

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
April 9, 1962

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, McKenzie, Roth, Sidell and Turner. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen, Fire Chief LaScola, Captain DeKalb, Fire Department, Director of Public Works Rhodes, Police Chief Foster, and Building Inspector, Harvey Williams. Corporation Counsel, Vincent L. Gingerich was also present.

Mayor Miller led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Councilman Turner moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Councilman Sidell seconded the motion which was duly carried.

At this time Mayor Miller stated that he wished to deviate from the regular routine of the Agenda in order to proceed with other business at hand so that one of the Councilmen who had a committment elsewhere may be excused. Mayor Miller explained that since this is the first meeting in April of an election year, the first part of the meeting would convene for the purpose of handling business by the present Council, then the present Council would adjourn and the New Council would convene.

Mayor Miller at this time read a Resolution to be sent to Mrs. Peter Remsen as a token of esteem and appreciation for the unselfish service rendered by Mr. Peter Remsen to the City of Takoma Park. Mr. Remsen passed from this life April 5, 1962. Mayor Miller moved that the Resolution be adopted. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which was duly carried. Mayor Miller stated that he feels that Mr. Remsen was one of the finest men in Takoma Park, that he was a dedicated City Councilman for the period of eight years, from June, 1928 to June, 1936. Mr. Remsen also served as Inspector of Buildings and Director of Public Works and Inspections during the period 1953 to 1958. Mr. Remsen resigned his position with the City in 1958 to accept a position with the architect's office in the Nation's Capital. Mayor Miller asked all to remember Mr. Remsen, and to offer their prayers for his family.

At this time, Mayor Miller presented to Councilman Ralph F. Sidell, retiring this evening from the City Council, an engraved plaque in recognition of his faithful services to the City. He said that in serving as Mayor Pro-tem for a period of two years and as Chairman of the Public Safety, Public Welfare and Fire Protection Committees, that Councilman Sidell has given freely of his time and talents to the City of Takoma Park for the last eight years, having been first elected in 1954. Mayor Miller stated that he regrets very much that Councilman Sidell had decided not to seek re-election and that he is hopeful he will attend the Council meetings often. Mayor Miller asked Councilman Sidell not to forget the importance of City Government and to maintain an interest in the functions of the City. After the presentation, Councilman Sidell thanked the Mayor, Councilmen, Clerk-Treasurer, Pridgen, Police Chief Foster, Fire Chief, LaScola and Director of Public Works, Rhodes for having cooperated with him for the last eight years, that he has most certainly enjoyed working with them. He stated that he knows that he has not always been right in his suggestions concerning various matters that confronted the City, but that he knew he was working with a group of gentlemen. He remarked that his terms as Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem have been a wonderful experience, and that he has learned what it is to try to operate a city. Councilman Sidell stated that he regrets to leave the Council, but that he feels his business needs more of his attention than he has been able to give to it in the past. He expressed his wishes for

seconded the motion which was duly carried. Mayor Miller stated that he feels that Mr. Remsen was one of the finest men in Takoma Park, that he was a dedicated City Councilman for the period of eight years, from June, 1928 to June, 1936. Mr. Remsen also served as Inspector of Buildings and Director of Public Works and Inspections during the period 1953 to 1958. Mr. Remsen resigned his position with the City in 1958 to accept a position with the architect's office in the Nation's Capital. Mayor Miller asked all to remember Mr. Remsen, and to offer their prayers for his family.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Mr. Sidney W. Tymeson, Columbia Union College, Congratulatory remarks. Referred to Council Files.
2. Mr. Walter Scheiber, City Manager, Rockville, Maryland, Congratulatory remarks. Referred to Council Files.
3. Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, President, Columbia Union College, Congratulatory remarks. Referred to Council Files.
4. Chief David B. Gratz, Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Congratulatory remarks. Referred to Council Files.
5. Karin Michelitsch, Kindberg, Austria, Expression of appreciation for picture mailed to her. Referred to Council Files.
6. Yoshio Takahashi, Tokushima, Japan, Expression of appreciation for picture mailed to him. Referred to Council Files.
7. Dr. Oliver E. Thompson, 901 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, Suggestion for cross-walk across Third Avenue near Savage store. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee.
8. Rev. William Loveless, Pastor, Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church, Regarding pedestrian walkway between Long Branch Creek and Takoma Academy. Referred to Public Welfare Committee.
9. Mrs. Grace I. O'Brien, City, Resignation as Cashier-Assistant-Bookkeeper, City Office, effective April 15th, 1962. Referred to Finance Committee.
10. Mrs. Joyce L. Fahy, City, Resignation as Bookkeeper, City Office, effective May 31st, 1962. Referred to Finance Committee.
11. Mr. Lewis D. Brown, 25 Darwin Avenue, City, Second request for repair of curb and curb apron in front of property. Referred to Public Works Committee.
12. Mr. Leonard P. Shipe, 6511 Allegheny Avenue, City and 26 Petitioners residing on Allegheny Avenue: Referred to Law Enforcement Committee.
 - (a) Request that Allegheny Avenue be made a one-way street, south-bound from Elm Avenue to Third Avenue, exclusively.
 - (b) Request that a STOP sign be erected on Allegheny Avenue at Second Avenue. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee
13. Mr. John T. Higdon, House Numbering Section, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Report of changes in house numbers on Mississippi Avenue. Referred to Council Files.
14. Montgomery County Chapter, Maryland Municipal League, Notice of Municipal Workshop, Rockville Civic Center Mansion, April 21st, 1962, 9:30 a.m. Referred to Council as a whole.
15. Mrs. Anthony A. Barile, 10 Hickory Avenue, City, Commendation of Police Officer (John W. Saunders) for alertness and quick action in preventing injury to school child. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee. A copy to be inserted into Officer Saunder's personnel file.

BANK STATEMENT:

Citizens Bank - General Fund:

2/28/62	Balance	5952.20
	Revenues	157447.08
		<u>163399.28</u>
	Disbursements	108474.18
		<u>54925.10</u>
	Adj.	.20
March 31, 1962	Balance	<u>54925.30</u>

Suburban Trust Company:

3/31/62	Balance	885.13
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Special Improvement Account:

2/28/62	Balance	15947.88
	Revenues	2243.72
		<u>18191.60</u>
	Adj.	.01
March 31, 1962	Balance	<u>18191.59</u>

Mayor Miller issued a Proclamation, designating the month of May as "Spring Clean-up" time for the City of Takoma Park. During this time there will be special trash pick-ups by the Public Works Department on May 2nd, 16th and 23rd. He announced that this Campaign is sponsored by the Mayor, City Council, Takoma Park Police Department, Takoma Park Fire Department, and Takoma Park Public Works Department.

OPEN MEETING:

At this time, Mayor Miller recognized those present who desired to express their views or to make requests of the Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Margaret D. Vogel, 7407 Baltimore Avenue, City, presented a petition to the Mayor and Council requesting continuation of the barricades on Baltimore Avenue. Mrs. Vogel stated that she and all the Petitioners feel that the barricades provide an area for safe sledding for children. Mayor Miller referred the petition to the Law Enforcement and Parks & Recreation Committees, and assured Mrs. Vogel that the Council would give the matter full consideration.

There being no further comment from the audience, Mayor Miller called for report of Committees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

1. Councilman Forshee moved for approval of the expenditures for the month of March in the amount of \$108,474.18. Councilman Forshee pointed out that \$50,000.00 of this figure was paid on Certificates of Indebtedness and \$7,000.00 was paid to the Library, resulting in the larger figure than the month of February. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which upon the question was duly carried.

2. Councilman Forshee stated that he is very sorry to hear of the resignations of Mrs. Joyce L. Fahy, Bookkeeper in the Clerk-Treasurer's office, to become effective May 31, 1962, and Mrs. Grace I. O'Brien, Assistant Bookkeeper - Cashier in the Clerk Treasurer's office, to become effective April 15, 1962. He stated that both of these ladies have done an excellent job for the City of Takoma Park, and that everyone should express their appreciation to them for a job well done. Councilman Turner moved that these resignations be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Vice-Chairman reporting:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that in regard to Items a and b under Item I on the Agenda pertaining to the recommendation of promotion for Pvts. D.R. Weimer and C. Prince, Jr. to rank of Volunteer Sergeant, the Committee has not had the opportunity to discuss this matter, therefore, Councilman McKenzie stated that a report would be given after a Committee meeting on the matter.
2. Councilman McKenzie read a letter of resignation submitted by Pvt. Joseph D. Monoche, Jr., a member of the Fire Department, which became effective March 19, 1962. Pvt. Monoche stated that he was resigning to accept a position with the Steamfitters Union. Councilman McKenzie moved the acceptance of Pvt. Monoche's resignation which was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly passed.
3. Councilman McKenzie presented a recommendation, submitted by Chief LaScola of the Fire Department, and approved by the Chairman of the City Fire Board, recommending the appointment of Mr. James L. Hansen of 9110 Flower Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, to fill the vacancy now existing due to Mr. Monoche's resignation. This appointment to become effective April 15, 1962, at an annual salary of \$4,400.00, in accordance with the Merit Plan, and the usual one year probationary period. Councilman McKenzie stated that Mr. Hansen has been a member of the Takoma Park Fire Service for over two years, is married and has had his Military Service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and was duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that in regard to consideration of an ordinance against racial discrimination, that several letters urging caution have been received. Councilman McKenzie requested that the writers of these letters be advised that the Council will give full consideration to their correspondence and the matter as a whole.
2. In regard to the clearing of land on Ritchie Avenue, Lot 6, Block 60, B.F. Gilbert's, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Walter R. Hardisty, Councilman McKenzie announced that a letter had been received from the owners stating that they have made arrangements to have the land cleared.
3. Councilman McKenzie announced that a visit by the Bloodmobile will be on Monday, April 16th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Carroll and Laurel Avenues, and urged all those who could to participate.
4. Councilman McKenzie proposed a motion that since the Month of May has been designated as "Spring Clean-Up Month", and since a number of complaints have been received in connection with a number of old cars, and parts of cars, without current license plates are parked in driveways, alleyways and behind buildings, and since there is an ordinance against such old cars and parts of old cars without current license plates being parked in such places, that the Police Department institute a "Special Drive" on them and give the owners a copy of the ordinance and notify them that they have a period of thirty days to either remove the cars or parts of old cars or obtain current license plates for them. Councilman McKenzie also moved that the Police Department follow up the complaints that have been received. After considerable discussion, the motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Councilman Turner reported that bids have been received in regard to the purchase of radar equipment. One being from Hugh G. Boyd Associates, Inc., of Red Bank, New Jersey, in the amount of \$1,195.00, and one being from the Traffic Engineers Supply Corporation, of Alexandria, Virginia, in the amount of \$1,055.30, each of these bids including an antenna. Councilman Turner stated that he feels that the unit from the Traffic Engineers Supply Corporation, which was quoted at \$1,055.30, would be the most advantageous, that this unit is being used by the following: Washington, D.C. Police, Prince George's County Police, Virginia State Police, North Carolina State Police and many other Police Departments.

Mayor Miller inquired of Councilman Turner and Chief Foster if the above figure would include installation of the unit. Chief Foster replied that the unit is very simple to install in that it merely plugs into a cigarette lighter in a vehicle, he also stated that this unit had been demonstrated to him by a representative of one of the bidding companies and that he was assured of complete assistance in the installation if needed, and that if repairs were required, the company would loan the Police Department another unit during the time needed for repairs. Chief Foster reported that the unit is about the size of an 8½ x 11 inch sheet of paper, so he did not feel that installation would be a problem.

Councilman Roth asked when the company would be able to make delivery. Major Foster replied that the representative informed him that it would be several days. At this time, Councilman Roth stated that he thought a plan should be made to erect signs and issue an advertisement to indicate that radar was being used in the City. Councilman Collison and Councilman Turner heartily agreed that this should be done. Councilman Turner moved the adoption of the following ordinance to accept the bid submitted by the Traffic Engineers Supply Corporation:

ORDINANCE NO. 1691

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids were received and publicly opened on April 6, 1962, for one Radar Unit for use on Police Cruisers to apprehend moving vehicle traffic violations within the City of Takoma Park, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the contract for the purchase is hereby awarded to Traffic Engineers Supply Corporation in the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$1,055.30) for one Muni Quip Model 1200 Transistor Radar Timer with Parabolic Antenna and accessories, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the City accept delivery of the equipment thirty days after adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. AND THAT the net sum of ONE THOUSAND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$1,055.30) be transferred from the Reserve Fund.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and upon the question considerable discussion followed as to the practicability of the purchase of the equipment at this

time. As a result, Councilman McKenzie moved to Table the ordinance until the second meeting of the Council in June, the motion to Table the ordinance was seconded by Councilman Collison, and a roll call vote was recorded as follows: Ayes: Collison, Forshee and McKenzie. Nays: Jones, Roth, and Turner, Councilman Sidell excused. Since the vote resulted in a tie, Mayor Miller cast a vote of Naye. The motion was defeated. At this time Councilman Roth proposed an amendment to the original ordinance, that the City accept delivery of the equipment after thirty days from date of acceptance of the ordinance. The amendment was accepted and therefore became a part of the Ordinance, under SECTION 3, as stated therein. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the Ordinance was adopted with a Roll Call vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Roth and Turner. Nays: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie, Councilman Sidell excused.

2. In reference to the suggestion that parking be eliminated on Flower Avenue, between Carroll and Division Avenues, Councilman Turner suggested that perhaps an overhead blinker light on Flower Avenue in the vicinity of the College would be helpful in providing safety to pedestrians in this area. Councilman Jones stated that he thought the installation of a blinker light in this area is an excellent idea, and suggested that Councilman Turner and his Committee pursue it. Councilman Forshee asked if parking has been eliminated in that area. Chief Foster stated that the Police Department is patrolling the area frequently and that several tickets for parking in the "No Parking" zones have been issued. Councilman Turner stated that he and his Committee would contact the State Roads Commission, in regard to the suggested blinker light and also discuss with them the possibility of reducing traffic speed to 10 or 15 miles per hour on Flower Avenue, between Carroll and Maplewood Avenue.

3. In regard to the Takoma-Langley Taxi Association's request for clarification of certain Sections of Article 17 of the Municipal Code, Councilman Turner reported that this request will be pursued and a report given at the next meeting.

4. At this time, Councilman Turner read a request for Public Auction submitted by Major Foster of the Police Department, along with a recommendation of the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1692

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

SECTION 1. THAT automobiles, bicycles and other articles of value, impounded by the Takoma Park Police Department, which have been in custody for the time required by Law and not redeemed be sold at Public Auction on Friday, May 11th, 1962, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., in accordance with the laws of the City of Takoma Park and the State of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to act as Auctioneer at said Public Auction and to handle the necessary details in preparation thereof.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and a Roll Call vote was recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nays: None, Councilman Sidell excused.

5. Councilman Turner read a letter of resignation signed by Pvt. John T. Ward, to become effective April 15, 1962, and therefore moved that the resignation be accepted. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which was duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: (continued)

6. Councilman Turner read a letter submitted by Major Foster of the Police Department recommending the appointment of Mr. Thomas Thorowgood for the position of Patrolman with the Takoma Park Police Department, to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Pvt. John T. Ward, effective April 16, 1962, on a one year probationary basis, at the entrance annual salary of \$4,400.00. Mr. Thorowgood formerly worked for the Takoma Park Police Department for 2 years and 10 months. He resigned in August, 1961, to work with his brother. The letter stated that due to Mr. Thorowgood's past experience with the Police Department the necessity of training a Patrolman to fill the vacancy would be eliminated. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. In regard to the removal or continuation of barricades on Baltimore Avenue, Councilman Jones stated that this matter will be given full consideration.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. In regard to the proposed resubdivision plan of parts of Lots 32-35, Block 50, B.F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, Councilman Roth presented a motion reaffirming the City's original position on the matter, providing that a 15 foot Right of Way dedication for future street widening along Lincoln Avenue be obtained from the A. & M. Development Company, purchasers, and that the City Clerk-Treasurer inform the Park and Planning Commission of this fact. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and upon the question was duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison, reporting

1. Councilman Collison reported that Mr. Earl K. Rhodes, Public Works Director, and several interested Takoma Park citizens attended the Montgomery County Budget Hearing in Rockville recently in connection with the proposed construction by the County of a sidewalk between Long Branch and Takoma Academy. Funds for this proposed construction was included in the County Public Works Department Budget Request. Councilman Collison stated that the attendance of these men and the various letters written to the County Council were a great help in an effort to obtain approval of this construction. He stated that a report of the results of this meeting has not been received but that he is hopeful that there will be one soon.

2. In connection with the progress report on the North Takoma storm drainage project, Councilman Collison stated that some progress has been made in an effort to obtain Right of Way papers. Councilman Collison moved that the City of Takoma Park grant Right of Way to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission across part of Lot 24, Block 6, Petty Estates, owned by the City. He stated that he and Corporation Counsel Gingerich have examined the Metes and Bounds discription and that it appears to be in order. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

3. Councilman Collison moved that Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen be authorized to write a letter to the Montgomery County Council requesting that a Right of Way be granted across Out Lot "A", Block 6B located at the corner of Dogwood and Birch Avenues owned by the County, this Right of Way for construction of the proposed project "North Takoma Spring Branch Storm Drainage". The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and upon the question was duly carried.

Handwritten signature: J. H. Pridgen
Handwritten signature: J. H. Pridgen

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (continued):

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4. In regard to the request to repair the curbing in front of the property at 25 Darwin Avenue, City, Councilman Collison reported that these repairs would be made just as soon as the weather would permit. He requested the Clerk-Treasurer to inform the owner of the property of this fact.

At this time Mayor Miller asked the various Department Heads if they wished to comment or make any reports. There was none.

Mayor Miller asked Corporation Counsel Gingerich if he wished to comment, or make a report. Mr. Gingerich announced that there will be a meeting of the Court of Zoning Appeals on May 1st and 2nd, in connection with the Special Exception Case No. 1155, and that he suggests Chief Foster prepare a report of traffic conditions on Carroll Avenue, to be submitted at that meeting.

At this time, Mayor Miller said if there was no further business to come before the present Mayor and Council, this 9th day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-two, that the Council would adjourn for a short recess before reconvening with the new member of the Council. The present Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Miller called the new Council to order, along with Mr. George B. Kennedy, newly elected Councilman. He then issued the Oath of Office to the following, as Councilmen for the City of Takoma Park: Robert W. Collison, Clayton D. Forshee, Russell B. Jones, George B. Kennedy, Gibson E. McKenzie, John D. Roth and Edwin S. Turner. The Councilmen, duly sworn into office, took their chairs.

Mayor Miller appointed Councilman Robert W. Collison to serve as Mayor Pro-tem for the ensuing term. Mayor Miller stated that he was most confident that Councilman Collison is well qualified to hold this position.

Mayor Miller then proceeded to name the Councilmen to the various committees:

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

Chairman	John D. Roth
Vice-Chairman	Russell B. Jones
Member	George B. Kennedy

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Clayton D. Forshee
Vice-Chairman	Robert W. Collison
Member	John D. Roth

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Edwin S. Turner
Vice-Chairman	George B. Kennedy
Member	Gibson E. McKenzie

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Chairman	George B. Kennedy
Vice-Chairman	Edwin S. Turner
Member	Robert W. Collison

COMMITTEES (continued)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Russell B. Jones
Vice-Chairman	John D. Roth
Member	Edwin S. Turner

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Gibson E. McKenzie
Vice-Chairman	Clayton D. Forshee
Member	Russell B. Jones

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Robert W. Collison
Vice-Chairman	Gibson E. McKenzie
Member	Clayton D. Forshee

Mayor Miller at this time welcomed the New Councilman, George B. Kennedy, stating that he felt that Councilman Kennedy has been one of the most active supporters of the City Council and the City of Takoma Park, that he knows of, since 1954, and that he is most confident that Councilman Kennedy will perform his duties with deep concern and diligence, and that he is sure his job will be well done.

Mayor Miller welcomed Mr. Perry S. Schroeder, who was a candidate for Councilman in the recent election, and stated that he was sure that had Mr. Schroeder been elected he too would have done an excellent job.

At this time, Mayor Miller presented each of the Councilmen with a Certificate of Election, and thanked everyone for the help and cooperation given to the Council during the past two years. There being no further business to come before the New Council, upon motion made, seconded and duly carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

George M. Miller
MAYOR

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CLERK-TREASURER

GENERAL FUND
Balance Sheet Comparison
March - April, 1962

<u>ASSETS:</u>	Balance 2/28/62	Balance 3/31/62	Changes During Period
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park -G/F	5952.20	54925.30	48973.10
Citizens Bank of Takoma Park -P/R	4563.51	5055.85	492.34
Suburban Trust Company	885.13	885.13	
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00	
Delinquent Taxes	693.48	693.48	
Taxes Receivable 1961	10732.73	9814.92 -	917.81
Towing Account	201.50	226.50	25.00
Uniform Account	1722.36	1719.12 -	3.24
Protective Apparel	139.08	119.13 -	19.95
Hayward, Cherry & Colby Avenues	271.48	271.48	
Cumberland Avenue Abandonment	567.05	567.05	
Ritchie Avenue P/W Egress	290.00	290.00	
Commercial Trash Accounts Receivable	319.70	267.00 -	52.70
Prepaid Insurance	2914.29	1563.04 -	1351.25
Claims	749.42	802.42	53.00
Uniform Stock Account	223.10	223.10	
Capital Assets Control	1085444.52	1085444.52	
Contracts Receivable Pending	7300.00	7300.00	
Exchange Account	15.00	1145.55	1130.55
Municipal Center	30293.77	30293.77	
Certificate of Deposit	25000.00	-	25000.00
Due from Special Assessment	6465.47	6465.47	
Accrued Interest Receivable	514.18	-	514.18
Brashears Run Storm Drainage	2672.80	2672.80	
Kirklynn Avenue		60.00	60.00
	<u>1188080.77</u>	<u>1210955.63</u>	<u>22874.86</u>

<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Escrow	4216.67	4161.67-	55.00
Payroll Withholdings, Taxes, etc.	4563.51	5123.53	560.02
Certificate of Indebtedness	60500.00	95500.00	35000.00
Accrued Interest Payable	796.46	172.67-	623.79
Accrued Payroll	2911.73	1897.32-	1014.41
Overpayment of Taxes	232.76	232.76	
Commercial Trash Billing	115.70	63.00-	52.70
Sale of City Property Pending	7300.00	7300.00	
Accounts Payable	21879.91	16909.25-	4970.66
Reserve for Prepaid Expenses	90.71	90.71	
	<u>102607.45</u>	<u>131450.91</u>	<u>28843.46</u>
Unappropriated Surplus	(38540.37)	((37835.43)	704.94
Appropriated Net Asset Value	49638.81	44205.27 -	5433.54
Reserve Fund Balance	(41550.91)	(42790.91)-	1240.00
General Fixed Assets	<u>1115925.79</u>	<u>1115925.79</u>	
	<u>1188080.77</u>	<u>1210955.63</u>	<u>22874.86</u>

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR & COUNCIL
April 23, 1962

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Those present were Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie and Turner. Councilman Roth excused because he was out of the City. Also present were Corporation Counsel Gingerich and the following Department Heads: Clerk-Treasurer Haynes M. Pridgen, Fire Chief, Stephen J. LaScola, Director of Public Works, Earl K. Rhodes, Police Chief, Samuel A. Foster and Building Inspector, Harvey D. Williams.

Rev. Russell Quackenbush of the Washington Sanitarium Church rendered the Invocation.

At this time, Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Miller welcomed all those present and again made the announcement that the Month of May has been designated as "Spring Clean-Up, Paint-Up and Fix-Up" month for the City and stated that circulars of the Mayor's Proclamation, on which the Special Trash Pickup dates are noted have been distributed, but that anyone desiring one could obtain it in the City Office. Mayor Miller stated that this annual Campaign has been a custom of Takoma Park for many years, the citizens look forward to it and the City is happy to perform this service.

Mayor Miller announced at this time that Mr. Harvey Williams, City Building Inspector, attended the Conference of the National Association of Housing and Re-development Officials held at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D.C. on April 12th and 13th. Mayor Miller stated that the above organization was established four years ago, at which time there were only fifty three cities, Takoma Park, being one of the fifty three, that had a housing code. At the present time there are over five hundred and fifty cities across the Nation, from California to Florida that are enforcing the housing codes. Mayor Miller further stated that the first housing ordinance in Takoma Park was adopted in 1953, that there was opposition at that time to the code and some opposition still exists, but that history of the community will testify that it is important that the City have such an ordinance. Mayor Miller stated that the Council as a whole has always tried to look at the ordinance fairly and to give the tax payers fairness. Mayor Miller further stated that Mr. Williams is the second Building Inspector to be employed by the City, and that he feels the job as Building Inspector is one of the most difficult positions in City Government, commended Mr. Williams for truly a fine representation and thanked him for a job well done.

Mayor Miller stated that if there were no corrections or additions in the Minutes of the last meeting, the Chair would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. There being none, it was moved and duly carried that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Brownie Scout Troop - Appreciation to Mayor Miller. Referred to Council Files.
2. Niazi I. Mostafa, Cairo, Egypt - Appreciation for photograph sent to his son, Adel N. Mostafa. Referred to Council Files.
3. Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, President Columbia Union College - Invitation to Open House ceremonies, May 6th, 1 to 5 p.m. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (continued):

- 4. St. Michaels Men's Club - Appreciation for use of Gymnasium. Referred to Council Files.
- 5. Mr. Andrew J. Mazurick, Carole Highlands-Hillwood Manor Recreation Council - copies of budgets and request for support. Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee.
- 6. Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, Secretary, Spring Park Community Association - Inquiry concerning shelter for Spring Park. Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee.
- 7. Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, Secretary, Spring Park Community Association - Request for "No Parking to Corner" signs at Poplar and Spring Avenues. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee.
- 8. Excerpt of Minutes of meeting - State Roads Commission, April 4th, 1962, prohibiting stopping or standing on West side of Flower Avenue between College Store and PEPCO Pole #7092. Referred to Law Enforcement Committee.
- 9. Mr. M.A. Butcher, County Manager Montgomery County - Confirmation of terms of establishing new fire radio system. Referred to Fire Prevention Committee.
- 10. Prince Georges County Municipal Association - Notice of meeting April 26th, Forest Heights Town Hall, 8:00 p.m. Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee.

OPEN MEETING:

At this time Mayor Miller asked those in the audience wishing to address the Mayor and Council to please stand, state their name and address for the benefit of the recording secretary.

Mrs. Elaine Rockman, 7105 Carroll Avenue, City, inquired as to the status of certain questions and statements contained in her letter of March 12th, noting that the item had been dropped from the Agenda. Councilman Turner replied that it is the opinion of the Council that the subject had been sufficiently explored and communicated to her last Fall and the Committee had more important matters to consider than handling repetitious items. Upon indication, Mayor Miller informed her that if she was not satisfied with the Council's decision it will be necessary for her to file her complaints in a formal manner.

Mayor Miller asked if anyone else present in the audience wished to address the Mayor and Council. There being none, Mayor Miller stated that the Council members would proceed with matters at hand. Reports of the various Committees followed:

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

Councilman McKenzie stated that his Committee did not have any matters pending on the Agenda but he wished to commend Mr. Williams for his well prepared report submitted in reference to his attendance at the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Conference. He further stated that he too feels Mr. Williams has done his job well.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

Councilman Kennedy stated that since this is his first meeting since his election, and since he has not had an opportunity to meet with his Committee, he requests that reports on the items appearing under the Law Enforcement Committee be deferred until the next Council meeting, at which time reports will be given on all the items. Councilman Kennedy announced that the Law Enforcement Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday Evening, May 10th. Councilman Kennedy reported that Item 4, pertaining to residential parking on Takoma Avenue, may be dropped from the Agenda as Police Chief Foster and Captain Merson have adjusted the situation to the satisfaction of the complainant. At this time, Councilman Kennedy read a memo signed by Mr. Earl K. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, recommending the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Public Works Department to erect a "Stop" sign on Ritchie Avenue at Maple Avenue. Councilman Kennedy therefore moved the adoption of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 1693

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

SECTION 1. THAT a STOP sign be placed on Ritchie Avenue at Maple Avenue, AND

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

SECTION 3. 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 Jones seconded the motion and the Ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen, Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie and Turner. Nays: None Excused: Councilman Roth.

Since the Council was discussing the subject of Ritchie Avenue, at this time, Mr. Pridgen asked if the request for Right of Way dedication on Ritchie Avenue, Niagara Avenue to Maple Avenue should appear on the Agenda. Councilman Turner asked that since it will be several weeks before the Master Plan is received, and since the area in discussion, Ritchie Avenue, Niagara Avenue to Maple Avenue, is City owned property, if the City could proceed with plans for the property. Councilman Collison replied that it would be in accordance with regulations if the City proceeded with plans for the area, since it is City owned, but felt it advisable to delay planning until the Master Plan is received and studied to see what has been planned for the surrounding area. He further stated that he feels the request for the Right of Way dedication should appear on the Agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

Councilman Jones reported that he and Mrs. Jones attended the Governor's 1962 Conference on Recreation and Parks at Frederick, Maryland on April, 13th and 14th, and learned very much in the Workshop that was conducted. He further stated that he will soon submit some interesting suggested ideas on the subject.

** See Minutes of May 14, 1962 for report of Fire Prevention Committee.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth Excused

NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting:

NO REPORT

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

In regard to the request for support of the Inter-American Municipal Organization, Councilman Forshee stated that he and the Committee feel that the City is not in a position to participate in the Organization at this time. He requested that the Clerk-Treasurer inform the Inter-American Municipal Organization of this fact and requested that the item be removed from the Agenda.

Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of an ordinance setting the Fire Tax Rate for Montgomery County Areas being served by the Takoma Park Fire Department at 15¢ per hundred assessable base:

ORDINANCE NO. 1694

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Montgomery County Fire Tax area outside the City Limits being protected by the Takoma Park Fire Department, be set at a tax rate of 15¢ per hundred assessable base, AND

SECTION 2. THAT Montgomery County continue to assess, collect and remit the Fire Tax against the assessable property within said County outside the City Limits, now being served by the City Fire Department

Upon being seconded by Councilman Jones, and put to question, the above Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, McKenzie and Turner. Nays: None. Passed: Councilman Kennedy. Excused: Councilman Roth.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Haynes R. Dodge
CITY CLERK - TREASURER

George M. Miller
MAYOR

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SECTION 1. THAT the Montgomery County Fire Tax area outside the City Limits being protected