

EXECUTIVE MEETING
 Mayor and Council
 October 10, 1960

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

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 26, 1960 be accepted as submitted. Upon the question, motion was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Letters of congratulations and commendation for the first issue of the City Newsletter:
 - a. Edmund C. Mester, Executive Assistant to Governor Tawes.
 - b. Arthur P. Brigham, Public Information Offices, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
 - c. D. A. Roth, Public Relations Officer, Columbia Union Conference, S. D. A.
 - d. Comelius Peterson, 308 Grant Avenue, City.
 - e. Darlene K. Gaspard, 7217 Willow Avenue, City.
2. Maryland Municipal League, Notice of 13th Annual Convention at the Civic Center, Rockville, Maryland on November 10th, 11th, and 12th.
3. Harold F. Stewart, Chief of Police, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Commendation of Stephen J. LaScola, Municipal Fire Chief. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
4. Dr. Clifton E. Olmstead, President, Board of Trustees, Takoma Park, Maryland, Library Association, Incorporated extended an invitation to the Mayor and City Council and wives to attend Annual Meeting of Association at the Library on Wednesday, October 19th at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Miller requested that the members of the Council be given a copy of this letter and urged that they and their wives attend this meeting.
5. C. E. Moose, 7619 Maple Avenue, City, offered to purchase the portion of Cumberland Avenue owned by City, if same is abandoned. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee and Public Works Committee.
6. Jesse F. Nicholson, Executive Director, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission - ZAP. No. A-3823, Opha Mays, Applicant, Part of Lot 5, Block 35, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, R-55 Zone to R-18 Zone (N. W. Corner-Cherry and Colby Avenues). Referred to Civic Improvements Committees.
7. Philip G. Rodriguez, 6701 Eastern Avenue, City, requesting a Hearing for owners, Frank and Mary Rodriguez concerning condition of property at 7126 Sycamore Avenue, Lot 4, Block 21, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
8. Howard G. Brunsman, Chief, Population, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, Reporting preliminary count figures for City population as follows: Prince Georges County: 5,259, Montgomery County: 11,104, Total: 16,363. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.

9. C. R. Pease, Secretary, Maryland State Roads Commission, Enclosing executed copy of agreement applicable to Federal-Aid Project US-758(1) Maple Avenue improvement, Sherman Avenue to Mississippi Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
10. Morris M. Brodsky, Assistant Comptroller, Maryland State Roads Commission, Report of bids on Maple Avenue Project US-758(1) and request for payment of City's share of cost in the amount of \$63,856.44. Referred to Public Works Committee.
11. John T. Bonifant, Secretary, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Concerning water and sewer relocations in Maple Avenue. Reporting additional adjustments necessary at an estimated cost of \$2,700.00 and requesting 50% participation by City or a net cost of \$1,350.00. Referred to Public Works Committee.
12. Walter Prichard, Secretary-Treasurer, North Takoma Citizens's Association, 521 Albany Avenue, City, reporting that the Association voted to contribute ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Boys' and Girls' Halloween Celebration to be held October 31st. The check was enclosed. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
13. Walter Prichard, Secretary-Treasurer, North Takoma Citizens's Association, 521 Albany Avenue, City, reporting that the Association adopted a resolution concerning the traffic accidents and near-accidents on the hillside intersection of Baltimore and New York Avenues. The resolution requested that the Mayor and Council make a study of the situation to determine the feasibility of placing either a "Stop" sign or a "Yield-Right-Of-Way" sign at said intersection. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
14. Rev. Desmond P. Murphy, Mt. Calvary Rectory, 7500 Marlboro Pike, Washington 28, D. Extending sincere thanks to the Mayor and Council for the honor of Honorary Citizen of Takoma Park. Referred to Council File.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-Gen. Fund:		Suburban Trust Company:	
8/31/60 Balance	50,894.05	8/31/60 Balance	10,886.54
Sept. Disbursements	<u>43,918.53</u>	Sept. Receipts	<u>1,556.07</u>
	6,975.52	9/30/60 Balance	<u>12,442.61</u>
Sept. Receipts	<u>51,827.10</u>	Citizens Bank-Special Improvement Account:	
9/30/60 Balance	<u>58,802.62</u>	8/31/60 Balance	5,411.40
		Sept. Receipts	<u>142.99</u>
		9/30/60 Balance	<u>5,554.39</u>

OPEN MEETING:

At this time, Mayor Miller recognized those persons desirous of expressing their views.

1. Mr. Roberts of Poplar Avenue stated that the City had done a fine job in cleaning up Poplar Avenue, but that there was definitely a need for a sidewalk on Poplar below Elm to New Hampshire. He also expressed an opinion for a need of a fence around Spring Park and that baseball, football, and golf be discouraged. These matters were referred to the Public Safety Committee, Public Works Committee, and the Police Department.

2. Frank Jenkins, Little Associates, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland, Concerning four properties on Jefferson Avenue representing owners seeking information as to the attitude of the Mayor and Council-

- a. As to objections to R-10 Zoning of subject property.
- a b. As to possibility of sale of City owned property along Maple Avenue contiguous to Jefferson Avenue properties.

3. Mary Peters of B. F. Gilbert Association inquired about the meeting to be held Thursday, October 13, 1960, at which James C. Gilman, Director, Salisbury-Wicomico County Planning Commission will be speaking in reference to urban renewal. The meeting is to be open to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. No report on the request for blacktop sidewalk - 212 Philadelphia Avenue.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the corrections to be made at 7804 Carroll Avenue would be extended another ten (10) days due to a court decision to grant the additional time, and that this should be completed by the next meeting.
3. Councilman McKenzie stated that the petition requesting a curfew in the City was still under discussion and needed further study.
4. Councilman McKenzie reported on the fine turn out for the Mobile X-ray Unit. Mayor Miller advised that the Montgomery County Tuberculosis Association be cautioned against ceasing their operation of the Mobile X-ray Unit before the designated time, therefore, preventing any confusion or inconvenience which may result from this. At this time, the Blood Mobile was also mentioned and Mayor Miller urged that as many people as possible participate in this program. Mayor Miller also stated that transportation would be provided if necessary.
5. Councilman McKenzie moved at this time that a date for a Hearing concerning the Frank and Mary Rodriguez property at 7126 Sycamore Avenue be taken up at the next meeting on October 24, 1960. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. The matter of debris along Ethen Allen Avenue has been investigated by the Police Department and the item may be deleted from the agenda.
2. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, moved that Private James P. Turner be granted a permanent appointment to be effective as of September 28, 1960. The motion was seconded and carried.
4. Councilman Sidell reported that the Chief of the Fire Service requested that the position of Fire Marshall be created. At this time Councilman Sidell proposed a resolution to change the wording of Section 4 under Article 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Service which was seconded by Councilman Forshee. Upon the question there was much discussion relating to the purpose to be accomplished and the technical wording of the resolution. As a result, Councilman McKenzie made a motion that the subject be tabled until the next meeting in order that Corporation Counsel Gingerich could review the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee, and upon question, was carried.
5. Councilman Sidell, upon recommendation of the Chief of the Fire Service and approved by the City Fire Board, moved that Private Schwartzbeck of the Fire Department be promoted

to Private First Class retroactive to October 1, 1960. Upon being seconded by Councilman Forshee, the motion was carried.

6. Councilman Sidell brought up the matter of the response to the fire alarm. This concerned the problem of drivers and the age at which they should be permitted to drive. Councilman Sidell proposed a Resolution permitting the appointment of duly qualified drivers between 18 and 21 years of age, such appointments to be approved by the Chief of the Fire Service. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Jones, and upon being put to question, was duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. In Councilman Turner's absence, Mayor Miller stated that a meeting of the Halloween' Committee was to be held on October 12, 1960, and that as many citizens and civic organizations participate as possible as the Halloween Party was a definite aid in lowering the rate of vandalism.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth recognized Mr. Littman of 7206 Central Avenue and welcomed him to the meeting. Mr. Littman spoke briefly.

2. Councilman Roth spoke briefly of the Zoning Petition ZaP. A-3823 (Opha Mays) reviewed earlier in the meeting, pointing out the location of subject property to the Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

3. Councilman Roth reported that the Park and Planning Commission had submitted a resub-division of a piece of property on Woodbury Drive as proposed by Mr. Charles McClure. The Planning Commission has recommended a dedication of a strip of the property for future street widening. Due to lack of sufficient information, it was decided this be further investigated and considered by the Committee.

4. At this time, Mayor Miller made mention of the meeting with the Board of Education concerning Woodbury Drive and other problems confronting Montgomery Junior College, and requested the Clerk-Treasurer to discuss the file with Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1.(a) Councilman Collison reported that the State Roads Commission Federal-Aid Project Agreement had been signed, and the City had been called upon for their payment of its share of the project which should subsequently be reported by the Finance Committee.

(b) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had reported that additional work on lowering the water and sewer lines had become apparent at an estimated cost of \$2,700.00, and the City had been called upon to share 50% of this cost which would also be reported by the Finance Committee.

(c) Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Bimblich wished to purchase 3,000 sq. ft. of land in front of his property which is a portion of Cumberland Avenue which is being considered for abandonment. A recommendation was made by Councilman Collison that Mr. Bimblich be allowed to purchase this piece of land for the sum of \$2,000.00, the City to pay costs of proceedings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and upon the question, was carried.

2. Councilman Collison stated that there was nothing to report on Items 2, 3, 4, and 6.

3. Councilman Collison reported that in order to correct the drainage problem existing on

Poplar, Columbia, and Elm Avenues the outside drain at the Fire House needs to be connected with a sanitary sewer, however, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission could not allow this as it is against regulations. It was moved that a letter be sent to the Sanitary Commission explaining the existing condition and requesting permission as a special exception. The motion was seconded by Councilmen McKenzie and carried.

4. Councilman Collison informed the Council that work had commenced on the Park Shelters, excavations having been dug for foundations.

5. Councilman Collison stated that the Director of Public Works has requested a new front end loader at an estimated cost of \$11,000.00 to replace the old one which would cost approximately \$5,500 to restore to good working order. It was mentioned that the present front end loader was secondhand at time of purchase and had been used by the City for eight (8) years. A motion was made to authorize City Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for bids under the specifications of the Director of Public Works. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion and upon a vote, was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance which authorizes the purchase of a new fire hose at a total cost of \$4,054.50:

ORDINANCE NO. 1620

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

Section 1. AFTER having been duly advertised as required by law, bids were opened on August 26, 1960 for fire hose required at the present time, AND,

Section 2. THAT the bid of AMERICAN LaFRANCE CORPORATION for 2,000 feet of 2½" fire hose at \$1.29 per foot at \$2,580 and 300 feet of ¾" booster hose at \$.65 per foot at \$195.00-Total \$2,775.00 less 2%-Net \$2,719.50 be accepted, AND,

Section 3. THAT the bid of F. L. ANDERSON & COMPANY for 1,500 feet of 1½" fire hose at \$.89 per foot-Total \$1,335.00 be accepted, AND,

Section 4. THEREFORE, the Municipal Fire Chief and the Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase as authorized above, AND,

Section 5. THE net sum of \$4,054.50 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 11.213 to cover this transaction.

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, Roth, and Sidell. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Turner.

2. Councilman Forshee also proposed the adoption of an Ordinance which authorizes the City to pay its portion of the additional estimated cost of \$2,700.00 necessary for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to lower the water and sewer lines in Maple Ave:

ORDINANCE NO. 1621

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

Section 1. WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1588 adopted March 28, 1960, authorized the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to lower the water and sewer lines under Maple Avenue in preparation for the permanent improvement of same, AND,

Section 2. WHEREAS the Commission has determined the necessity for additional adjustments to the water and sewer lines at an additional estimated cost of \$2,700.00, AND,

Section 3. WHEREAS the Commission has requested the City participate to the extent of 50% of such additional estimated cost,

Section 4. NOW, therefore, the Director of Public Works and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to proceed with the proposed additional relocations,

AND, to execute the necessary contract with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in order that the Commission may proceed with the proposed additional re-

Section 5. THAT the sum of \$1,350.00 be transferred from the Reserve (locations, AND,) Fund to the appropriate Capital Outlay Account to cover these improvements.

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

3. Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of an Ordinance to pay the City's portion of the cost for the improvement of Maple Avenue:

ORDINANCE NO. 1622

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

Section 1. WHEREAS Ordinance 1613 adopted by the Mayor and Council August 8, 1960, authorized a contract with the Maryland State Roads Commission for the improvement of a portion of Maple Avenue known as Federal-Aid Project No. US-758(1), AND,

Section 2. WHEREAS such contract has been executed and accepted by the Maryland State Roads Commission on the date of September 16, 1960, AND,

Section 3. WHEREAS the State Roads Commission has called upon the City of Takoma Park to deposit its estimated share cost of the project,

Section 4. NOW, therefore, the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the State Roads Commission the sum of \$63,856.44 from available cash.

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

4. Councilman Forshee advised the Council that City Clerk-Treasurer was satisfied with the work performance of Joseph Macchio, and moved that Mr. Macchio be appointed to the position of Cashier, Assistant Bookkeeper for a six (6) month probationary period retro-active to September 12, 1960 under the Meret Plan at the annual salary of \$3,659.25 (Base \$3,580.00 plus 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % temporary increase). The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Councilman Forshee Stated that he is in favor of the completion of the enclosure of Brashears Run and further consideration should be given to the matter.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones had no Committee report at this time.

Fire Chief LaScola reported that the Fire Department had won another trophy at the Fire Prevention Parade sponsored by Kensington. Also in connection with Fire Prevention Week, the Chief stated that the Department is sponsoring a Slogan Contest for the school children in Takoma Park. The award presentation will be held November 14th. Fire Chief LaScola advised the Council of the Department's fire prevention display in the windows of Kress Five and Ten Cent Store in the Hampshire Langley Shopping Center. Chief LaScola requested the presence of the Mayor and Councilmen at the Fire Prevention Poster at the corner of Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. for a picture. The Fire Department has posted the Red Cross Blood appeal poster sponsored by the Mayor and Council at the Drug Fair also in the Hampshire Langley Shopping Center. Fire Chief LaScola also gave mention to the article contained in the Evening Star concerning the Takoma Park Fire Department activities in connection with Fire Prevention Week. The Chief advised the Mayor and Council of the controlled house burning which is to take place Tuesday evening October 11, 1960, at 9 Oswego Avenue to which the public is invited.

At this time Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported the possibility of removing the Peoples' Court from Takoma Park as it claimed that there is insufficient business to constitute holding court one (1) day a week. Counsel Gingerich also mentioned that the proposed new court building in Silver Spring is claimed to be within reasonable distance of Takoma Park, and it is probable that Legislation will be proposed to the General Assembly to discontinue the Court in Takoma Park. Mayor Miller instructed Chief of Police, Major Foster to prepare statistics as to additional man hours that will be involved if the Court is removed from Takoma Park.

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

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George M. Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Ridgway
Clerk & Treasurer

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
JULY & AUGUST 1960

	Cash Balance Beginning Of Period	Cash Balance End Of Period	
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-H/F	95503.35	50894.05	
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	999.96	731.50	
Suburban Trust Company	227.95	10886.54	
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	
	96856.26		Percent-

		Total Bud- geted Rev. 8/31/60	Budget Bal. as of 8/31/60	Adopted Budget 1960-61	Percentage to Budget
REVENUES:					
1.0 Taxes - Local	250803.86	250803.86	161805.78	412609.64	60.7
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	8209.36	8209.36	102140.64	110350.00	7.4
2.0 Licenses - Permits	10943.50	10943.50	13731.50	24675.00	44.3
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	277.50	277.50	1522.50	1800.00	15.4
4.0 Rev. frm Use of Money & Prop.	648.96	648.96	2791.04	3440.00	18.8
5.0 Rev. From Other Agencies	-	-	36938.98	36938.98	-
6.0 Serv. Chgs. fro Current Serv.	703.52	703.52	11020.48	11724.00	6.0
	271586.70	271586.70	329950.92	601537.62	45.1
Non-Budgeted Receipts	643.74				
	272230.44				
Adjustments	521.16	271709.28			
	368565.54				

		Expended	Balance	Budget	
DISBURSED & ACCRUED:					
10.1 Government Administration	5393.68	5393.68	38674.32(A)	36568.00	12.2
10.8 Government Buildings	3500.63	3500.63	18769.37(B)	22270.00	15.7
11.1 Police Department	18641.98	18641.98	101627.62(C)	120269.60	15.5
11.2 Fire Department	64862.98	64862.98	67875.52(D)	85245.50	48.8
11.3 Protective Inspection	1199.47	1199.47	7741.53(E)	8941.00	13.4
11.9 Other Protection	-	-	100.00(F)	100.00	
12.1 P/W Office	2177.37	2177.37	11783.63(G)	13961.00	15.5
12.2 P/W Highways	9599.36	9599.36	60765.34(H)	70364.70	13.6
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	7948.52	7948.52	21171.48(I)	29120.00	27.2
13.0 P/W Sanitation	11328.94	11328.94	51201.56(J)	62530.50	18.1
19.0 Recreation Division	18921.07	18921.07	30000.34(K)	46686.41	38.6
22.0 Miscellaneous	5192.48	5192.48	31202.52(L)	36395.00	14.2
22.1 Capital Budget	1628.41	-1628.41	-	-	
Council Appropriations	-	-	8932.15(M)	8932.15	
Legal Reserve Fund	-	-	42660.76	60153.76	29.0
	150394.89	150394.89	490877.73	601537.62	
Non-Budgeted Accounts	200269.82				
	350664.71				
Adjustments	44736.26	305928.45			
	62637.09				

	Reserve Surplus	Reserve Fund
(A)	-	7500.00
(D)	37500.00	9993.00
(K)	2235.00	-
	39735.00	17493.00

GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS COMPARISON - July - August 1960:

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance 6/30/60	Balance 8/31/60	Changes During Month
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-H/F	95503.35	50894.05	-44609.30
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	999.96	731.50	-268.46
Suburban Trust Company	227.95	10886.54	10658.59
Petty Cash	125.00	125.00	-
Taxes Receivable-1959 Levy Montg. & P.G. Co.	3523.21	3523.21	-
Taxes Receivable-1960 " " " " "	-	102806.12	102806.12
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	681.43	681.43	-
Interest Receivable	263.32	263.32	-
Savings Account	15.50	108.50	93.00
Uniform Account	891.97	1438.88	546.91
Protective Apparel	104.34	114.31	9.97
Maple Avenue Improvement	12511.60	12511.60	-
Commercial Trash-Accounts Receivable	204.00	203.50	-.50
Prepaid Insurance	8866.14	7433.68	-1432.46
Cumberland Avenue	24.40	24.40	-
Claims	2332.74	2300.94	-31.80
Hayward, Colby & Cherry Avenues	271.48	271.48	-
Uniform Stock	211.75	211.75	-
Capital Assets Control	177403.04	177403.04	-
Due from Special Assessment	6787.41	6787.41	-
Certificate of Deposit	-	200000.00	200000.00
Group Hospitalization	-	.63	.63
Commercial Trash Billing	-	.50	.50
Accrued Interest Receivable	-	558.96	558.96
	<u>310948.59</u>	<u>579280.75</u>	<u>268332.16</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Escrow	901.67	851.67	-50.00
Maryland Withholding Tax	909.75	674.09	-235.66
D. C. Withholding Tax	62.57	47.67	-14.90
Group Hospitalization	17.27	-	-17.27
Certificate of Indebtedness	14000.00	14000.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	13.90	13.90	-
Accounts Payable	45062.18	87755.25	42693.07
Accrued Payroll	2024.47	3254.30	1229.83
Overpayment of Taxes	183.62	296.38	112.76
Exchange Account	-	61.48	61.48
	<u>63175.43</u>	<u>106954.74</u>	<u>43779.31</u>
Unappropriated Surplus	15858.52	18314.18	2455.66
Appropriated Net Asset Value	-	219171.43	219171.43
Reserve Fund Balance	-	42660.76	42660.76
General Fixed Assets Fund	189914.64	189914.64	-
Reserved Surplus	42000.00	2265.00	-39735.00
	<u>310948.59</u>	<u>579280.75</u>	<u>268332.16</u>
Special Improvement Account:			
6/30/60 Balance	2328.16		
July-August Receipts	3083.24		
	<u>5411.40</u>		

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The Invocation was given by Rev. Edward R. Bley, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Councilman Forshee moved that the Minutes of October 10, 1960, under Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1621 be corrected to read as follows:

Section 4. NOW, therefore, the Director of Public Works and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contract with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in order that the Commission may proceed with the proposed additional relocations, AND,

Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried. It was then moved and seconded that the Minutes be accepted as corrected. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Darl R. McBride, Recording Secretary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.- Submitting certified Annual Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30th, 1960, as prepared by Morris B. Hariton, Certified Public Accountant. Referred to Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee.
2. M. A. Butcher, County Manager, Montgomery County, Commendation of first issue of City Newsletter and request to be kept on mailing list. Referred to Council Files and Mr. John Coffman, Editor.
3. Russell T. Cook, Director, Community Health Education, Montgomery County, Tuberculosis and Heart Association, Report and congratulations upon success of visit to City of Mobile X-ray Unit, (677 persons in two day period). Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
4. William H. Romack, Jr., Chairman, Petition Day Committee, Montgomery County, Requesting support of Mayor and Council on Reapportionment Petition Day (November 8, 1960) Relative **to currently malapportioned General Assembly of Maryland.** Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
5. Reed A. Robinson, 7533 Carroll Avenue, City, Request for action to remedy storm drainage problem in front of 7533 Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. George F. Crichton, Chairman, Property and Equipment Survey Committee, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Maple and Tulip Avenues, Request for expression of opinion from City regarding a proposed addition to Church buildings on Tulip Avenue property adjacent to Church now owned by M. Farmer (Lot 39, Block 3, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision). Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City, Recommendation that City purchase radar set for Police Department as requested by Major Foster. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. Mrs. Mildred M. Heckmer, 913 Glazewood Avenue, City, Commendation of Takoma Park Fire Department for courtesy and kind treatment extended to her mother in transport to

hospital by City Ambulance. Referred to Public Safety Committee and copy to Fire Department.

At this time Mayor Miller issued a Proclamation proclaiming American Education Week in the City of Takoma Park. Mayor Miller congratulated the Board of Education and the teachers on the fine job they were doing; and also mentioned that according to statistics, the people of Takoma Park have a good educational background. Mayor Miller spoke to some extent concerning the importance of a good education system, and urged all of us to give encouragement and lend assistance to keep our school system alive and its program abreast of the times.

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At this time Mayor Miller recognized those persons desirous of expressing their views:

1. Mr. R. W. Hamilton, President, City Fire Board spoke concerning the proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Service, and the recent resolution permitting drivers between ages of 18 to 21.. He stated that the Fire Board had not been consulted on these matters and that as a matter of principle it should be consulted on matters pertaining to the Fire Department.

2. Mr. R. F. Davis, President, North Takoma Citizens Association, brought before the Mayor and Council the question of the proposed State Constitutional Amendment No. 5 regarding urban renewal. Mr. Davis stated that many in his area are not well versed on the subject and are desirous of further clarification and requested that the City make a statement concerning urban renewal. Upon the question, much discussion ensued. Councilman Roth called to the attention of the Mayor and Council that the general public apparently does not have sufficient knowledge on this subject and suggested that a simple and clear explanation be incorporated in the Minutes; and pointed out that Maryland is one of only seven states not yet having adopted the program, the other states being Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, South Carolina, Utah, and Wyoming, and that most of these states had not felt the great impact of urbanization, as has Maryland. Mayor Miller, at this time, read from the pamphlet "Why You Should Vote For Constitutional Amendment No. 5," published by the Maryland Municipal League, which is as follows: "Under the terms of the General Assembly action, urban renewal is only possible in those areas 'where dwellings predominate which, by reason of depreciation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to the public safety, health or morals;' or where 'a majority of buildings have declined in productivity by reason of obsolescence, depreciation or other causes to an extent they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance.' Land or property shall not be taken by county or municipal corporations without just compensation, as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a jury. The responsibility remains with city, town and county elected officials to decide on the feasibility of urban renewal within their jurisdictions." Federal aid may be obtained if desired, but a city, town, or county does not have to make use of Federal Funds. Mr. James Holland, President of the Community League asked if it would be possible for County authorities to come into the City with an urban renewal program and was told that the authority would remain with the Mayor and City Council if a program should be needed. Councilman Collison stated that the Council had no plans at this time to begin any urban renewal projects. Urban renewal cannot be started without due process of law and public hearings.

3. Mr. Lou Kengla of Glenn D. Culbert Company, Inc., 9651 Baltimore Boulevard, College Park, requested further information concerning the City's recent purchase of fire hose, pointing out that his firm was the low bidder. Councilman Sidell stated that the middle

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2. Councilman Turner stated that Item 4 under Parks and Recreation would be reported by Councilman Jones, Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth stated that Item 1 under Civic Improvements would be reported by Councilman Collison, Chairman of Public Works Committee.

2. Councilman Roth moved that the Prince Georges County Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Prince Georges County Commissioners be advised that the Mayor and City Council do not favor ZAP No. 3823, Opha Mays, Applicant, part of Lot 5, Block 35, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, R-55 to R-18 Zone as the only egress available to the subject property is into a narrow and hazardous roadway, i.e., Sligo Creek Parkway, and that Cherry Avenue on which the property is located is also a very narrow street. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, the motion was unanimously carried.

3. No official action was taken on Item 3 of the Agenda under Civic Improvements Committee, regarding Little Associates Inc. request for an expression of an opinion from the Council concerning Jefferson Avenue properties R-10 Rezoning and sale of City owned land between Maple and Cumberland Avenues. Councilman Roth moved that Little Associates Inc. be informed that the Mayor and City Council have no objections to the general principle, but the entire matter would be subject to negotiation satisfactory to the Mayor and City Council.

4. Councilman Roth observed that Gorin Brothers Incorporated appealed the decision for denial of the recent zoning amendment petition filed by them on the properties along New Hampshire Avenue in the N. H. Gardens Subdivision and that Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel will represent the City should it be necessary for the City to appear in the case.

5. Councilman Roth moved that the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission be informed that the City has no objection to the dedication of a small portion of land which is part of the McClure property on Woodbury Drive. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion which was duly carried.

6. At this time there was some discussion in reference to the letter from Mr. George F. Crichton, Chairman, Property and Equipment Survey Committee, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Maple and Tulip Avenues requesting an expression of opinion from the City regarding a proposed addition to Church buildings on Tulip Avenue property. Councilman Roth moved that Mr. Crichton be informed that the City had no objections, but that he be advised zoning laws are under the jurisdiction of the County. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Councilman Collison in concurrence with the Civic Improvements Committee moved that Mr. C. E. Moose be allowed to purchase that portion of City owned land fronting his property for the sum of \$300.00. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

2. Councilman Collison stated that there was nothing to report on the purchase of the new front end loader until bids open on November 3, 1960.

3. (a) Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Bimblich has signed an agreement with the City for the purchase of 3,000 sq. ft. of land in front of his property which is a

bids were accepted as it was the feeling of the Public Safety Committee and Fire Chief LaScola that the City was getting the best buy for its money in this particular instance, and that there is no obligation on the part of the City to award to the low bidder.

4. Mrs. Roderick Davis, 703 New York Avenue, City, Spoke in connection with the proposed State Constitutional Amendment No. 5, and opposed the use of the City Newsletter as a means of sponsoring the Amendment. Mrs. Davis stated that she was of the opinion that both sides of the story should be brought to the attention of the public. Mrs. Davis read from an article published by the Daughters' of the American Revolution in opposition to the Federal Urban Renewal Program, indicating that wrong use of the authority by Municipal Officials may be possible to the detriment of local property owners favoring investment developers.

5. Mrs. Ferry, 28 Hickory Avenue, City, requested the Council to have Potomac Electric Power Company make a survey concerning lighting along Poplar, Hickory, and Montgomery Avenues and also at the intersection of Elm and Pine Avenues. Councilman Sidell said the Potomac Electric Power Company had made a survey in regards to the amount of lumens necessary in various parts of the City and proposed that the matter would be given further consideration. Mrs. Ferry also inquired about the proposed curfew. Councilman McKenzie stated that a curfew is still under study by the Public Welfare Committee.

REGULAR MEETING:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. At this time, Councilman Sidell suggested to the Mayor and Mr. Hamilton, President of the City Fire Board, that the Fire Board meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss the proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Fire Service and also to discuss the age at which firmen should be permitted to drive the apparatus, and other matters pertaining to the operation of the Fire Department. It was suggested by Councilman Sidell that the meeting be held Wednesday night, November 2, 1960. Mr. Hamilton stated that he will let Councilman Sidell know at a later date as he had to notify the other members of the Fire Board. In connection with the age at which a person may be permitted to drive fire apparatus, Councilman Sidell stated that the Committee had given the matter a great deal of consideration and that the matter had been thoroughly investigated.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that it is believed that the need for a sidewalk along Poplar Avenue, Elm to New Hampshire Avenues would come under County jurisdiction except for a small portion. However, the matter would be given further investigation and consideration.

3. Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief LaScola, Councilman Sidell moved that the letter of resignation of Private G. E. McKenzie, Jr. be accepted with regret. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion and upon the question, the motion was duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner, at this time, expressed sincere appreciation to the many civic organizations and citizens who had contributed to the Halloween Fund and who had given of their time to help make the annual Halloween party a success this coming Monday night October 31st, 1960. Any further contributions will be appreciated and put to good use. He also commended the fine art work on the Halloween Flyer contributed by Mr. Edward Hutmire and requested this be acknowledged by letter.

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portion of Cumberland Avenue which is being considered for abandonment.

(b) At this time, Councilman Collison recommended that arrangements be made to pay the bill of McNeill Surveys Inc. in the amount of \$6,384.68 for the work they have performed on the Maple Avenue Improvement Project in the past ten years, and that \$5,250.00 had previously been appropriated and moved that \$134.68 be appropriated from the Reserve Fund. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion and upon the question, the motion was duly carried.

4. Councilman Collison stated that curbing at the corner of Jefferson and Carroll Avenues would cost approximately \$500.00 according to the plans received from McNeill Surveys Inc. and that the plans will be forwarded to the State Roads Commission and to Park and Planning for approval.

5. Councilman Collison reported that McNeill Surveys, Inc. had made a survey in connection with the drainage problem on Erskine Street, however, it is the considered opinion that a stop gap measure such as has been investigated may very well be nearly as costly as a final and complete project, therefore, the matter will be investigated even further.

6. In connection with the parking lot next to the Fire House, Councilman Collison reported that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had been contacted in reference to raising the manhole on the lot to the proper grade and that work is progressing.

7. Councilman Collison reported that slabs had been laid for the park shelters, but that no wood had been erected as yet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee stated that there was no Committee report at this time.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. At this time, Councilman Jones gave a first reading on two proposed Ordinances. See Attached.*

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie stated that since Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez are still abroad, that a definite date for the hearing be set after their return in order that a convenient time could be arranged for all concerned.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the corrections to be made at 7804 Carroll Avenue had been taken care of and the item may be removed from the agenda.

3. Councilman McKenzie stated that the petition for a curfew in the City is still under study and consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Haynes M. Pridgen
Clerk - Treasurer