

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
 Mayor and Council  
 September 12, 1960

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner.

Councilman McKenzie moved that the minutes of August 8, 1960 be accepted as correct. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Prince George's County Municipal Association: Announcement of first Fall Meeting, 8:00 p.m., Sept. 15, #8 Columbia Avenue. Referred to Council files.
2. The People to People Health Foundation, Inc., Washington, D. C.: Announcement of sailing of S. S. Hope and possibility of fund solicitation for the cause within the City of Takoma Park. Referred to Public Welfare Committee file. The Clerk-Treasurer has addressed a letter to the Foundation informing it of permit requirements.
3. Hugh G. Downs, Chief, Bureau of Road Design, Maryland State Roads Commission, stating that Maple Avenue Project US-758(1) has been advertised for bids to be opened Sept. 27, 1960. Referred to Public Works Committee.
4. Petition signed by residents on 100 block of Grant Avenue requesting denial of R-10 Zoning Petition No. C-478 on property known as 114 Grant Avenue. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
5. Mrs. Gloria Beavers, 6710 Westmoreland Avenue, City. Request for permission to rent basement apartment. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
6. Mr. Welton H. Grubbs, 6706 Westmoreland Avenue, City - supporting the request of Mrs. Gloria Beavers. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
7. Mrs. Helen Herron, 429 Ethan Allen Avenue, City - complaint of overgrown weeds and bushes in neighbor's yard, affecting allergy of youngest son. Referred to Public Welfare and Public Safety Committees.
8. Miss Jesalyne L. Charles, 425 Ethan Allen Avenue, City - objection to order for removal of bushes. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
9. Raffell Real Estate, 7330 Carroll Avenue, City - Request for extension of time on Fire Department directive to remove two buildings on parcel of ground at 11 - 13 Jefferson Avenue, owned by Mrs. Margaret B. Murray. Referred to Public Safety and Public Welfare Committees.
10. Mrs. Edmond B. Dugan and Mrs. Ronald C. Birch: Request for a speed limit sign on Valley View Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
11. Petition, 15 signers - requesting a curfew in the City. Referred to Public Safety and Public Welfare Committees.
12. Harry E. Altman, Sr., 26 Mississippi Avenue, City, commending efficiency of Takoma Park Police Department. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
13. Mrs. Lawrence G. Hoover, 7316 Baltimore Avenue, City - Complaint of loose gravel washing from driveway of house next door. Referred to Public Safety and Public Works Committees.
14. Mrs. Helen Findlay, 16 Montgomery Avenue, City: Complaint of storm drainage from property on Columbia Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.

- 15. Mr. William A. Blanchette, 106 Tulip Avenue, City, request for reimbursement of \$300.00 expended for removal of tree from City street. Referred to Public Works Committee.
- 16. Mrs. Paul E. Evans, formerly of 6725 Poplar Avenue, City. Commendation of Police Department cooperation and courtesy in connection with recent accidental death of her son. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park - Gen. Fund:		Suburban Trust Company:	
7/31/60 Balance	166057.19	7/31/60 Balance	9079.51
August Receipts	43499.85	August Receipts	1807.03
	<u>209557.04</u>	8/31/60 Balance	<u>10886.54</u>
*August Disbursements	158662.99		
8/31/60 Balance	<u>50894.05</u>	Citizens Bank - Special Improvement Acct.:	
*Includes purchase of Certificates of		7/31/60 Balance	5411.40
Deposit for \$100,000.00. Total Certificates		No dep. or withdrawals	.00
of Deposit: \$200,000.00		8/31/60 Balance	<u>5411.40</u>

OPEN MEETING:

At this time, Mayor Miller recognized those persons desirous of expressing their views regarding the zoning petitions before the Council.

1. Re: 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 and 8, Block F G & W Subdivision, and all of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Block 16, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision on Carroll, Westmoreland and Pine Avenue

Mr. Howard Larcombe, Attorney, representing Takoma Enterprises, Inc. and Mr. Smith related the merits of the proposed apartment project. They feel that by improving the property in this manner, the City as a whole would be benefited; it would be a credit to the community; also represents the best use of the land. The main reason in requesting the R-10 zoning, is that the present zoning ordinance restricts the use of apartments in commercial areas. Land would be dedicated for the purpose of widening the streets to whatever width was desirable.

Councilman Jones questioned the use of incinerators as to how many they would have and in what way would they take care of the smoke nuisance. The architect was present and explained that there would be three incinerators (one in each of the three buildings proposed) to be of sufficient capacity and of such a nature that the smoke nuisance would be minimized. He explained that the nuisance phase was primarily due to improper use of the incinerators, such as overloading and infrequent firings.

Mrs. Burns of 97 Elm Avenue, stated that she had inquired as to the most effective type of incinerator and was told that it should be gas fired, and should have a room on the top of the building to take care of all the fire ash that collects. The Architect replied that they would probably use this type of incinerator.

Councilman Turner questioned the feasibility of erecting a building on just part of the area encompassed in the petition. Mr. Larcombe pointed out that lenders look more favorably on the larger projects, and in this instance they might possibly run into financial difficulties if it were done piecemeal.

Councilman Turner asked if they would still go forward if they were only able to get part of the request as petitioned. Mr. Smith said that builders have told him they want the entire project because they would be able to do a much better job, but if this were not possible, he would reduce the building to whatever change would be granted. (The buildings, as proposed in their entirety, would contain 153 units, and 198 parking spaces would be provided, none of which would be in the front.)

Mrs. Frazer of Elm Avenue, expressed concern as to who would pay for the widening of the streets. Councilman Collison emphatically stated the taxpayers would not.

Mr. John P. Moore, representing a very large number of citizens and property owners, spoke in opposition to the application; primarily on the ground that it represents very poor planning. He pointed out that it is at variance with the only existing master plan for the City, and there is no justification for the change in the present zoning. It would also bring about traffic problems and demands on schools.

Mr. Philip W. Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, was strongly opposed to the petition, and felt that the Mayor and Council should sustain the citizens of Takoma Park.

Mr. James F. Holland asked for an opinion from the Fire Chief regarding incinerators. Chief LaScola said that he would like to see an ordinance passed prohibiting incinerators in the City of Takoma Park, as those in existence now do present problems.

2. Re: Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-478, Maurice S. Rothfield, Applicant, James & Mabel S. Gittings, Owners, R-60 Zone to R-10 Zone, Lot 4, Block 2, S. S. Carrolls unrecorded subdivision, 114 Grant Avenue.

Mr. Ross Tomilson, 129 Grant Avenue, spoke in opposition to this petition. During the 12 years he has lived in the area it has gradually become smothered by apartments. In consideration of the rumor to relocate 410, he felt the City should wait until after the master plan is available before acting on density zoning changes. He paralleled the Foggy Bottom situation as an example of what could happen in the City.

Mr. Carl A. Neilson, 107 Grant Avenue, concurred with Mr. Tomilson's remarks, and brought to the Council's attention a petition previously submitted to deny the zoning change.

Mrs. Juliet Strite, 415 Ethan Allen Avenue, requested that something be done concerning the following: 1. Speed limits be enforced on Ethan Allen Avenue. 2. Resurfacing of Ethan Allen Avenue. 3. Ordinance to prohibit littering street and sidewalks along Ethan Allen Avenue.

Mayor Miller referred the above to the Public Works and Public Safety Committees.

Mayor Miller announced that Reverend Leslie R. Mansell of the Takoma Park Adventist Church has accepted a position in St. Louis. During Reverend Mansell's residence in the City he contributed much of his time and efforts to civic activities, and in appreciation, he designated that Reverend Mansell be made an honorary citizen of Takoma Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth reported on Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-478. The property in question contains 16,500 sq. ft. There is no apartment zoning in that particular block of Grant Avenue, and if this were granted, it would create a precedent. Therefore, Councilman Roth moved that Petition No. C-478, request of rezoning from R-60 to R-10, Lot 4, Block 2, S. S. Carrolls unrecorded subdivision, be denied. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Roth reviewed the preliminary hearing and discussions relative to Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-489. He then discussed the following points: In that block there is some R-30 zoning down on the lower end and in the middle. Part of the property lies in between R30 and C2. That might argue for some change in the area. On the other hand, there are narrow streets and the problem of traffic; there have been many other considerations, but those are the most important. In view of the statements

at the hearing with the citizens - something could be done on a partial application, i.e. R-10 which is presently C-2; and that the other part be held over for consideration when the master plan is considered for the City, and so moved. Mayor Miller raised a question as to whether or not the City has to make an application for downgrading (C-2 to R-10) which Corporation Counsel Gingerich replied in the negative.

Councilman Collison seconded the preceding motion of Councilman Roth. Upon being put to question, a discussion ensued.

Councilman Turner inquired as to the exact location of the property recommended for R-10. It was identified as that which faces Carroll Avenue, and included the duplex brick building; it does not touch on Pine, Columbia or Westmoreland Avenues. Councilman Forshee noted that the area in question has been in a run down condition, and felt that if there is some possibility of improving it, the Council should take advantage of improving that section of Takoma Park. Councilman Collison concurred with Councilman Forshee, further stating that it is quite evident that people of this town, generally speaking, desire to keep it as a residential community. It is the sentiment of the people, and we should respect their opinion. On the other hand, something should be done about that piece of property; there is no likelihood of something - other than what has been proposed - being done. He would vote against the over-all rezoning as applied for by the applicant, but is not adverse to the rezoning of that portion under discussion.

Councilman Roth amended his preceding motion to incorporate the denial of the whole petition if the partial approval was not acceptable by the County Council for consideration: Councilman Roth moved that the City Council recommend the rezoning to R-10 for only that portion of Petition C-489 presently zoned C-2 known as Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Block F, Gilbert & Woods Subdivision; that the City Council recommend denial of the rezoning to R-10 for that portion of Petition C-489 presently zoned R-30 and R-60 known as lots 10, P7 & 8, Block F, G & W Subdivision, and lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 16, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision and further that should partial approval be rejected by the County Council for consideration of the petition in its entirety or for any other ramification, that the City Council go on record as denying the entire petition. Upon being seconded as amended, and put to question, the motion was carried.

Motion was made that Corporation Counsel Gingerich be authorized by the City to express the intent of the Council when the petition is heard by the County Council should there be any technical changes. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

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Councilman Roth moved that the record show that this action of the Council (re: Lincoln Avenue) is not to be considered an indication that the Council is interested in apartment zoning outside of the valley area. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones reported that he had made a comparative study of the City Charter with others, and found it compatible to the accepted model charter of the State of Maryland. The City of Takoma Park Charter is a good piece of work. The only fault is some verbosity. He would like to meet with the Committee and change some of its archaic wordage.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

- 1. Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen read letter addressed to Mayor Miller from Gloria Beavers concerning apartment changes at 6710 Westmoreland Avenue.
- 2. Councilman McKenzie advised that he and Mr. Williams, Bldg. Inspector, inspected the apartment and found that a few minor changes would have to be made, and as soon as they are complied with, it will be approved. Councilman McKenzie moved that Mrs. Beavers be permitted to rent her apartment as soon as she has complied with the necessary changes. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
- 3. It was reported that the property at 7107 Carroll Avenue is now rented, sans shower or bowl.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Sidell announced that the Committee has set up a policy to meet once a month i.e., the Thursday following the first Council meeting of the month.
- 2. Councilman Sidell directed that Item #2 Re: Bid opening on police cruiser, be removed from the agenda until prices for 1961 models are available. 1960 models are no longer in production.
- 3. Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Derato's submission of resignation from the Special Police Organization be returned. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
- 4. Re: Item #9, concerning the placing of traffic safety posters in suggested locations, Councilman Sidell reported that he has given the suggestions to Police Chief Foster for his recommendations.
- 5. Councilman Sidell stated that at the present time, he has no committee action to report on items 1, 2 and 10 of the agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Turner announced that letters have been sent to Civic Organizations in the City asking for their suggestions and cooperation in connection with the impending Halloween activities.
- 2. Item 5 - Summer concerts; American Legion Band - Councilman Turner directed that this item be deleted from the agenda. Should the Legion's offer be extended during the 1961 season, it will appear on the agenda at that time.
- 3. Mayor Miller read to the Council the contract the Library Association proposed to enter into with Montgomery County. Dr. Olmstead is withholding his signature to

consumate the contract, pending the views of the Council. Mayor Miller pointed out that before Mrs. Robertson's death, she had for years donated her time gratuitously in cataloguing the books at the Takoma Park Library. The job now would be quite a burden on the library staff, and it was the consensus of the Takoma Park Library Association's Executive Committee that this would be the best way to meet the need.

The contract embodies the following: 1. process approximately 2000 books; 2. 90¢ per book; 3. Library Association would order books at the same time as Montgomery County; 4. Contract may be terminated by either party within 60 days of written notice; 5. Effective date. Before motion was made to condone the contract, it was suggested that the section pertaining to the purchase of books be made to read Library Association "may" order books. Mayor Miller moved that the contract as corrected be accepted. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, a discussion followed. Councilman Collison stated that he recognizes the advantages, and if the Library Association did this work themselves it would cost more, but he is of the opinion that such a contract strengthens the hand of the County government. He does not intend to vote for the contract, but would like to pass. Councilman Turner concurred with Councilman Collison's remarks. Mayor Miller felt that the County has in no way made any move to suppress the City government.

A roll call vote on the motion was requested, and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Forcive, McKenzie and Sidell. Passed: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Roth and Turner. Nays: None. The motion was carried.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Re: #1 Maple Ave. Improvement Project - Councilman Collison reported that the agreement between the City and State Roads Commission has been signed by the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and the Corporation Counsel. This now permits the City to go through with the project when bids are received. Bids are called for on Sept. 27.
  2. Item #2 - No report.
  3. Re: Storm Drainage problem - 7200 block Spruce Ave. - Councilman Collison advised that McNeill Surveys, Inc. has been authorized to prepare construction plans for Spruce Ave. However, it is anticipated there will be difficulties, consequently, McNeill has been instructed to contact the City if there is any difficulty during the preparation of the plans in order to facilitate the Committee in determining how far to go with the project.
  4. Councilman Collison reported that a contract has been placed with McNeill for drainage plans re: Erskine St.
  5. Councilman Collison reported that a meeting had been held with the citizens of Poplar Ave. at which time they established the sources of water causing a drainage problem on Poplar Avenue about which they are complaining. The sources can be corrected and is in the process of being done at the cost of the City; such cost will not exceed \$1000.00. In the interim, car washing at the fire house has been suspended, and equipment washing restricted. The two gas stations adjacent to the Fire House have been inspected; the Sunoco station has been okayed, however, the Sinclair station must take corrective measures, and has been given until Sept. 22 by the County to do so.
- A heretofore unknown sewer manhole was discovered in back of the fire house parking lot. The WSSC has been notified of its existence and they will have to raise it to the level of the parking lot; the City expects to get permission to run drain water to the manhole, thereby correcting the condition on Poplar Avenue.
6. Re: Item #7 - Park Shelters - Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Chilsolm is under contract to erect the park shelters; there is no hurry as long as it is done before the next park season.



7. Re: #6 - Fire House Parking Lot - Councilman Collison advised this is at a standstill until drainage problem on Poplar Avenue is remedied.

8. In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, Councilman Collison moved that the weekly payment of \$27.20 to Mr. Julian Seek be extended thru the 4th quarter, Dec. 31, 1960. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

9. Councilman Collison read letter from Mr. Wm. A. Blanchette, 106 Tulip Ave. requesting reimbursement of \$300.00 in connection with the removal of a tree on his property felled by lightning, which extended across Tulip Ave. in the public right of way. Councilman Collison stated that since there is no precedent on which to go by in this instance, upon the advice of the Corporation Council, the Montgomery County government was contacted to inquire as to how they handled such cases, and in turn the City would follow their procedure. The County goes on the premise that any obstruction across a right of way, regardless of its enation, is the responsibility of the County. Thereby, the Committee concluded that this was the responsibility of the City insofar as it affected the public right of way. Since it could not be determined whether the tree extended mostly on private or public property, the Committee agreed a fair conclusion would be to share half the cost, therefore, Councilman Collison moved that Mr. Blanchette be reimbursed in the amount of \$150.00, to be charged to the Reserve Fund (and credited to Acct. 12.202B). Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved the approval of expenditures for the month of June in the amount of \$43,871.24 and for the month of July in the amount of \$146,997.00 (includes \$100,000.00 Certificate of Deposit.) Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

2. Councilman Forshee referred a change in classification of the Merit Plan affecting the Clerk-Treasurer's office to Councilman Jones for presentation. Councilman Jones moved the adoption of the following Ordinance which more accurately defines the position with actual duties performed:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1616

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

Section 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1400 and subsequent amendments thereto known as "The Merit Plan" be further amended to classify an office position to be known as "Cashier, Assistant Bookkeeper" and

Section 2. THAT the salary scale for this position be as follows:

1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year	6th year
\$3570.00	\$3696.00	\$3822.00	\$3948.00	\$4074.00	\$4200.00

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

3. Councilman Forshee advised the Council of Mrs. Elaine Pellenbarg's resignation from her position as secretary in the City office, and moved that a letter be written to Mrs. Pellenbarg expressing appreciation for her services. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

4. Councilman Forshee announced that Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen will be on vacation beginning the afternoon of Sept. 16 thru Oct. 2.

Clerk Treasurer Pridgen read a note written by Mr. Huch commending the Council in inaugurating the Newsletter.

Chief of Police Foster announced that the Takoma Park Police will be on Traffic Court Saturday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Chief of Fire Service LaScola brought to the attention of those present the posted map depicting the homes inspected to date which total 328. He commended his men on the fine job they are doing in the inspection program.

Mayor Miller directed that Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen write a letter of appreciation to the Co-op thanking them for the hospitality extended at the dinner the Mayor, Council and Dept. Heads attended this evening.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen  
Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
 Mayor & Council  
 September 26, 1960

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Those present: Councilman Forshee, Collison, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Absent: Councilman Jones.

The Rev. Vernon Rees of the Washington Sanitarium Chapel rendered the Invocation.

Councilman Collison moved that the minutes of September 12, 1960, 27:22<sup>4</sup> be corrected as follows: Strike from the record: "Now with the widening of Maple Avenue, this problem will be eliminated." Upon being seconded and put to question the motion was carried. Motion was made that the minutes of September 12, 1960 be accepted as corrected. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Karl Kearns, Secretary, Maryland Underwater Rescue Team, Inc. extending invitation to Mayor, Council and wives to attend installation dinner of new officers. Referred to Council files. Mayor Miller directed invitation be acknowledged expressing thanks; also convey to Mr. Kearns the names of those who will be in attendance.
2. Richard F. Ford, President, B. F. Gilbert Citizens Association, concerning request for withdrawal of Zoning Application C-489, which request was denied and the hearing was to take place as scheduled September 26. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee. Mayor Miller advised that Corporation Counsel Gingerich was attending this hearing tonight in Rockville.
3. Orin F. Nolting, Executive Director, International City Managers' Association, reporting the successful completion of the Association's correspondence course in Municipal Fire Administration by Sergeant Baron E. DeKalb, Jr., Takoma Park Fire Department. Mayor Miller directed that the record reflect the Council's appreciation of Sgt. DeKalb's interest in improving his usefulness to the Department, and to commend him in his achievement. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. O. Thomas Miles, Pastor, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, expressing appreciation for the City's prompt removal of a dead tree on the sidewalk property adjacent to the Church. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. Silas E. Dennis, Jr., Chief, City of Hyattsville Police Department thanking the members of the Police Department for their cooperation during the recent Prince George's County Fire Department Association Parade in Hyattsville. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie advised that most of the overgrown weeds and bushes in the vicinity of 425 Ethan Allen Avenue have been cut back.
2. Councilman McKenzie reviewed the request for extension of time on Fire Dept's directive to remove two buildings on parcel of ground at 11 and 13 Jefferson Avenue; the committee has concluded there is no basis on which to grant the extension. Councilman McKenzie moved that the request for the extension of time to remove the buildings located at 11 and 13 Jefferson Avenue be denied. Councilman Roth seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

3. Re: Petition requesting curfew in City - Councilman McKenzie reported that the request had been discussed with the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. A table discussion followed, and it was the concensus of opinion that to date there have been no major problems to warrant a curfew at the present time. Mayor Miller asked that Councilman McKenzie reply to the petitioners informing them that their suggestion will be given further study by the Public Welfare Committee.

4. Concern was expressed as to the relatively low population count for the City of Takoma Park according to the preliminary announcement of the 1960 census. Since a portion of the City's revenues is received from County and State Agencies is based on a pro rata shared according to the official census, the City might not receive all funds it is entitled to, if the census report is inaccurate. Councilman McKenzie moved that a letter be directed to the Census Bureau requesting the Bureau to restudy the preliminary figures released as pertains to the Montgomery and Prince George's Counties sections of the City of Takoma Park. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. Councilman McKenzie advised that Mr. Livingston has requested an extension of time to satisfy the corrections necessary to the apartment located at 7804 Carroll Avenue to comply with Ordinance No. 1207. The tiling contractor is suppose to complete the job shortly. Therefore Councilman McKenzie moved that Mr. Livingston be granted until the 10th of October to complete the necessary corrections. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

6. Chief Foster was asked to see that the majority of the T. B. posters which has been posted in a consentrated area of the Hampshire Langley Shopping area be relocated in the vicinity of Laurel and Carroll Avenues in order to be in closer proximity to the Chest X-Ray unit which will be at Laurel and Carroll Avenues on September 30th.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Re: Radio for motorcycle #3. Councilman Sidell reported that the bids for the radio have been reviewed by the Committee, and the Committee has approved the bid submitted by Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. Therefore Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1617

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

Section 1. THAT after having duly considered bids received for a motorcycle radio for use by the Police Department,

Section 2. AND THAT the bid received from Motorola Communications-Electronics, Inc. satisfied all specifications and requirements,

Section 3. THEREFORE the contract be awarded to Motorola Communications-Electronics, Inc. for one Motorola Motorcycle despatcher radiophone in accordance with specifications for a net amount of \$628.00 which allows \$50.00 for trade-in of Motorola Radio in Motorcycle #2,

Section 4, AND FURTHER THAT the sum of SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$628.00) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account #11.113.

Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, a discussion followed. It was pointed out that in 1963 all wide band frequency radios will be obsolete and will have to be changed to narrow band frequency to comply with F.C.C. requirements. The radio in question meets all the requirements of those that must be in operation in 1963. Upon a roll call vote recorded as follows, the Ordinance was

adopted; Yeas: Councilmen Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner, Nays: Councilman Collison. Absent: Councilman Jones.

2. Councilman Sidell advised the Council that the Committee had studied the bids received on fire hose needed for the two new engines the Fire Department will be getting. The purchase of the following was recommended and referred to the Finance Committee:

1. 2000 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " fire hose from American LaFrance  
Cost: \$2,528.40.
2. 300 feet  $3/4$ " fire hose from American LaFrance  
Cost: \$191.10.
3. 1500 feet  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " fire hose from F. L. Anderson  
Cost: \$1,335.00. Total cumulative cost: \$4,054.50.

3. Councilman Sidell reported that the bids received August 5th for radio equipment on the new fire apparatus have been reviewed by the Committee, and upon the Committee's recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1618

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

Section 1. THAT after duly advertising in accordance with law for bids on radios for the new fire apparatus,

Section 2. AND THAT the bid received from General Electric was low bid and satisfied all specifications and requirements,

Section 3. THEREFORE the contract be awarded to General Electric for TWO (2) GE Model MT-16-N Radios for the sum of SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$624.00) EACH,

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the sum of TWELVE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,248.00) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account #11.213B

Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, a discussion ensued. Councilman Collison asked what was wrong with the present radios. Councilman Sidell stated that it has only one band and does not receive Prince George's County; also they will not be adaptable for the 1963 change over. Chief LaScola advised that the radio in Engine #1 is the oldest one in operation in Montgomery County, however, it is presently out of commission undergoing repairs. Councilman Forshee remarked that while he is not in favor of spending the money, he felt that it would be better to get the new radios now rather than go to the expense of adapting two years hence to comply with the 1963 F. C. C. requirements; it would be to ~~best~~ best advantage to purchase them now and install them in the new apparatus. Upon a roll call vote recorded as follows, the Ordinance was adopted: Yeas: Councilmen Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Nays: Councilman Collison. Absent: Councilman Jones.

4. Councilman Sidell brought to the Council's attention the request that Karl Kearns be given permission to use his official and compensatory leave in order to attend classes in the Fire Protection Engineering course at the University of Maryland. This is an accredited course and will extend thru the 2nd semester (June). In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved that Pvt. Karl F. Kearns

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be permitted to use his annual leave and compensatory time (half to be applied to annual leave and half to compensatory time) for the purpose of attending the accredited course in Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m., thru June, 1961. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

5. In recognition of the request and need for a direct telephone line to the Detective Bureau's Office, Councilman Sidell, in accordance with the Committee's recommendation, moved that a private line to the Detective Bureau be installed by the telephone company at a cost of \$9.00 for installation charges and \$9.45 per month thereafter to be charged to the Police Department's telephone expense account #11.112H. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

6. In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved that Roland L. Edwards be appointed a police private in the Takoma Park Police Department on a 6 months probationary period at an annual base salary of \$4,000.00 plus 2½% as specified in Ordinance No. 1600, effective October 1, 1960. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

7. Councilman Sidell moved that Private Johnny C. Walter of the Takoma Park Police Department be promoted to Private First Class at an annual base salary of \$4,620.00 plus 2½% as specified in Ordinance No. 1600, effective October 1, 1960. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

8. Councilman Sidell moved that Corporal William T. Lane, Jr. of the Takoma Park Police Department be appointed Detective Corporal on a 1 year probationary period, retroactive to September 16, 1960. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

9. In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, Councilman Sidell moved that Private First Class Ray D. Williams of the Takoma Park Police Department be promoted to Corporal retroactive to September 16, 1960, at an annual base salary of \$4,746.00 plus 2½% as specified in Ordinance No. 1600.

10. Councilman Sidell moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1619

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 Winchester 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 and put to question, the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell, Turner. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Jones.

11. Re: Item #7 Request for speed limit enforcement on Ethan Allen Avenue - Chief Foster advised that the Police Department was intensifying patrol in the area.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner commended the Police Department on their performance of the television show "Traffic Court" September 17, 1960.
2. Councilman Turner reported on the progress of the Halloween activities. Mr. Dwight Harris of the Takoma Park Lions Club has tentatively been named as general chairman; Mr. Doran Platt was named as Chairman of the Arts Committee. Councilman Turner again appealed to citizens groups to help physically and financially with the project. Councilman Turner remarked that it had been suggested to him that consideration be given to having the festivities in the Hampshire Langley Shopping Center this year, however it was decided to hold this suggestion in abeyance till next year in order to evaluate the pros and cons of the location.
3. Mayor Miller brought to the Council's attention the verbal request of Mrs. Sterling of the Takoma Park Library concerning the erection of a sign at the Library indicating the direction of the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Persons frequently inquire of the librarians for this information, and it was thought it would be most helpful if this sign were provided. The Clerk was asked to direct a communication to the Park and Planning Commission requesting that the Commission accomodate this request.

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth presented to the Council a petition which has been submitted to the Board of D. C. Commissioners by residents living on Eastern Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Cedar Street, registering a formal protest against the proposed construction of a service alley between 7016 and 7024 Eastern Avenue, District of Columbia. The purpose of the proposed service drive is to facilitate commercial vehicles to service commercial properties on Carroll Street and Cedar Street. This would create additional traffic congestion on Eastern Avenue, which is a narrow street. Also, the proposed alley would not be in conformance with the present residential zoning classification. It was the concensus of the Council that the Board of Commissioners be asked to give sympathetic recognition of the petition; therefore Councilman Roth moved that the Council support the Takoma Park citizens petitioning against the proposed service alley between 7016 and 7024 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, District of Columbia, and that we express our views to the Board of Commissioners, District Surveyor's Office; Director of Motor Vehicles and the Zoning Commission; and further that we request to be advised should application be made for a construction permit of the subject service drive, or for a rezoning petition of the same subject property. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was carried.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison referred item one re: Complaint of loose gravel washing from driveway next door to 7316 Baltimore Avenue to the Public Safety Committee.
2. Re: Complaint of storm drainage at 16 Montgomery Avenue emanating from property on Columbia Avenue: Councilman Collison advised that it had been explained to the complainant that the City can do nothing to correct the situation as it is a private matter, but that the owners had been contacted regarding the problem, and had indicated they would do whatever possible to comply with the request to remedy the condition.
3. Councilman Collison reported on the request for the resurfacing of Ethan Allen Avenue and stated that it would not be possible to undertake such a project, but that the City would continue to keep it in as good repair as can be done.
4. Councilman Collison made reference to the bid opening in Baltimore on the 27th for the Maple Avenue improvement project, and advised that Public Works Director, Rhodes

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will attend the bid opening.

5. Councilman Collison reported that McNeill Surveys, Inc. has done preliminary work on the Erskine Street condition, and that field surveyors will be working in the area this week.

6. The Council was advised by Councilman Collison that a little difficulty has been encountered in the continued correction of the drainage problem on Poplar Avenue, but they are working on a solution. Building Inspector Williams stated that to date the County has not made a re-inspection of the Sinclair station to ascertain whether or not they have complied with the directive issued by the County.

7. Councilman Collison advised that the logs for the park shelter have been delivered and been given their first preservative treatment.

Mayor Miller proclaimed the week of October 2nd thru 8th as "National Public Works Week." and the week of October 8th as "Emergencies Don't Wait Week".

#### MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the health and well-being of this community is greatly dependent upon the vital services and facilities provided by public works officials, and

WHEREAS the effectiveness of these services in this municipality and in every municipality rests heavily with the administrative and technological abilities of the persons in charge, and

WHEREAS the ability of governmental agencies to attract and retain competent employees is materially influenced by the people's attitude toward their public employees, and

WHEREAS progress in public works planning and construction requires the whole-hearted backing of informed and civic minded residents;

I, THEREFORE, George M. Miller, Mayor of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby proclaim the period October 2 - 8 to be NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, and further call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the problems involved in providing the public works facilities and services desired by the people; and recognize the need for professional personnel in the field and the important role they play in our democratic system of government.

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George M. Miller, Mayor  
City of Takoma Park, Maryland



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## P R O C L A M A T I O N

by

DESIGNATION THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 1960 AS  
EMERGENCIES DON'T WAIT WEEK

WHEREAS, each year more than 4,000,000 Americans of all ages are killed or severely injured by accidents in the home, and

WHEREAS, these fatalities may frequently be prevented with prompt attention and proper First-Aid treatment, and

WHEREAS, effective First-Aid can only be administered if the essential equipment is available, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every citizen to contribute to his own and family's safety, by being fully prepared to deal with these home accidents, and

WHEREAS, these emergencies do not wait for the home to be prepared to meet them;

I, George M. Miller, Mayor, by the authority vested in me by virtue of my office, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8, 1960 to be  
EMERGENCIES DON'T WAIT WEEK

and respectfully urge all citizens of Takoma Park, Maryland, not only to take note of the importance of First-Aid practices, but to replenish their supplies with essential items commonly used in First-Aid emergencies, since recognizing and being able to administer First-Aid promptly can contribute to the well-being of every citizen of our City and of the Nation, as a whole.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland to be affixed, this EIGHT day of OCTOBER in The Year of Our Lord, One Thousand nine hundred and sixty.

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George M. Miller, Mayor  
City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayor Miller urged that the members of the Council and Department Heads submit material for the newsletter to Mr. Coffman not later than the 20th of each month.

Chief LaScola displayed the trophy awarded to the Takoma Park Fire Department by the Montgomery County Association of Firemen at their convention in Cabin John for the best appearing aerial truck.

Mayor Miller on behalf of himself and the Council, complimented the Fire Department of the handling of the equipment, their conduct and discipline in their participation of such events, as well as in their firefighting.

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Councilman McKenzie made reference to a lengthy letter received from Mrs. Thomas Hutchins, #18 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, in which she suggests a study group to prepare the City for gradual intergration. Councilman McKenzie recommended that the matter be referred to the Citizens Planning Commission for their consideration and study. Mayor Miller suggested the Committee study the matter further.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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George M. Miller  
Mayor

Haynes M. Lindgren  
Clerk-Treasurer