

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
July 11, 1960

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

At this time, Mr. Clayton Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue, City, Chairman of the 4th of July Independence Day Committee, held the drawing for door prizes, under the direction of Councilman Roth. This event is usually held on the night of the 4th, at the fireworks celebration, however, due to the heavy schedule it was deferred until the present Council Meeting. Ten names were drawn from a box containing all the names of citizens in Takoma Park who had contributed financially to the event; the money being used to help defray the expenses incurred. The prizes are contributed by local merchants.

Councilman Sidell moved that the minutes of June 27th, 1960, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, expression of appreciation of Resolution by City Council upon the passing of Monsignor King. Referred to Council Files.
2. Erick I. Weile, Weile's Creations, invitation to Foreign Students. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
3. Patrick Healy, Jr., Executive Director, American Municipal Association, welcoming City of Takoma Park as full member of association. Referred to Council Files.
4. Board of License Commissioners, Prince George's County. Notice of Hearing, Thursday, July 21st., 10 a.m., on transfer Class A, Off-sale license for use of Larry-s Liquor's, Inc., 1155 University Blvd., East, Takoma Park, Maryland. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee and Law and Ordinances Committees.
5. Board of County Commissioners, Prince George's County, acknowledgement of letter June 16th, regarding Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-3685. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
6. State Roads Commission, requesting program of work under intended "Force Account Work" utilizing Federal Aid Secondary Funds. Referred to Public Works and Finance Committees.
7. Miss Juliet Strite, 415 Ethan Allen Avenue, City, complaint of debris along Ethan Allen Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements and Public Safety Committees.
8. David F. Colburn, 314 Ethan Allen Avenue, City, request for "No Parking" signs on South side Winchester Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
9. F. I. Caruso, National Board of Fire Underwriters, (To Fire Chief LaScola), expression of gratitude to members of Fire Department in donating blood for Mrs. Caruso during her fatal illness. Referred to Public Safety Committee and Fire Department.
10. Alvin Powdermaker, 1106 Kingwood Drive, commendation of Corporal Bever of the Police Department for services rendered. Referred to Council Files with copy in Corporal Bever's personal file.
11. W. W. Corbin, Lieutenant with Maryland State Police, congratulations and appreciation to all those who worked to help make the parade on the 4th of July such a huge success. Referred to 4th of July Committee.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park:		Special Improvement Account:	
5-31-60 Balance	59,927.45	5-31-60 Balance	2,333.69
Adjustment	-6.85	June Revenues	104.47
	<u>59,920.60</u>		<u>2,438.16</u>
June Revenues	79,453.99	June Disbursements	110.00
	<u>139,374.59</u>		<u>2,328.16</u>
June Disbursements	43,871.24	Suburban Trust Company:	
Balance 6-30-60	<u>95,503.35</u>	5-31-60 Balance	227.95
		No. Rev. or Disb.	-
		6-30-60 Balance	<u>227.95</u>

## OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller extended sincere thanks to Mr. Railey, Mrs. Vera Hash, and Mr. Jack Resnicoff, as well as to others who served on the Committee for the 4th of July Celebration. He said this year's program was one of the finest yet, and that all who helped make it so deserve special recognition.

Mayor Miller spoke concerning the Foreign Students who will be guests of the City beginning this Wednesday afternoon, July 13th. He said that the City will be hosts to the students at a swimming party on Thursday evening, and a square dance and social hour on Friday evening. He cordially invited those who wished, to attend the affair on Friday evening.

Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, addressed the Council, stating that appreciation was due to numerous City employees who contributed a great deal of time and effort to the 4th of July Celebration. She especially thanked Director of Public Works Rhodes, Mr. Williams, Chief Foster and his officers, as well as other employees who gave assistance. She said that Mr. Rhodes had built four very nice tables for the luncheon at the Library, that will serve the City usefully for some time.

Mrs. Hash then requested, as a representative of the Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association, that if possible, that two nights be designated for the Public Hearing on the City Budget. She said their reason is that the hearing is always held on their meeting night, as well as that of the Spring Park Citizens' Association. Mayor Miller said that when he first took office that this arrangement was followed, however, that at the second hearing so few citizens attended, that it proved impracticable. He referred her suggestion to the Finance Committee for study.

Mrs. Louis L. Cornwell, 7005 Westmoreland Avenue, spoke to the Council with regard to the proposed zoning change of property on Westmoreland Avenue, owned by Mr. Herbert D. Smith. She said that those living in close proximity are interested as to just what type of building would be erected on the premises.

Councilman Roth told her that the Council does not know what exactly is proposed for the lot, other than possibly a six story apartment building, inasmuch as plans have not been presented as yet. He also told her that the Council does not have the final say, that they are asked for a recommendation by the Park and Planning Commission, however, that the final judgment lies with the Montgomery County Council. He said that zoning laws are governed by State Law and that they do not require plans be submitted.

Mrs. Cornwell asked just what type garbage disposal would be involved and would an incinerator be allowed. Councilman Collison told her there would be one installed in the project, however, they would have access to the City's Disposal system too.

Mrs. Cornwell asked if the Park and Planning Commission has any restrictions over plans; to which Councilman Roth said they have no particular rules governing the type



of buildings erected, and believes that Mr. Smith is requesting R-10 density, which would permit one apartment for every 1,000 sq. ft. Mrs. Cornwell asked if they could all be notified just when the zoning petition would be up for hearing, in order that they might attend the meeting. They were told they would be notified. Councilman Roth also told her that as soon as he had more of the details, that he would call her by telephone.

There was also a statement made that it has been rumored that the financial backers of the proposed project have withdrawn their support, and if true, it is not known how this would affect Mr. Smith's request for a zoning change.

Mrs. Clifford A. Russell, 7001 Westmoreland Avenue said she agreed with Mrs. Cornwell, however, did add that if an apartment building is allowed on the lot, it would spoil the whole neighborhood. She said that those to be closely affected by the change have lived in their locations for many years, and were not happy by this proposed change, and would like to see the neighborhood remain as it is.

Mrs. Henry R. Brown, 7002 Westmoreland Avenue, said she lives across the street from the proposed project and that she realizes that zoning matters are carried on by democratic processes, however, she said that it is hard to say what one feels, unless it is known what will be erected on the site.

After further discussion it was stated that not too much could be done until notice is received from the Park and Planning Commission. Those concerned with the request will be notified when the matter will be scheduled for Council action, so that they can attend the meeting.

Mr. Jack Resnicoff, 2214 Banning Place, Lewisdale, spoke with regard to the 4th of July Celebration. He said he concurred with Mrs. Hash' statements, and out of his respect for his Country and Flag, he believed that the efforts put forth for the Celebration were worth while. He said that he knows the people of Takoma Park appreciate the efforts and is happy to hear the comments coming in.

Chief of Police Foster presented to the Mayor, the commendation given the City by the Automobile Club of Maryland, in recognition of the fine accomplishment of the City for having a spotless pedestrian fatality record in 1959. Mayor Miller was very happy to receive the commendation.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner expressed his appreciation for the best parade City has every had on the 4th of July; He also commended the Fire Department for the excellent way they handled the fire on Carroll Avenue this week.
2. Councilman Turner reported on the storm drainage problem at the Spring Park Baseball Diamond. He said he wasn't quite sure just what could be done and would like the Public Works Department to look into it. Director Rhodes said that it would cost a great deal to fix it properly, however, they would keep a watch on it.
3. Councilman Turner said that the Summer Recreation Program is well under way, especially in the Prince George's Section. He said that square dances have been scheduled for the summer; the first one was held at Washington Park last Sunday, however, it was rained out and will be held on July 17th.
4. Councilman Turner, upon Committee recommendation, moved that Mrs. Belle Ziegler, be appointed Summer Recreation Director at the rate of \$1.75 per hour. This was seconded by Councilman Jones. He further said that there is some car expense involved and moved that this be taken from the contingent fund, in the amount of \$5.00 per week. This was also seconded by Councilman Jones. Councilman Collison said that the City is very



fortunate to obtain the services of Mrs. Ziegler. Upon being put to question, the motions were carried.

5. Councilman Turner reported on the progress being made as to the backstop repair at Hodges Field; Director of Public Works Rhodes said that work was started and would be completed on the 13th; Councilman Turner said that action would be taken soon on the offer to City by the Takoma Park Women's Club of a tree to beautify community; He said that he had viewed Spring Park as to the complaint that golf is being played and had not noticed anyone there, however, it is an established fact that it has been done. He requested that Chief Foster check on the area.

6. Councilman Turner reported on the request for volunteers and contribution in behalf of the Girl Scout Camp Building Fund. He said that inasmuch as it is not the policy of the City to contribute to this type thing, therefore, item can be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Jack Resnicoff informed the Council that the American Legion Band is available to play concerts for the City, and indicated that the band would like to affiliate with Takoma Park officially. Mayor Miller referred this offer to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councilman Forshee had no report at this time and asked to be excused.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported that the hearing on the request for license for Larry's Liquors in the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center will be held on July 21st, and asked that a representative of the City attend it; He also asked that Mr. Gingerich or Mr. Pridgen attend the hearing on Z. A. P. Nos. 3673 & 3674, Lts. 1-12 inclusive and Lts. 20-24 inclusive, Block 4, N. H. Gardens, R-55 & R-18 to C-0 Zone to be held on July 20th.

Councilman Roth stated that he had no further report on the request for variance in the parking problem in the Thornton Case. However, it was said that the County Council had granted their request and that workers on the project had been directed to proceed. The City has received no notice of approval as yet.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the complaints as to storm drainage on Erskine Street, Poplar and Spruce Avenues. He moved for authority to have McNeill Surveys prepare plans for the correction of these areas. Upon being seconded by Councilman Sidell, and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Collison reported on the progress on the park shelters. He moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise for bids when directed by the Public Works Committee. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works will be requested to prepare plans and specifications. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Collison reported that there will be a vacancy in the position of Auto Equipment Supervisor, inasmuch as the present employee is resigning to accept a position in Florida. Director of Public Works has been interviewing possible replacements for the position, and recommends the appointment of Mr. Carl G. Fiske, who presently operates a filling station on New Hampshire Avenue. Mr. Fiske fills the requirements, therefore, Councilman Collison so moved that he be appointed as Auto Equipment Supervisor, for a six months probationary period, effective July 25th, 1960, in accordance with the



present Merit Plan, at an annual salary of \$4,520.25, which includes the  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  cost of living raise, effective for the year 1960/61 only. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Collison reported on the letter from the State Roads Commission, requesting program of work under intended "Force Account Work", utilizing Federal Aid Secondary Funds. He said this applies strictly to County operation, therefore, can be dismissed.

4. Councilman Collison reported that two samples have been taken from the spring at "Spring Park" and tested in the laboratories at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, and found to be unfit for human consumption. He directed that the Public Works Department prepare and post the proper sign at the spring.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones said that he has received about 10 copies of model city charters and as soon as he has had time to study them in connection with revision of Takoma Park City Charter, the Committee will be ready to make recommendations; He said that the work on the codification of the City Laws and Ordinances is being worked on; He also reported that the Levine/Seek case will be discussed with the City's Corporation Counsel.

Councilman Collison asked if it would be possible to have separate books of the codification available to the Council Members, pertaining wholly to the individual Committees. This type arrangement will be available to anyone wishing just portions of the codification when completed.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of the Fire Chief, Fire Officers and City Fire Board, the Committee moves the purchase of two Seagrave Pumpers for the Takoma Park Fire Department, in accordance with specifications, one to be delivered as soon as possible, the other by January 1st, 1961, to cost \$47,493.00 net. There was some discussion as to funds to pay for the two pumpers and it was pointed out that at the last meeting \$37,500.00 was set aside by the Chairman of the Finance Committee for the possible purchase of these pumpers and that additional funds would be allotted from Surplus at the time. Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO 1610

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

Section 1. WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety, the need has been established for replacement of two older fire pumpers, and

Section 2. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids were received and publicly opened on June 1st, 1960 for two new pumpers, with allowances for trade-in of the two older pumpers, the lowest acceptable bid having been submitted by The Seagrave Corporation.

Section 3. THEREFORE, The Seagrave Corporation is hereby awarded the Contract to supply one 1,000 G.P.M., Class A Fire Pumper as soon as possible and one 1,000 G.P.M., Class A Fire Pumper after January 1st, 1961, both pieces of apparatus to conform to specifications and requirements as set forth in original "invitation to bid" with such modifications as were subsequently approved by the Public Safety Committee and Municipal Fire Chief and



Section 4. FURTHER THAT the NET AWARD as authorized herein be in the sum of FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS (\$47,493.00) computed as follows:

Two 1,000 G.P.M., Class A Fire Pumpers (\$25,889.00 ea)	\$51,778.00
Less: Trade In Allowance two units (1937 #23 & 1943 #22)	3,500.00
	<u>\$48,278.00</u>
Less: <del>One Deck Gun Unit-deleted</del>	785.00
Net Award	<u>\$47,493.00</u>

Section 5. AND FURTHER THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to assign to The Seagrave Corporation the titles to Seagrave Engine #23, Serial #85850, Title D736308 and Seagrave Engine #22, Serial #6-C-480-B2650, Title D736307 upon delivery, satisfactory passage of acceptance test in presence of representative of the Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau and approval by the Municipal Fire Chief of each respective replacement unit, and

Section 6. THAT funds be provided from the Reserved Surplus carried over from previous year for this purpose and if insufficient, deficiency to be transferred from current Reserve Fund.

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

2. Councilman Sidell pointed out that due to the shortage of personnel in the Police Department, that it is necessary to use the services of one of the School Crossing Guards. He, therefore, moved that the services of Mr. Arthur Rubenstein be used for about one month, at the usual crossing guard salary, this amount to be charged to the regular Salaries Account of the Police Department, Account No. 11.111. This was seconded by Councilman Turner. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster and the Committee, moved that John T. Ward, be appointed to the Takoma Park Police Department, as a Private, effective August 1, 1960, for a six months probationary period, at a salary of \$4,100.00, which includes the 2½% cost of living raise, in effect for the year 1960/61 only. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster and the Committee, moved that Leon Starke Ruefly, be appointed to the Takoma Park Police Department, as a Private, effective August 1, 1960, for a six months probationary period, at a salary of \$4,100.00, which includes the 2½% cost of living raise, in effect for the year 1960/61 only. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Jones questioned the ages of the two officers appointed, as to whether it would have any effect on the insurance rates of the City. Councilman Sidell said that it would not.

Councilman Sidell reported that there would be a Committee Meeting at the Fire House on Wednesday evening; also a meeting at his home on Thursday evening, July 21st of the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. ...  
Clerk-Treasurer



REGULAR MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 July 25, 1960

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Excused: Councilman McKenzie.

Inasmuch as the Clergyman to give the Invocation had not arrived as yet, Mayor Miller asked the Clerk-Treasurer to report on correspondence received.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Vincent L. Gingerich, Esq., Corporation Counsel, City of Takoma Park, reporting results of Public Hearing on Zoning Application Nos. 3673 & 3674; District Council for Prince George's Court disapproved both applications. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Gino & Anna Forchielli, 609 Sligo Creek Parkway, City, request for reduction in assessed valuation as result of denial for Multi-family use. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
3. Daniel M. Lewis, Secretary, Ritchie Avenue Association, request for two "slow" signs and that matter of "Loitering" at Oswego and Ritchie Avenue be looked into. Referred to Public Safety and ~~Public Works~~ Committees. (See correction on Page 215)
4. Robert W. Hamilton, Chairman, City Fire Board, report of Election of new officers on July 13th, 1960, at Annual Meeting of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
5. E. Snowden Chambers, United States Information Agency, report on La Plata, Argentina, Sister-City Affiliation. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
6. Walter B. Vogelsang, 1102 Kirklynn Avenue, inquiry concerning paving of unpaved portion of Kirklynn Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
7. C. L. Warner, Comptroller, Maryland State Road Commission, report of Federal Aid Urban apportionment for 1961 fiscal year, \$32,389.00. Referred to Public Works and Finance Committees.
8. Copy of letter by Director of Public Works, Earl K. Rhodes, addressed to McNeill Surveys, Inc., concerning urgency for completion of plans for Maple Avenue improvement. Referred to Public Works Committee.

The Clergyman had not arrived at this time, therefore, the Invocation was given by Councilman Clayton D. Forshee, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Councilman Jones moved that the minutes of July 11th, 1960, be accepted as correct. Upon being seconded by Councilman Collison, and put to question, the motion was carried.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller said that special recognition is given to Private James D. Finch of the U. S. Park Police, for his heroic deed in rescuing occupants from a burning building at 7056 Carroll Avenue on the evening of July 10th. Private Finch was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fire Department for his efforts. Mayor Miller commended Private Finch very highly for his deeds.

Mr. Richard Ford, 29 Hickory Avenue, addressed the Council on Z.A.P. C-489, Takoma Enterprises, Inc., for Herbert D. Smith. This application concerns the request for rezoning to R-10 of lots located at Carroll and Westmoreland Avenues. There were about 40 people present to support Mr. Ford's statements. Mr. Ford asked the following questions



relative to this request: What affect would it have (1) generally on the area; (2) on property values; (3) narrowness of streets; (4) on present school system; (5) on what is now a very quiet neighborhood? He also said he understands there are three different parts to this area in question, (a) commercial zoning; (b) private residential; and (c) one smaller type apartment.

Mayor Miller informed those present, that to date the Council has received no official notice from the Park and Planning Commission. A zoning notice has been received from the County setting a hearing date on September 26th. As yet the Council is not aware of the type of building that might be proposed for the lots. It was also said that it is not necessary to present a copy of plans to the Council when requesting a zoning change, that County Building Permits Department has jurisdiction over building construction.

Mr. John Pavolowsky, 26 Pine Avenue, asked if the Council would be asked to give a recommendation on this request before the Public Hearing with the County Council and was told they would.

Mr. Phillip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, spoke concerning the above petition and strongly opposed the erection of an apartment building. He said he has lived in the area for over 50 years, and that he hoped to enjoy his remaining years with the Westerly breeze he has always enjoyed. He said that to take away this comfort altho' being nothing tangible, it was of great importance to him.

After considerable more discussion, Mayor Miller said that as soon as a notice has been received from the Park and Planning Commission, Mr. Ford will be notified and that the Civic Improvements Committee would be happy to meet with those who might wish to do so, in order that all views might be aired before the Council makes it recommendation.

Mr. Charles D. Lampe, 517 Elm Avenue, asked what the Council thought about appealing the recently granted liquor license for Larry's Liquors in the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center. He also mentioned the American Legion Band's desire to serve the City of Takoma Park; Inasmuch as they are in need of a meeting place, he suggested the possible use of the Municipal Gymnasium, pointing out there would be no expense involved. However, Mayor Miller corrected the latter statement, saying there will be about \$30.00 a month needed to cover the cost of the director. Councilman Collison also suggested the use of the Heffner Park Community Building. Mr. Lampe further thanked Director of P/W Rhodes for the building of a platform for the coke machine in Forest Park.

Mayor Miller referred the American Legion Band project to Councilman Turner, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the appeal of the Liquor License to Councilman Jones, Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee.

Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, addressed the Council concerning his resignation as a Special Police Officer with the Takoma Park Police Department.

#### LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones reported on the notification that Mr. Alex Levine will seek idemnification and/or contribution from City for any amounts he is required to pay in connection with Julian J. Seek Claim. He asked that the Corporation Counsel explain just what this means. Mr. Gingerich said that the City of Takoma Park carries insurance to cover claims such as this, also covering the negligence angle, which he believes Mr. Levine is referring to. Councilman Jones said the item can be removed from the agenda, until the appropriate time to be taken into consideration.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell reported on the request for "No Parking" signs on south side of Winchester Avenue, that the Chief of Police had investigated the request, however, the



Committee had not studied it as yet.

2. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of the Fire Chief and City Fire Board, moved the permanent appointment of Privates Gibson E. McKenzie and John Parsley, of the Takoma Park Fire Department, each having satisfactorily completed the required probationary period, effective July 16th, 1960. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Sidell said that the parking problem on Larch Avenue and Glaizewood Avenue has been observed by the Police Department and the Committee moves the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1611

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 South side of Larch Avenue between New Hampshire Avenue and Glaizewood Avenue.

Section 2. AND THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby directed to install signs to indicate restrictions ordained by Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing No Parking in the City of Takoma Park.

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

3. Councilman Sidell said that Fire Chief LaScola had turned in his expense sheet for the Firemen's Convention held in Ocean City recently, as he was requested to do and anyone desiring to see it could. The report is in order.

4. Councilman Sidell reported on the recent request for no parking on either side of Anne Street between Carroll Avenue and Glenside Drive. He moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1612

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 both sides of Anne Street, between Carroll Avenue and Glenside Drive.

Section 2. AND THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby directed to install signs to indicate restrictions ordained by Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing No Parking in the City of Takoma Park.



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

5. Councilman Sidell reported that the Committee has been investigating the possible purchase of a radio for Motorcycle #3, and a radar unit for one of the Police Cruisers for the purpose of recording speeding violations. The purchase of these items would cost approximately \$1800. There was considerable discussion as to the feasibility of the purchase of a radar unit, however, discussion was held pending further investigation. Councilman Sidell mentioned the possible advertising for bids for the purchase of a new police cruiser to replace the 1958 Car #4.

6. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of Police Chief Foster, moved that Rodney Thomas Ingels be appointed to the Takoma Park Police Department as a Private, for a six months probationary period, effective August 8th, 1960, at the annual salary of \$4,100.00 per annum (\$4,000.00 Base plus temporary  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  increase). Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Councilman Sidell reported that Police Chief S. A. Foster is away on two weeks vacation.

7. Councilman Sidell reported that he has received a City map from Mr. Frederick Reiss, Chairman of the City's Traffic Safety Committee, marking out the locations at which traffic safety posters have been proposed to be posted. The Committee will study it further.

8. Councilman Sidell said that there are two car allowances in the 1960-61 Budget, one for the Fire Chief in the amount of \$300.00 and one for the Deputy Fire Chief & Asst. Fire Marshal in the amount of \$480.00. He moved that, inasmuch as Sgt. Baron E. DeKalb is now serving as Asst. Fire Marshal, that this amount of \$480.00 in Account No. 11.212L2, be paid to him, effective August 1st, 1960. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison, and upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner said he had no report on the American Legion Band as yet; He said the other items on his agenda are being taken care of; He reported that the square dance programs being held in the City Park are highly successful and the next dance is scheduled for August 7th, at 7:30 p.m., at Washington Park.

#### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported on Z. A. P. Nos. 3673 & 3674, described as Lots 1 thru 5, 23 and 24 in Block 4 of New Hampshire Gardens Subdivision, located on the southwest corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Kirklyn Avenue in the City of Takoma Park. He said the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County denied the applications for change in zoning.

2. Councilman Roth spoke with reference to Zoning Applications C-425, C-426 and C-427. It is the opinion of the Mayor and Council that if the subject text of these zoning applications are adopted by the County Council, each of them will be beneficial to the City of Takoma Park. Therefore, Councilman Roth moved that a letter be sent to the Montgomery County Council supporting these applications. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Councilman Roth spoke concerning the recent granting of a liquor license for Larry's Liquors in the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center. He asked Corporation Counsel Gingerich if the City would stand any chance in having the license revoked, should the Mayor and Council appeal the case. Mr. Gingerich replied the City would gain little in appealing, inasmuch as the License Board had presented sufficient need for the granting of the license.



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Councilman Collison introduced his son to the Mayor and Council. He is visiting here for the first time in 14 years, and hails from the State of California.

1. Councilman Collison reported on the letter received from the State Roads Commission reporting Federal Aid Urban Apportionment for 1961 fiscal year in the amount of \$32,389.00 to the City of Takoma Park. This also ties in with the letter written by Director of Public Works Earl K. Rhodes, addressed to McNeill Surveys, Inc., concerning urgency for completion of plans for Maple Avenue Improvement. Mr. Rhodes stated quite strongly to McNeill that if plans are not ready by the 15th of August the City will lose the amount allotted to them by the SRC. It is strongly hoped that some tangible plan will be received from McNeill, prior to that time.

Councilman Jones asked if it weren't possible for the City to hire another company to survey the project, however, it was pointed out that this would be costly and it is the opinion of the Committee, that McNeill has a much better knowledge of the layout of the City.

2. Councilman Collison reported that equipment has been moved into the North Takoma area and that work will begin this week on the storm drainage project.

3. Councilman Collison said that the work has been about completed on the parking lot next to the fire house, except for barricades to stop cars on edge of lot, and a minor drainage problem to be worked out. Chief LaScola said he has taken care of the barricade situation to prevent cars from rolling into the adjoining property. Councilman Collison reported that the work is progressing on the Park Shelters, nothing definite as yet.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee said that it is a long time before the next budget hearing, therefore, the matter of two hearing dates will be given consideration, should there prove to be a need for more than one.

2. Councilman Forshee reported that in connection with a recent request by Mr. Forchielli, 609 Sligo Creek Parkway, for permission to have a Multi-family residence; the Council having turned down his request, he had applied for a reduction in taxes, which was granted by Montgomery County. This reduction will take affect on the 1961-62 billing.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Ridge  
Clerk-Treasurer



EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
August 8, 1960

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

Councilman Collison requested that the minutes of July 25th be corrected, in that Public Works Committee be deleted from Item 3, under Correspondence Received. The minutes of July 25th, 1960 were then accepted as corrected, upon motion made, seconded and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Zoning Amendment Petitions No. C-449, David J. Weltman, Applicant-Owner, R-60 to R-20 Zone, Lots 21, 22 and 23, Block 50, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision, South side Lincoln Avenue between Jefferson and Maple Avenues. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
2. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-478, Maurice S. Rothfield, Applicant James E. & Mabel S. Gittings, Owners, R-60 to R-10 Zone, Lot 4, Block 2, S. S. Carrolls unrecorded subdivision, 114 Grant Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
3. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-489, Takoma Enterprises, Inc., and Herbert D. Smith, Applicants-Owners, R-30, R-60 and C-2 Zones to R-10 Zone, all of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10 and parts of Lots 7 & 8, Block F, Gilbert & Woods Subdivision and all of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Block 16, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision on Carroll, Westmoreland and Pine Avenues. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
4. William M. Greene, 7127 Willow Avenue, City, Complaints, (1) Condition of property at 7125 Willow Avenue; (2) Condition of property at 7130 Willow Avenue. Referred to Public Welfare and Public Safety Committees.
5. Rose K. Dawson, Board of Supervisors of Elections, Montgomery County, request for use of Fire House for Registration, Tuesday, September 6th, 2 to 5 and 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Permission was granted unanimously.
6. Harold F. Stewart, Chief, U. S. Park Police, acknowledgement of citation of Private James D. Finch upon heroism in recent fire. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/A:		Suburban Trust Company:	
6-30-60 Balance	95,503.35	6-30-60 Balance	227.95
July Receipts	217,550.84	July Receipts	8,851.56
	<u>313,054.19</u>	7-31-60 Balance	<u>9,079.51</u>
July Disbursements	146,997.00*		
7-31-60 Balance	<u>166,057.19</u>	Citizens Bank-Special Improvement Account:	
*Includes purchase of Certificates of		6-30-60 Balance	2,328.16
Deposit \$100,000 at 3% P.A.		July Receipts	<u>3,083.24</u>
		7-30-60 Balance	<u>5,411.40</u>

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported on the registered complaint of condition of properties at 7125 & 7130 Willow Avenue. He said the Committee recommends that the Clerk-Treasurer write a letter to the owners of the property in an attempt to have them clean up the property. He moved that this be done. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, it was carried.



2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the City Building Inspector Mr. Williams has completed 24 inspections during the month of August, as well as investigated 26 complaints.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of the Committee, moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise for bids for one police cruiser to replace Car #4, a 1958 Ford. He said that the same specifications could be used as were followed on the purchase of the last two cars, with the exception that this car be white. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. There was discussion on the service given of the two Dodge Darts, and Chief of Police Foster and Director of P/W Rhodes both commented they have proven to be quite satisfactory and thus far have required very little maintenance. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

2. There was considerable discussion on the feasibility of radar for the City of Takoma Park, the discussion culminating in Councilman Roth requesting that Chief of Police Foster prepare pertinent data as to the use of radar, so that the Council Members would be more familiar with its proposed use.

3. Councilman Sidell reported that Lt. B. F. Bell of the Police Department, in serving as Acting Chief, during the absence of Chief Foster, had requested that an Ordinance be adopted placing signs on the impounding lot across from City Building, such as "Private Property, No Trespassing, Fine", etc. Councilman Sidell asked that the Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee investigate this situation. It will also be necessary to take into consideration the possibility of fencing in the area containing the impounded vehicles.

4. Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of Det. Cpl. Herbert E. Bever be accepted, effective August 15th, 1960. Councilman Jones suggested that his resignation be accepted "with regret". Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman Sidell said that the Fire Chief has reported that the Fire Department is very much in need of hose in order to operate efficiently. There will be a greater need upon arrival of the new pumpers. Councilman Sidell moved that the City Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise for bids to include, 2,000 feet, 2½" hose, 1,500 feet of 1½" hose and 300' of ¾" booster hose. He said the hose is to be of dacron quality, heavy duty, with N.S.T. rocker lug, drop forged, couplings. The date of August 26th, 1960, 4:30 p.m., in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer has been set. There was considerable discussion as to whether this was the proper time to advertise for the hose, inasmuch as all department heads had been requested to provide a list of the immediate needs in their departments. Councilman Sidell pointed out that the fire hose is a vital part of the Fire Department's operation, therefore, an item that is urgently needed. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion to advertise for bids, was carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner had no report on items on the agenda. He said the Summer Recreation Programs in the City Parks are progressing very nicely under the able direction of Mrs. Zielger. He said that the square dances being held have been quite successful, and said the next one would be held on August 14th, 7:30 p.m., at Washington Park.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth said that the three zoning applications reported on earlier this evening will be studied by the Committee; He also said that a hearing will be held for those interested in the property owned by Takoma Enterprises, Inc., and Herbert D. Smith, located on Westmoreland, Pine and Carroll Avenues on Wednesday evening, August 10th, 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Room; He asked the Building Inspector's opinion on the



property up for rezoning on Grant Avenue as to the area. The request is for R-10 from R-60 and Mr. Williams said there is not too much of this type zoning in the area.

2. Councilman Roth said that he often travels New Hampshire Avenue and that within 300 feet of the car wash, in the corporate limits there is a sign that indicates "You are now entering Langley Park". It is the general opinion that it should be removed. Upon questioning Corporation Counsel Gingerich, he said the City has the right to remove it, however, it would be better to contact the State Roads Commission and attempt to find out by what authority the sign was erected in the first place, before removing it. Councilman Jones said he thought this would be better public relations, than to remove the sign outright.

Councilman Roth also reported that he had received reports from his neighbors that the Fire Department had been there on inspections and they found them to be very courteous.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported on the inquiry concerning paving of unpaved portion of Kirklynn Avenue. Councilman Collison said that this area had been considered before, however, was not paved due to opposition of citizens in the area. He said the Committee recommends that the Clerk-Treasurer write to the gentleman making the inquiry and inform him of this and tell him that should there be further interest it would have to be by petition and any work done would be assessable to the abutting property owners.

2. Councilman Collison reported that the proposed agreement between the State Roads Commission and the City for the portion of Maple Avenue to be improved had been turned over to the City's Corporation Counsel for approval. Mr. Gingerich had made some changes, and a letter has been forwarded to SRC, with the following provision to be made in the agreement: "That bids are acceptable to the City as well as to the State Roads Commission" instead of "Bids acceptable to the State Roads Commission". Councilman Collison moved the adoption of an Ordinance, authorizing the signing of an agreement with the State Roads Commission, for the improvement of Maple Avenue, with Federal Aid, agreement to be signed by Mayor Miller, Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen and the Corporation Counsel. The Ordinance was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1613

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

Section 1. WHEREAS, a project considered to be of vital importance to the continued growth and development of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland and in the general public interest has been designated on "Maple Avenue Improvement, from Sherman Avenue to Mississippi Avenue,

Section 2. WHEREAS, it is desired that this project be partially financed with Federal Aid funds, AND,

Section 3. WHEREAS, negotiations with the Maryland State Roads Commission have resulted in program approval by appropriate Federal authority, having assigned to the project, Federal Aid Number: US-758(1), AND

Section 4. WHEREAS, it is anticipated that all plans, specifications, estimates and other data necessary to comply with Federal requirements



will be completed by the City and submitted to the Maryland State Roads Commission on or before August 15th, 1960.

Section 5. NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby authorized that a Contract with the Maryland State Roads Commission be signed by the Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, attested by its City Clerk-Treasurer and approved by its Corporation Counsel, the terms of which are basically as follows:

(a) That the City will, at its own cost and expense submit plans, specifications, estimates and other data subject to the approval of the Commission and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

(b) That the Commission shall advertise for bids, award construction contract and be responsible for supervision and inspection of the project.

(c) That the City will provide the necessary rights of way.

(d) That the City will deposit with the Commission, upon receipt of bids acceptable to each, a sum of money estimated to be the City's total participation in the project, including the costs and expenses of the Commission.

(e) That the Commission will be responsible for the collection of Federal Aid funds.

(f) That upon completion of the project, the City will maintain the roadway as a part of its street system in accordance with requirements of the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

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

3. Councilman Collison reported that work on the North Takoma Storm Drainage problem had been completed just before the heavy storms this past week and the new drainage system is found to be working properly, therefore, item can be removed from the agenda. He said the cost of the project is \$2,500 plus extras.

4. Councilman Collison reported the Committee had further discussed the future improvement of Hayward Avenue. He said that as long as the Park and Planning Commission will not allow the cut-through to Sligo Creek Parkway and inasmuch as the residents of the area do not strongly desire the cost of improvement, this item can be discontinued from the agenda at this time. He requested that the Clerk-Treasurer notify the property owners involved of the Council's decision.

5. Councilman Collison stated there were reports of a flash flood in the Spruce Avenue area during the recent heavy rains, however, it was observed there was no evidence of stoppage; the problem will be periodically observed. He reported that there were four complaints as to the existing drainage problem on Poplar, Columbia and Elm Avenues, and the Committee will study them to see what can be done to correct the condition. He reported the recent heavy rain had washed out the lower end of the parking lot next to the fire house, however, this happened before the prevelant drainage problem could be corrected, the debris had been washed down into Poplar Avenue, however, the Fire Department had cleaned the street.

6. Councilman Collison reported that the Committee has finally found a suitable price for the construction of the park shelter for which an appropriation has been set aside



in the amount of \$4,500.00. He said that Ernest H. Chilson will furnish the labor in the amount of \$985.00 per shelter and that materials can be purchased for \$1,250.00 per shelter. The logs for the shelter will cost approximately \$686.39 and moved the adoption of an Ordinance, to erect one shelter in Washington Park. The Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 1614

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

Section 1. THAT the contract for labor for one park shelter be awarded to Ernest H. Chilson, #4 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., in the amount of NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$985.00), shelter to be erected in Washington Park, in accordance with specifications.

Section 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to purchase from Wood Brothers Builders, St. Leonard, Maryland, logs for the building at the sum of SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND THIRTY NINE CENTS (\$686.39)

Section 3. AND FURTHER THAT the Park Shelter to be erected will cost in total approximately \$2,235.00, and that such expenditure be transferred from Reserved Surplus previously set aside for the purpose.

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

7. Councilman Collison reported that there is an additional cost of \$123.60 on the North Takoma Storm Drainage Project for 30.9 tons of gravel at \$4.00 per ton purchased from the Rockville Crushed Stone Company. He moved that this amount be transferred from the Reserve Fund. Upon being seconded, and put to question, the motion was carried.

8. Councilman Collison reported that the sign has been erected at the Spring in Spring Park.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. In the absence of Councilman Forshee, Mayor Miller reported. Mayor Miller said it has been decided to send out a Newsletter to the Citizens of Takoma Park once a month, its purpose being to establish better communications between citizens and the City Government. He said this newsletter will not attempt to compete with the press, rather is being published due to a lack of a local newspaper. He said the success of the newsletter will depend on the contributions furnished by the various department heads and City employees, Mr. John W. Coffman, former Editor of the Takoma Journal will edit for the Mayor and Council. Mayor Miller moved the adoption of an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7,500 from the Reserve Fund to cover the cost of this project:

ORDINANCE NO. 1615

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

Section 1. THAT inasmuch as Takoma Park does not have a local newspaper, and in the interest of better communications between the Citizens



of Takoma Park and their government, it is proposed that a monthly Newsletter be mailed to each home or business establishment, and

Section 2. THAT this Newsletter will be composed by a professional writer, job printed and mailed each month, and

Section 3. FURTHER THAT all news is to be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer by the 25th of each month, beginning as of this month, with first publication in September, and

Section 4. THAT the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) be appropriated from the Reserve Fund to cover the cost of this project for the remainder of the Fiscal year.

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

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

Councilman Jones had no Committee report at this time. He requested that the Clerk-Treasurer obtain for him a plat plan for the City impounding lot across from #8 Columbia Avenue.

Councilman Turner brought to attention the recent newspaper article on Dr. Clifton E. Olmstead, now Professor of Religion and Science at George Washington University, concerning the recent publication of his book "History of Religion". It was pointed out too, that Dr. Olmstead had given a review on his book at the Takoma Park, Maryland Library early in Spring.

Councilman Collison brought to attention a recent conversation he had with Dr. Olmstead concerning the Takoma Park Library Association's agreement for certain services to be provided by Montgomery County. There was strong concern registered over this development, whereupon Mayor Miller directed that Councilman Turner speak to Dr. Olmstead and find out more of the details and give a report to the Council.

Fire Chief LaScola reported to the Council the present status on the Department's fire hose. He said that some of the hose in operation has been used since 1939 & 1942. which is much longer than it should be used. He too, pointed out that there will be a much greater need for hose, once the new equipment arrives.

Mayor Miller said it is the customary policy, in accordance with the City Charter that the last meetings of August and December be dispensed with, if it can be conveniently arranged. He therefore, announced that there will be no Council Meeting until the second Monday in September, which would be the 12th. All Members of the Council were in accord with this.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Lidger  
Clerk-Treasurer