

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 13, 1961

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

For the purpose of clarifying the intent of the statement recorded at the last Council meeting regarding the R-10 zoning in the Cumberland Avenue area, Councilman Turner moved that the minutes of February 27, 1961, be corrected as follows: Under Civic Improvements Committee; Paragraph 1, sentence three, insert the words "City owned" between the words "the" and "land," and in the next to the last line after the words, "sale, abandonment etc," insert the phrase "however, this does not include the rezoning of private property, only that portion of City owned land being sold." Councilman Roth seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried. There being no further corrections, motion was made that the minutes of February 27, 1961, be accepted as corrected. Upon being seconded and put to question, the motion was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Prince Georges County Municipal Association - Notice of March 16th meeting at Cheverly American Legion Post, 8:00 P.M. Referred to Council Files.
2. Patrick Healy, Jr, Executive Director, American Municipal Association- Request for reaction as to merits of Senator Clark's Bill S-986. Referred to the Law and Ordinances Committee.
3. Senator Edward S. Northrop, Annapolis, Maryland - Pledging support of House Bill 470 to authorize urban renewal projects in Takoma Park. Referred to Council Files.
4. Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., Annapolis, Maryland - Acknowledging Mayor Miller's letter concerning House Bill 470. Referred to Council Files.
5. Mrs. Louis D. Bliss, 7611 Takoma Avenue, City - Expression of appreciation for Resolution adopted by Mayor and Council. Referred to Council Files.
6. Dr. C. Taylor Whittier, Supt. of Schools, Montgomery County, Statement concerning the foreign language program in elementary schools. Referred to Council Files.
7. Mrs. Jeanne C. Wysong, President, P.T.A., J. Enos Ray Elementary School - Request for school warning blinker light on New Hampshire Avenue near Ray Road. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
8. W. C. Woodard, President, Takoma-Langley Taxi Association - Request for permission to move radio dispatcher from Laurel Avenue Taxi Stand. Referred to Public Safety and Civic Improvements Committees.
9. Rev. W. J. Keith, Pastor, Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church - Request for conference concerning Laurel Avenue Taxi Stand. Referred to the Public Safety and Civic Improvements Committees.
10. Mr. Arthur C. Stebbins, 34 Freemont Avenue, City -
  - (a) Request for information concerning present status of proposed curb cut at corner of Jefferson and Carroll Avenues.
  - (b) Request for ordinance or signs to control traffic hazard at Lincoln and Carroll Avenues. Referred to the Public Safety Committee
11. Robert J. McLeod, Chief Engineer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Information concerning 8" sewer line in Block 102. Referred to the Public Works Committee.

12. Mr. Reed A. Robinson, 7533 Carroll Avenue, City, Appreciation for prompt cooperation of Public Works Department concerning storm drainage erosion. Referred to the Public Works Department.

13. Mrs. A. E. McDonnell, 240 Manor Circle, City - Further complaint concerning rats and garbage at 250 Manor Circle. Referred to Council Files.

14. Mr. B. T. Anderson, 718 Maplewood Avenue, City, Complaint of speed and lighting on Maplewood Avenue, Flower to Maple Avenue. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.

15. Mr. Howard G. Brunsmann, Chief Population Division, Bureau of Census, Final report on 1960 Population (16,799). Referred to Council Files.

16. Mr. John A. Beilein, Fire Underwriter's Rating Bureau, Reduction of fire defense charge from 14 cents to 12 cents. Referred to Council Files.

17. Percy Bughee, National Fire Protection Association, Transmitting Certificate of Merit in recognition of achievement in 1960 Fire Prevention Contest. Referred to Council Files.

BANK STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	
1/31/61 Balance	102424.53
February Receipts	<u>17299.27</u>
	119723.80
February Disbursements	<u>96723.27</u>
2/28/61 Balance	23000.53

Suburban Trust Company:	
1/31/61 Balance	1704.89
February Receipts	<u>187.02</u>
2/28/61 Balance	1891.91

Special Improvement Account:	
1/31/61 Balance	7653.73
February Receipts	<u>4962.39</u>
2/28/61 Balance	12616.12

At this time Mayor Miller presented his views regarding the lack of action on the part of the Park and Planning Commission over the past four years in the preparation of a planning and zoning map for the City of Takoma Park. He cited the fact that over four years ago, on May 10th, 1957, the Mayor & Council, after having heard several long cases regarding zoning, and realizing that zoning had become quite a problem, called upon the Park and Planning Commission to work with them on coming up with a zoning map and street survey. A joint statement was issued after meeting with the Park & Planning Commission. The statement was published in a metropolitan paper on May 17, 1957, and Mayor Miller read aloud this article, which in essence emphasized the question of to what extent reclassification to a more intensive residential use is practicable and in the public interest; the desirability and validity of requiring use and occupancy permits for multiple-family dwellings; actual reclassification in accordance with the zoning plan after it shall have been adopted; and further that the Commission's study would proceed immediately and it was anticipated that the joint program of the City and the Commission would begin to show results within the next few months.

Mayor Miller pointed to the progress the City of Rockville has made without being under the jurisdiction of the Park & Planning Commission. He felt that the City could have been well along the way if we had our own zoning powers.

Presently our citizens are paying a 4 cent tax to the Park & Planning Commission for planning and zoning for Takoma Park, but to date the taxpayers have received no benefit from this tax. Mayor Miller strongly urged that we join with Laurel in their bill to be presented by the Prince George's County Delegation to the Legislature. Since tomorrow is the last day to introduce our own bill, it was felt that it would be just as well to join as an

amendment to the bill, and also have the Montgomery County Delegation agree, as this naturally would affect both Counties.

Mayor Miller moved that Corporation Counsel Gingerich and Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen be authorized to prepare the necessary papers to effect the presentation to the Legislature and in transmitting point out that the City of Takoma Park is desirous of being relieved from the Park & Planning Commission's jurisdiction, and also the 4 cent tax; that we have labored without any map or proper guidance; that other areas not subscribing to the Park & Planning Commission have made more progress than the City. Councilman Jones stated that as Councilman representing Prince George's County, he seconded the motion. Upon being put to question the motion was carried.

OPEN MEETING:

1. Mr. Robert L. Simms, 1215 Kirklynn Avenue, City, presented to the Council a petition signed by 66 property owners, requesting that the short strip of dirt road which begins at the corner of Kirklynn, Kennewick, Hammond Avenues, and extends to New Hampshire Avenue be paved. This would add greatly to the convenience of the residents in the area in reaching the business section, and the petitioners felt that this would not increase the traffic to any great extent.

Councilman Roth remarked that when the shopping center at New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard was in its initial stages of construction, several persons remarked that the paving of the area in question would increase the traffic, however, since that time most of these people have changed their minds to wit: the petition, and in view of this, he would support the request.

Councilman Collison stated that the Council was aware that the aforementioned petition was to be presented tonight, and on that basis he endeavored to contact the two property owners involved in the street improvement, i. e., Giant Properties and Gorin Brothers. He reported that he was able to reach Giant Properties and that they were agreeable to the improvement, and would participate in providing their part of the cost. To date, he had not been in touch with Gorin Brothers. If Gorin Brothers agreed to the improvement, a public hearing would not be necessary.

Mayor Miller referred the petition to the Public Works Committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner directed that item one on the agenda re: Takoma Park Boys' Club be deleted from the agenda, as the Club is presumably non-existent.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE;

1. Councilman Roth inquired of Mr. Pridgen the status of the abandonment of Cumberland Avenue. Mr. Pridgen reported that the advertisement had been placed and is appearing in the newspapers, but to date there has been no inquiry as a result of the ad.

It was suggested by Councilman Collison that the two sections considered for abandonment in the Cumberland Avenue area be presented through the proper legal channels at the same time to effect a savings on court costs. It was agreed that this be done if the Corporation Counsel could work it out without too many complications.

2. Councilman Roth moved the adoption of the following Ordinance for the purchase of the Ackerman property known as 109 Philadelphia Avenue:

ORDINANCE NO. 1644

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

Section 1. THAT the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the public interest to acquire the improved property known as 109 Philadelphia Avenue Takoma Park, Maryland, containing approximately 7,504 square feet of land in Block 102, Hodges Tract, Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, contiguous to other City owned property in Block 102, previously acquired by the City for use as a Public Park, AND

Section 2. THAT the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,400.00) be hereby authorized as the purchase price of said property, AND

Section 3. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to O. L. Ackerman and Edith Ackerman the sum of \$200.00 to be considered part of the purchase price, and that the balance of \$13,200.00 be paid on the settlement date of August 1, 1961.

Upon being seconded and 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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison advised that McNeill Surveys, Inc. has been authorized to proceed with the necessary surveys in connection with the storm drainage problem at 7222 Spruce Avenue.
2. Councilman Collison stated that the construction of the storm drainage project on Erskine Street will be started any day now.

At this time Councilman Roth inquired as to what approach was being used to effect the patching of the City's streets that suffered considerable damage due to the snow and ice. Councilman Collison stated that at a recent Public Works Committee meeting, it was suggested that Mr. Rhodes contact the State Roads Commission to unofficially explore the possibility of resurfacing Ethan Allen and Philadelphia Avenues. The City must work in conjunction with the State Roads Commission on the aforementioned roadways because parts of these highways are owned by the State. In the meantime, the public works crew is repairing those potholes that need immediate attention in order to make the roadway passable. Mr. Rhodes explained that on a major portion of our residential streets patch work has been delayed due to the wet condition under the road beds. Water fills in under the holes, and until it dries a permanent patch cannot be made. In the interim temporary patches are being made particularly on the asphalt pavings, as they are the most difficult to patch due to the wetness. Concrete streets can have the black top patches, even so, the heavier truck traffic causes these to loosen again in one or two days.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee moved that the date of the Budget Hearing be set for Monday, May 1, 1961 instead of the April 17th date previously designated. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried.
2. Councilman Forshee reported that Mr. Rhodes has requested additional funds for 5 budgeted items in the Public Works Department. This request was brought about due to the unforeseen expenditures caused by the snow removal and street repairs. Mr. Rhodes suggested an additional \$3,000 for materials to repair the roads, Account 12.202A; \$4,000 for outside

parts and labor, Account 12.902A (some of this has been brought about because of the wear and tear the heavy equipment has taken); gas, oil and grease, \$3,000, Account 12.902B1; \$4,000 auto parts and tires, Account 12.902B2; \$500, tubes and batteries, Account 12.902B3. This would total to \$14,500.00.

Councilman Forshee moved that Mr. Pridgen and Mr. Rhodes be authorized to exceed the budget on these items, and that an adjustment be made in a later month to provide for the over-expenditure. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was duly carried.

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones asked Mr. Pridgen to report the progress in the error free typing of the Codification. Mr. Pridgen advised that the contract stenographer is making good progress, and that she is also editing. He expects that the copy will be completed in two or three more weeks.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie stated that the Public Works Department was in need of new burlap; and on the basis of quotations received from three companies, moved the adoption of an Ordinance to purchase 1300 burlap sheets from Bemis Brothers at their low quotation of \$767.10 per thousand:

ORDINANCE NO. 1645

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

Section 1. THAT it has been determined that the Sanitation Division is in need of burlap squares for trash removal;

Section 2. AND THAT bids have been received from three firms specializing in this type material;

Section 3. THEREFORE THAT the low bid of \$1,003.23 for the lot of 1,300 squares received from Bemis Brothers Bag Company of Norfolk, Virginia be hereby accepted;

Section 4. AND FURTHER THAT the purchase of ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED (1,300) burlap squares 80" x 80", 10 oz. burlap, unhemmed, is hereby authorized for the total sum of ONE THOUSAND THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-THREE CENTS (\$1,003.23), order to be placed with Bemis Brothers Bag Company in accordance with their low bid, sum to be charged to Budget Account No. 13.402B.

Councilman Turner 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.

2. Councilman McKenzie advised the Mayor and Council that the City had won the first Court test of the constitutionality of our Housing Ordinance. He stated that copies of the opinion are available in the City Office.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell moved that the following changes of the rules and regulations of the

Fire Department be adopted in accordance with the recommendations of the Maryland Fire Rating Bureau:

ARTICLE VI - APPARATUS, TOOLS, APPLIANCES. Cont.

"Section 19. All hose over two years old shall be tested annually during April, May, and June at a static pressure of 250 PSI for three minutes. Hose standing the test shall have the month and year of test stamped on the couplings. Hose bursting or leaking under the test shall be repaired and re-tested, or, if unfit for further use shall be condemned. Results of these tests shall be entered in the desk record journal."

ADD:

"Section 23. All pumpers shall be tested yearly and after major repairs. The testing procedures as recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters shall be followed and a record of the results kept on file along with File #70 form used for apparatus repair."

ARTICLE VII - RESPONSE TO ALARMS.

"Section 4. In responding to alarms within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park or assigned tax areas, there shall be at least four men on the first piece of apparatus to respond, or two men in the Ambulance if it responds first."

"Section 5.

A. - The maximum number of men to ride on any "Conventional" pumping engine shall be five (5); the minimum number shall be four (4), except as stated in Section 6.

B. - The maximum number of men to ride on any "Cab Forward" pumping engine shall be seven (7); the minimum number shall be four (4), except as stated in Section 6.

C. - The maximum number of men allowed to ride the Aerial Truck (straight service aerial) shall be six (6); the minimum number shall be four (4), unless in discretion of the Officer-in-Charge only three (3) men are needed.

D. - The maximum number of men to respond with the Ambulance on any call other than a fire call shall be three (3). Under no circumstances is the Ambulance to leave quarters with less than two (2) men.

E. - The maximum number of men to ride the Ambulance on fire calls shall be four (4), as long as rescue work is not being done. Under no circumstances can this order be changed except by the Fire Chief or Acting Chief of the Fire Department. The requirements listed in this section may be changed during Company Drills only by the Officer-in-Charge at the time of need."

"Section 6. When responding outside of the Takoma Park Fire Department's area of primary responsibility, minimum crews shall be on the apparatus and, in the case of the first two engine companies, they shall respond with at least eight (8) men between the two (2) engine companies. Response to a Fill-In (Mutual Aid) can be made with seven (7) men. Four (4) men on the first company and three (3) on the second company."

"Section 7. Upon receipt of a call to fill-in, the radios on the engines due to respond shall be turned on immediately and the crews assembled. After both crews have been assembled the Fireboard shall be contacted by radio and informed that the apparatus is on-the-air proceeding to the fill-in location. While enroute to a fill-in, all traffic laws are to be obeyed and no red-lights or sirens are to be used. If, while enroute to a fill-in, a call is received by radio to respond elsewhere,

ARTICLE VII - Section 7 Con't.

When an emergency then exists and the Officer-in-Charge shall be governed accordingly. When responding to a mutual-aid fire or on a fill-in (mutual-aid there must be an OFFICER along with the driver on the first engine company that responds."

"Section 8. On all building fires in Takoma Park Fire Department's area of primary responsibility, the aerial truck shall respond or be dispatched between the first and second engine company."

Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. Upon being put to question, the motion was carried. Councilman Sidell requested Fire Chief LaScola to explain the affect this will have on the insurance rates. Chief LaScola explained that the commercial rate will be reduced from 14 cents to 12 cents; but that the residential rate will remain unchanged. Normally the rating bureau will effect a 1/4 or 1/2 cent rate reduction, so the 2 cent rate drop in Takoma Park fire area is indicative of the improvements achieved by the Fire Department during the past year to warrant this rate.

Presently there remains only two changes recommended in order to have the B rating for Takoma Park, i.e. a second fire house and more paid firemen.

2. Councilman Sidell advised the Council that there will be a meeting with Rev. Keith this Thursday in reference to the letter read tonight. In this connection, Councilman Sidell said that Mr. Woodward of the Takoma Taxi Association had been by to discuss the removal of the dispatcher's office, and Councilman Sidell felt that the Committee would also like to discuss the matter with him.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

George M. Mueler  
Mayor

Haynes M. Linder  
Clerk & Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
March 27, 1961

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

At this time Mayor Miller called upon Reverend W. J. Keith of the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church to render the invocation.

Mayor Miller called for any corrections or additions to the Minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman Collison reported that paragraph 1 under Open Meeting of the Minutes states that "Mr. Robert L. Simms, 1215 Kirklynn Avenue, City, presented to the Council a petition signed by 66 property owners, requesting that the short strip of dirt road which begins at the corner of Kirklynn, Kennewick, and Hammond Avenues, and extends to New Hampshire Avenue be paved." Councilman Collison stated that it should read as follows: "requesting that the unimproved portion of Kirklynn Avenue, east of Hammond Avenue be paved." Councilman Collison reported that paragraph 3 under Open Meeting should read as follows: "Councilman Collison stated that the Council was aware that the aforementioned petition was to be presented tonight and of the two property owners, i. e. Giant Food Properties and Gorin Brothers. Giant Foods had expressed themselves verbally as being agreeable to the improvement, and would participate in providing their part of the cost. To date no word has been received from Gorin Brothers. If Gorin Brothers agrees to the improvement, a public hearing will not be necessary."

Councilman Turner reported that the Minutes of the last meeting stated that "Councilman Turner directed that item one on the agenda re: Takoma Park Boys' Club be deleted from the agenda, as the Club is presumeably non-existent." Councilman Turner stated that a Takoma Park Boys' Club does exist for both the residents of the Prince Georges County Section and the Montgomery County Section. He further stated that at one time there was a Boys' Club of Takoma Park in the Prince Georges County Section of the City which was affiliated with the Prince Georges County Boys' Clubs, Inc. but is no longer in existance.

There being no further additions or corrections Mayor Miller called for a motion to accept the Minutes. Upon motion made, and seconded the Minutes of March 13th were accepted as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. L. E. Speelman, Clerk to Montgomery County Council, Acknowledgment of Mayor Miller's letter concerning the Foreign Language program at the elementary school level. Referred to the Council files.
2. Mr. Irving A. Eisen, Blood Committee Chairman, Cornerstone Lodge #224, Assurance of support of Red Cross Bloodmobile. Referred to Council Files.
3. Louis C. Miriani, Mayor, City of Detroit, Urging that purchase of new City vehicles be accelerated to stimulate national economy. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. John S. Thomas, Councilman, Gaithersburg, Md., Request for information concerning Takoma Park's recreational program. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
5. J. S. Stapp, Division Engineer, Plans & Surveys Division, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Regarding "Brashears Run" storm drainage projects. Referred to the Public Works Committee.



- 6. Darl R. McBride, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board,
  - (a) Acceptance of resignation of Captain Thomas J. Clark from Fire Crew
  - (b) Recommendation that Fire Chief LaScola be appointed to the permanent rank of Municipal Fire Chief effective April 16th, 1961. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
  
- 7. Max Sittenfeld, A & M. Development Co., Offer to purchase City owned property bounded by Maple, Lincoln and Cumberland Avenues with \$1,000.00 deposit check. Referred to the Civic Improvements, Public Works, and Finance Committees.
  
- 8. Copy of letter from James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association to Major S. A. Foster, Chief, Police Department regarding speeding on Lincoln Avenue. Also copy of letter of reply by Major Foster. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
  
- 9. Robert Rice, Owner 7110 Sycamore Avenue, City, Request that terrace apartment remain occupied until sale of property is effected. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee.
  
- 10. Mrs. Thomas J. Hutchins, 18 Hickory Avenue, City, Complaint of unsightly conditions within City. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
  
- 11. Copy of letter to Major Foster from Martin E. Goldstein, 666 Houston Avenue, City, Commendation of Officer Olson of the Police Department. Referred to the Public Safety Committee with a copy for Officer Olson's personnel file.

At this time Mayor Miller welcomed past Councilwoman Emily P. Monitor and past Councilman Walter McClenon who were present at the meeting.

Mayor Miller stated that the Takoma Park Boys' Club will soon undertake a door to door campaign to collect funds for their organization. Mayor Miller further stated that the Club is operated by men who volunteer their time to provide good clean recreation for the boys of the community. He stated that there are many organizations to which many give money but it would be a great help if each would give a little, whatever is within the means of the individual.

Mayor Miller stated that he had been to Annapolis on several occasions to sit in on the Legislature, and it had been his hope that tonight he might be in position to report that House Bill No. 743 had been enacted into Law, however, at this time it is still pending. House Bill 743, if enacted, would give the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park veto power over any new liquor licenses in the Prince Georges' Section of Takoma Park. Mayor Miller stated that the Montgomery County section of the City is dry.

Mayor Miller stated that the City of Takoma Park has a request in House Bill No. 470 to be granted permission to carry out Urban Renewal projects. However, the City has no present plans to begin an Urban Renewal project. The people of Montgomery County voted 9 to 1 in favor of urban renewal, therefore, the City Officials would be derelict in their duty if they did not seek the right to take on such projects if ever deemed necessary. In order for counties, towns, and cities to participate or initiate an urban renewal project, it required an amendment to the State Constitution which was passed in November. This in turn gave the General Assembly of Maryland the right to pass enabling acts allowing counties cities, and towns to carry out urban renewal. House Bill No. 470 is the enabling act for the City of Takoma Park so that if in the future it is ever deemed necessary to initiate an urban renewal project, the City will be in the position to do so as far as state legislative is concerned.

Mayor Miller reported that attempts had been made to remove the City of Takoma Park from the jurisdiction of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. After

four years, the Park and Planning Commission has yet to come up with a master plan for zoning for the City of Takoma Park which has only a total 2.2 sq. miles and 30 miles of roads and that it should not take four years to come up with a plan for this size City, yet our citizens have continued to pay the tax for this purpose.

Mayor Miller reported that Housing Ordinance No. 1207 had recently been declared constitutional in the Montgomery County Circuit Court by Judge Kathryn Lawlor Shook.

OPEN MEETING:

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

1. Mrs. Ruth Ferraro, 7908 Flower Avenue, City, complained of the conditions at Flower and Erie Avenues behind Cross Manufacturing Company and Savages' Food Market. Mrs. Ferraro stated that there is trash, debris, rats, etc., and that something should be done to correct these unsanitary conditions. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Public Welfare Committee and requested Mr. Williams, the Building Inspector, to look into the situation.
2. Mrs. C. E. Moose, 7619 Maple Avenue, City, stated that about four months ago she and her husband had purchased a parcel of land from the City and were told they would receive a quit claim deed but as yet had not received same. Councilman Collison reassured Mrs. Moose that in time she will receive her deed, that there is nothing to worry about. He further stated that Mrs. Moose would not have to pay taxes on the property until such time as she does get the deed. Mrs. Moose wondered what might be done to speed up the Maple Avenue Improvement Project stating that she knows for a fact that the contractor is hiring his men out to the contractor building the apartments in this area. Councilman Collison stated that he did not believe there is anything he could do about the contractor hiring his men but as this is an agreement between two private contractors, but that he would have the Director of Public Works, Mr. Rhodes, look into the matter.
3. Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City, stated that he had seen rats around the area once known as the Sheridan Shopping Center, on New Hampshire Avenue up from Martin's Esso Station. Mayor Miller referred it to the Public Welfare Committee. Mr. Derato inquired of the Council if they would put the new fire house in the Prince Georges County section of the City. Mayor Miller stated that the feasibility of a new fire house had been discussed but that there are no present plans to build a second fire house. Mayor Miller stated that if it is ever decided to build a second fire house, it will more than likely be placed on the Prince Georges side as the present fire house is on the Montgomery County side of the City.
4. Mr. Walter McClenon, 7211 Cedar Avenue, City, inquired about the "Sister City" program and if any response had been received from La Plata, Argentina, South America. Mayor Miller stated that La Plata is really a much larger city than Takoma Park, and that it is thought since no response has been received from the South American City since the letter and other items were mailed in October, it might be well to affiliate with some other City nearer the size of Takoma Park.
5. Mrs. Margaret Boyd, 125 Sherman Avenue, City, reported that she has seen many rats in the area of Sherman and Hancock Avenues, and stated that she felt something should be done about the rodents. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Building Inspector, Mr. Williams and requested that he look into the situation. Mrs. Boyd further stated that during the last snow storm she had received two parking tickets both of which she felt were unfair and unjust as the hill she lives on was only scraped once and further that she had seen no sand on the hill where it was terribly slick. Mrs. Boyd reported that she had parked her car near Niagra Avenue due to the fact that she was afraid to drive up the hill on Sherman and that she had to use the car in order to get to the store and to take her children to and from school. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, stated that the hill had only been scraped once and that sand had been put down several times but that the hill was so dangerous that it was finally decided to barricade the street so it could not be driven on. Mayor

Miller requested Police Chief Foster to investigate the matter of the two tickets.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Collison requested that item one under Public Works on the Agenda Re: Information concerning 8" sewer line in Block 102 be deleted, stating that this is purely an information item requiring no action at this time.
- 2. Councilman Collison reported that Giant Food Properties, Inc. had verbally expressed their willingness to share the cost of paving the unimproved portion of Kirklynn Avenue, east of Hammond Avenue. He further reported that letters had been sent to Giant Food Properties, Inc. and Gorin Brothers as well but that no reply had been received as yet.
- 3. Councilman Collison stated that the curb and gutter are now being installed in connection with the Maple Avenue Improvement Project but that paving will have to wait until such time as the State Roads Commission is satisfied that the fill is packed sufficiently and solidly enough to pave.
- 4. Councilman Collison reported that work is progressing on the Erskine Street Storm Drainage Project very well, but that they have run into many underground springs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Forshee reported that the first meeting had been held in connection with the proposed Budget for the 1961-62 fiscal year and that work should be completed on the proposed Budget by the middle of April in time for the public hearing scheduled for May 1, 1961.
- 2. Councilman Forshee moved the approval of the expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$96,767.90 which includes the cost of the two new fire engines. Councilman Collison seconded the motion, which upon being put to question, was duly carried.

Mayor Miller stated that Councilman Roth is ill with flu and that Councilman Jones had a job to do for his company that was of vital importance. He stated that this does not happen very often.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman McKenzie stated that he had no Committee report at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Sidell reported that in connection with the school warning blinker light there is nothing the City can do as the light would be out of the City limits even though J. Enos Ray School is within the City. He stated that the Committee disliked having to deny this type request, however, letters would be written to the State Roads Commission, the Prince Georges' County Board of Education and also to the County Commissioners. If a blinker light could not be placed perhaps the County Commissioners would see to it that a Crossing Guard is provided.
- 2. Councilman Sidell reported that he could see no reason why the Takoma-Langley Taxi Association could not be granted permission to move the radio dispatcher from the Taxi Stand on Laurel Avenue as the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church had also requested that something agreeable to both parties be done about the situation. He reported that a meeting had been held with three of the Church's officials. Councilman Sidell further reported that the Taxi Association is now desirous of moving the dispatcher to the upstairs:

of the Takoma Motor Company instead of to the office on Vine Street within the D. C. line. Therefore, Councilman Sidell moved that the Takoma-Langley Taxi Association be granted permission to move the radio operation to the Takoma Motor Company and that the stand and shelter remain in their present location temporarily pending further consideration of the subject. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which was duly carried.

3. Councilman Sidell stated that a letter had been written to Mr. Bielein of the Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau stating what the City had done to raise its rating. There are only two items remaining, i. e., a second fire house and more paid men to bring the rating up.

4. Councilman Sidell stated that the City is in receipt of a survey from the Potomac Electric Power Company for the proper lighting on Poplar, Hickory, Montgomery Avenues, and the intersection of Elm and Pine Avenues. Councilman Sidell moved that a total of seven lights instead of Pepco's proposed nine be installed at 1000 lumens each at a total cost to the City of \$142.94 per annum and arranged in the following manner:

1. Poplar Avenue - Between Columbia & Elm Avenues  
Move light on Pole 7199 to Pole 7200.  
Place new lights on Poles 7198 and 7194.
2. Elm Avenue - Between Hickory and Poplar Avenues  
Place new light on Pole 720851.
3. Hickory Avenue - Between Columbia & Elm Avenues  
Move light on Pole 79278 to Pole 79872.  
Place new lights on Poles 79279 and 7231.
4. Montgomery Avenue  
Move light from Pole 7223 to Pole 7222.  
Place new light on pole 7224.
5. Pine Avenue - Between Montgomery and Elm Avenues  
Place new light on Pole 7463.

Councilman Forshee seconded the motion. At this time, Councilman Collison raised the question of the amount of lumens, stating that at one time it was decided that 2500 lumen lights should be placed throughout the City and that it would appear to be wiser to install all new lights with 2500 lumens. Councilman Turner moved the adoption of an amendment to Councilman Sidell's original motion. The amendment being that the proposed new lights be 2500 lumens and the other lights in this particular area be raised to 2500 lumens. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried with Councilman Forshee voting nay and Councilman McKenzie abstaining.

5. Councilman Sidell reported that Chief La Scola had requested a transfer of some funds within the Fire Department Budget in order that it may stay in the black. Councilman Sidell moved that the following transfers be made:

1. Transfer from 11.212 C	100.00	Alarm-Communication (Radio Maintenance)
and from 11.212 D-2	100.00	Oil
and from 11.212 K	75.00	Photographic Supplies
	<u>\$275.00</u>	

This amount to be transferred into 11.212 D-1 (Gasoline).

2. Transfer from 11.212 L-2	80.00	Fire Inspector Car Allowance
and from 11.212 D-2	125.00	Oil
and from 11.212 B	75.00	Business telephones
	<u>\$280.00</u>	

This amount to be transferred into 11.212 D-1 (Gasoline).

3. Transfer the amount of \$400.00 from Account 11.211, Salaries, to Account 11.212 D-6, Apparatus Repairs.

Councilman Collison seconded the motion, which upon being put to question was duly carried.

6. Councilman Sidell moved, upon the request of Fire Chief Stephen J. La Scola, that Captain B. E. DeKalb be granted official leave from Saturday, April 22, 1961 to April 28, 1961, in order to attend the 17th Annual Arson Seminar at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Captain DeKalb will be traveling with the Fire Marshal from Silver Spring Fire Department. This item is within the budget of \$200.00 of which \$35.00 is for the registration fee. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried.

7. Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Foster, Councilman Sidell moved the six month probationary appointment of Lawrence H. Baker as a Police Officer effective April 1st, 1961 at the starting salary of \$4,000.00 per annum plus the 2 1/2% temporary cost of living increase which brings it up to \$4,100.00 per annum. Mr. Baker is 37 years of age and is presently employed as an Armed Services Police Officer, holding the rank of Patrol Chief. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner reported that Prince Georges County had included the cost of the multi-purpose court for Long Branch Park, in their Budget, but that it is not known when work will begin.

2. Councilman Turner stated that on many Sundays he has been called out of town but has noticed how efficiently the Special Officers handle the traffic near the Churches giving up their own opportunity to attend the church of their choice. He commended the Special Officers for the fine work they are doing on their own time.

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

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George M Miles  
MAYOR

Harold M. Long  
CLERK-TREASURER

GENERAL FUND  
Balance Sheet Accounts Comparison  
January - February, 1961

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance <u>1/31/61</u>	Balance <u>2/28/61</u>	Changes <u>During Month</u>
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	102424.53	23000.53	-79424.00
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	3637.26	3973.58	336.32
Suburban Trust Company	1704.89	1891.91	187.02
Betty Cash	150.00	150.00	-
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	838.43	846.16	7.73
Taxes Receivable - 1960 Levy	23397.70	21224.65	-2173.05
Interest Receivable - Delinquent Taxes	3.25	3.25	-
Towing Account	201.00	221.00	20.00
Uniform Account	1360.82	1255.24	-105.58
Protective Apparel	120.52	67.15	-53.37
Maple Avenue Improvement	77055.76	77855.76	-
Hillwood Manor Storm Drainage	23.15	7463.75	7440.60
Hayward, Cherry & Colby Avenues	271.48	271.48	-
Cumberland Avenue	24.40	24.40	-
Municipal Center	950.00	7289.22	6339.22
Fire House Parking Lot	340.89	840.89	-
Commercial Trash Accounts Receivable	419.00	296.00	-123.00
Prepaid Insurance	462.72	4640.77	-321.95
Claims	2038.02	2693.95	55.93
Uniform Stock	303.50	308.50	5.00
Capital Assets Control	177403.04	177403.04	-
Due from S/A Fund	7637.41	7637.41	-
Exchange Account	6.00	6.00	-
Contracts Receivable - Pending	2300.00	2300.00	-
	<u>409473.77</u>	<u>341664.64</u>	<u>67809.13</u>

LIABILITIES

Egcrow	901.67	951.67	50.00
Federal, Maryland, & D.C. Withholding Tax	3524.94	3960.04	435.10
Group Hospitalization	5.35	2.37	-2.98
Certificate of Indebtedness	14000.00	14000.00	-
Accrued Interest Payable	146.90	58.26	-88.64
Accrued Payroll	3647.56	3092.20	-555.36
Overpayment of Taxes	296.38	296.38	-
Commercial Trash Billing	215.00	92.00	-123.00
Sale of City Property Pending	2300.00	2300.00	-
Accounts Payable	80057.36	40644.46	-39412.90
Tax Levy	97.80	-	-97.80
	<u>105192.96</u>	<u>65397.38</u>	<u>-39795.58</u>
Unappropriated Surplus	18390.70	18390.70	-
Appropriated Net Asset Value	3950.81	(25844.96)	-29795.77
Reserve Fund Balance	16216.78	4219.18	-11997.60
General Fixed Assets Fund	263457.52	277237.34	13779.82
Reserve Surplus	2265.00	2265.00	-
	<u>409473.77</u>	<u>341664.64</u>	<u>-67809.13</u>

Special Improvement Account:  
 1/31/61 Balance 7653.73  
 February Receipts 4962.39  
12616.12

GENERAL FUND  
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
 February, 1961

	CASH BALANCE Beginning of Period	CASH BALANCE End of Period
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	102424.50	23000.53
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	3637.26	3973.58
Suburban Trust Company	1704.89	1891.91
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
	107916.68	29016.02

		Total Bud- geted Rev. 2/28/61	Budget Bal. as of 2/28/61	Adopted Budget 1960-61	Per- centage to Budget
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
1.0 Taxes - Local	4541.73	389624.12	22985.52	412609.64	94.1
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	10359.57	32046.65	78303.35	110350.00	29.0
2.0 Licenses - Permits	333.53	17655.61	7019.39	24675.00	71.5
3.0 Fines & Forfeitures	41.00	458.20	1341.80	1800.00	25.4
4.0 Rev. from use of Money & Prop.	45.00	2422.54	1017.46	3440.00	70.4
5.0 Rev. from other Agencies	-	-	36938.98	36938.98	-
6.0 Serv. Chgs. for Current Serv.	1652.80	10567.35	1156.65	11724.00	90.1
	16973.63	452774.47	148763.15	601537.62	75.2
Non-Budgeted Receipts	362.29				
	17335.92				
Adjustments	150.37	17486.29			
	125402.97				
				This Month's percentage Figure - 66.2/3	

		Expended	Balance	Budget	Percent
<b>DISBURSED &amp; ACCRUED:</b>					
10.1 Government Administration	3012.65	26422.37	17645.63A	36568.00	59.9
10.8 Government Buildings	2439.31	16677.44	6132.56B	22270.00	72.9
11.1 Police Department	9176.84	79697.92	42992.88C	120269.60	65.0
11.2 Fire Department	8681.13	113126.33	27871.67D	85245.50	80.2
11.3 Protective Inspection	633.42	4930.29	4010.71E	8941.00	55.1
11.9 Other Protection	-	-	100.00F	100.00	
12.1 P/W Office	1195.02	8915.61	5045.39G	13961.00	63.8
12.2 P/W Highways	8399.23	55209.38	15305.32H	70364.70	78.2
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	2648.37	28308.96	811.04I	29120.00	97.1
13.0 P/W Sanitation	5072.64	52244.61	19157.89J	62530.50	73.1
19.0 Recreation Division	277.11	35070.72	13850.69K	46686.41	71.6
22.0 Miscellaneous	1376.84	22313.37	14081.63L	36395.00	61.3
Council Appropriations	-	-	8932.15M	8932.15	
22.1 Capital Budget	13739.82	87827.30	(69678.42N)	-	484.1
Legal Reserve Fund	-	-	4219.18O	60153.76	92.9
	56652.38	530744.30	110528.32	601537.62	
Non-Budgeted	1065.18			39735.00	
	57717.56			641272.62	76.1
Adjustments	38669.39	96386.95			
	29016.02				

	Reserve Surplus	Reserve Fund
A		7500.00
B		590.00
C		2421.20
D	37500.00	18252.50
H		150.00
J		8872.00
K	2235.00	-
N		18148.88
	39735.00	55934.58