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EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
July 10, 1961

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

Mayor Miller stated that at this time he wished to deviate from the usual order of business in order that he might present a group of fine young ladies who have recently completed the Babysitting Course instructed by Capt. DeKalb and sponsored by the Fire Department and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mayor Miller stated that he would like to congratulate the young ladies on taking the course and upon successfully completing it, and extended his appreciation on behalf of the Council and the people of Takoma Park. Capt. DeKalb and Mayor Miller presented the following young ladies with cards and certificates:

Jeanette Conlon	Janet Jenkins	
Teresa Hannon	Katherine L. Foster	Carolyn Curtis
Nancy Lee Barnes	Linda G. Harowitz	Sue Shackelford
Barbara Barnes	Alana Karolius	Sharon L. Russell
Donna J. Chemsak	Judy Mitchell	Linda Adams
Mary Jane McGuire	Gloria Kim	Marion Brower
Donna Klix	Ruth Kim	Cherry Breiningner
Sally McGuire	Alice McGuire	Nancy LaScola
Nancy Barrows	Elizabeth Howe	

Councilman Roth moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of June 26th be accepted as submitted. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Mayor Don Hummel, President, American Municipal Association - Urging representation at 1961 Municipal Congress, Seattle, Washington, August 26th - 30th. Referred to Council Files.
2. Hon. Carlton R. Sickles, Delegate, Prince Georges County - Regarding Independence Day Celebration. Referred to Council Files.
3. Samuel Humes, Executive Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Regional Conference - Regarding City membership in W.M.R.C. Referred to Council Files.
4. Mrs. Jane McBride, Secretary, Ladies' Auxiliary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. - Expression of appreciation for presentation of first aid cards and patches. Referred to Council Files.
5. Rev. William L. Montgomery, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church - Resignation from City Planning Commission as he is moving to Oklahoma. Mayor Miller directed that a letter be sent to Rev. Montgomery accepting his resignation with regret and wishing him every success in his new undertaking.
6. Jesse F. Nicholson, Executive Director, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Z.A.P. A-3582, Charles, Freda, William and Rosalie Cohen, Owners and Applicants, Lot 11, Green Hill Farms, Takoma Tract, R-55 Zone to C-1. (New Hampshire Avenue south of car wash). Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.



- 7. Reply from Mr. Frederick Richmond, Agent for Dudley property, 7335, Carroll Avenue. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee.
- 8. Herbert Perez, 7110 Sycamore Avenue, City - Request for extension to end of July for vacating terrace apartment at premises. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee.
- 9. Mr. & Mrs. George H. Price, 7006 Sycamore Avenue, City and Petitioners - Complaint of neighbors (7007 Sycamore Avenue, City.) Referred to the Public Welfare Committee and the Civic Improvements Committee.
- 10. Herman A. Becker, 7007 Sycamore Avenue, City, Reply to complaint. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee and the Civic Improvements.
- 11. George N. Lewis, Jr., State Roads Commission - Concerning left turn at New Hampshire Avenue from Rt. 410. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
- 12. Mayor Miller, Takoma Park to Chief Foster, Commendation for performance of Police Department on July 4th. Referred to Police Department Files.
- 13. Chief LaScola, Fire Department to Chief Foster, Commendation of Police Officers Newton, Fitzpatrick and Ingels in connection with a fire at 7103 Woodland Avenue, July 7th. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Councilman Collison stated that in connection with the complaint received from home owners on and near Sycamore Avenue and the reply to the complaint by Mr. Becker that he is of the opinion that the complaint about the stock cars is justified on the basis that the property in question is only rented and that the owner does not live in the house.

**BANK STATEMENT:**

Citizens Bank - General Fund:

5/31/61 Balance	21019.93
June Receipts	2565.51
	<u>23585.44</u>
June Disbursements	13378.53
6/30/61 Balance	10206.91

Suburban Trust Company

5/31/61 Balance	36159.52
June Receipts	84166.97
	<u>120326.19</u>
June Disbursements	49164.76
6/30/61 Balance	71161.43

Special Improvement Fund:

5/31/61 Balance	7020.99
June Receipts	6134.27
	<u>13155.26</u>
June Disbursements	7745.76
6/30/61 Balance	5409.50

Mayor Miller read a letter from the Independence Day Committee commending the Public Works Department, the Police Department, and the Clerk & Treasurer, Mr. Pridgen. Mayor Miller presented certificates of appreciation to the above Department Heads from the Independence Day Committee.

Councilman Turner stated that he would like to take this opportunity to commend Police Chief Foster, the Police Department, and the Special Police for the fine work they did on the fourth of July.



## OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Miller welcomed all those present and recognized those persons desirous of expressing their views:

1. Mrs. Rockman, 7105 Carroll Avenue, City, Stated that she wished to clarify her remarks at the last Council Meeting which were carried by some of the local newspapers. She stated that there has been a 50% turnover in the Police Department from January to June of this year. She further complained about the Police Chief. Mayor Miller requested that Mrs. Rockman put her complaints in writing by sending a letter to the Mayor and Council which would be read and referred to the proper Committee.

Councilman Roth requested that the Police Department furnish the Council with the actual facts from the police records as to how many men have left since the first of the year.

2. Mr. Clayton Railey, 7410 Cedar Avenue, City, asked the Police Chief just how many men have resigned since the first of the year. Chief Foster stated that one man has resigned.

Mayor Miller welcomed Mr. Francis Porter, reporter for the Washington Daily News stating that it was nice to have him at the Council Meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Roth stated that there were three petitions for rezoning that he would like to take action on; the first being Z.A.P. No. C-605 on Ritchie Avenue just outside the City Limits. Councilman Roth stated that the proposed change from the R-60 Zone to the R-10 Zone does not seem feasible as the property in question is located on a nice looking street with residential homes. Therefore, Councilman Roth moved that the Montgomery County Council be informed that the City would recommend against this proposed change in rezoning if the property were inside the City. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried.

2. Councilman Roth stated that the proposed change in zoning from R-60 to R-10 of Lots 32, 33, 34, and 35 of Block 50, B.F. Gilberts Subdivision on Cumberland Avenue north of Lincoln Avenue to permit the building of apartments seems to be in line with the area surrounding the property and moved that the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission be advised that the Mayor and Council approve of Z. A. P. C-630 on the condition that a fifteen foot dedication of right of way on Lincoln Avenue for future street widening be provided. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried, with Councilman Turner voting nay.

3. Councilman Roth reported that at the last meeting, Mr. Pridgen, the Clerk & Treasurer, informed the Council that the Prince Georges County Planning Board has taken action with regard to zoning petition A-382 which is the Cohen Tract located on New Hampshire Avenue immediately south of the car wash. Councilman Roth stated that there had been other occasions when the land was up for rezoning but that this time the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission had not sent the usual information and request for recommendation. However, a letter was written to the Director of the Commission and the necessary information was forwarded. Councilman Roth stated that the request to change the zoning from R-55 to C-1 which is commercial for the entire tract does not seem feasible as this would mean commercial property would be abutting residential homes and that there are residential homes and a church across New Hampshire Avenue from this property.



Therefore, Councilman Roth moved that the Commission and County Commissioners be notified that the Mayor and Council reaffirm their position of opposition to this proposed change and request that the Commission apply professional planning principles for some type of buffer zoning. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison stated in connection with Mr. App's letter requesting certain information concerning the condition of Ethan Allen Avenue, that the Clerk-Treasurer had sufficiently answered his questions in a letter and therefore stated that the item could be removed from the agenda.
2. Councilman Collison stated that the request for action to improve traffic conditions along Freemont, Jefferson, and Carroll Avenues, can be deleted from the Public Works Agenda as it is a Public Safety Committee item and is on their agenda.
3. Councilman Collison reported that in connection with the survey concerning street maintenance situation in Takoma Park, that the Clerk & Treasurer had written the Consultant, Mr. Rodgers a letter explaining the lack of funds for such a project at this time and directed that the item be deleted from the Agenda.
4. Councilman Collison stated that the proposed correction of the storm drainage in North Takoma had been approved at a meeting last week by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission which will do the work at their expense if the City obtains the rights of way. The City is awaiting official confirmation of this approval.
5. Councilman Collison stated that the Kirklynn Avenue Improvement Project has been delayed due to the fact that certain insurance papers that are needed before work can begin have not been received as yet.
6. Councilman Collison stated that the parking problem in front of the Maple Avenue Stores at the site of the Maple Avenue Improvement Project has not been settled as yet as the Committee is awaiting word from Mr. Hewitt, owner of the stores, who is presently ill.
7. Councilman Collison stated that the Ethan Allen and Philadelphia Avenue resurfacing project is hoped to be underway soon. Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, had written to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission inquiring about the cost to raise the manholes on Ethan Allen Avenue. Councilman Collison stated that the total cost would be \$2300.00 which would be split by the Commission and the City; the City's share being \$1150.00. Also, Councilman Collison reported that they have set a target date of July 24th for the completion of the specifications for this proposed paving.
8. Councilman Collison reported that the item on the agenda that simply says "To enclose Brashear's Run," refers to the gap between the two enclosed sections in front of Niagara Avenue, and that it is not known when the project will get underway to enclose this gap.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones stated that he also had no Committee report at this time.



PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. In the absence of Councilman McKenzie, Councilman Jones, Vice-Chairman of the Committee moved that authority be granted to advertise for bids for \$10,000 worth of sidewalk repairs on a unit basis subject to final agreement by the Council and the Corporation Counsel on the procedure for costs bids to be opened no later than the 28th day of July. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Sidell stated that the Public Safety Committee has not yet had an opportunity to meet but a meeting will be held this Thursday evening, July 13th.
- 2. Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of Corporal James Newton of the Police Department be accepted with regret and further stated that Cpl. Newton's resignation is to be effective as of July 14th, 1961, as he wishes to have a job indoors. Councilman Collison seconded the motion that Cpl. Newton's resignation be accepted with sincere regret as Cpl. Newton has been of invaluable service to the Public Works Department in preparing a job sheet explaining the repairs needed on the police equipment saving the Public Works Department time that they would normally spend in trying to locate the trouble. Upon being put to question, the motion was duly carried. Councilman Turner also commended the fine work of Corporal Newton as a Police Officer as both courteous and efficient.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Turner stated that the Foreign Students shall be arriving at the Library on Wednesday evening around 6:00 p.m. and requested Police Chief Foster to have some men available there to prevent any traffic tie up. Councilman Turner outlined the program lined up for the students.
- 2. Councilman Turner stated that the first square dance of the season was held on July 9th and had been very well received by the citizens.

Fire Chief LaScola reported that he had recently had the pleasure of attending the Annual Maryland State Volunteer Firemen's Convention in Ocean City and had the honor of receiving a plaque for outstanding work in fire prevention. Chief LaScola stated that the credit goes to Captain DeKalb for his time and efforts in this field. Chief LaScola further reported that a \$300.00 scholarship was awarded to Volunteer Robert L. Darwin for a course at the University of Maryland. Chief LaScola thanked the Mayor and Council for taking time to present the young ladies who had completed the babysitting course with their cards and certificates. Further, Chief LaScola thanked Captain DeKalb for a job well done; Capt. DeKalb being the instructor for this course.

Captain DeKalb stated that this is the first such babysitting course given in the City of Takoma Park and would have only been an idea if it had not been for the assistance rendered by the Silver Spring Fire Department, Mrs. Thelma Russell of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Jane McBride, Secretary for the Auxiliary and Officer Saunders of the Takoma Park Police Department. Capt. DeKalb stated that the new class will begin Monday evening at the Fire House, on July 17th.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

George M. Miller  
MAYOR

Raymond P. [Signature]  
CLERK & TREASURER



REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
July 24, 1961

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

Reverend Loveless of the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church rendered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Collison moved that the Minutes of July 10th, page 2, 1st paragraph after the correspondence be corrected as the owner does live in the house, and that the paragraph be changed to read, "that the garage in question is rented to a group who do not live in the house and that their activities are of a commercial nature for which the property is not zoned." It was then regularly moved and seconded that the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Joe M. Kyle, Councilman, Montgomery County Council, acknowledgment of Mayor Miller's letter and favorable comments concerning Independence Day Parade. Referred to Council Files.
2. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, City. Expression of appreciation for grading and sodding playground at Forest Park. Referred to Council Files.
3. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, City, Expression of appreciation to Mayor Miller for his efforts in obtaining new State law governing liquor store licenses within City. Referred to Council Files.
4. Patrick Healy, Jr., Executive Director, American Municipal Association, Acknowledgment of City's renewal of membership. Referred to Council Files.
5. Stanley M. Russell, Offer to purchase and remove plumbing fixtures from former Baker property at 105 Philadelphia Avenue now owned by City. Referred to the Public Works Committee.
6. Harold F. and Bertha M. Melick, 900 Larch Avenue, City, Request for installation of curb and gutter in front of property. Referred to the Public Works Committee.
7. Elswerth Leiske, 62 Walnut Avenue, City, Request for Hearing after August 14th, 1961, concerning ceiling height variance under Housing Ordinance Registration #750. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee.
8. Mrs. Elaine W. Rockman, 7105 Carroll Avenue, City, Request for information concerning Police Department operation. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
9. Norris S. Goff, 7821 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, Complaint of condition of two properties in the first block of Ritchie Avenue east of Piney Branch Road. Referred to the Public Safety and Public Welfare Committees.
10. Gibson E. McKenzie, Jr., Recording Secretary, City Fire Board, Recommendations of City Fire Board at meeting of July 19th, 1961. Referred to the Public Safety Committee.
11. S. J. LaScola, Municipal Fire Chief, City, Commendation of Officer D. L. Olson for saving lives of five people in a fire at 7416 Hancock Avenue on July 22, 1961.



12. George Washington Chapter, Association of the U. S. Army, Invitation to Mayor Miller to serve as a member of Advisory Committee. Mayor Miller stated that he would answer the letter himself.

13. Robert W. Hamilton, President, City Fire Board, letter listing new members and their addresses of the City Fire Board. Referred to Public Safety Committee and the Council Files.

In connection with Mrs. Rockman's letter, Mayor Miller stated that perhaps he had been misunderstood about asking questions at a Council Meeting. Mayor Miller stated that it is the privilege of citizens to ask questions but that the Council Meetings were not to be a debating society with no ultimate results gained.

Councilman Turner stated that he was sorry the person attacking the Chief of Police was not present so that she could hear what he had to say in person. Councilman Turner further stated that the person involved has been at the last two council meetings and written a letter asking questions which had certain implications. Councilman Turner stated that it appears as though the person is carrying on the attack due to personal feelings. Councilman Turner further stated that he feels that it is the right of citizens to ask questions, but that he is going to go on record as saying that people like this should be halted as the Council is far too busy to debate a question with no purpose to be gained.

OPEN MEETING:

At this time, Mayor Miller welcomed all those present and recognized those persons desirous of expressing their views:

1. Mrs. Roderic Davis, 703 New York Avenue, stated that she would like to introduce the new President of the North Takoma Citizens Association, Mr. Bell. Mayor Miller congratulated Mr. Bell stating that Mr. Bell is head of one of the finest civic organizations in the city. Further, Mrs. Davis mentioned that Mrs. Coulson is ill in the hospital and that the Coulsons have been loyal and hard working citizens of Takoma Park, thinking that it might be a nice gesture if the Council were to send her a card or make some type of presentation.

2. Mr. Lester H. Ahlswede, 1302 Erskine Street, City, thanked the Mayor and Council for the action taken on the zoning petition of the Cohen Tract. Further Mr. Ahlswede made the following prepared requests:

"I speak both on behalf of a representation of the Hillwood Manor Citizen's Association, my neighbor, Mr. Cox, and myself in making two requests to the Mayor and Council.

"(1) I wish to request that the City paint a white center stripe from the center island at Erskine Street and New Hampshire Avenue, up Erskine Street to a point beyond the intersection of 13th Avenue, as a means of controlling automobile traffic on Erskine Street. This request is made on the basis of observation of traffic conditions and a conclusion that it will be most helpful in alleviating any traffic congestion problem at Erskine Street and 13th Avenue.

"While this stripe is being painted, it might be well to paint a center stripe in the lane leading into New Hampshire Avenue on Erskine Street, so that cars are guided into right and left lanes for left or right turns without creating congestion.

"(2) As a second and correlary point, we generally feel that the elimination of parking at the point of the property line of 1302 and 1300 Erskine Street to New Hampshire Avenue has not served a useful purpose. It has caused some parking of cars east of the restricted zone, which creates a worse condition than before.



"On the basis of a conversation with Chief of Police Foster, we wish to suggest that a small area across from the mailbox at the corner of 13th Avenue and Erskine Street might be restricted, but that the principal part of the curblin for 1300 Erskine Street be left without restriction. We believe this system, along with the center stripe in the street will take care of any problems" Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee.

3. Mr. Robert Hamilton, 10123 Dallas Avenue, Silver Spring, President of the City Fire Board, stated that Pvt. James Jarboe had wished to resign from the Takoma Park Fire Department and had submitted a resignation, however, that after thinking it over, Pvt. Jarboe decided that his loyalty is with the City and requested in writing that his resignation be withdrawn.

4. Mrs. Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue, City, member of B. F. Gilbert Citizen's Association, stated that the Association has always been very happy with Chief Foster, Chief of Police and the Fire Department.

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison stated in connection with the paving of Ethan Allen and Philadelphia Avenues, Rt. 410, that the completion of the specifications were pending certain State Roads information which has not been received as yet.

2. Councilman Collison reported that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has agreed to close the gap of Brashears Run between Niagara and Ritchie Avenues and that the Commission has completed its survey of the area.

Councilman Jones stated that he wished to recommend that before the paving of Rt. 410 is completed that Ordinances be prepared to restrict the truck traffic to 3/4 of a ton. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Law and Ordinances Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Forshee reported that one of the recently issued Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$50,000.00 will fall due on the first of August and moved that this amount be paid which will come from Unappropriated Surplus under the 1960-61 budget. Therefore, Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1655

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

Section 1. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to redeem the Certificate of Indebtedness issued on March 1st, 1961, to mature on August 1st, 1961, in the amount of \$50,000.00 including accrued interest in the amount of \$302.83, AND,

Section 2. THAT the total sum of \$50,302.83 thus paid be charged to the Unappropriated Surplus Funds brought forward from the previous fiscal year (1960/61).

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



## LAW AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Jones reported that the Codification should go to the printers on the 2nd of August and requested the Clerk and Treasurer to inform Mr. Mandel and Mr. McClenon when the printing is complete.

## PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. In the absence of Councilman McKenzie who is presently on vacation, Councilman Collison reported that the request from Mr. Perez regarding the basement apartment of 7110 Sycamore Avenue had received his extension of time, as requested, by default as the Chairman of the Committee is out of town and won't return until August.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Sidell stated that item one on the Public Safety Agenda regarding the purchase of a radar unit for the Police Department could be deleted from the agenda for the present as no immediate plans have been made to purchase same.

2. Councilman Sidell reported that an attempt is being made to relocate the impounding lot across from #8 Columbia Avenue.

3. Councilman Sidell reported that Maplewood Avenue is in need of lights and moved that 2500 lumen lamps be placed on Poles 72574, 74641, 74643, 74645, a total of four new lights, and two existing lights on Poles 74327 and 74642 be removed. Councilman Jones seconded the motions which was duly carried.

Councilman Collison stated that recently lights were placed on Pine, Montgomery, Hickory, and Elm Avenues which is a considerable improvement but in the summertime, the trees hide the lights, and he wondered if it might be possible to trim the trees or lower the lights. Councilman Sidell stated that he did not think it possible to lower the lights but that it may be possible to trim the trees, and stated that the Committee would take the matter into consideration.

4. Councilman Sidell stated that in regards to the parking problem on Houston Court, that the problem seems to be a car parking half on private property and half on public property and that the matter is still under consideration.

5. Councilman Sidell requested that a letter be written to the State Roads Commission requesting them to make a survey of the traffic on Philadelphia Avenue to determine whether or not a pedestrian controlled traffic light is advisable at the intersection with Cedar Avenue, the survey to be taken during the hours that the Library is open.

Councilman Jones wondered if the light at Maple Avenue and Rt. 410 could be made a flashing yellow light, after midnight, as trucks stopping at this light at late hours disturb the people and wake them as the trucks climb the hill in low gear.

6. Councilman Sidell stated that in connection with the synchronization of the traffic lights at Eastern, Carroll, and Laurel Avenues and Willow and Carroll Streets that the District of Columbia or the State Roads Commission be questioned as to the possibility of synchronizing these lights.

7. Councilman Sidell moved that a 2500 lumen light be placed on Pole 724886 located in Boyd Court. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

8. Councilman Sidell reported that the Committee does not feel that it is wise to go into



obtaining a traffic light in front of the Fire House at this time and further that parking is generally restricted on Carroll Avenue during the rush hours but that restricted parking is allowed in the area of the business establishments for practical reasons.

- 9. Councilman Sidell stated that the Committee is of the opinion that placing signs indicating children may dart out onto Ethan Allen Avenue should not be done as it might give the children the impression that they have some right to be in the street, nor that these signs are any solution to the problem. Councilman Sidell, did however, state that perhaps crosswalks at certain suggested locations might prove worthwhile and suggested that Mrs. Eunice Graham be contacted, as she made the request, to determine if she can suggest several locations where a crosswalk might be placed.
- 10. Councilman Sidell reported that the State Roads Commission will paint markers indicating the left turn lane on Rt. 410 at New Hampshire Avenue intersection as soon as their truck is in the area.
- 11. In connection with the protest of impounding auto procedures and fees, Councilman Sidell requested that the Police Department contact other jurisdictions to find out if they allow a grace period before starting storage fees on impounded automobiles.
- 12. Councilman Sidell reported the Committee is of the opinion that placing signs indicating children at play on Freemont Avenue, in connection with the request for action to improve traffic conditions along Freemont, Jefferson and Carroll Avenues, would not be wise as children should not play in streets as streets are designed for vehicular traffic; and further, any such signs may give the children the impression that they are allowed to play in the streets which is an unsafe and hazardous practice. Councilman Sidell requested the Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Pridgen, to write the petitioners explaining the situation to them.
- 13. Councilman Sidell stated in connection with the complaint and request for certain information regarding Ethan Allen Avenue that Police Chief Foster has stepped up the enforcement on this street and that the item may be deleted from the Agenda.
- 14. In connection with the recommendation that the City join and support the Municipal Fire Defense Institute, Councilman Sidell stated that the Committee has not discussed the matter as yet and further that it may be turned over to the City Fire Board for consideration.
- 15. In connection with the request for guard railings along the sidewalk on Flower Avenue at the intersection with Jackson Avenue, Councilman Sidell stated that the Committee does not feel that guard rails are necessary. Further Councilman Sidell requested the Public Works Department to place three (3) reflector type arrows at the dead ends indicating where the street turns.
- 16. Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of Pvt. Lawrence Baker, probationary officer in the Police Department be accepted effective July 7th, 1961. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.
- 17. Councilman Sidell, upon the recommendation of Police Chief Foster, moved that Russell S. Merson, Jr. be given a six month probationary appointment to the Police Department at the starting salary of \$4,400.00 under the Merit Plan to be effective August 1, 1961. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.
- 18. Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Foster, Councilman Sidell moved that Harry E. Marsh, Jr. be given a six month probationary appointment in the Police Department to be effective August 1, 1961, at the starting salary of \$4,400.00 as under the Merit Plan. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.



19. Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief LaScola, Councilman Sidell moved that the resignation of Private David B. Weimer be accepted from the Fire Service to be effective July 26th, 1961. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which was duly carried. However, Councilman Forshee stated that this is Mr. Weimer's fourth time in City employ and that it seems as though this resignation should be the end of it.

20. Councilman Sidell stated that Private James Jarboe also of the Fire Department has submitted his resignation but had further communicated that he wished to withdraw his resignation as his loyalty is with the City. However, no Council action was taken on the matter at this time.

21. Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief LaScola, Councilman Sidell moved that Mr. Charles Hartung, formerly with the Chillum-Adelphi Fire Department, be given a six month probationary appointment, effective August 7th, 1961, at the starting salary of \$4,400.00 under the Merit Plan. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

22. Councilman Sidell reported that Volunteer Deputy Fire Chief McBride submitted his resignation to be effective as of July 1, 1961, and moved that Deputy Chief McBride's resignation be accepted with regret. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried. Mayor Miller directed that a letter be written to Mr. McBride extending the City's appreciation for his years of service.

23. Due to the resignation of Deputy Chief McBride, a vacancy is left in the Volunteer officer ranks, therefore, upon the recommendation of Fire Chief LaScola, Councilman Sidell moved that Darl R. McBride be raised to the rank of Lieutenant in the Volunteer Fire Department, effective August 1, 1961. Councilman Roth seconded the motion which was duly carried.

24. Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the City Fire Board, Councilman Sidell moved that Article 8, Section 2 of the Fire Service Rules and Regulations be changed to read as follows:

"Employees of the Fire Service other than the Chief and Deputy Chief shall be divided into platoons. One platoon shall be on night duty and the remaining platoons on day duty. No platoon shall be assigned night duty for a longer period of time than one week. The Chief shall have the authority to assign officers and members to continuous day duty whenever the Fire Service will benefit by such assignments."

After considerable discussion, Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

25. Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the City Fire Board, Councilman Sidell moved that the Fire Department Work Schedule be changed with the correction that the fourth man on the one-four man platoon be made the Fire Inspector's Assistant and further that this job of assistant be put on a monthly rotation system, the new work schedule to go into effect as of August 1, 1961. Councilman Collison seconded the motion. After considerable discussion on the matter concerning the possible expansion of the Fire Prevention Division, Councilman Forshee moved that the motion be tabled. Councilman Forshee's motion failed for the lack of a second. Councilman Sidell's motion, after being seconded by Councilman Collison, was duly carried with Councilman Forshee voting nay.

26. Councilman Sidell reported that the Committee has considered air conditioning for the Fire Department. Capt. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, has made a survey of the Chief's Office, the dark room and the watch room and also the bunkroom. The total cost of the project would be approximately \$861.80 not including the wiring.



Councilman Collison stated that he was sure that the Fire Department was in need of the air conditioning sets but that a priority list should be kept as there is no money provided in the budget for these items. Councilman Forshee stated that the Chief had pointed out that it would be cheaper to install three separate units than it would to install one big unit. Councilman Forshee moved that the three air conditioners be purchased. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion. Councilman Turner made a motion to table the matter and withdrew his motion. Councilman Turner moved an amendment to the motion that the four air conditioners be purchased including the one for the bunkroom. Councilman Jones seconded the amendment which was duly carried after much discussion. The sum to be transferred from the Reserve Fund (\$861.80).

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Turner stated that a report was received that the City of Lujan, Argentina was in reality different than the residential City of Takoma Park as Lujan is mainly a religious retreat and resort town. Councilman Turner reported that another city in South America has been contacted and that its Mayor will be in Washington in a few weeks and it is understood that this city is anxious to affiliate.
2. Councilman Turner stated that the square dancing was again held on Sunday evening the 23rd.
3. Councilman Turner reported that last year the City almost lost all the park programs in the Prince George's County section of the City. Councilman Turner reported that this year's park program in Prince George's County has increased and read the following report:

"The parks seem to be in full swing with approximately 105 children registered at Spring Park, 99 at Forest Park, 146 at Sligo Terrace Park, 110 at Hampshire Greens, 100 at Washington Park and 75 at Heffner Park.

"The children have been quite enthusiastic over the baton lessons with approximately 23 registered at Spring, 10 at Forest, 23 at Sligo, 11 at Hampshire Greens, 12 at Washington Park and 15 at Heffner Park.

"Spring Park is doing much better this year. They have two excellent leaders and the children's interests have picked up considerably. The boys have brought their own tools, wheel barrows, etc. and worked on the ball field for hours. This is the first summer for quite sometime that they have been able to have home softball games. The park has also planned a trip to the Brookside Nature Center for this Wednesday, July 26. They are planning a Watermelon feast sometime next week. They have had their bicycle rodeo, Alaska Day and entered the Games Tournament.

"Forest Park is doing very well with their softball games, winning most of the games. They had 6 boys enter the fishing rodeo with two boys winning first prizes. They are also planning a Watermelon feast soon. They had a successful Alaska Day, a non-enthusiastic bicycle rodeo, due to the heat, and entered the Games Tournament.

Hampshire Greens now has an all-purpose court, it was black topped last week and Park and Planning has promised to have the driveway into the park black topped soon. They have planned a watermelon feast for this Thursday night, July 27. Two boys entered the fishing rodeo. They also had a bicycle rodeo and Alaska Day and entered the Games Tournament. Park and Planning has also installed a water fountain which is a big help.

"Sligo Park is doing very well with both their boy and girl softball teams. They had 5 boys enter the fishing rodeo, entered the Games Tournament, had a very successful bicycle rodeo and Alaska Day. Hampshire Greens and Sligo Park are both planning on a



Nature trip to the Brookside Nature Center. Sligo is tentatively planning on Tuesday, July 29, for their watermelon feast. Park and Planning tells me they are planning on an all-purpose court at Sligo either this year or next.

"Washington Park is having a family cook-out this Wednesday from 6 to 8 o'clock. They are in full swing with the softball teams. They are having a doll show this week and had a bake sale July 18. Thanks to Fire Chief LaScola and the men, Washington Park was visited last Thursday a.m., July 20th, by one of the Takoma Park fire engines and firemen. Everything was explained to the children and they heard the siren which, of course, was the most important thing. The children were all excited and they all wish to say thank you so much.

"Heffner Park has had a few difficulties but things seem to be shaping up. They are planning a cookout in the near future, have made some very nice articles in their different crafts, are very enthusiastic over baton.

"All of the Prince George's Parks are having craft displays this week in the local stores, Montgomery County will have theirs at Hecht's next month."

4. Councilman Turner reported on the visit of the Foreign Students to the City, that Mrs. Geib, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Turner had acted as Co-chairmen. He reported that a fine program was conducted including the swimming party and the dance party which were both well attended. He stated that the young people particularly seemed to appreciate the Honorary Citizenship Certificates presented by Mayor Miller, as these are tangible mementoes that they will carry home with them.

Councilman Roth stated that since the water fountain is installed it might be well to write a thank you letter to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning for putting the all-purpose court in Hampshire Greens and also the water fountain, also for the black top on the driveway into the park when it is completed. Councilman Roth stated that the letter should be directed to Mr. Jack Hewitt.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

- 1. Councilman Roth stated that lots 24 and 25, Block 50, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision have 5875 and 5288 sq. ft. respectively and that the Committee is in the process of obtaining the fair market price appraisal on these lots.
- 2. Councilman Roth stated that on August the 16th, the Hearing will be held on the Cohen Tract and that Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, will be out of town and stated that Mr. Pridgen, Clerk and Treasurer, will attend to represent the City.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

George M Miller  
MAYOR

Haynes M Pridgen  
Clerk-Treasurer



GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
June, 1961

	Cash Balance Beginning of Period	Cash Balance End of Period
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	21,019.93	10,203.17
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	3,640.00	27.92
Suburban Trust Company	36,159.52	71,320.18
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
	60,969.45	81,701.27

REVENUES:	Total Bud- geted Rev. 6/30/61	Budget Bal. as of 6/30/61	Adopted Budget 60-61	Per cent- age to Budget
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1.0 Taxes - Local	5012.54	412437.99	171.65	412609.64	99.9
1.5 Taxes - State Shared	70517.36	117915.57	(7565.57)	110350.00	106.8
2.0 Licenses & Permits	6087.27	26164.96	(1489.96)	24675.00	106.0
3.0 Fines and Forfeitures	1686.70	5305.98	(3505.98)	1800.00	294.7
4.0 Use of Money & Property	528.48	4084.37	(644.37)	3440.00	118.7
5.0 Rev. from other Agencies	-	44065.70	(7126.72)	36938.98	119.3
6.0 Service Charges	128.50	11856.44	(132.44)	11724.00	101.1
	83960.85	621831.01	(20293.39)	601537.62	103.3
Non-Budgeted Receipts	7938.07				
	91898.92				
Adjustments	6843.44	85055.48			
	146024.93				

This month's percentage figure - 100%

DISBURSED & ACCRUED:

	Expended	Balance	Budget	Percentage	
10.1 Government Administration	4652.18	41059.08	215.85 A	36568.00	99.4
10.8 Government Buildings	1737.20	23557.31	291.15 B	22270.00	98.7
11.1 Police Department	11593.40	122093.52	292.25 C	120269.60	99.7
11.2 Fire Department	6259.48	141425.52	37.17 D	85245.50	99.9
11.3 Protective Inspection	781.56	7719.12	78.20 E	8941.00	98.9
11.9 Other Protection	-	-	F	100.00	-
12.1 P/W Office	1336.63	13462.97	(4.39)G	13961.00	100.07
12.2 P/W Highways	4555.44	76613.54	507.86 H	70364.70	99.3
12.9 P/W Repair Shop	5076.57	42389.44	(969.44)I	29120.00	102.3
13.0 P/W Sanitation	5535.28	74771.50	56.78 J	62530.50	99.9
19.0 Recreation Division	10050.81	51020.70	174.23 K	46686.41	99.6
22.0 Miscellaneous	1376.84	31580.75	32.92 L	36395.00	99.9
Council Appropriations	125.14	500.56	-	8932.15	100.0
22.1 Capital Budget	75.00	98924.31	(75.00)N	-	100.08
Legal Reserve	-	-	O	60153.76	-
	53155.53	725118.32	637.58	601537.62	
Non-Budgeted	2538.31		Reserve Surplus	42000.00	
	55693.84			643537.62	
Adjustments	8629.82	Unappropriated Surplus	82218.28		
	64323.66		725755.90	99.9	
	81701.27				



BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS

		<u>Reserve Surplus</u>	<u>Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Unappropri- ated Surplus</u>	<u>Transfers From</u>	<u>To</u>
10.1	Government Administration	(A)	7500.00		2793.07	
10.8	Government Buildings	(B) 22.65	619.49	735.34		200.98
11.1	Police Department	(C)	3691.10		1574.93	
11.2	Fire Department	(D) 37511.32	18267.24	338.17		100.46
11.3	Protective Inspection	(E)			1143.68	
11.9	Other Protection	(F)			100.00	
12.1	P/W Office	(G)			502.42	
12.2	P/W Highways	(H) 147.22	341.70	4961.21		1306.57
12.9	P/W Repair Shop	(I) 249.15	324.42	9515.28		2211.15
13.0	P/W Sanitation	(J) 72.48	8966.37	2615.72		643.21
19.0	Recreation Division	(K) 2253.12	23.59	2845.71	774.67	160.77
22.0	Miscellaneous	(L)			4781.33	
	Council Appropriations	(M)			8431.59	
22.1	Capital Budget	(N) 1744.06	20419.85	61206.85		15478 <sup>55</sup>
		<u>42000.00</u>	<u>60153.76</u>	<u>82218.28</u>	<u>20101.69</u>	<u>20101</u>



Balance Sheet Accounts Comparison  
May-June, 1961

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance <u>5/31/61</u>	Balance <u>6/30/61</u>	Changes During <u>Period</u>
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-G/F	21019.93	10203.17	-10816.76
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park-P/R	3640.00	27.92	-3612.08
Suburban Trust Company	36159.52	71320.18	35160.66
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00	-
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	629.92	629.92	-
Taxes Receivable - 1960 Levy	8291.89	8266.22	-25.67
Towing Account	127.50	157.50	30.00
Uniform Account	2256.62	2056.82	-199.80
Protective Apparel	39.22	46.92	7.70
Maple Avenue Improvement	78508.70	-	-78508.70
Hillwood Manor Storm Drainage	8375.00	-	-8375.00
Hayward, Cherry & Colby Avenues	271.48	271.48	-
Cumberland Avenue	24.40	24.40	-
North Takoma Storm Drainage	155.60	-	-155.60
Ritchie Avenue P/W Egress	125.00	125.00	-
Municipal Center	23355.72	-	-23355.72
Fire House Parking Lot	840.89	-	-840.89
Commercial Trash Accts. Receivable	222.00	204.00	-18.00
Prepaid Insurance	8973.15	9838.77	865.62
Claims	2763.05	2811.06	48.01
Uniform Stock	308.50	308.50	-
Capital Assets Control	177403.04	1023900.72	846497.68
Due from S/A Fund	7637.41	-	-7637.41
Contracts Receivable - Pending	7300.00	7300.00	-
Kirklynn Avenue	123.04	61.42	-61.62
Exchange Account		6.00	6.00
Prepaid 4th of July, 1961		1953.31	1953.31
	<u>388701.58</u>	<u>1139663.31</u>	<u>750961.73</u>

LIABILITIES

Escrow Account	1956.67	2151.67	195.00
Federal, Maryland, D. C. Withholding Tax	3631.75	-	-3631.75
Group Hospitalization	12.00	23.92	11.92
Certificate of Indebtedness	114000.00	110500.00	-3500.00
Accrued Interest Payable	497.26	511.68	14.42
Accrued Payroll	2424.91	1736.42	688.49
Overpayment of Taxes	232.68	232.68	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	12.28	12.28	-
Commercial Trash Billing	18.00	-	-18.00
Sale of City Property Pending	7300.00	7300.00	-
Accounts Payable	40064.48	30670.65	-9393.83
Exchange Account	39.00	-	-39.00
	<u>170189.03</u>	<u>153139.30</u>	<u>-17049.73</u>
Unappropriated Surplus	19505.82	37859.34	18353.52
Appropriated Net Asset Value	(94973.42)	(75361.05)	19612.37
Reserve Fund Balance	2949.28	-	-2949.28
General Fixed Assets	288765.87	1024025.72	735259.85
Reserved Surplus	2265.00	-	-2265.00
	<u>388701.58</u>	<u>1139663.31</u>	<u>750961.73</u>

Special Improvement Account:

5/31/61 Balance	7020.99
June Receipts	6134.27
	<u>13155.26</u>
June Disbursements	7745.76
6/30/61 Balance	5409.50