. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. J. Bernard Cook, 7400 Glenside Drive, City, request for repair of street adjoining property and for curbing at entrance. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. Jerome S. Antel, Jr., 7113 Central Avenue, City, complaint concerning storm drain on Garland Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. Jesse O. Gibson, American Temperance Society, suggestions for clean-up of City. Referred to Civic Improvements and Public Welfare Committees.
8. Robert W. Hamilton, Chairman, City Fire Board, recommending S. J. LaScala's appointment for Chief, Takoma Park Fire Department. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller issued a Proclamation in compliance with Governor J. Millard Tawes of the State of Maryland, designating April 15th, 1960, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in honor of those brave Peace Officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Mr. Jesse O. Gibson, American Temperance Society, National Headquarters, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N. W., Washington 12, D. C., addressed the Council concerning progress being made on the lack of a pedestrian bridge at Carroll Avenue and Long Branch Parkway. He said the situation had been brought to the attention of Mr. Clagett of the State Roads Commission about a month ago, and that he had suggested that it be returned to

Mason Butcher of the County. This was done and referred to the Public Works Department. Mr. Gibson said that this past week while enroute on Carroll Avenue he noticed a group of men looking over the bridge, so he stopped to see what it was about, discovering that they included Mr. Costello of Montgomery County Public Works, and Mr. Lewis of the State Roads Commission. They told him that they would see that something be done about the situation, which gave encouragement. He also said that the Jay Cees are working on the problem.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell said that he had no reports on items on his Committee, other than a meeting had been held on the recommendation of the City Fire Board concerning the appointment of a Municipal Fire Chief. First of all the Committee recommends the permanent appointment, effective April 1st, 1960 of Private Richard F. Kugelman and Private Laurie M. Cofske, effective April 16th, 1960, both having satisfactorily completed the six months probationary period. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Sidell said that in compliance with the recommendation of the City Fire Board, that the Public Safety Committee moves the appointment of Stephen J. LaScola, as Municipal Fire Chief for the City of Takoma Park, effective April 16th, 1960, for a one year probationary period, at a salary of \$6,500.00. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, the motion was put to question.

Councilman Forshee said that some 60 or 70 applicants had applied for the job, however, so far, the Council had discussed only one of them. He didn't see why the job was advertised if they weren't to be considered, also while it was true that the Fire Board had discussed them, it was up to the Council to make the final decision. He said that he would be in a better position to decide if he had had the opportunity to see some of the other applications.

Mayor Miller said that the Committee met with the Council as a whole, last week, and all had the right to discuss or ask to see, any of the applications, as this information was available, as it had been turned over to the City Fire Board on January 6th.

Councilman Forshee said that he had attended some of the Public Safety Meetings, however, no other names were considered. At this time, Councilman Turner asked Councilman Forshee if he desired to refer the motion back to the Committee for further study.

Councilman Sidell said that after screening by a Committee of the Fire Board, seven applicants were turned over to the City Fire Board for study, after which they were narrowed down to three. Of the three, he said the Fire Board gave first consideration to Acting Chief LaScola, inasmuch as it was their opinion that City employees should be given priority, it culminating in recommending him for appointment. Other applicants were turned down for reasons of not qualifying, asking too high a salary, not specifying certain requirements requested, etc.

Councilman Roth concurred with Councilman Sidell's statements, adding that he too thought it better to consider first, an employee with intimate knowledge of the City, and said that Acting Chief LaScola is quite capable and has exercised excellent judgment in serving as Acting Chief. He further said that it would be much safer to appoint a man who is familiar with the job and in his opinion, the City Fire Board had taken a good position in recommending his appointment.

Mayor Miller said that it is ~~the~~ duty of every member of the Council to attend any or all meetings of the Council or the City Fire Board; He also pointed out that he would not want anyone to feel that any of the applications for the position of Fire Chief were withheld for any reason.

Councilwoman Monitor said that she felt the Council was in error in not reviewing the seven applicants along with the City Fire Board. Robert Hamilton, Chairman of the Fire Board said that the Council was welcome to attend any of their meetings.

At this time, Councilman Forshee, amended the original motion, that the matter be referred back to the Public Safety Committee for further study. Upon being seconded, and final vote taken, the result was as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Councilwoman Monitor and Councilman Turner. Nays: Councilmen Roth and Sidell.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilwoman Monitor reported that work has begun on the ball field at Spring Park; also that progress is being made on the Park Shelters.

2. Councilwoman Monitor moved that \$100.00 be sent to the Carole Highlands-Hillwood Manor Recreation Council for their summer equipment fund to be charged to A/C 19.202B. The same has been done in the past. Councilman Roth amended her motion that this amount be contributed on their sending the City of Takoma Park a report of their receipts and disbursements of last year. Upon being seconded, by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilwoman Monitor moved that the Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Maryland, be given permission to use the Fire House at the Municipal Gymnasium, 7201 Carroll Avenue, on May 17th, 1960, for the purpose of the Primary Election, between the hours of 7 a.m., and 7 p.m. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilwoman Monitor extended sincere thanks to everyone who has helped her during the past four years while she served as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Members of the Council expressed their pleasure of having served with her.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Roth had no report at this time.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison gave a progress report on the North Takoma Storm Drainage Project. He said that easements were yet to be acquired from four property owners involved, and that as soon as specifications have been received from WSSC, that the City can advertise; He said that Kirklyn Avenue paving and service drive, has been completed, and can be removed from the agenda; He also reported that the air conditioning at the Library is completed to the point that the contractor can work. His work is being held up at present by the Electric Company, installing 3-Phase electric service. The completion date of the installation of the air conditioning is April 15th, however, due to Pepco's hold up the date will have to be reconsidered, altho' it is certain that the system will be completely installed long before it is necessary to use it.

2. Councilman Collison reported that the drainage problem on Erskine Street decision lies in the drainage ditch in Prince George's County. He said that Director of Public Works Rhodes talked with Mr. Marks of WSSC and was told that he had not received any request concerning the study of this condition. Councilman Collison said there are two alternatives to follow: (1) Ask McNeill Surveys, Inc., to survey the area and submit a report to WSSC for approval; (2) Write a letter to WSSC of Prince George's County and ask them to investigate this situation. The City would probably have to pay one-half the cost of the work. The decision made, was that Director of Public Works Rhodes write a letter to WSSC bringing the matter to their attention.

3. Councilman Collison said that estimates have been received for the Park Shelters in the amount of \$686.39 delivered; slab to cost about \$500.00 per cabin and about \$800.00 to erect. There will be a further report.

4. Councilman Collison reported on the condition of a storm drain line on Garland Avenue, that weather permitting, the necessary work was to be done on April 12th.

5. Councilman Collison said that it will be necessary to install a fence enclosing the air conditioning condensers at the Library and inasmuch as four bids have been received, and the Committee recommends that the low bid of \$224.00 submitted by the United Fence Company, 4022 Bladensburg Road, Cottage City, Maryland, be accepted. These condensers are located at the West end of the Library and exposed to public access, and it is recommended that a six foot fence, similar to the one designed by the Capitol Cooling Company, also one of the bidders. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried. (See Page 139 for corrections)

6. Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Julian Seek has utilized all his sick leave, and inasmuch as it will be some time before he can return to duty, moved that an additional 20 days be granted to Mr. Seek in accordance with Section (e) of Ordinance 1400, as follows: "Permanent or regular and probationary employees incapacitated due to injury in the line of duty shall receive additional sick leave at the discretion of the City Council". Upon being seconded by Councilwoman Monitor, and put to question, the motion was carried. It was stated that in the event Mr. Seek were to need additional time, that action would be taken at that time.

7. Councilman Collison reported that the street sweeper at the P/W Department is in need of repairs, because of a broken main gear, However, in dismantling the sweeper, it was found that other parts are in need of replacement, at an expense of approximately \$648.10. The parts will be ordered through the Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Company, who will also furnish a representative to assist in the repair of the sweeper. The parts will be ordered from California and will take about one month for delivery. Therefore, Councilman Collison moved an appropriation from the Reserve Fund of \$800.00 to cover this expense. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried. He further reported that it will be about two months before the sweeper will be put back in operation. Councilman Forshee asked if the sprinkler system used by other cities was effective and it was pointed out that the present sweeper was more so, however, to replace it would cost about fifteen thousand dollars.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for approval the expenditures for the month of March in the amount of \$66,568.75. This amount also covered insurance payments, two police cars, etc. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee moved that the date of May 16th, 8 p.m., at the Fire House, be set for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 1960-61. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that work on the codification of the City Laws and Ordinances is progressing nicely, and it is hoped to have all phases completed in about two weeks.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported on the complaint against the City Housing Ordinance, that this particular case was taken to court for violation, and that the case has been

set aside for the time being, as the owner has agreed to comply with the Ordinance. Item can be removed from the agenda. The violation will be checked on.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported on the request for a sidewalk at 212 Philadelphia Avenue, that inasmuch as no other property owners in the area want a sidewalk, the matter will be investigated further.

Mayor Miller, at this time, presented to Councilwoman Emily P. Monitor, retiring this evening from the City Council, an engraved plaque in recognition of her faithful services. He said that in serving as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee these past four years, he believed that the children of the City, as well as their parents, realize the important and splendid job she has done. He commended her for always being ready and willing to take on a job, when called upon. After the presentation, Councilwoman Monitor thanked the Mayor and left the Council table.

Mayor Miller said if there was no further business to come before the present Mayor and Council, this 11th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty, that the Council would adjourn for a short recess. This was done.

Mayor Miller then called the new Council to order, along with Mr. Russell B. Jones, newly appointed Councilmember. He then issued the Oath of Office to the following, as Councilmen for the City of Takoma Park: Robert W. Collison, Clayton D. Forshee, Russell B. Jones, Gibson E. McKenzie, John D. Roth, Ralph F. Sidell and Edwin S. Turner. The Councilmen, duly sworn into office, took their chairs and Mayor Miller proceeded to name them to the various committees:

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Chairman - John D. Roth  
 Vice Chairman - Robert W. Collison  
 Member - Russell B. Jones

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Clayton D. Forshee  
 Vice Chairman - Edwin S. Turner  
 Member - Robert W. Collison

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Russell B. Jones  
 Vice Chairman - Ralph F. Sidell  
 Member - Gibson E. McKenzie

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Edwin S. Turner  
 Vice Chairman - John D. Roth  
 Member - Ralph F. Sidell

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Ralph F. Sidell  
 Vice Chairman - Clayton D. Forshee  
 Member - Edwin S. Turner

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Gibson E. McKenzie  
Vice Chairman - Russell B. Jones  
Member - John D. Roth

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairman - Robert W. Collison  
Vice Chairman - Gibson E. McKenzie  
Member - Clayton D. Forshee

Mayor Miller made the following appointments to the Advisory Planning Committee, which purpose is to review and present important suggestions for the City of Takoma Park to the Council. He directed that a letter be sent to the following gentlemen confirming the appointments:

- Lee L. Ehrbright, Assistant Dean, Montgomery Junior College
- John W. Coffman, Former Editor of the Takoma Journal
- Sydney W. Tymeson, Professor, Washington Missionary College
- V. T. H. Bien, President, Takoma Park Historical Society
- Vincent L. Gingerich, City Corporation Counsel
- Rev. William L. Montgomery, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

Mayor Miller also said that May 4th, 1960 will be designated as "Takoma Park Boys Club Day". It is hoped that a detailed program can be worked out whereby the boys can be taken on a tour of the City, along with their mothers and fathers, and give them ample support in their house to house canvas, in an attempt to further their efforts.

Councilman Turner commended Mayor Miller in his serving as a member of the Board sponsoring the Takoma Park Boys Club.

Mayor Miller thanked everyone for the help and cooperation given to the the Council during the past two years. There being no further business to come before the new Council, upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

BANK STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/A:		Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-Spec. Imp:	
2-29-60	52,541.14	2-29-60	9,951.89
Revenues	59,209.42	Revenues	894.28
	<u>111,750.56</u>	3-31-60 Balance	<u>10,846.17</u>
Disbursements	66,568.75		
3-31-60 Balance	<u>45,181.81</u>	Suburban Trust Company:	
		2-20-60 Balance	4,227.95
		No Dep. or Withdrawals	-
		3-31-60 Balance	<u>4,227.95</u>

(For complete statement see Pages 145 & 146)

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Lidgen  
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
April 25, 1960

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Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., apologizing for the late start of the meeting. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ben George of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.

Councilman Collison moved that the following corrections be made in the minutes of April 11th, 1960, in the report of the Public Works Committee: (1) Item 5, that the words "as four bids were asked for, and only two received" be substituted in lieu of "as four bids have been received"; (2) That the words "also one of the bidders" following Capital Cooling Company, be stricken from the record. Councilman Forshee then moved that the minutes of April 11th, 1960 be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Prince George's County Municipal Association, reminder of regular meeting, 8 p.m., April 28th at District Heights Town Hall and of Annual Banquet at St. Bernards Crystal Room, Riverdale, 7 p.m., April 26th. Referred to Council Files.
2. Capital Cooling Corporation, request for extension for completion of Library air conditioning contract from April 15th to April 30th. Referred to Public Works Committee.
3. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, acknowledgment of letter concerning Erskine Street Storm Drainage problem, referred to Engineering Department for investigation. Referred to Public Works Committee.
4. John Nevins Andrews School, bid for purchase of City-owned property known as Lot 26 and Part of Lot 27, Block 16, Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, such property adjacent to School. Referred to Public Works and Civic Improvements Committees.
5. Don Dunnington, 8500 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, recommendation for the appointment of Stephen J. LaScola as Municipal Fire Chief. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
6. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3685, Walter E. & Golda J. Murray, Owners, Lot 17, Block "C" Maris or Cunninghams Addition to Takoma Park, (Jackson Avenue, opposite Hilton Avenue Intersection), R-55 Zone to R-35 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Carole Highlands, Hillwood Manor Recreation Council, acknowledgment of remittance by City and statement of receipts and disbursements for year 1959. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. Mrs. Walter Sulzbach, 1022 University Blvd. East, commendation and praise of Takoma Park Fire Department in connection with recent fire in building. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
9. Applied Physics Laboratory, John Hopkins University, 8621 Georgia Avenue, commendation of Takoma Park Fire Department for prompt response and excellent performance in combating fire at Laboratory on April 13th. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller issued a Proclamation, designating the weeks of May 9th, 1960 through May 27th as "Spring Clean-up" time for the City of Takoma Park. During this time there will be special trash pick-ups by the Public Works Department. Final plans will be circulated to the citizens of the area.

Mayor Miller then gave a brief resume of the history of the Takoma Park Boys Club. He said that it had originally started under the able direction of Warren Magner and Lee Jordan, growing into quite a large and active organization. He said too that this Club has produced a very successful ball player, Steve Barber, now with the Baltimore Orioles. He asked that when the boys begin their door-to-door canvass of the City, that he hoped the citizens will help support their campaign, in order that their dreams and hopes for a Boys Club Building will materialize.

Mayor Miller announced that Mrs. Betty McDevitt was to enter the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital on April 25th for surgery the following day. He asked that those who know her might remember her at this time.

Mr. J. D. Livingston, 209 Lincoln Avenue, addressed the Mayor and City Council, with reference to the City Housing Ordinance. Mr. Livingston said that he had received a summons to appear at Peoples Court on April 28th at 9 a.m., inasmuch as according to record he had not complied with letters sent him, notifying him of variances in the third floor apartment he rents, which does not meet with City Ordinance standards. Mr. Livingston presented extensive data concerning these variances, and after talking for a considerable length of time, Mayor Miller asked him, if it would not be better to request a Hearing on the matter, at which time, he could present to the Council his objections to the standards set up by Ordinance. Mr. Livingston asked "If the City of Takoma Park, in the procedure adopted to secure his presence before the Peoples Courts, duly complied in the presence of its appointed representative, with the obligations placed upon them by the very Ordinance he was being charged with violating?" By this, he mean't had he been notified prior to the summons, as to the violations to the Ordinance.

At this statement, Councilman Turner asked Mr. Livingston, if he had received the first letter sent him, inasmuch as it had never been returned to the City. Mr. Livingston did not answer this, but again presented his statement, thus evading the answer. Councilman Turner again asked him the same question.

The final result was that Mayor Miller assured him that the Council did not want him to feel that they would not listen to his statements, however, that the Council could not, even after listening, give a quick decision on the matter. He, therefore, suggested that the Council be given time to study the correspondence presented to them, and that if Mr. Livingston desired, the Public Welfare Committee would set a date for a hearing. Mr. Livingston thanked the Council for the time given him and urged that they give his correspondence on the case, thorough study.

Mr. Louis Brubaker, 7222 Spruce Avenue, City, spoke to the Council on the storm drainage problem on his property. He said that it does not only involve himself, but others in the vicinity and he would like to see some attempt to correct the problem. Councilman Collison assured him that it is being worked on, and that he would report on it later.

Mr. Stephen L. Curtis, 9525 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Md., announced that a Toastmasters Club has been formed in the area and he thought it might be of interest to employees or others in the City. He invited those interested to join them as they meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The purpose of the Club being to help those interested in improving their speaking techniques. He said that the fee to join is \$5.00, and a charge of \$1.00 for each meeting.

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, spoke in behalf of the letter read earlier from Don Dunnington, Manager of the Surplus Center in Silver Spring, supporting Acting Chief LaScola in his possible appointment as Chief of the Takoma Park Fire Department. Mr. Derato said that at the time the position was advertised, he thought it the wrong thing to do, however, said nothing, and at this time he felt he could express his opinion. He said that he would like to see Steve appointed as the new Fire Chief, and strongly believed that he is the man for the Department. He further stated that he had known



Mr. Dunnington for some time and could endorse the fact that he was well qualified to make statements as to the City's needs in the Fire Department, also that he was sure that he wasn't being nose-y, only attempting to give constructive suggestions. He asked that the Council in considering Steve for Fire Chief, should place great emphasis on his abilities, and leave personal affairs out of the consideration.

#### PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that the Public Works Department has already begun its clean-up campaign for the City, having already collected 201,000 lbs. of trash. Councilman McKenzie further moved for permission to have 5,000 fliers printed to be circulated among the citizens prior to the date set for the clean-up campaign in the City. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried. He also reported on Mr. Gibson's suggestion to place trash cans at various locations in the City, and said that the Committee believed this to be an excellent suggestion, however, would like to study it further before making a decision on the matter.

2. Councilman McKenzie said that the owner requesting a sidewalk at 212 Philadelphia Avenue has been notified of the cost of such a project, also that he is the only one desiring this be done. The Committee is awaiting an answer to this.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, moved that Stephen J. La Scola be appointed as Chief of the Takoma Park Fire Department, retro-active to April 16th, 1960, for a one year probationary period, at an annual salary of \$6,300.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison. Councilman McKenzie asked if the other six applicants had been looked over and was told by Councilman Sidell that in reviewing the matter that all seven applicants were considered. Mayor Miller called for question. Upon final vote taken, the result was as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Roth and Sidell. Nays: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie. Abstained: Councilman Turner. Councilman Sidell had no other report.

Mayor Miller told Councilman Sidell that Mrs. Bliss, resident in the North Takoma area had called him concerning the recently placed signs for "No Parking" on Takoma Avenue. She complained that traffic was speeding up considerably and wondered if a police car could patrol the area.

Councilman McKenzie said, referring to the appointment of Chief La Scola, that at the end of the probationary period, that he hoped he could change his vote.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner said that a permit had been issued recently to play ball on the diamond at Washington Park, and that the permittee had been stopped by the Police Department, as his team was playing hard ball. Councilman Turner pointed out that the only diamond on which it was permissible to play hard ball was Hodges Field and not permitted at Spring and Washington Parks. He regretted this action, however, said that he would do what he could to rectify the inconvenience caused.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported on Zoning Amendment Petition A-3670, Wheeler & Korpeck, Attorneys, C-1 Zone to C-2 Zone. He said that inasmuch as the request for zoning change involves a building already erected, that the City report back to Park and Planning that there is no objection to change, however, that this not be considered as a precedent in future zoning petitions, and so moved. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Roth reported on Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3673, Blair H. Smith & Hervey G. Machen, Attorneys, Lots 1,2,3,4,5,23 & 24, Block 4, N. H. Gardens, from R-18, Multi-family - low density to C-1, light commercial, to involve the building of a gasoline station; also Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3674, Blair H. Smith & Hervey G. Machen, Attorneys, Lots 6-12 inclusive and Lots 20, 21 & 22, Block 4, N. H. Gardens, R-55 residential and R-18, Multi-family, low density to C-0, Office Building; He said that the current zoning provides the needed buffer strip between residential and commercial; also that the property owners in the area are to be considered. Councilman Roth moved that the Council recommend denial of these requests, and that in replying to it, that they use the same reasoning as pointed out in a letter sent to the Commission, in January of this year, referring to the same properties. Upon being seconded by Councilman Jones, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Forshee said that he believed the opinions of the Committee are valid.

3. Councilman Roth reported on the zoning change for Lots 32,33,34,35, Block 50, to R-10 as stated in a letter from Mr. B. Wilkerson, and signed by others. He pointed out (1) that property does not have access to Maple Avenue, however, it is accessible to Lincoln Avenue; (2) that Cumberland Avenue does not allow access, it being an unimproved right-of-way; therefore, it is the opinion of the Civic Improvements Committee, that a letter be written to these gentlemen, explaining the present problems involved, and ask them to recommend their solutions to the Committee, in order that the Council can get a clearer picture as to what is proposed for the site, and so moved.

Councilman Collison pointed out that the Public Works Committee is not opposed to the rezoning, as such, but before any affirmative action can be taken, it is desired to know what developments of the lots will take place. Councilman Forshee concurred. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Roth moved that the City accept the offer of the John Nevins Andrews School to purchase the City-owned lot adjacent to the school, known as Lot 26, and Part of Lot 27, Block 16, Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park. The following Ordinance was proposed for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 1593

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

Section 1. THAT WHEREAS City-owned property known as Lot 26 and Part of Lot 27, Block 16, Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park had been advertised for sale in accordance with the City Charter, and

Section 2. THAT a bid in the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$850.00) had been submitted by the John Nevins Andrews School;

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to enter into contract and execute necessary documents for transfer of property to the JOHN NEVINS ANDREWS SCHOOL, upon proper compliance with necessary legal procedure; accepting the sum for the property as stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Upon being seconded, and put to question, the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Jones, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Councilman Forshee abstained.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Collison reported on the request for repair of street adjoining property and for curbing at entrance - 7400 Glenside Drive. He said that the request had been investigated by Mr. Rhodes, however, that he would like to see the area before the Committee give a recommendation.
- 2. Councilman Collison reported on the lowering of the storm sewer on Maple Avenue. He said that signatures on the easements are now being obtained. He moved that the Public Works Committee be given the authority to advertise for bids for the installation of the drainage line, in accordance with plans set up by McNeill Surveys, Inc. Upon being seconded by Councilman McKenzie, and put to question, the motion was carried. (See correction on this item on Page #149)
- 3. Councilman Collison moved, upon recommendation of the Committee, that the date for completion of the air conditioning at the Library be extended to April 30th, this involving a 15 day delay due to the installation of 3-Phase Electric by PEPCO. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried. He also reported on the fence to be erected around the condensers. He said that the contract has been awarded, however, work has not been started as yet.
- 4. Councilman Collison reported on the proposed improvement of Hayward Avenue; He said that the Corporation Counsel is working towards the clearing up of Colby Avenue problems.
- 5. Councilman Collison reported that a solution has been worked out which might help to alleviate the storm drainage problem at 7222 Spruce Avenue. He said that this proposal will be attempted and should it not help, the problem will be studied further. He said he did not know how soon the work would be started, however, it would not be too long a time. Mr. Brubaker said that he sincerely hoped something would be worked out before the heavy rains began.
- 6. Councilman Collison reported on the drainage problem on Erskine Street, stating that a reply had been received to the City's letter to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Com.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance, in order to clarify and officially appropriate funds for the pavement of Oswego Avenue, and further charges in connection with the Martin Property:

ORDINANCE NO. 1594

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

THAT the sum of SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS (\$6,775.93) be hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus Fund to cover the cost of improving Oswego Avenue to service the new Public Works Department location, by authority of Ordinance No. 1537; and

Section 2. THAT the sum of ONE THOUSAND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$1,017.30) be hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus Fund to cover the balance of costs of the Martin Property known as Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 102, Takoma Park, purchased by the City by authority of Ordinance No. 1542 and Ordinance No. 1569.

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

- 2. Councilman Forshee reminded the citizens of Takoma Park of the Public Hearing on May 16th, 8:00 p.m., at the Fire House, on the Proposed Budget for 1960-61.

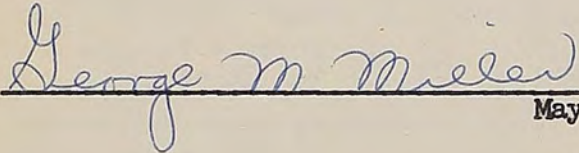
## LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

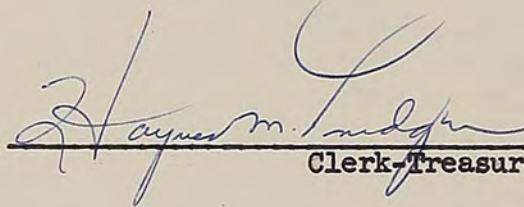
1. Councilman Jones reported that a rough draft of the Codification of the City Laws and Ordinances, along with certain suggestions and corrections, is about ready for the printer. When a final draft has been prepared, it will be returned to the Committee for study.

Mayor Miller turned over to Councilman Jones, certain revisions that have been suggested for the City Charter, for study, by his Committee.

At this time, Mayor Miller issued the Oath of Office to Stephen J. La Scola, appointed him as Fire Chief for the Takoma Park Fire Department. He extended sincere congratulations to Steve, expressing his sincere confidence in him, that he would carry out his job to the best of his ability.

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.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

GENERAL FUND  
Statement of Financial Transactions  
March 1960

	Cash Balance Beginning of Month	Cash Balance End of Month
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park G/F	52541.14	45181.81
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park P/A	612.07	928.20
Suburban Trust Company	4227.95	4227.95
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00
	<u>57506.16</u>	<u>50462.96</u>

		Total Bud- get Rev.to 3-31-60	Budget Bal- ance as of 3-31-60	1959-60 Adopted Budget	
<u>Revenues</u>					
1.0 Taxes - Local	2069.86	377720.75	-2082.98	375637.77	100.5
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	4601.71	33001.13	68848.87	101850.00	32.4
2.0 Licenses & Permits	691.90	18478.22	6146.78	24625.00	75.0
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	481.25	1024.75	775.25	1800.00	56.8
4.0 Rev. from Use of M & P	13494.06	18254.81	-15314.81	2940.00	620.7
5.0 Rev. from Other Agencies	-	-	34864.95	34864.95	
6.0 Svc. Chg. for Cur. Svc.	539.68	11020.20	585.80	11606.00	95.0
	<u>21878.46</u>	<u>459499.86</u>	<u>93823.86</u>	<u>553323.72</u>	<u>83.0</u>
Non-Budgeted Receipts	50557.52				
	72435.98				
Adjustments	13226.56	59209.42			
	<u>116715.58</u>				

This month's percentage  
figure 75%

		Expended	Balance	Adopted	
<u>Disbursements</u>					
10.1 Govt. Administration	3815.95	27037.21	10953.29A	36163.50	71.1
10.8 Govt. Buildings	13979.75	34839.48	2021.29B	19850.00	94.4
11.1 Police Department	9710.58	90163.64	34288.82C	120744.50	72.4
11.2 Fire Department	7182.20	59267.75	22217.91D	75179.00	72.7
11.3 Protective Inspection	563.11	5346.46	3309.54E	8656.00	61.7
11.9 Other Protection	-	70.00	30.00F	100.00	70.0
12.1 P/W Office	1233.70	10041.98	3693.02G	13735.00	73.1
12.2 P/W Highways	7804.22	43826.79	21390.60H	62564.70	67.1
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	3762.82	24486.03	4613.97I	29100.00	84.1
13.0 P/W Sanitation	3827.96	57001.10	17190.65J	61304.50	76.8
19.0 Recreation Division	417.17	26862.35	14151.95K	36514.30	65.4
22.0 Miscellaneous	1231.25	26416.33	4558.67L	30975.00	85.2
22.1 Capital Budget	13472.70	15421.81	-5897.65M	1800.00	161.90
Council Appropriations	750.00	825.78	479.07N	1304.85	63.3
Legal Reserve Fund	-	-	-1284.12O	55332.37	102.3
	<u>67751.41</u>	<u>421606.71</u>	<u>131717.01</u>	<u>553323.72</u>	<u>68.1</u>
Non-Budgeted Accounts	10493.77			A 1827.00	
	78245.18			B 17010.77	
Adjustments	11992.56	66252.62		C 3707.96	
	<u>50462.96</u>			D 6306.66	
				H 2652.69	
				J 12887.25	
				K 4500.00	
				M 7724.16	
				<u>56616.49</u>	

GENERAL FUND  
Balance Sheet Accounts Comparison  
February-March 1960

<u>Assets</u>	Balance 2-29-60	Balance 3-31-60	Changes During Month
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park G/F	52541.14	45181.81	-7359.33
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park P/A	612.07	928.20	316.13
Suburban Trust Company	4227.95	4227.95	-
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable - 1959 Levy	7410.28	5469.11	-1941.17
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent (56-58)	4902.16	4902.16	-
Interest Receivable-Delinquent Taxes	263.32	263.32	-
Towing Account	122.00	122.00	-
Uniform Account	1192.83	1189.36	-3.47
Protective Apparel	76.53	124.77	48.24
Maple Avenue Improvement	6450.00	6450.00	-
Glenside Drive Project	7289.01	7289.01	-
Commercial Trash Account Receivable	252.00	252.00	-
Prepaid Insurance	1013.61	10268.13	9254.52
Cumberland Avenue	24.40	24.40	-
Kirklynn Avenue	49.61	725.61	676.00
North Takoma Drainage	1000.00	1000.00	-
Contracts in Progress	6000.00	6000.00	-
Claims	2338.77	2338.77	-
Hayward, Colby & Cherry Avenues	271.48	271.48	-
Certificate of Deposit	10000.00	50000.00	-50000.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	890.93	807.61	-83.32
Uniform Stock	120.87	120.87	-
Capital Assets Control	153631.95	173950.14	20318.19
Group Hospitalization	-	3.57	3.57
	<u>350805.91</u>	<u>322035.27</u>	<u>-28770.64</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>			
Escrow	951.67	1001.67	50.00
Maryland Withholding Tax	551.74	855.82	304.08
D. C. Withholding Tax	44.61	65.58	20.97
Group Hospitalization	5.35	-	-5.35
Certificate of Indebtedness	17500.00	17500.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	152.40	152.40	-
Accounts Payable	41612.67	40626.55	-986.12
Accrued Payroll	2519.26	2203.72	-315.54
Overpayment of Taxes	21.82	21.82	-
Contracts Payable	6000.00	6000.00	-
Commercial Trash Billing	80.00	80.00	-
Due from Special Assessment Fund	9910.77	9910.77	-
Lot 6, Block 104, S. S. Carroll's	13101.56	-	-13101.56
	<u>92451.85</u>	<u>78418.33</u>	<u>-14033.52</u>
Unappropriated Surplus from Previous Year	23303.91	20820.38	-2483.53
Appropriated Net Asset Value	82857.60	42680.54	-40177.06
Unappropriated Reserve Fund Balance	6350.88	-1284.12	-7635.00
General Fixed Assets in Progress	145841.67	181400.14	35558.47
	<u>350805.91</u>	<u>322035.27</u>	<u>-28770.64</u>
Special Improvement Account:			
2-20-60 Balance	4,227.95		
No. Dep. or Withdrawals	-		
	<u>4,227.95</u>		

GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
April 1960

	Cash Balance Beginning of Month	Cash Balance End of Month			
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	45181.81	76360.43			
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/A	928.20	343.06			
Suburban Trust Company	4227.95	227.95			
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00			
	50462.96	77056.44			
			Total Bud- get Rev.to 4-30-60	Budget Bal- ance as of 4-30-60	1959-60 Adopted Budget
<u>Revenues</u>					
1.0 Taxes - Local	3307.01		381027.76	-5389.99	375637.77 101.4
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	208.14		33209.27	68640.73	101850.00 32.6
2.0 Licenses - Permits	581.74		19059.96	5565.04	24625.00 77.3
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	71.20		1095.95	704.05	1800.00 60.8
4.0 Rev. from Use of Money & Prop.	202.39		18457.20	-15517.20	2940.00 627.5
5.0 Rev. from Other Agencies	42452.02		42452.02	-7587.07	34864.95 121.7
6.0 Svc. Chg. for Current Svc.	675.87		11696.07	-90.07	11606.00 100.7
	47498.37		506998.23	46325.49	553323.72 91.6
Non-Budgeted Receipts	55368.79				
	102867.16				
Adjustments	158.89		102708.27		
	153171.23			This month's percentage figure 83 1/3%	
<u>Disbursements</u>			<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Adopted</u>
10.1 Government Administration	2985.06		30022.27	7968.23(A)	36163.50 79.0
10.8 Government Buildings	2162.69		37002.17	-141.40(B)	19850.00 100.3
11.1 Police Department	9712.11		99875.75	24576.71(C)	120744.50 80.2
11.2 Fire Department	7440.64		66708.39	14777.27(D)	75179.00 81.8
11.3 Protective Inspection	624.74		5971.20	2684.80(E)	8656.00 68.9
11.9 Other Protection	-		70.00	30.00(F)	100.00 70.0
12.1 P/W Office	1024.43		11066.41	2668.59(F)	13735.00 80.5
12.2 P/W Highways	4884.20		48710.99	17306.40(H)	62564.70 73.7
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	3990.36		28476.39	623.61(I)	29100.00 97.8
13.0 Sanitation	6287.50		63288.60	10903.15(J)	61304.50 85.2
19.0 Recreation Division	3111.87		29974.22	12040.08(K)	36514.30 71.3
22.0 Miscellaneous	6333.60		32749.93	-1774.93(L)	30975.00 105.7
22.1 Capital Budget	620.30		16042.11	-6517.95(M)	1800.00 168.4
Council Appropriations	-		825.78	479.07(N)	1304.85 63.3
Legal Reserve Fund	-		-	-3084.12(O)	55332.37 105.56
	49177.50		470784.21	82539.51	553323.70 76.9
Non-Budgeted Accounts	7246.75				
	56424.25				A 1827.00
Adjustments	19690.54	76114.79			B 17010.77
	77056.44				C 3707.96
					D 6306.66
					H 3452.69
					J 12887.25
					K 5500.00
					M 7724.16
					58416.49

GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS COMPARISON  
March - April 1960

<u>Assets</u>	Balance 3-31-60	Balance 4-30-60	Changes During Month
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	45181.81	76360.43	31178.62
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/A	928.20	343.06	-585.14
Suburban Trust Company	4227.95	227.95	-4000.00
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable-1959 Levy	5469.11	4078.60	-1390.51
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	4902.16	4902.16	-
Interest Receivable-Delinquent Taxes	263.32	263.32	-
Towing Account	122.00	99.00	-23.00
Univorm Account	1189.36	1230.00	40.64
Protective Apparel	124.77	75.54	-49.23
Maple Avenue Improvement	6450.00	12450.00	6000.00
Glenside Drive Project	7289.01	7289.01	-
Commercial Trash Account Receivable	252.00	270.00	18.00
Prepaid Insurance	10268.13	9186.68	-1081.45
Cumberland Avenue	24.40	24.40	-
Kirklynn Avenue	725.61	7803.66	7078.05
North Takoma Drainage	1000.00	1000.00	-
Contracts in Progress	6000.00	-	-6000.00
Claims	2338.77	2263.01	-75.76
Hayward, Cherry & Colby Avenues	271.48	271.48	-
Certificate of Deposit	50000.00	-	-50000.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	807.61	-	-807.61
Uniform Stock	120.87	122.82	1.95
Capital Assets Control	173950.14	173880.14	-70.00
Group Hospitalization	3.57	-	-3.57
	<u>322035.27</u>	<u>302266.26</u>	<u>-19769.01</u>

Liabilities

Escrow	1001.67	1051.67	50.00
Maryland Tax	855.82	304.59	-551.23
D. C. Tax	65.58	22.75	-42.83
Group Hospitalization	-	5.35	5.35
Certificate of Indebtedness	17500.00	17500.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	152.40	152.40	-
Accounts Payable	40626.55	29742.68	-10883.87
Accrued Payroll	2203.72	2211.06	7.34
Overpayment of Taxes	21.82	21.82	-
Contracts Payable	6000.00	-	-6000.00
Commercial Trash Billing	80.00	98.00	18.00
Due from S/A Fund	9910.77	9910.77	-
	<u>78418.33</u>	<u>61021.09</u>	<u>-17397.24</u>
Unappropriated Surplus	20820.38	15493.83	-5326.55
Appropriated Net Asset Value	42680.54	41505.32	-1175.22
Reserve Fund Balance	-1284.12	-3084.12	-1800.00
General Fixed Assets in Progress	181400.14	187330.14	5930.00
	<u>322035.27</u>	<u>302266.26</u>	<u>-19769.01</u>
Special Improvement Account:			
Balance 3-31-60	10846.17		
No. Dep. or Withdrawals	-		
	<u>10846.17</u>		