

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
November 14, 1960

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

Councilman Mc Kenzie moved that the Minutes of October 24, 1960, be accepted as correct. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM:

1. Michael Caruso, Card of appreciation for expression of sympathy. Referred to Council Files.
2. Mrs. S. F. Fraser, 7200 Holly Avenue, Commendation of City Newsletter. Referred to Mr. Coffman and Council Files.
3. D. A. Roth, Columbia Union Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, Congratulations to Mayor Miller upon election as Chairman of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association. Referred to Council Files.
4. Mayor of St. Louis, Raymond R. Tucker, President, American Municipal Association, Appointment of Mayor Miller to AMA's Committee on Resolutions. Referred to Council Files.
5. Elbert M. Byrd, Jr., Assistant Professor of Government, University of Maryland, Inquiring as to exertion of power under Section 1431 Code of Public Local Laws of Prince Georges County, (1953). Referred to Law and Ordinances Committee and Corporation Counsel.
6. L. G. Small, Business Manager, Washington Missionary College, Request for sidewalks 7639 and 7641 Carroll Avenue and 717 Maplewood Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee and Public Welfare Committee.
7. Anton J. Vessel, Chairman, Safety Committee, Carole Highlands Citizen's Association, Complaint of dangerous driving hazard from 1300 Erskine Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
8. David B. Weimer, Adelphi, Maryland, Request that Mayor and Council set aside one week of each year to honor Volunteer Firemen of the City, with suggestions as to a manner in which this can be done. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
9. Arthur C. Stebbins, 34 Freemont Avenue, City, Request to widen Jefferson Avenue intersection with Carroll and placement of "Hidden Entrance, Yield-Right-of-Way" signs. Referred to Public Safety Committee.
10. Richard Ford, President, B. F. Gilbert Citizen's Association, Request that Zoning Committee of Association be permitted to meet with the City Planning Commission. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee and Takoma Park Planning Commission.
11. Thomas N. Scoville, Business Manager, Correct Seating Institute, Suggesting the possibility of a bedding manufacturing plant within the City. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee and Finance Committee.



12. Mr. Roderic Davis, President, North Takoma Citizen's Association, City, Extending an invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend a meeting featuring a speaker on Urban Renewal. Mayor Miller requested that Mr. Davis be informed that the Council had a previously scheduled meeting on that evening, but would try to attend if possible.

13. Mrs. Etta M. Davis, 703 New York Avenue, City, Requesting correction of Minutes of Council meeting on October 24, 1960, stating that her previous request that the statement concerning urban renewal appearing in the October Newsletter be retracted and both sides of the story be given to the public had not been complied with. Mrs. Davis further requested that the quoted paragraphs from the Dan Smoot Report, which she read at the meeting held on October 24th be added to the Minutes of this meeting. However, as the Minutes of October 24th had already been accepted as correct, Mayor Miller requested that this be included in the Minutes of November 14th. The quoted paragraphs of the Dan Smoot Report are as follows:

"Urban Renewal, although authorized basically in the National Housing Act of 1949, and specifically enlarged in scope by amendments to the Housing Acts of 1954, 1956, and 1957 did not become a vigorously promoted nationwide program until late 1957.

"The reason: Urban Renewal is not slum clearance, Urban Renewal is a federally financed program of city planning which requires city governments to seize homes and other private property from some citizens and resell them, at below cost, to real estate promoters and other private citizens for developments that the city planners consider desirable.

"Under the ancient, but awesome, right of eminent domain, city governments do not have the power to take private real estate from one citizen for the profit of another citizen. Before 1954, it was apparent that if state legislatures passed laws giving cities such power, the laws would be unconstitutional.

"But in November, 1954, the Supreme Court in an Urban Renewal case, said that Congress and state legislatures can do anything they like to the private property of private citizens as long as they claim they are doing it for public good.

"Since that court decision, Urban Renewal has become a major national movement with frightful implications and dangers.

"Congressman Bruce Alger has compiled a file of authoritative material which shows that federal Urban Renewal and public housing open rich veins of public money for graft, corruption, and political vote buying. Public housing and Urban Renewal programs destroy private property rights under the pretext that clearing slums will eliminate the causes of crime. But slums do not breed crime and delinquency. Delinquency and crime breed slums. Public housing projects become centers of crime and delinquency.

"Public housing and Urban Renewal are authorized by the same federal law--and Urban Renewal represents a dangerous step further than public housing. Urban Renewal authorizes the seizure not just of slum property, but of all private property in a whole section of a city for resale to private interests which promise to build something that government planners will like.

"If Americans do not impose limitations on government's definition of necessary public use, Americans will become slaves of their own government. One way to stop Urban Renewal and public housing is to repeal the National Housing Act. A better way is



to repeal the income tax amendment.

"If we limit the definition of 'slum' to mean a place probably a menace to public safety, city government can eliminate slums without violating the Constitution and without using tax money to socialize the housing industry."

BANK STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park - Gen. Fund:

9/30/60 Balance	\$ 58,802.62
October Receipts	118,325.41
*Includes Certificates of Deposit for \$50,000.00	
	<u>\$177,128.03</u>
October Disbursements (Includes SRC \$63,856.44)	<u>112,276.83</u>
Balance October 31st, 1960	<u>\$ 64,851.20</u>

Suburban Trust Company:

9/30/60 Balance	\$ 12,442.61
October Receipts	1,117.96
	<u>Balance 10/31/60</u>
	<u>\$ 13,560.57</u>
Citizens Bank-Special Improvement Acct:	
9/30/60 Balance	\$ 5,554.39
October Receipts	212.00
10/31/60 Balance	<u>\$ 5,766.39</u>

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller welcomed all those present and spoke concerning Fire Prevention Week, stating that the Fire Department held lectures in all schools in Takoma Park and held a Fire Slogan Contest for the school children. Mayor Miller stated that over 1000 entries were received, and after much study by the Fire Prevention Committee, three students were declared winners. Mayor Miller, at this time, introduced the three winners who were present and their slogans which are as follows:

1st PRIZE: Ricky Germann  
6911 New Hampshire Avenue  
Takoma Park, Maryland  
J. Enos Ray School

SLOGAN: Fire: Seconds to Start  
Hours to Stop  
Years to Pay

2nd PRIZE: Dennis Meehan  
6723 Knollbrook Drive  
West Hyattsville, Maryland  
Our Lady of Sorrows School

SLOGAN: Obedience is the essence  
of Fire Prevention.

3rd PRIZE: Cathy Sue Anderson  
6839 Eastern Avenue  
Takoma Park, Maryland  
Takoma Park Elementary School

SLOGAN: Fire Prevention is the  
best, North, South, East,  
and West.

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

1. Opha Mays, 2710 Fairland Road, Silver Spring, Applicant Zoning Petition ZAP No. 3823 part of Lot 5, Block 35, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, R-55 to R-18 Zone, stated that he had felt certain the City would approve the change in zoning. Mr. Mays further questioned the Council's recommendation to the Prince Georges County Planning Board and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission to deny the petition, the reason for the denial being that the only available egress 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. Mr. Mays stated that the street would have to be widened in the event of construction of any buildings. Councilman Roth agreed to further discuss this matter with Mr. Mays and to review the situation with him at such time convenient to both, and also the matter would be taken up again by the Civic Improvements Committee. Councilman Collison pointed out that the narrowness of Cherry and Colby Avenues have been of great concern to the Fire Department for some time due to the difficulty of fire truck entrance.

2. Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, City, brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council that a petition was being circulated regarding the poor condition of the surface of Beech Avenue. In reference to the letter from Correct Seating Institute, which was read earlier in the meeting, Mr. Mandel stated that he was of the opinion that the Mayor and Council should look into the matter very carefully before any action is taken. He also inquired as to the program on the Codification of City Ordinances.

3. Mr. Richard Ford, President, B. F. Gilbert Citizens Association, stated that the Zoning Committee of the Association has been studying the Carroll Avenue situation and that the suggestion be considered for the possibility of self-liquidating off-street parking lots at one or more locations: (1) Rear of Laurel Avenue stores; (2) Beside Citizens Bank; (3) Vacant property on Tulip at Spruce; and (4) Carroll Avenue site of existing used car lot. He also pointed out that traffic congestion on Carroll Avenue is a problem because of parking being allowed on both sides of the street, the narrowness and curves in the street, and that some relief may be obtained by restricting parking on the street if off-street parking can be established. He indicated that property owners in the area may be agreeable to a special assessment for such off-street parking facilities. Mr. Ford also spoke concerning the City Impounding Lot, stating that it mars the appearance of the residential zone, complaints had been made on the noise factor particularly at night and that there could be a storm drainage problem if any changes are made. The subject matter was referred to the Civic Improvements Committee and the Public Safety Committee. Councilman Jones stated that the Council is always happy to receive constructive suggestions.

4. Mr. Dean Shure, # 8 Pine Avenue, City, stated that the weed condition around the City Impounding Lot was very poor that the City had a moral responsibility in the matter and wondered what might be done to correct the condition. Mayor Miller stated that the entire situation of the City Impounding Lot was under consideration and referred it again to the Civic Improvements Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that the Halloween Party, sponsored by the City, was a tremendous success even though it had to be postponed a day due to inclement weather. Councilman Turner extended his sincere thanks to all those clubs, civic organizations, business concerns, and individuals for their donations, time, and efforts which made the Party the success that it was.

2. Councilman Turner thanked the Takoma Park Women's Republican Club for their effort to beautify the City, reporting that the Club had presented a Chinese Holly Tree, accepted by Mayor Miller with the appropriate ceremony, to the City which was planted on the Library grounds November 5, 1960.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth stated that some time ago when Mr. Carl P. Crezee, Takoma Motor Company, Inc., City, had plans to build a retaining wall on Westmoreland Avenue on the



property known as Lot 1, Block F of Gilbert and Woods Subdivision, it was discovered that the wall would encroach on City property. However, the Council approved this encroachment as the public sidewalk, property of the City, in turn encroaches on Mr. Crezee's property, this being considered a fair exchange. Councilman Roth felt that this agreement should be noted in the Minutes. After some discussion regarding the matter, it was further decided that a plat be recorded in the County Land Office records to indicate the substance of this agreement, and that Mr. Crezee be informed that the City was agreeable to payment of one-half the cost of the preparation and recording of a new plat. A motion was made by Councilman Roth to authorize Corporation Counsel Gingerich to proceed with the necessary preparations of the proper documents for recording purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported that work is being done to correct the drainage problem at 7533 Carroll Avenue.
2. In connection with the Maple Avenue Improvement Project, Councilman Collison reported that the construction contract has been awarded by the State Roads Commission and that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has begun work on the new water and sewer relocations necessary to the street improvement.
3. Councilman Collison stated that in connection with Mr. Arthur C. Stebbins' letter regarding the rounding out of the sharp curve, Jefferson and Carroll Avenues, McNeill Surveys Incorporated had submitted a finished plan; and that all that remains to be done before the City can commence work, is for the State Roads Commission and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission to approve of the plan.
4. Councilman Collison reported that a plan for correcting the Erskine Street drainage problem has been submitted to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for approval. Nothing further can be done by the City until a report from W. S. S. C. is received.
5. It was reported by Councilman Collison that the storm drainage problem on Poplar, Columbia and Elm Avenues and the parking lot at the Fire House are related situations and that a joint meeting between the Public Safety Committee and the Public Works Committee will be held for further consideration of the problem.
6. Councilman Collison reported that the roof had been put on the Washington Park park shelter.
7. In reference to the replacement of the Front End Loader, Councilman Collison reported that four (4) bids had been received ranging from \$8,872 to \$12,000. The General Supply and Equipment Company quoted a price of \$8,872.00 with delivery in 30 days after allowance for present front end loader. The Paving Supply and Equipment Company quoted a price of \$8,875 with 1% discount for payment in twenty (20) days leaving a difference between the low bids of \$85.75 after discount and only a difference of \$3.00 before discount. Mr. Collison stated that after due consideration, the Public Works Committee agreed that the bid of \$8,872 would be accepted as this front end loader best suited the purpose for City use and that it had four-wheeled brakes and lifting arms that did not obstruct the view of the operator. Councilman Collison moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:



ORDINANCE NO. 1623

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 November 3, 1960, for a front end loader required at the present time, AND,
- Section 2. THAT the bid of GENERAL SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY for \$8,872.00 with delivery within thirty (30) days be accepted for one Trojan Model 114, Tractor Shovel,
- Section 3. THEREFORE, the Director of Public Works and the Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase as authorized above, AND,
- Section 4. THE net sum of \$8,872.00 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 13.403 to cover this transaction,
- Section 5. AND THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer title for trade in HOUGH PAY-LOADER MODEL H. F. SERIAL #82992 upon delivery of new Trojan Model.

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

8. Councilman Collison moved that Corporation Counsel Gingerich be authorized to proceed with the necessary abandonment procedures in connection with that portion of Cockerille Avenue that dead ends in part of Lots 27, 28, Block 16 of B. F. Gilbert Sub-division, this portion of land being of no use to the City; and recommended the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1624

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

- Section 1. THAT after due consideration it has been determined that there is no public need for Cockerille Avenue northwest of First Avenue,
- Section 2. THEREFORE, COCKERILLE AVENUE northwest of First Avenue to the dead end into Lots 27 and 28, Block 16 B. F. Gilbert Subdivision, shall be abandoned, AND,
- Section 3. THAT the Corporation Counsel and/or City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to institute the necessary proceedings for the abandonment of that portion of Cockerille Avenue in accordance with Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion which was duly carried with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Nays: None. Absent: None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- 1. At this time Councilman Forshee moved the approval of August Expenditures in the amount of \$158,711.22. Councilman Turner seconded the motion, which was duly carried.
- 2. Upon the recommendation of City Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Forshee moved that Mrs. Peggy A. Darling be appointed to the position of Secretary in the City Office for a six (6) month probationary period retroactive to October 10, 1960, under the Merit 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.



LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones stated that progress is being made on the revision of the City Charter.
2. Councilman Jones reported that the Codification of City Laws and Ordinance had reached a point where bids could be requested for the printing. City Clerk & Treasurer stated that it could be done in the City Office by mimeograph, but after further discussion it was decided that the matter of printing would be further studied.
3. Councilman Jones stated that Item 3 on the Agenda pertaining to the proposed Ordinance to place "No Trespassing, Private Property, Fine, etc.," signs on City Impounding Lot, as well as fence on location could be deleted as it had been referred to other Committees.
4. At this time, Councilman Jones moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1625

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

- Section 1. NO person shall toss, throw, catch, hit, or otherwise "play" any hard ball, as customarily used in the games of baseball or golf in any Municipal Park located in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland other than on the City Ball Field, known as Hodges Field, located at Holly Avenue and Hodges Lane, and other than on any duly constituted ball field under the jurisdiction of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission or either the Governments of Montgomery County or Prince Georges County or their respective Boards of Education.
- Section 2. ANY person violating any provision of the Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of \$10.00 for each such offense.

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

At this time Councilman Roth recommended that the appropriate Recreational organizations be notified of this Ordinance.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. After much discussion, Councilman McKenzie moved that Mrs. John Bennick, 212 Philadelphia Avenue, City, be informed that the City Council is not in favor of placing a blacktop sidewalk in front of one home and that the other residents of Philadelphia Ave. were not in favor of a cement sidewalk. Upon being seconded, the motion was duly carried.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the Hearing concerning the property at 7047 Eastern Avenue was scheduled to be held on the evening of November 17, 1960.
3. Councilman McKenzie reported that two houses on Jefferson Avenue, having been inspected and the owner notified to remove the houses and having been given an extension of time, moved that Mrs. Margaret M. Murray, owner, be sent a registered letter stating that if the houses were not removed within ten (10) days, the City would have to remove them at an estimated assessable cost of \$975.00. Mayor Miller stated that Mrs. Murray had requested a further extension of time, but after considerable discussion, it was decided



to do as Councilman McKenzie had so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison, and upon the question, was duly carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell referred the previously read letter of David B. Weimer regarding the setting aside of one week to honor the Volunteer Firemen of the City to Fire Chief IaScola.
2. Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief IaScola, Councilman Sidell moved that Paul E. Bishop be appointed for a probationary period of six months effective November 16, 1960 at the annual salary of \$4,100.00 (Base \$4,000 plus 2½% temporary increase) under the Merit Plan to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Gibson E. McKenzie, Jr. Having been so moved, the motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee; and upon the question, was duly carried.
3. Councilman Sidell reported that a street light had been placed at Dundalk Court at a cost of \$25.00 per year.
4. Councilman Sidell congratulated Mayor Miller on his recent election to the office of President of the Maryland Municipal League, and spoke briefly concerning the recent League Convention held in Rockville.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, and upon a motion moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

George M. Miller  
MAYOR

Haynes M. Lodge  
CLERK-TREASURER



SPECIAL HEARING  
November 17, 1960  
Frank G. & Mary C. Rodriguez

*Special Hearing*

Mayor Pro-tem Sidell, presiding. Present: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, and McKenzie; Frank G. and Mary C. Rodriguez; Building Inspector Williams and Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen.

Mayor Pro-tem Sidell called the Hearing to order at 8:18 P. M. stating that Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez had requested the Hearing before the Council in order to present their case in connection with certain corrections to the basement apartment located at 7047 Eastern Avenue, Lot 24, Block 12, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision in Takoma Park as ordered by City Building Inspector Williams under City Ordinance No. 1207. Mayor Pro-tem Sidell referred the conduct of the Hearing to Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee, under which jurisdiction this type case falls. Councilman McKenzie called upon Building Inspector Williams to state the corrections ordered.

Mr. Williams inquired from Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez as to the legal owner of the property in question, that it is carried in the City records in the name of Frank G. and M. C. Rodriguez but that the 1960 (1/19/60) Application for Renewal of Registration and Inspection was filled out by Frank A. Rodriguez, son of Frank and Mary, stating that one apartment was then owner-occupied, but on the request for a Hearing, Philip G. Rodriguez, also a son, had also indicated the father and mother as still the owners of the property. Mr. Williams stated this was the first question to be settled for the benefit of the Council.

Mrs. Rodriguez explained that it has been the policy of she and her husband to turn over a piece of property to each of their sons when they have reached the age of responsibility, but only after a probationary period of about a year, during which time the son handles the property, rent collections, payment of bills, taxes, etc. She stated that the title is still in the name of she and her husband, but that they expected to transfer the title soon to their son, Frank A. Rodriguez.

Mr. Williams then proceeded to cite the corrections needed in the basement apartment in order to comply with City Ordinance No. 1207:

1. The ceiling height throughout said apartment is 6'6" to 6'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and the Ordinance requirement is 7'0" minimum.
2. The light in the living room is 6'0" sq. ft., Ordinance requirement is 12.0 sq. ft.
3. The light in the bedroom is 8.5 sq. ft., Ordinance requirement is 14.1 sq. ft.

Mr. Williams further stated the property to be presently zoned R-60 (Single family residential).

At this time Mrs. Rodriguez read a prepared statement as follows:

"I have a matter that I would like to bring before the Council tonight as I believe is provided in such cases by the law of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

"In the Fall of 1946, my husband and I bought the property known as 7047 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. At the time of purchase this house contained two apartments and a semi-finished basement.



"Within a year of this purchase, desiring to convert the basement into living accommodations, I contacted the City authorities, asking what permits, etc. were necessary in order to do so. I was advised that any plumbing that I had installed should be done by a registered plumber; that he would obtain a permit for this, and that the work when finished would be inspected by a representative of the City.

"I complied with these instructions. A licensed plumber was employed and subsequently when the work was completed, an Inspector for the City appeared and the work was approved. The apartment was then rented and has remained so during the issuing years.

"When the local Ordinance concerning the licensing of apartments went into effect several years ago, this apartment was registered as required by the new law and the required fees thereof paid then and in all subsequent years.

"Here the matter rested until the current year. In September, a notice was received which stated that there were certain deficiencies in this apartment, to wit:

1. That the living and bedrooms were deficient in light (the window area was less than that specified).
2. The ceiling height was lower than that required by the Ordinance. (This was 6 feet, six inches to 6 feet 7½ inches throughout the entire area as against the 7 feet laid down by the code).

"On the first point, may I point out that while the window area in the bed-room is indeed slightly under that specified, the entire area is openable, thus exceeding the necessary amount of ventilation and that while the space required for light is somewhat less than the 10 percent odd floor area, this house is a corner one and that there is subsequently sufficient light as to require no artificial illumination on normal days.

"In the living room the window was a very small one. However a larger one has now been installed and the necessary requirements are here met.

"The ceiling height is another matter. While it is indeed lower than that specified in the new ordinance, there are certain things that I would like to bring to your attention at this time, if I may. (At this time, Mrs. Rodriguez quoted part of paragraph (c) Section 7, City Ordinance No. 1207: 'At least one-half of the floor area of every habitable room shall have a ceiling height of at least 7 feet; and the floor area of that part of any room where the ceiling height is less than 5 feet shall not be considered as part of the floor area in computing the total floor area of the room for the purpose of determining' the maximum permissible occupancy thereof, except in proportion to the ratio of the height to seven feet.)

"May I respectfully call to your attention the wording of the Ordinance in question on this point: 'At least one-half of the floor area.....shall have a ceiling height of at least 7 feet.....that less than five feet shall not be considered as part of the floor area.....' It would seem from this that certainly a part of such a room might be as low as five feet, thus allowing for a variance of some 24 inches throughout half of the area. Does it not then follow that a variance of a few inches, in this case never more than six, might also be allowable? In such a case may not the existing condition be regarded as meeting the spirit of the law if not literally the letter? May I also state that at no time has any tenant complained of the ceiling height. I would also further like to call to your attention that in order



to fulfill the letter of the law as here outlined would require the excavation of the area (possibly  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) to the depth of from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 inches. This would not only require the expenditure of a considerable amount of money, but would result in inconvenience to the tenant and at the same time actually result in a less desirable apartment.

"I would be very glad to have any of you gentlemen visit the apartment in question if you so desire for I feel that if this is done you will get a clearer picture of the existing conditions. I believe that you would then agree with me that nonuseful purpose would be served by making this ceiling higher and that the apartment, as it stands, is one habitable from the standpoint of comfort, sanitation and desirability."

A question was asked if this was formerly the Newton property and were the three apartments in existence in the building at the time the Housing Ordinance was adopted? Mrs. Rodriguez replied in the affirmative.

The ceiling height average reasoning presented by Mrs. Rodriguez in her statement was questioned and to which Mrs. Rodriguez replied that she would like a seven foot overall ceiling height better, but that it would necessitate tearing up a perfectly good asphalt tile floor, cutting concrete, digging out, etc. which in turn would create a step down of four to six inches from the present hall level, which in itself could be hazardous. She quoted "Law is an ever changing thing according to the needs of the people" and that variances should be allowed, that the District of Columbia in which she owns property, allows for such variances.

Mayor pro-tem Sidell pointed out that the City Housing Ordinance does provide flexibility in the very paragraph from which she had previously quoted-i.e., that at least one half the floor area of a habitable room has a ceiling height of at least seven feet etc., however, there has to be a stopping place and that if a variance is allowed to one owner others are entitled to the same and there would be no ends to the variances.

Mrs. Rodriguez indicated that it would be preferable for the City to require tenants to keep apartments clean, rather than to be so technical about such a small point, that she had spent the good part of two hours that day in cleaning the stove from grease in an apartment. It was pointed out to Mrs. Rodriguez that the Ordinance does require cleanliness but that it is difficult to enforce, particularly when tenants refuse admission to the Inspector.

Mrs. Rodriguez was questioned as to which apartment her son, Frank A. occupies and if he was acting as her agent. She indicated that he lives in the second floor unit, that they are trying to give him a start and that he does collect the rents, pay the bills etc, but that his father goes over frequently to help him.

Councilman Collison pointed out that the building was registered as "owner-occupied" and that there is a big difference in the law between "owner-occupied" and "agent."

Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she would proceed to enlarge the window if necessary however, it was pointed out to her that there would be no gain in doing this with the low ceiling height problem unsolved. Mrs. Rodriguez indicated that the basement could be dug out but that they are reluctant because of the heavy expense.

It was pointed out to Mrs. Rodriguez that the only alternatives were to either

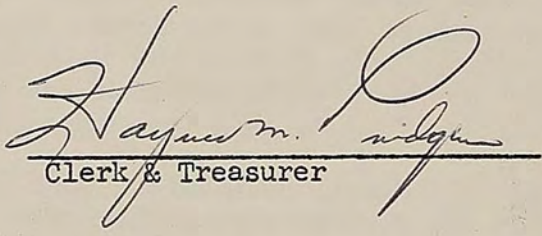


discontinue the use of the basement or to transfer the title to the property to her son and let him occupy the basement apartment, Thereby becoming owner-occupied over which the City Ordinance has no control.

Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she wouldn't ever think of putting a baby in a basement apartment and that her son's wife is soon to have a baby, that adults are generally out most of the day but to keep a baby in a basement apartment is not good. She stated that the apartment could be brought into conformance but that it would not be as nice as it now is, requesting that consideration be given by the Council to all facets of the situation.

Councilman McKenzie stated to her that the Council would give full consideration to the matter and that she would be informed in due course of the final decision.

The Hearing adjourned at 8:55 p. m.

  
Clerk & Treasurer



REGULAR MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
November 28, 1960

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

The Invocation was given by Reverend Philip O'Shea of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 1960, be accepted as submitted. Upon the question, the motion was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. John C. Post, former Mayor of Takoma Park, Congratulating Mayor Miller upon election as President, Maryland Municipal League. Referred to Council Files.
2. Hammaker Brothers, Inc., Thurmont, Maryland, Suggesting the completion of the War Memorial by placing of marble tablets or wings on either side of center pilaster. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
3. Arthur C. Stebbins, #34 Freemont Avenue, City, Suggesting that shoulder of Jefferson Avenue be paved for passing width in connection with correcting the bad intersection with Carroll Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee and Public Works Committee.
4. Petitioners, Beech Avenue residents, Complaint of conditions created as a result of recent resurfacing of Beech Avenue. Referred to Public Works Committee.
5. J. Ambrose Kiley, Attorney for Mrs. Olive T. Kephart, 7135 Carroll Avenue, City, Further complaint concerning storm drainage onto her property. Referred to Public Works Committee and Public Safety Committee.
6. G. M. Thornett, Secretary to Board of Commissioners, D. C., Statement concerning proposed service alley between 7016 and 7024 Eastern Avenue, N. W. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
7. Joseph Hayden, #6 Pine Avenue, City, Protesting wrecked cars being placed on property opposite #8 Columbia Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee and Law and Ordinances Committee.
8. The Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Z.A.P. No. A-3874, Blair H. Smith, Attorney, approximately 5.45 acres known as the easterly part of Lot 7, Green Hill Farms, Takoma Park, R-55 Zone to R-18 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
9. The Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Z.A.P. A-3873, Blair H. Smith, Attorney, approximately 4.83 acres known as part of Lot 7, Green Hill Farms, Takoma Park, R-55 Zone to C-1 Zone. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
10. Mrs. Paul B. Croft, 7910 Lockney Avenue, City, Complaint against unkempt condition of property across the street. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
11. Darl R. McBride, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Re:
  1. Contingent Fund for New Fire Department Pumps.
  2. Transfer of funds from 11.212 D-5 to 11.213 (New Fire Hose Rack).
  3. Mutual Aid with Montgomery County and Prince Georges County.
  4. Alternate to the Montgomery County Fire Board. Referred to Public Safety Committee.



12. Darl R. McBride, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Changing meeting date to third Wednesday, every month. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

13. Darl R. McBride, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Recommendation for permanent appointment of Pvt. D. B. Weimer of City Fire Department. Referred to Public Safety Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Pro-tem Sidell welcomed all those present and stated that Mayor Miller was out of town attending the American Municipal League Convention; and at this time, recognized those persons desirous of expressing their views:

1. Mrs. Emily Monitor, past Councilwoman and Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee remarked that she had been observing the erection of the Park Shelters and stated that she was pleased with the progress and hoped that everyone would enjoy using them. Mrs. Monitor also commented on the fact that Mayor Miller is the second Takoma Park Mayor to be elected to the Office of President of the Maryland Municipal League.

2. Mr. McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, City, stated that he was pleased that Takoma Park had invited LaPlata, Argentina to join in a "Sister City" Program as he had many recollections of the South American City. Mr. McClenon inquired as to the leaf pick-up in the City. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, replied that the City intended to make a second pick-up when they had completed the first one throughout the City. Mr. McClenon also inquired as to a program for the senior citizens of Takoma Park, stating that at one time a plan had been discussed by the Council. At this time, Mrs. Monitor remarked that when she was on the Council such a project had been discussed, but that it had been decided that many of the local churches were doing much in this field and that the basement of No. 8 Sherman Avenue had been considered for such use, however, the Health and Welfare Department is using the basement for storage.

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3. Mrs. John Secrest, 409 Beech Avenue, City, stated that it was the impression of the residents of Beech Avenue that the petition, which had been circulated, had reached the Council for the last meeting as the Public Works Department had swept the street last week. Mrs. Secrest also stated that this had helped but the surface still was not satisfactory. Councilman McKenzie stated that the City has, on many occasions, used this type of surfacing, however, this particular instance did not turn out as well as expected. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works advised Mrs. Secrest that his department will continue to observe the condition.

REGULAR MEETING:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. In Councilman Collison's absence, Councilman McKenzie reported that the contractor for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission had completed lowering the sewer line between Lincoln Avenue and Sligo Creek and has completed the water line under Maple Avenue at Lincoln Avenue. Therefore, the Regal Construction Company, who has the contract to improve Maple Avenue can begin work.

2. Councilman McKenzie reported that the plan to improve the intersection of Jefferson Avenue at Carroll Avenue is still in the hands of the State Roads engineer awaiting approval.



3. Councilman McKenzie stated that the drainage plan for Erskine Street is in the hands of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, but that an early reply was expected.
4. Councilman McKenzie reported that an adequate solution to the drainage problem on Poplar Avenue had not yet been reached, but that it was still being given serious consideration.
5. Councilman McKenzie reported further that the Sanitary Commission has completed raising the manhole structure in back of the parking lot at the Fire House and that Public Works had filled in around the structure.
6. Councilman McKenzie stated that the Park Shelter being constructed at Washington Park is nearly complete.
7. Councilman McKenzie, Acting Chairman, Public Works Committee, reported that the Fire Department engine room has needed some plaster repair and complete repainting for some time, and that three bids had been received. Councilman McKenzie reported that the low bid of Tracy W. Porter, Jr., 7305 Maple Avenue, City, had been accepted in the amount of \$590.00. At this time, Councilman McKenzie recommended that an appropriation be made from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$590.00 to pay for the work, and recommended that the Council authorize the acceptance of Mr. Porter's bid. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which upon being put to question, was duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that in connection with the request from Mr. Small at the Washington Missionary College for sidewalks at 7639, 7641 Carroll Avenue and 717 Maplewood Avenue, Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, had contacted Mr. Small advising that the College could construct the sidewalks as long as they met with City specifications.
2. Councilman McKenzie reported that a Public Hearing at the request of Mrs. Mary C. Rodriguez was held on Thursday evening, November 17th, at which time Mrs. Rodriguez presented evidence concerning the deficiencies in the basement apartment located at 7047 Eastern Avenue. The evidence presented by Mrs. Rodriguez shows conclusively that the basement apartment does not meet the minimum standards of the Housing Ordinance in that the window area is inadequate and that the ceiling height is less than the required seven feet. Councilman McKenzie further stated that no evidence had been presented which would lead the Committee to recommend that an exception should be made. Councilman McKenzie recommended that Mrs. Rodriguez be notified that she must meet the standards of the Housing Ordinance if she wishes to continue to rent the basement apartment and further that Mrs. Rodriguez be notified that she must meet the standards of the Housing Ordinance within six (6) months from November 28th, 1960. After some discussion, it was decided and Councilman McKenzie recommended that Mrs. Rodriguez be given nine (9) months to comply with the housing requirements. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.
3. At this time, Councilman McKenzie recommended the adoption of the following Ordinance:



## ORDINANCE NO. 1626

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, the two buildings known as No. 11 and No. 13 Jefferson Avenue, located on Lot 35, Block 50, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Maryland, owned by Margaret B. Murray, Tax Account 7413/25104402, have been under surveillance of the Takoma Park Fire Department since May 8, 1958, being unoccupied and in a dilapidated condition for want of repairs due to natural wear and tear or other causes of damage or deterioration such as to constitute an immediate and present danger to life, property and public safety in the form of a fire hazard, AND

SECTION 2. WHEREAS, notices of the violation of the Fire Code and orders to correct said conditions were issued to Margaret B. Murray on each of the following dates: May 8, 1958, October 23, 1958, July 26, 1960, September 27, 1960, October 12, 1960, and November 15, 1960, AND

SECTION 3. WHEREAS, no attempt has been made to remedy or correct the condition of the buildings therein cited,

SECTION 4. NOW THEREFORE that by authority of Section 84-6 (d) of the City Fire Code, the Fire Department of the City of Takoma Park is hereby authorized to proceed with the removal of the two buildings known as No. 11 and No. 13 Jefferson Avenue located on Lot 35, Block 50, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, Takoma Park, Maryland, owned by Margaret B. Murray, Tax Account 7413/25104402 at a contract bid cost of EIGHT HUNDRED, FIFTY DOLLARS (\$850.00) as proposed by Al's Tree Service being the lowest of three bidders, AND

SECTION 5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT upon the removal of said buildings the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED, FIFTY DOLLARS (\$850.00) shall be assessed to the owner of the property in the manner of taxes and such assessment shall be a lien on such property.

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

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved the approval of disbursements for the months of September and October in the amounts of \$43,918.53 and \$112,276.83, respectively. Councilman Forshee stated that the month of October disbursements in the amount of \$112,276.83 seems high but that it includes a deposit with the State Roads Commission in the amount of \$63,856.44 for the Maple Avenue Improvement Project. Upon being seconded by Councilman Turner, the motion was carried.

## LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones reported that in connection with the inquiry as to exertion of power under Section 1431 Code of Public Local Laws of Prince Georges County (1953), Corporation Counsel Gingerich had replied to Mr. Byrd.



- 2. Councilman Jones reported that work on the revision of the City Charter is progressing.
- 3. Councilman Jones stated that he would report on the Codification of City Laws and Ordinances at the next Council meeting.
- 4. At this time, Councilman Jones read a proposed Resolution extending an expression of sympathy to Councilman Edwin S. Turner on the loss of his mother, Grace A. Turner. A motion was made to adopt the Resolution and in turn was seconded by Councilman McKenzie. Upon being put to question, the Resolution was adopted.

At this time, Mayor Pro-tem Sidell turned the conduct of the meeting over to Councilman Jones, in order that he might give his Committee report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Sidell, upon the recommendations of the Fire Chief and City Fire Board, moved that \$1,000.00 be taken from the Reserve Fund and placed in a new Contingent Fund for new Fire Department pumpers. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which was duly passed.
- 2. In concurrence with the Fire Chief and the City Fire Board, Councilman Sidell moved that funds in the amount of \$275.00 be transferred from Account 11.212 D-5 to 11.213 in order to purchase a new hose rack. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion; and upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
- 3. Councilman Sidell recommended that Sgt. DeKalb of the Fire Department be permitted to hold over one week's annual leave in order to visit relatives out of state. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee; and upon being put to question was duly carried.
- 4. In accordance with a recommendation by Fire Chief LaScola and the City Fire Board, Councilman Sidell recommended that Pvt. David B. Weimer be placed on permanent status in the City Fire Department as of November 15, 1960. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.
- 5. Councilman Sidell, upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Fire Board, moved that Deputy Fire Chief M. L. McBride be appointed as alternate for Takoma Park Fire Department to the Montgomery County Fire Board for the coming calendar year of 1961. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly passed.
- 6. Councilman Sidell moved that a street light be placed on Merwood Drive between Wildwood and Glenside Drives. Due to the separation between the lightpoles, Councilman Sidell stated that a 1000 lumen street light would be necessary at a cost of \$20.42 per year. Councilman Turner seconded the motion, which upon being put to question was duly carried.
- 7. Councilman Sidell moved that a street light be placed on North Manor Circle which does not have a street light at all. Councilman Sidell further recommended that the Potomac Electric Power Company's plan for a 1000 lumen light at a cost of \$20.42 per year be accepted. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion, which was duly carried.
- 8. Councilman Sidell moved that a street light of 1000 lumens at a cost of \$20.42 per year be placed on Houston Avenue between Flower and Roanoke Avenues. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion, which upon being put to question, was duly carried.



9. Councilman Sidell, at this time, recommended the purchase of a new police cruiser, 1961 model, to replace the police cruiser presently known as Car No. 4, 1958 model, and further recommended that bids be opened on December 9th, 1960 at 4:00 p.m. and that the bidders meet the specifications approved on August 10, 1960. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee; and upon being put to question, the motion was carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1627

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited on the south side of Carroll Avenue east of Westmoreland Avenue, from the position of the post for Parking Meter No. 22 to the intersection with Westmoreland Avenue.

SECTION 2. AND THAT Parking Meter No. 22 be removed and in its position a sign reading "No Parking, Here to Corner" be erected,

SECTION 3. AND FURTHER THAT the curb be painted yellow to indicate this restriction.

SECTION 4. AND THAT the penalties for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by other Ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

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

At this time, Councilman Jones brought up the question of adequate parking area in Takoma Park, and suggested that action should be taken immediately to acquire a Public Parking Lot in the Carroll-Laurel Avenue area. It was generally agreed that the parking problem needs serious consideration. The matter was referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.

11. Councilman Sidell moved that Volly K. Stafford be appointed to the Police Department for a six (6) month probationary period to begin December 1, 1960 at the base salary of \$4,000.00 plus the 2½% temporary increase under the Merit Plan making the total annual salary of \$4,100.00. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1628

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

SECTION 1. THAT a "YIELD-RIGHT-OF-WAY" sign be placed on the Southeast side of New York Avenue at the intersection of New York Avenue and Balitmore Avenue,

SECTION 2. AND THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary sign.

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



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

- 13. Councilman Sidell moved that the Public Works Department be requested to place "Slow" signs at each end of Valley View Avenue. It was agreed that 15 mile per hour speed limit signs were not necessary. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.
- 14. Councilman Sidell moved that the Detective Bureau be given a total pay raise of \$450.00 per year - Lt. Merson, \$250.00 - Cpl. Lane, \$200.00 per year to become effective December 1st, 1960. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was carried.
- 15. Councilman Sidell moved that the Public Works Department be requested to place "Slow" signs, one on Geneva Avenue and one on Ritchie Avenue near the intersection as designated by the Police Department. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.
- 16. Councilman Sidell reported that all other matters on the Agenda are still under consideration with the exception of the heavy foliage, fences, weeds, etc., items which could be removed from the Agenda.

At this time, Councilman Jones turned the conduct of the meeting back to Councilman Sidell.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that the Takoma Park Teen Club had painted the Fire House Gym and had worked very hard to put the gym in good condition. It was decided by the Council that some recognition should be given to the teenagers, therefore, it was agreed to propose a Resolution at the next meeting to commend their fine efforts. Mrs. Emily Monitor, past Councilwoman, mentioned that the Daily News had carried an article and a picture concerning the painting of the gym.

There being no further business to come before the Acting Mayor and the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 P. M.

George M. Miles  
MAYOR

Haynes M. Ridgman  
CLERK-TREASURER

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GENERAL FUND  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
 SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1960

	Cash Balance Beginning Of Period	Cash Balance End Of Period
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	50,894.05	65,537.59
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	731.50	403.08
Suburban Trust Company	10,886.54	13,560.57
Petty Cash	125.00	150.00
	62,637.09	79,651.24

		Total Bud- geted Rev. 10/31/60	Budget Bal. as of 10/31/60	Adopted Budget 1960-61	Percen- tage to Bud.
REVENUES:					
1.0 Taxes - Local	115959.83	366763.69	45845.95	412609.64	88.8
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	4050.24	12259.60	98090.40	110350.00	11.1
2.0 Licenses - Permits	1242.98	12186.48	12488.52	24675.00	49.3
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	59.50	337.00	1463.00	1800.00	18.7
4.0 Rev. frm Use of Money & Prop.	1032.46	1681.42	1758.58	3440.00	48.8
5.0 Rev. From Other Agencies	-	-	36938.98	36938.98	-
6.0 Serv. Chgs. for Current Serv.	570.31	1273.83	10450.17	11724.00	10.8
	122915.32	394502.02	207035.60	601537.62	65.5
Non-Budgeted Receipts	50847.68				
	173763.00				
Adjustments	936.46	172826.54	This Month's percentage Figure - 331/3%.		
	235463.63				

		Expended	Balance	Budget	Percent
DISBURSED & ACCRUED:					
10.1 Government Administration	7112.42	12506.10	31561.90A	36568.00	28.3
10.8 Government Buildings	2986.09	6486.72	15783.28B	22270.00	29.1
11.1 Police Department	20434.58	39076.56	81821.04C	120269.60	32.3
11.2 Fire Department	18441.71	83304.69	54736.31D	85245.50	60.3
11.3 Protective Inspection	1227.12	2426.59	6514.41E	8941.00	27.1
11.9 Other Protection	-	-	100.00F	100.00	-
12.1 P/W Office	2155.52	4332.89	9628.11G	13961.00	31.0
12.2 P/W Highways	15157.22	24756.58	45758.12H	70364.70	35.1
12.9 P/W Repair Sho <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8165.51	16114.03	13005.97I	29120.00	55.3
13.0 P/W Sanitation	10382.26	21711.20	40819.30J	62530.50	34.7
19.0 Recreation Division	3836.13	22757.20	26164.21K	46686.41	46.5
22.0 Miscellaneous	4074.90	9267.38	27127.62L	36395.00	25.4
Council Appropriations	-	-	8932.15M	8932.15	-
22.1 Capital Budget	70938.28	72566.69	(70958.41N)	-	451.2
Legal Reserve Fund	-	-	34971.980	60153.76	41.8
	164911.74	315306.63	325965.99	601537.62	
Non-Budgeted Accounts	66.09			39735.00	
	164977.83			641272.62	47.3
Adjustments	9165.44	155812.39	Reserve Surplus		
	79651.24				Reserve Fund
			(A)	-	7,500.00
			(C)	-	628.00
			(D)	37,500.00	15,295.50
			(H)	-	150.00
			(K)	2,235.00	-
			(N)	-	1,608.28
				39,735.00	25,181.78



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GENERAL FUND  
Balance Sheet Accounts Comparison  
August - October, 1960

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Balance</u> 8/31/60	<u>Balance</u> 10/31/60	<u>Changes</u> During Mo.
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	50894.05	65537.59	14,643.54
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	731.50	403.08	-328.42
Suburban Trust Company	10886.54	13560.57	2674.03
Petty Cash	125.00	150.00	25.00
Taxes Receivable - 1959 Levy	3523.21	252.65	-3270.56
Taxes Receivable - 1960 Levy	102806.12	35003.80	-67802.32
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	681.43	681.43	-
Interest Receivable - Delinquent	263.32	13.39	-249.93
Towing Account	108.50	126.00	17.50
Uniform Account	1438.88	1905.82	466.94
Protective Apparel	114.31	147.78	33.47
Maple Avenue Improvement	12511.60	84237.40	71725.80
Commercial Trash Accounts Receivable	203.50	378.00	174.50
Prepaid Insurance	7433.68	3358.78	-4074.90
Cumberland Avenue	24.40	24.40	-
Claims	2300.94	2664.47	363.53
Hayward, Cherry, Colby Avenues.	271.48	271.48	-
Uniform Stock	211.75	211.75	-
Capital Assets Control	177403.04	177403.04	-
Due from Special Assessment Fund	6787.41	6787.41	-
Certificate of Deposit	200000.00	150000.00	-50000.00
Group Hospitalization	.63	-	-.63
Commercial Trash Billing	.50	-	-.50
Accrued Interest Receivable	558.96	1188.92	629.96
	<u>579280.75</u>	<u>544307.76</u>	<u>-34972.99</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Escrow Account	851.67	856.67	5.00
Maryland Withholding Tax	674.09	341.20	-332.89
D. C. Withholding Tax	47.67	30.80	-16.87
Group Hospitalization	-	19.91	19.91
Certificate of Indebtedness	14000.00	14000.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	13.90	102.54	88.64
Accounts Payable	87755.25	94978.18	7222.93
Accrued Payroll	3254.30	2631.31	-622.99
Exchange Account	61.48	61.48	-
Commercial Trash Billing	-	174.00	174.00
Overpayment of Taxes	296.38	296.38	-
	<u>106954.74</u>	<u>113492.47</u>	<u>6537.73</u>
Unappropriated Surplus	18314.18	18335.70	21.52
Appropriated Net Asset Value	219171.43	113602.17	-105569.26
Reserve Fund Balance	42660.76	34971.98	-7688.78
General Fixed Assets Fund	189914.64	261640.44	71725.80
Reserved Surplus	2265.00	2265.00	-
Special Improvement Account	<u>579280.75</u>	<u>544307.76</u>	<u>-34972.99</u>
8/31/60 Balance	5,411.40		
Sept. & Oct. Receipts	354.99		
	<u>5,766.39</u>		