

EXECUTIVE MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 9, 1962

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Excused: Councilmen Forshee and Jones. Also present were the following Department Heads: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen; Captain Merson, Police Department; Captain DeKalb, Fire Department; Director of Public Works Rhodes; and Building Inspector Harvey Williams.

At this time, Mayor Miller led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Miller stated if there were no corrections or additions to the Minutes of the Meeting of June 25th, the Chair would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. Councilman Kennedy stated that paragraph (3) page 5 contains the following statement: "Councilman Kennedy expressed that he thinks the City needs a home of this type." Councilman Kennedy stated that what he pointed out was that there is a need for this type of home, however, more people from outside the City would be taking advantage of such a home than residents of the City. There being no further corrections or additions to the Minutes, it was regularly moved and seconded that the Minutes be accepted as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Hon. James H. J. Tate, Mayor, City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Invitation to Mayor Miller to attend American Municipal Congress in Philadelphia in August 25-29, 1962. Mayor Miller directed Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to answer the letter accepting the invitation.
2. Hon. Gordan S. Clinton, Mayor, Seattle, Washington & President, American Municipal Association, Invitation to City Council to attend American Municipal Congress in Philadelphia - August 25-29, 1962. Referred to Council Files with copies to each Councilman.
3. Mr. Charles E. Johnson, 1100 Kingwood Drive, City, Treasurer, Takoma Park, Maryland Library Association, Inc., Appreciation for favorable consideration given to Library Budget. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
4. Mr. W. B. Pack, 7111 Woodland Avenue, City, Complaint of condition of premises 7109 Woodland Avenue. Referred to the Public Welfare Committee and the Fire Protection Committee.
5. Mr. Erling McDonald, 48 Philadelphia Avenue, City, Suggestion of random baloon tests for suspected intoxicated drivers. Referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.
6. Mrs. J. Chaikin, Allegheny Avenue, City, Complaint of one way street. Referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.
7. Mrs. Laura D. Morden, 6619 Allegheny Avenue, City, Complaint of one way street. Referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.
8. Mrs. Avis J. Gustafson, 6701 Allegheny Avenue, City, Complaint of one way street. Referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.
 - a). Petition - Complaint of one way street. Referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.
9. Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Bachand, 514 Elm Avenue, City, Request to place backstop at Forest Park, 20 or 30 feet back to provide more field space for ball playing. Referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
10. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Opinion in Case #1155 Petition of Takoma Medical and Dental Center, Inc. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.

11. Mr. Howard Lee Cook, Clerk, Montgomery County Council, acknowledgement of City Council's recommendation concerning ZAP C-711 and C-741. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
12. Mr. D. Leonard Dyer, Clerk, Board of License Commissioners, Prince Georges County - Notice of Public Hearing, 10:00 a.m. July 19th (Upper Marlboro, Maryland Courthouse) on Transfer of Beer, Wine and Liquor Class "A" License for use of Hampshire Liquors, 7669 New Hampshire Avenue (from Helen V. Bell, T/A Hampshire Liquors, 7669 New Hampshire Ave.) Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
13. Mr. James R. Miller, Jr., Attorney, Rockville, Maryland, Request to appear before Mayor and Council regarding ZAP C-809. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
14. Mr. C. Warren Giaugue, Planning Engineer, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Transmittal of ZAP No. 4435, Blain H. Smith, Attorney for Opha Mays and Bell F. Mays, Lots 4 & part of Lot 5, Block 35, B. F. Gilberts Addition to Takoma Park (Colby & Cherry Avenues). R-R to R-18 (apartment) Zone. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
15. Mr. Blair H. Smith, Attorney, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, Request to appear before Mayor and Council regarding ZAP #4435. Referred to the Civic Improvements Committee.
16. Mr. R. J. Conley, #20 Columbia Avenue, City, Commendation of Takoma Park Police Department. Referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Mayor Miller welcomed all those present to the first Council Meeting after the 4th of July. Mayor Miller stated that the 4th of July Parade in the City had been a tremendous success again this year. He further stated that each year the Celebration gets bigger and better and is enjoyed by more people. Mayor Miller commended the Independence Day Committee (a volunteer group) for their hard work and the success of their efforts. Mayor Miller moved that the Council adopt a Resolution expressing appreciation for the excellent work of the Independence Day Committee. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried. Also Mayor Miller directed that individual certificates of appreciation be prepared for all members of the Independence Day Committee.

At this time Mayor Miller announced that the foreign exchange students had arrived in the City. These foreign students come from all parts of the free world to spend one year in an American high school. Also American teenagers go to foreign lands for one year. This project is carried out by the American Field Service. Mayor Miller commented upon the value of such a program stating that he believes that these students accomplish a great deal in promoting a better understanding between nations of the free world. The foreign students spend their last few days in Takoma Park before returning to their native lands. Mayor Miller extended an invitation to all residents to meet the exchange students on Wednesday evening, July 11th, 8:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Councilman and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Lester Geib have headed the Committee placing the students in homes and arranging entertainment. Mayor Miller stated that the students will be presented with Honorary Citizenship Certificates.

OPEN MEETING:

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

1. Mr. Gustafson, 6701 Allegheny Avenue, City, spoke in opposition to the recent ordinance designating Allegheny Avenue as a one way street. He stated that actions regarding this street should be governed by the majority of the property owners on the street. Mr. Gustafson stated that Allegheny Avenue carries only local traffic and is not a thoroughfare.

and presented a chart to the Council representing the opinions of the people in the neighborhood. Mr. Gustafson stated that the areas colored blue represent those people desiring a one way street; the color pink represents those desiring that the street be returned to two ways; and the color yellow represents the people the petitioners were unable to contact for various reasons. The hill on Allegheny will cause considerable difficulty for motorists during wintry weather with ice and snow, Mr. Gustafson pointed out. Councilman Kennedy stated that he wished to assure Mr. Gustafson and the other petitioners that the Council or the Law Enforcement Committee had no wish to create a hardship. Councilman Kennedy re-read the original petition requesting the one way street. Councilman Kennedy reported that Chief Foster and his men made a study of the situation and then made a recommendation that the street be made one way. Mr. Gustafson stated that he feels certain that some of the original petitioners have changed their minds by now after seeing the problem created from the change. Councilman Kennedy asked Mr. Gustafson if it would be agreeable to him if the City sent out letters asking the people for individual opinions or for the City to hold a public hearing. Mr. Gustafson stated that he feels that letters to the individual property owners would be most satisfactory. Councilman Kennedy directed Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to prepare the appropriate letters.

2. Mr. Frank Bachmura, 6617 Allegheny Avenue, City, also spoke in opposition to the one way on Allegheny Avenue. Mr. Bachmura presented a chart indicating the possible different routes that a motorist might use to get to one of the main routes through the City. Mr. Bachmura pointed out the difficulty of each route in bad weather due to the many steep inclines. Mr. Bachmura stated that if there is a determination to make Allegheny Avenue one way, it should be in the opposite direction. Mr. Bachmura pointed out that he feels that the volume of traffic in that area was exaggerated.

3. Mr. Frush, 6602 Allegheny Avenue, City, spoke in opposition to the one way direction of Allegheny Avenue. Mr. Frush pointed out that there has been more difficulty with speeders on the street. It was also pointed out that there are many little children on this street. Mr. Frush stated that when the street was two ways people exercised more caution.

4. Mrs. Avis Gustafson, 6701 Allegheny Avenue, City, stated that the main reason for making Allegheny Avenue one way, seems to be due to the Kansas Avenue traffic. Mrs. Gustafson stated that the one way street should be made between 2nd and 3rd Avenues and not on Allegheny. This would prevent motorists from coming down the hill on Kansas Avenue.

5. Mr. Bob MacLeod, 6707 Allegheny Avenue, City, also spoke in opposition to the one way on Allegheny and pointed out some of his reasons for opposing the change.

6. Mrs. Chaiken, 6615, Allegheny Avenue, City, stated that if this street is not returned to two ways, she and her husband will be forced to move as her son-in-law refused to come up the hill in bad weather to take them to the store. She stated that she and Mr. Chaikin, who is retired, are completely dependent upon her daughter and son-in-law to take them grocery shopping and other places.

7. Mr. D. A. Vickers, 500 Albany Avenue, City, spoke regarding a swimming pool located at 7323 Baltimore Avenue adjacent to his property. Mr. Vickers stated that he had checked with the County and the City and was able to get no where on preventing the construction of the pool. Mr. Vickers stated that he realizes that nothing can be done about the situation now, but that the City needs more zoning authority. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Civic Improvements Committee.

8. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City, reported that there are approximately 44 children in her neighborhood and requested that the City place "Caution-Children Playing"

signs on Hickory Avenue. Mrs. Ferry also requested a "No Parking" sign at King's Corner as the view is obstructed by parked cars which may result in an accident. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Law Enforcement Committee.

9. Mr. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizen's Association, member 4th of July Committee, 424 Lincoln Avenue, City, thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts in handling the Special Exception Case No. 1155, Takoma Medical and Dental Clinic. Mr. Hash extended his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their cooperation in the 4th of July Celebration. Mr. Hash also expressed his thanks to the Department Heads for their work and for a job well done.

10. Mrs. Vera Hash, Lincoln Valley Citizen's Association, member of 4th of July Committee, commended the Department Heads for their cooperation. Mrs. Hash thanked Mr. Williams, Building Inspector; Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works; and the Police and Fire Departments. Mrs. Hash stated that Mayor Miller is the envy of all the local municipalities for this outstanding event of the season.

11. Mr. Charles E. Lampe, 514 Elm Avenue, City, also expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council and the Department Heads for the cooperation and assistance rendered in behalf of the 4th of July Celebration. Mr. Lampe is also a member of this volunteer 4th of July Committee. Mr. Lampe commented on a letter received regarding ball playing in Forest Park. Mr. Lampe stated that the people complaining do not own their property and that the boys playing ball have been warned repeatedly to be careful.

12. Mrs. Avis Gustafson inquired about the item on the agenda "Request to investigate lot on Allegheny Avenue." It was pointed out to Mrs. Gustafson that this item involved a parcel of land that is believed to belong to the City. Councilman Collison stated that preliminary investigation raises a question as to this being public property, and it appears to be privately owned but further consideration is required.

13. Mr. Webster, 47 Philadelphia Avenue, City, inquired about the item on the agenda regarding limiting the truck traffic on Route 410. Councilman Collison reported that he has been meeting with the State Roads Commission and that if and when the City can designate a satisfactory alternate route and the Commission approves, the City will be in position to eliminate this truck traffic. Rt. 410 is a designated State Route. Much discussion ensued. The matter is still pending awaiting the completion of a study presently being made.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Councilman Turner congratulated the 4th of July Committee for the fine parade and the Fire works display. Councilman Turner also commended Councilman John Roth for his part in the Celebration.

Councilman Turner stated that recently a robin was caught in a tree near his home and struggled for some time to get free. Councilman Turner stated that he called the Fire Department for aid. Charles Prince, Jr. and Richard T. Hirsch of the Volunteers risked life and limb by climbing on the roof of the house next door to reach and release the robin. Councilman Turner stated that this might be a small thing in the eyes of some but this incident gives an indication of the fine young men in our Fire Department.

1. In connection with the request from the Civil Air Patrol to park an emergency vehicle (ambulance) on the Fire Department Parking Lot or the Police Impounding Lot, Councilman Turner reported that Fire Chief LaScola has agreed to allow the vehicle to be parked in the rear of the Fire Department. Councilman Turner moved that the Civil Air Patrol be notified that permission is granted for them to park the emergency vehicle on the Fire

Department Lot. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion which was duly carried.

2. Councilman Turner reported that the needed repairs for the Seagrave Ladder Truck of the Fire Department would cost more than anticipated and shall be considered again at the next Committee meeting.

3. Councilman Turner extended an official invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the program to be held for the visiting foreign students on July 11th, 8:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

1. Due to Councilman Jones's absence there was no Committee report at this time.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE:

1. In connection with Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-809, Councilman Roth moved that the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council be informed that the City has no objections in the proposed change from R-60 to R-10. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion which was duly carried with Councilman Turner voting nay. Councilman Roth pointed out that this property has access to Maple Avenue as required and is in line with present apartment zoning in that area.

2. Councilman Roth requested Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to contact the Park and Planning Commission to inquire about a 30 foot strip shown on the detail map received in connection with ZAP 816 as to just what the purpose and use of this strip is intended to be.

3. In connection with the transfer of ownership of the Beer, Wine and Liquor, Class "A" License for use of Hampshire Liquors, 7669 New Hampshire Avenue, Councilman Roth reported that under the circumstances there should be no objections. Under State Law 7430, the City of Takoma Park was granted the right to approve or disapprove an application for a liquor license in the Prince George's County section of the City, however, this is only a transfer of an existing license. Much discussion ensued. Mayor Miller requested Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to check the law regarding this matter.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman Collison reported that the request for the improvement of street lighting on Kentland Avenue and Willow Avenue has been referred to the Potomac Electric Power Company as per standard procedure. As yet no reply has been received.

2. In connection with the request for improvement of Service Drive parallel to West side of New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive, Councilman Collison reported that the owners of the property abutting this service drive are not all agreeable to this improvement. Therefore, Councilman Collison reported that a public hearing will be necessary and will be held as soon as Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, can prepare estimates, probably by the next Council Meeting.

3. Councilman Collison reported that in connection with the progress report on State Roads Commission Study concerning Municipal, County, and State Highway and Street needs, the Montgomery County team is expected to work with him in the City next week. Councilman Collison reported that he has had several meetings with the staff of the State Roads Commission and that he received a considerable degree of cooperation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. In Councilman Forsnee's absence, Councilman Collison read the resignation of Mrs. Louise

Young, Secretary in the City Office. Mrs. Young's resignation to be effective the 2nd of July. Mrs. Young resigned to return home. Councilman Collison moved that Mrs. Young's resignation be accepted. Councilman Roth seconded the motion which was duly carried.

2. Councilman Collison, upon the recommendation of the Clerk & Treasurer, moved the appointment of Mr. Luther K. Baugham as Administrative Assistant in the City Office for the one year probationary period under the Merit Plan at the starting salary of \$5,230.00 per annum, effective July 6th, 1962, replacing Mr. Kenneth Bandy, whose resignation was accepted at the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and upon the question was duly carried.

3. Upon the recommendation of Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen, Councilman Collison moved that Mrs. Marion M. Weir be placed on one year probationary appointment as Cashier Assistant Bookkeeper in the City Office at a starting salary of \$3,675.00 as under the Merit Plan to be retroactive as of June 18th, 1962. Mrs. Weir replaces Mrs. O'Brien who resigned effective April 15th. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion which was duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE:

1. Councilman McKenzie directed that Item 2 on the Agenda regarding the request for improvement of trash collection service at 7428 Carroll Avenue be deleted from the agenda as the matter has been taken care of.

2. In connection with a letter received complaining of the condition of the premises 7109 Woodland Avenue, Councilman McKenzie reported that Capt. DeKalb of the Fire Department had written the property owner a letter giving him until the 16th of July to correct the conditions.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

1. Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Foster, Councilman Kennedy moved that Detective Private James P. Turner be promoted to the rank of Detective Private First Class retroactive to July 1, 1962 having proved himself to be a very efficient police officer. Councilman Collison seconded the motion which was duly carried.

2. Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Foster, Councilman Kennedy moved that Private John W. Saunders be promoted to the rank of Private First Class retroactive to July 1, 1962, having performed his duties faithfully and in a manner so as to reflect only good will towards the Department. Councilman Turner seconded the motion which was duly carried.

3. In connection with the CAP request to park emergency vehicle on Fire Department or Police (impounding) parking lot, Councilman Kennedy requested that the item be deleted from the agenda as it has already been handled by the Fire Protection Committee.

4. Councilman Kennedy reported that the items regarding the sign reading "Speed Limit 30 miles per hour" on Carroll Avenue near the Sanitarium be changed to "Slow-Hospital Entrance" and the request for a "Stop" sign at Westmoreland, Elm, and Walnut Avenues will be taken up at the next Committee meeting.

5. Regarding the suggestion that "Children Playing-Caution" sign be placed at Columbia and Hickory Avenues, Councilman Kennedy reported that this matter will be taken up at the next Council Meeting and further that the Police Department is making a study of other areas for the placement of signs of this type.

6. Councilman Kennedy reported that the request that traffic speed be reduced to 10 or 15 miles per hour on Flower Avenue between Carroll Avenue and Maplewood Avenue is now under

consideration by the State Roads Commission.

7. Councilman Kennedy reported that Dr. Charles Hirsch, President of the Columbia Union College is investigating the cost in the connection with the request for an overhead blinker light at Flower Avenue in the College Area.

8. Councilman Kennedy reported that the Takoma-Langley Taxi Association, Inc. request for clarification of certain Sections of Article 17 of the Municipal Code is still under study.

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

Attest:

George M. Miller
Mayor

Harold M. Pridgen
City Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
PUBLIC HEARING
July 16, 1962

SUBJECT: LINCOLN AVENUE

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. stating the purpose of the meeting was to consider the proposal of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Technical Staff, dated November 1, 1961, relating to the possible ultimate use or abandonment of Lincoln Avenue. He pointed out that notice of this Hearing had been advertised in the local papers and circulated to all interested property owners and residents in the general area.

At this time, Mayor Miller turned the meeting over to Councilman Roth as Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee.

Councilman Roth referred to the Technical Staff Report and stated that a matter of concern is the probable traffic flowing into Lincoln Avenue created as a result of the apartment building construction along Maple Avenue. Councilman Roth pointed out that the subject of discussion is what to do about Lincoln Avenue with possibilities of making a cul-de-sac below Jefferson Avenue or at some other point.

Mr. Monroe Dixon of 206 Lincoln Avenue inquired if the proposed cul-de-sac would be a permanent structure or would it be a summer blockade and re-opened during the Winter. Councilman Roth inquired if it was desired to keep the traffic off the street and Mr. Dixon stated that this is desirable and suggested that a One-Way traffic pattern down-hill, particularly in the Wintertime, from Jefferson Avenue to Maple Avenue might be a solution.

Mr. Buford Wilkerson, 17 Jefferson Avenue, agreed with Mr. Dixon's opinion.

Mr. Vestor Andreason, 6 Jefferson Avenue, inquired as to why the Park and Planning Commission is of the opinion that people living on Maple Avenue will travel up a narrow street like Lincoln Avenue when the wide and level Maple Avenue is available to them. He also agreed with Mr. Dixon's recommendations for One-Way traffic North from Jefferson Avenue.

Mr. Sawtell, 24 Jefferson Avenue, inquired if the location for the parking lot for the apartment building now under construction had been decided. Upon learning that this was to be located on Maple Avenue, he indicated his approval and also his approval of the One-Way suggestion for traffic.

Mr. Zuckerman, one of the owners of the apartment development stated that the apartment house parking lot will have access into Lincoln Avenue as well.

Mr. Dixon suggested that the traffic from the apartment house be prohibited up-grade on Lincoln Avenue from the apartment house exit.

Mr. Ernest M. Lewis, 7500 Carroll Avenue, stated that there has been a tremendous volume of traffic on Lincoln Avenue during the past year and that in passing, one car must either wait or run up into the sidewalk area.

Councilman Roth inquired from the apartment developers present if they would care to comment at this time. Mr. Zuckerman stated that he and his associates have not given the matter any considerable thought and would prefer to withhold comments at this time. Mr. James R. Miller, Attorney for Messrs. Goldkind and Weinkranz stated that they also would prefer to withhold statements at this time and merely listen to comments from the people.

Mrs. Echols, 208 Lincoln Avenue, stated that Lincoln Avenue is very narrow and that parking spaces are limited. She indicated that turning around is extremely difficult and suggested that the upper end of Lincoln Avenue be widened to provide both more traffic and parking area.

Mr. Gibbs, 207 Lincoln Avenue, stated that a major portion of the problem is the parking of cars from two existing apartment houses that have not provided off-street parking.

Mr. William T. Chu, 201 Lincoln Avenue, disapproved the sacrifice of the residents on Lincoln Avenue and Jefferson Avenue for the benefit of the apartment house occupants. He stated that residents will suffer either by more traffic on the street or the inconvenience of One-Way traffic. He stated that residential property values have already decreased as a result of the apartment development and strongly opposed any change to Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Joseph Diamond of 816 Larch Avenue stated that while he is not a property owner in the immediate area, he wondered how much study the Park and Planning Commission had made to the traffic pattern, as to whether they had studied the traffic generation at the apartment development and just how they arrived at their suggestion.

Mr. Max Sittenfeld, one of the apartment developers, stated that the Park and Planning Commission had made no definite conclusions but they had made three probable proposals: (a) A 70' Right of Way; (b) cul-de-sac; (c) Abandonment.

Mrs. Echols stated that she had read the Park and Planning report and that it appears to be slanted to the benefit of the apartment developers.

An unidentified lady residing on Fremont Avenue wondered what would happen if there is a fire on Lincoln, Jefferson, or Fremont Avenues. She stated that she always travels down Lincoln Avenue to go into the Silver Spring area because it is impossible to enter into Carroll Avenue from Lincoln or Jefferson Avenues.

Mr. Sittenfeld stated that one reason they could not comment specifically is because of the fact that their mortgage holder may not agree to any change in the Lincoln Avenue situation in as much as the money was loaned based on existing conditions.

Mr. Chu stated that this is a problem of the private property owners interests vs. the interests of apartment house dwellers.

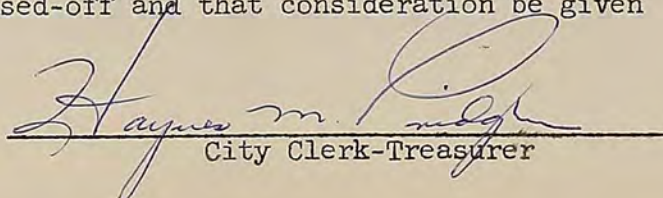
Mr. Lewis indicated his disagreement to the One-Way suggestion, stating that traffic should be permitted in both directions from Carroll to Maple Avenues.

Mr. Harvey Foukes of 4 Jefferson Avenue stated that during the Winter particularly it is easier to use Lincoln Avenue to Maple Avenue and vice-versa and stated his opposition to the One-Way suggestion.

Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that there are no existing houses between Jefferson and Maple Avenues and that if the street is made One-Way, down-hill, that everyone should be satisfied.

Councilman Roth concluded the Hearing with the statement that there seemed to be strong opinion that the street not be closed-off and that consideration be given to a probable One-Way traffic pattern.

The Hearing adjourned at 8:50 P.M.


City Clerk-Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 23, 1962

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Those present were: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Excused: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie. The following Department Heads were also present: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen; Captain Merson, Police Department; Captain DeKalb and Chief LaScola of the Fire Department, Director of Public Works Rhodes; and Building Inspector Williams. Corporation Counsel Gingerich was also present.

After Roll Call of the Councilmen, Mayor Miller asked Father O'Shea of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, City, to render the Invocation. Father O'Shea rendered the Invocation.

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

Mayor Miller stated that if there were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Meeting of July 9th, the chair would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mayor Miller requested that Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen read the correspondence received.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Hiroko Yamapi, Hiromosa Shumada, Sodaaki Wumata, of Tokyo, Japan (1961 Foreign Exchange Students), appreciation for pictures received and City's hospitality. Referred to Council Files.
2. Foreign Exchange Students, A. F. S. Bus #29, expressing appreciation for City's hospitality and pleasure at being made "Honorary Citizens". Referred to Council Files.
3. Mrs. James H. Jones, 808 Hayward Avenue, City. Commendation for Takoma Park Police and Fire Departments for kindness accorded her upon occasion of Independence Day Celebration. Referred to Council Files.
4. Mr. William V. Moscatelli, Rio de Janerio, Brazil, regarding "Sister City" affiliation with Jequie, Brazil. Referred to Parks and Recreation Committee.
5. Mr. Paul M. Wilson, 7602 Wildwood Drive, City, request for City's participation in \$175.00 bill paid for replacement of curbing and gutter in front of his home. Referred to Public Works Committee.
6. Miss Mary Wallace Slaughter, 7620 Maple Avenue, City, indicating complaint of (a) overhanging bushes and trees along Grant Avenue between Maple Avenue and Carroll Avenue; (b) Failure to remove snow and ice on sidewalk in same area; (c) need for sidewalk along Maple Avenue below Sherman Avenue. Referred to Law Enforcement and Public Welfare Committees.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Royal G. Shank, 7218 Holly Avenue, City. Complaint on undesirable conditions at 7303 Holly Avenue, City. Referred to Public Welfare Committee and Building Inspector Williams.

8. Mrs. P. L. Keefer, 7305 Holly Avenue, City. Complaint of conditions at 7303 Holly Avenue, City. Referred to Public Welfare Committee and Building Inspector Williams.
9. Mrs. Edith L. Leckey, 7300 Holly Avenue, City. Complaint of conditions at 7303 Holly Avenue, City. Referred to Public Welfare Committee and Building Inspector Williams.
10. Mrs. John T. Hicks, 7307 Holly Avenue, City. Complaint of conditions at 7303 Holly Avenue, City. Referred to Public Welfare Committee and Building Inspector Williams.
11. Mr. Stanley T. Fraser, 7200 Holly Avenue, City. Complaint of conditions at 7303 Holly Avenue, City. Referred to Public Welfare Committee and Building Inspector Williams.
12. Mr. William B. Walker, 7437 Baltimore Avenue, City. Complaint of conditions at 7440 Baltimore Avenue, City. Referred to Public Welfare Committee and Building Inspector Williams.
13. Mr. Howard Lee Cook, Clerk to Montgomery County Council, regarding ZAP C-711 and ZAP C-741. Referred to Civic Improvements Committee.
14. Mr. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board. List of members of City Fire Board for Fiscal Year 1962-1963. Referred to Fire Prevention Committee.
15. Mayor Edward L. Williar, President, Maryland Municipal League, urging attendance at American Municipal League, Philadelphia, August 25-29, 1962. Theme, "City-State Relations". Referred to Council Files.

Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen then read a summary of the various bank balances held by the City.

CITIZENS BANK OF TAKOMA PARK

General Fund

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| Tentative balance reported May 31, 1962 | 64,405.66 | |
| Unrecorded deposit, June 1, 1962 | 302.94 | |
| True balance, May 31, 1962 | <u>64,708.60</u> | |
| June Receipts | 88,782.37 | |
| | <u>153,490.97</u> | |
| June Disbursements | 52,983.81 | |
| | <u>100,507.16</u> | |
| June 30, 1962 balance | | <u><u>100,507.16</u></u> |

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY

General Fund

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| No June transactions | | |
| June 30, 1962 balance | | <u><u>885.63</u></u> |

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CITIZENS BANK OF TAKOMA PARK

Special Improvements Fund
 Balance May 31, 1962
 June Receipts

3,135.26
 969.93

 4,105.19

 66.00

June Disbursements

June 30, 1962 balance

4,039.19

A Summary of taxes billed and collected read by Mr. Pridgen indicated the following figures:

TAXES BILLED July 1, 1962

Montgomery County Section
 Prince George's County Section

244,966.76
 136,594.53

381,561.29

COLLECTIONS through July 23, 1962

Montgomery County Section
 Prince George's County Section

107,128.54
 64,362.48

171,491.02

TAXES BALANCE DUE

210,070.27

The above figures represent a total of 44.9% collected on taxes billed.

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the second Meeting of the Council during the month of July, and announced that there would not be a meeting on the second Monday in August, due to vacations. He pointed out that only one meeting each month is required but that in order to better serve the people, the Council has been meeting twice a month. There will be a regular meeting on the fourth Monday in August.

At this time, Mayor Miller praised the City Fire Department on their fire prevention efforts. He stated that in the last eight years, the Fire Prevention Service of the Fire Department has progressively developed. They visit schools several times a year and conduct educational programs showing ways to prevent fires. The Fire Department offers a free inspection service and makes recommendations to improve home practices that may lead to fire, such as defective wiring and cluttered basements. In connection with this, the Mayor pointed out that in May there was a Spring Clean-up Program which enabled Citizens to have almost anything picked up by the Public Works Department by simply placing discarded objects at the curb. The Program lasted for three consecutive Wednesdays and was directed toward fire prevention. The Mayor commented that the program of fire prevention has been most successful and praised the efforts of Captain DeKalb of the Fire Department. Captain DeKalb was presented an award from the Maryland State Firemen's Association by Mayor Miller for "Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Fire Prevention" for 1961-1962, and commended him, stating that he had done much for the City of Takoma Park and its residents. Captain DeKalb remarked that without the help of the Mayor, City Council, Citizens and everyone else concerned, that the Fire Department would not have this award. He stated that special awards should go to each and every citizen of the City.

Councilman Turner announced that he had attended a Council Meeting in Joliet, Illinois recently and was happy to report that their meeting was as informal as well as informative as ours. Mayor Hennessey of Joliet had sent his regards to Mayor Miller as they have worked together in the American Municipal Association.

Mayor Miller extended his appreciation to the Suburban Record for their outstanding coverage of the Independence Day Celebration, both by photographs and articles, and directed that a letter of appreciation be written to Mr. John Steelman, Editor-Publisher. Also, in connection with the Independence Day Celebration, Mayor Miller presented Certificates of Appreciation from Mr. Resnikoff, Chairman of the Celebration, to Mr. Pridgen, the entire Council, Police Department, Public Works Department, and Mr. John Coffman.

OPEN MEETING

1. Miss Mary Wallace Slaughter, 7620 Maple Avenue, City, urged that action be taken in regards to the pedestrian safety and convenience in the City. She stated that pedestrian traffic is hindered by construction and that she sometimes is forced to walk in the middle of the street. She also noted that property owners do not take care of bushes and trees and that they frequently over-hang the sidewalks. Snow and ice was also brought out to be a pedestrian hazard during Winter months as property owners do not always remove it from the sidewalks. Mayor Miller said that the City would look into this.

2. Mr. William Hayman, 7518 Jackson Street, City, extended his congratulations to the City for the excellent Independence Day Celebration. He also congratulated the Police and Fire Departments for their promptness in arriving at the scene of an accident at Sligo Creek Parkway and Jackson Street recently. He stated that two persons were trapped in their car and that he attempted to assist them with a crowbar, however, the Police Department and Fire Department arrived almost immediately. Mr. Hayman commented that residents of his area are very upset over the accident record at this corner (three last month) and that something should be done. At this time, he read a Petition from local residents expressing their concern over this problem and made recommendations that the City of Takoma Park take the matter up with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Law Enforcement Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee for further action.

3. Mayor Miller recognized Mr. Curtis Baird, newly elected President of the City Fire Board. Mr. Baird commented that the Board is desirous of having a member of the Fire Prevention Committee at their meetings as it is required by the City Code. Mayor Miller remarked that the Committee would be represented so that scheduled meetings may be held.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, Councilman Jones reporting:

1. In connection with complaints received regarding ball playing at Forest Park, Councilman Jones suggested that if the backstop was moved back 30 feet and angled that it might solve the problem. The alternate solution mentioned was enlarging the fence to twice its present height. Councilman Jones requested that the Public Works Department make a study of these possibilities and submit a report with facts and figures, dollar wise.

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2. Councilman Jones reported that the U. S. Chess Federation Tournament scheduled for September, 1962, is proceeding with a publicity campaign and that he had met with the Committee the previous week.
3. Regarding the proposed shelter at Spring Park, Councilman Jones reported that an estimate is being prepared for the project.
4. Councilman Jones suggested in regards to the "Sister City" affiliation with Jequie, Brazil, that the Mayor write a letter requesting pictures and further information so that a decision may be made.
5. Concerning the Manor Circle House burning, Councilman Jones recommended that the property be made into a park as a lasting memorial to the Council Members here tonight. He pointed out that the cost would be approximately \$60,000.00. Councilman Jones brought out the fact that if the apartment project goes through, some of the property owners would have back doors facing them with garbage cans, etc. He stated that action must be taken immediately or it would be too late.
6. Councilman Turner commented that the Street Dance held at Washington Park on July 22nd was attended by approximately 160 people of all ages.
7. Councilman Jones complimented Mayor Miller on his farewell speech to the Foreign Student visitors.
8. A report from Mrs. Belle Ziegler of the Recreation Department, to Councilman Jones was read regarding Park Activities. Registrations are as follows: 160 at Sligo Park; 159 at Spring Park; 157 at Washington Park; 106 at Long Branch Park; 100 at Forest Park and 63 at Heffner Park. (This represents a total of 110 more children registered this year over 1961.) Park activities held so far, include bicycle rodeos, softball, turtle derby, record hop, Mardi Gras and parade, hot dog roast, "Get acquainted hour", as well as baton lessons and square dances. Planned activities include family nights and trips to Brookside Nature Center.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Councilman Roth reported that after investigating the Liquor License Laws, it was found that the rule allowing the City to prevent a transfer of the Liquor License for Hampshire Liquors does not apply, and moved that it be removed from the agenda.
2. Councilman Roth recommended that in connection with Blair H. Smith's request to appear before the Mayor and Council, that a meeting be set up for Monday, July 30, 1962.
3. Regarding ZAP C-816 and ZAP C-817, Councilman Roth reported that the Park and Planning Commission has no serious objections to that re-zoning but that the Committee will give the matter further consideration.
4. Councilman Roth stated that at the Public Hearing held on the evening of July 16th regarding the closing of Lincoln Avenue between Maple and Jefferson Avenues, it was decided that there was no present need for immediate action and the City will wait for further developments.

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5. Councilman Roth remarked that he was impressed by the complaint received regarding 7440 Baltimore Avenue and is concerned that car repair activities are allowed to continue in violation of zoning regulations. He commented that it is surprising that this activity went un-noticed during the recent investigation of automobiles without current license plates. Councilman Turner asked Captain Merson of the Police Department if any report was received on this violation. Captain Merson indicated that to date, no report had been submitted and that his Department would check into the matter. Councilman Collison noted that this type of activity is going on all over the City, but to a lesser degree than apparent in the Baltimore Avenue case. Mayor Miller instructed Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to have Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, look into this right away.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman Collison reporting:

1. Councilman Collison stated that no further report could be given in regards to the improvement of street lighting on Kentland Avenue and Willow Avenue as no report had been received from PEPCO.

2. Councilman Collison noted that a Petition had been received at the last Meeting regarding the Service Drive improvement on the West side of New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive. Property owners signing the Petition agree "to a waiver of the legal requirements concerning a Public Hearing and further agree to accept a Special Assessment and Levy against our properties which are being specially benefitted thereby." However, Councilman Collison pointed out, since one property owner had not agreed to sign the Petition, it will be necessary to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 15, 1962, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Collison moved that an Ordinance be adopted to read as follows:

ORDINANCE No. 1706

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

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with provisions of Section 1429 of the City Charter, the Mayor and City Council have under consideration the improvement of a portion of the Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive, such improvement to consist of the necessary grading, storm drainage, concrete curbs and gutters and permanent pavement consisting of a four inch bituminous base course and a two inch bituminous top course, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the total cost of the improvement is estimated to be a total of approximately SEVEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY THREE DOLLARS, SIXTY CENTS (7,143.60) such cost to be fully assessable against the abutting real property being specially benefitted thereby, described as Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, in Block 2, New Hampshire Highlands Subdivision, AND,

SECTION 3. THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council at a Special Meeting on August 15, 1962 at 8:00 p.m. at #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, will hear all property owners to be so assessed, desiring to be heard in reference to the improvement herein proposed.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and passed with a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Excused: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie.

3. Councilman Collison reported that the Director of Public Works and the City Clerk-Treasurer have been instructed to report the present status of the Rights of Way situation to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in connection with storm drainage for the Spring Branch area of North Takoma.

4. It was stated by Councilman Collison that at the conclusion of the Forest Park Storm Drainage Project, the question arose as to what portion of the cost was to be assumed by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and how much by the City. A letter has been received from the W. S. S. C. stating that they cannot take over maintenance of the system until the City deeds it over to the Commission. The Committee recommended that we prepare a Transfer of Title to complete the transaction. It was moved that an Ordinance be adopted as follows:

ORDINANCE No. 1707

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

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with Section 6 of Ordinance No. 1700 adopted May 14, 1962, it has been determined that Title to the Forest Park Storm Drainage Project No. 56-2 (Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission SD No. D-14-56008-Y) must be transferred to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in order for them to disburse funds due to the City in participation of its cost, AND,

SECTION 2. THEREFORE, the Mayor and the City Clerk & Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute a proper Deed conveying all of the City's right, title, interest and estate in Forest Park Storm Drainage Project No. 56-2 to said Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Councilman Turner seconded the motion and the Ordinance was adopted with a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Excused: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie.

5. Councilman Collison referred to a letter from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, dated June 27, 1962, concerning a contract placed with the Vinton Construction Company advising us that work would be completed on this Project on Maple Avenue. Reference was then made to a memorandum dated July 16, 1962 from Director of Public Works Rhodes advising that the grading had been completed to his satisfaction. Councilman Collison stated that he was happy to report that the land is now ready for landscaping as the City may desire.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilman Collison reporting

1. Councilman Collison, upon the recommendation of the City Clerk-Treasurer, moved the appointment of Mrs. T. Jeanne Hornbeak as Secretary in the City Office

For the one year probationary period under the Merit Plan at the starting salary

of \$3,675.00 per annum, effective July 19, 1962. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly passed.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE,

Due to Councilman McKenzie's absence, there was no report at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. Councilman Kennedy stated that the suggested random balloon tests for intoxicated drivers has not been considered further due to many more pressing matters at hand.
2. Councilman Kennedy suggested that questionnaires be sent to property owners and residents on Allegheny Avenue to determine the best action to take regarding the traffic situation. He moved that in the interim an ordinance be adopted (rescinding previous ordinances making Allegheny Avenue One-Way and restoring it to a Two-Way status leaving the two stop signs at Allegheny Avenue and Second Street).

ORDINANCE No. 1708

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

SECTION 1. THAT Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1705 be hereby

repealed, AND,

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT, Two-way traffic be resumed on

Allegheny Avenue, AND,

SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to remove all one-way signs previously erected.

Councilman Collison seconded the motion and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Excused: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie.

3. Councilman Kennedy read recommendations from Major Foster that "Caution - Children Playing" signs be erected at various designated locations. He pointed out that these signs would tend to reduce speeds where children are playing but would not involve any additional ordinances. Councilman Kennedy moved that an appropriation be created and permission be granted to erect these signs. Councilman Collison stated that there are funds in the Public Works Budget for this type of expenditure. Councilman Kennedy amended his motion to include an authorization for the Public Works Department to supply the amount of money needed, with the provision that if necessary, at a later date, the fund would be reimbursed. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

4. Councilman Kennedy read a recommendation from Major Foster requesting that a stop sign be placed at Westmoreland, Elm and Walnut Avenues as requested by the Spring Park Citizens Association. Councilman Kennedy moved that an ordinance be adopted to read as follows:

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ORDINANCE No. 1709

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

SECTION 1. THAT a stop sign be placed at the south east corner of Westmoreland Avenue at its intersection with Elm Avenue, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect such sign in 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 violations in the City of Takoma Park.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and passed by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Collison, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Excused: Councilmen Forshee and McKenzie.

5. Councilman Kennedy instructed the City Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter to the State Roads Commission requesting that the sign "Speed Limit - 30 Miles per Hour" on Carroll Avenue near the Sanitarium be changed to read "Slow - Hospital Entrance" or similar wording.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Councilman Turner commented on a letter received from Pvt. R. A. Foote requesting six-months Military Leave from the Fire Department. He moved that Pvt. Foote be granted Military Leave with no loss of benefits. The motion was seconded and duly carried.
2. Councilman Turner expressed his desire to be put on record his appreciation to the citizens for their hospitality toward the Foreign Students. He noted that the visitors were in the City for a longer period of time this year, due to this being their terminal point and that more attention had to be given as the Students were returning to their homelands by various means of transportation. Councilman Turner indicated that pictures would be available soon for mailing to the Students as was done last year.
3. Councilman Jones suggested that a type of "Certificate of Merit" be presented to residents upon completion of the Fire Prevention Inspection if premises is found to be deserving of such. Fire Chief LaScola commented that the Fire Department has such a certificate but not for that particular use. Councilman Jones suggested that perhaps a reproduction of the Certificate awarded to the Council Members for their participation in the Independence Day Celebration would be appropriate.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

1. Mayor Miller stated that due to the lack of discussion regarding the Report prepared by Councilman Collison on the State Roads Commission "Highway Needs Study", that he assumed the Report was accepted as submitted and moved that the Report be

...the assessment would be \$5,000 and that the...
...the proposed improvement and in...
...usually made for a five year period, however, it may be possible...
...that it could be attached to ten years and the interest rate on the unpaid balance...
...would be six percent.
...Councilman Collison stated that Mr. Rhoads, Director of Public Works, had worked...
...up an estimate of the cost in the amount of \$7,143.00, such figure having been...
...incorporated in Section 2 of Ordinance #1700, in which it was proposed to assess...
...the real property being benefited thereby. Councilman Collison pointed out that...
...the assessments would be approximately as follows:

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forwarded to the State Roads Commission. Councilman Turner commended Councilman Collison on his efforts in preparing this Report. It was pointed out that copies are available for the Public at the City Office. Councilman Collison commented that the Report was not exactly what the Commission might expect and that it was prepared with condensed opinions of the Public. He said that this was a voluntary effort on our part and that it is our privilege to submit what we feel serves our needs best. The motion to accept the Report as submitted and forward it to the proper authority was seconded and duly carried.

2. Councilman Turner inquired concerning the recently published Public Administration Service Report on the Government of Montgomery County. Mayor Miller replied that he had not intended to give public cognizance to the Report for the reason that it was prepared at County expense and was obviously slanted to the benefit of the existing County Government. He indicated that he had no personal apprehension that any phase of the City Government will be liquidated as a result of this Report, for the reason that it is unlikely that either the County Council or the General Assembly will be influenced in this regard. Mayor Miller stated that the 26 City Group of two men from Chicago had spent one afternoon in the City and less than six months in the County, yet they know all about Montgomery County and how its Government should be operated.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, upon motion made, seconded, and duly carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:04.

George M. Miller
Mayor

Attest:
[Signature]
City Clerk-Treasurer