

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDEXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 11, 1963

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Monday, February 11, 1963 at 8:02 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller
 Councilman Collison
 Councilman Forshee
~~Councilman Jones~~
 Councilman Kennedy
~~Councilman [redacted]~~

Chief LaScola, Fire Department
 Captain Merson, Police Department
 Building Inspector Williams
~~Corporation Counsel Gingenrich~~

~~[redacted]~~
 Councilman McKenzie
 Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
 Chief Foster, Police Department
 Director of Public Works Rhodes
 Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Dept.

Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Miller called for a Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on January 28th. Councilman Turner requested that under the Fire Protection Committee, Item 3, that the name Malcolm Riggs be changed to read Earl E. Riggs. A motion was presented for the dispensing of the reading of the minutes, seconded and duly carried and the minutes were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: T. Jeanne Hornbeak, Acting Secretary to Council

1. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Letter of appreciation to Police and Fire Departments for their interest and help in transporting her husband to the hospital. (Fire Protection and Law Enforcement Committees)
2. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cauffman, 8213 Flower Avenue, City: Two letters; one to Mayor Miller and another to the City Councilmen commending the work of the Fire Department in a recent fire at their home. (Fire Protection Committee)
3. Mr. E. Willmore Tarr, Director, Public Relations, General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, City: Letter commenting on the Sister City Affiliation and the assurance of cooperation in making the program a success. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
4. Broadcasting Service of the United States Information Agency: Card of appreciation for participation in Voice of America programming. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
5. Mr. Clyde C. Cleveland, Business Manager, Columbia Union College, City: Advisement of most convenient billing date for installation of street lights and request for the consideration of installing a pedestrian controlled light at Morrison Hall crossing. (Public Works and Law Enforcement Committees with a copy to the State Roads Commission.)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, continued

6. Mr. Max Sittenfeld, Oliver-Thayer Joint Venture, 937 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring: Request for consideration of bus service on Maple Avenue to serve apartment developments. (Public Welfare and Civic Improvement Committees)
7. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Erdheim, 809 Hayward Avenue, City: Letter of complaint on the problem of roaming dogs. (Public Welfare Committee)
8. Mr. Joseph B. Kuhns, Resident Maintenance Engineer, State Roads Commission: Letter advising that State Roads Commission will repair street depression and eliminate water on Philadelphia Avenue at the Silver Spring Intermediate School as requested by Council. (Public Works and Law Enforcement Committees)
9. Mr. Plummer M. Shearin, Attorney at Law, Eig Building, Silver Spring: Letter re-affirming his client's opposition for use of Takoma Avenue as Silver Spring By-Pass, (Mr. C. N. Smith). (Civic Improvements Committee)
10. Mr. Vincent L. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel: Letter requesting consideration of the abandonment of Geneva Court and appropriate resolutions needed for the execution. (Civic Improvements Committee)
11. Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Public Works: Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 26, 1963, in the Hearing Room, County Office Building, Rockville, concerning the proposed sidewalk installation on Carroll Avenue. (Public Welfare Committee)

At this time, Mayor Miller was presented with an Honorary Citizen Certificate from the City of New Orleans and also a Key to the City. Mayor Miller is a member of the Executive Committee of the American Municipal Association which recently met in New Orleans.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Jeanne Hornbeak, Acting Secretary to Council reporting

See last page for detailed report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There being no citizen desiring to speak at this time, Mayor Miller stated that the Council would now proceed with the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Property at Lincoln and Maple Avenues: Plan was received by the Council for their recommendation and upon the suggestion of Director of Public Works, Mr. Rhodes, was referred back to the Park and Planning Commission with the request that several changes be made. Plan was returned and upon the completion of study by the Committee and the recommendation of Mr. Rhodes, a motion was presented for the approval of the revised plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried. Councilman Turner commented that he has received several inquiries about the damage being done to the large, old trees bordering the property that have been damaged by the bulldozers. Attorney James R. Miller, Sr. stated that he would look into the matter as he and his clients are most anxious to live up to the agreement with the Council. Attorney Miller further stated that he has always been very much impressed by the Council's manner of doing business and always enjoys attending the meetings more than those held by other governing bodies. Councilman Roth requested that a letter be directed to the Park and Planning Commission advising them of the Council's approval of the revised plan.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, continued

2. Abandonment of Geneva Court: Referred to letter received from the Corporation Counsel requesting that an appropriate resolution be adopted upon the approval of the Council to enable him to proceed with the abandonment proceeding. Motion presented for the adoption of the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Anna Hedricks and Maple View Associates have Petitioned the Circuit Court for Montgomery County for the abandonment of Geneva Court and a five foot sewer easement as dedicated by a Plat recorded among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Plat Book 13, Plat 897 by a re-subdivision of Lots 14, 15 and part of Lot 21, per Plat Book A, Plat 50, AND

WHEREAS, City Officials have investigated the circumstances surrounding the proposed abandonment and have determined that such abandonment will result in the comprehensive further development of the subject property, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council in Session duly assembled do hereby consent to the abandonment as under Petition in Equity No. 26406, AND,

FURTHER THAT, Vincent L. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, be hereby authorized to act for and in behalf of the City of Takoma Park in such abandonment proceedings.

The Resolution was seconded and duly carried.

3. Property located at New Hampshire Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway: Stated that the City Office inquired of Mr. Althoff as to his plans for the property. He stated that there were no specific plans at this time. Councilman Roth noted that in the Preliminary Master Plan the area is scheduled for re-zoning to Commercial Office Buildings and owner is possibly awaiting the outcome of the Public Hearing.
4. Public Hearing: Councilman Roth noted as a reminder that the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Master Plan is to be on March 6th at 8:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Junior High School for the purpose of permitting citizens to voice their opinions of the proposals. Mayor Miller has previously appointed a special committee to study the Plan and has requested that citizens put their opinions in letter form for the committee to study in order to present a unified recommendation at the Hearing.
5. Request from Independence Day Committee for Snow Fence: Stated that he had been asked by the Committee to request the approval of the Council for the borrowing of a snow fence from the State Roads Commission. Motion presented for the authorization of the borrowing, seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried. Noted that the authorization is needed to cover any damage that may result to the fence.
6. Councilman Roth stated that he had received a letter from the Library Association advising of a memorial to Dr. Olmstead being set up to consist of a set of the Dictionary of American Biography with funds to be obtained by public subscription. The letter elaborated on the many achievements of the late Dr. Olmstead, a past President of the Board of Trustees of the Library Association who gained prominence as a teacher, author and pastor and was a professor and Chairman of the Department of Religion at the George Washington University. Councilman Roth suggested that the letter be placed in the Newsletter in order to inform more of the residents of this most worthwhile project.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Departmental Budgets for New Fiscal Year: Stated that as a reminder to Department Heads, the Finance Committee will need budget estimates soon.
2. Report on study of insurance and competitive bidding for same by Insurance Buyer's Council: A very comprehensive study was completed by the Insurance Buyer's Council and upon their recommendations competitive bids for the City's coverage were requested on the policies due to expire on February 15th. Mr. Emory of the Insurance Buyer's Council met with Councilman Forshee, Councilman Collison and Mr. Pridgen and went over the bids that were received. Lampson-Ashley Agency, Insurance Company of North America, Employees Mutual, and Nationwide were the companies that submitted competitive bids for Workman's Compensation, General Liability, and Automobile Fleet coverage. The Nationwide Insurance Company was the low bidder with a difference of \$1200.00 from the high bidder. The Insurance Buyer's Council recommends that the City accept the bid from the Nationwide Insurance Company. Councilman Forshee stated that he was a bit skeptical about the type of service that could be offered at such a low bid, therefore, made some inquiries. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has their coverage through Nationwide as well as the Prince George's County Government and both are very pleased with the service. Motion presented for the acceptance of the bid submitted by the Nationwide Insurance Company for Workman's Compensation, General Liability and Automotive Fleet coverage.

ORDINANCE NO. 1731

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

SECTION 1. THAT bids have been obtained through the Insurance Buyer's Council in accordance with specifications for insurance coverage as follows:

Workman's Compensation
General Liability
Automotive Fleet

AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by the Nationwide Insurance Company in the approximate amount of \$12,144.00 is hereby authorized and accepted, AND,

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT, the City Clerk-Treasurer with the cooperation of the Insurance Buyer's Council is hereby authorized to proceed with the placing of the coverage with the Nationwide Insurance Company, effective as of February 15, 1963.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman McKenzie.

Councilman Forshee stated that the City regrets having to take the coverage from the Lampson-Ashley Agency as they have provided the City with excellent coverage, but action is necessary due to the large sum to be saved per year by placing coverage elsewhere.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, excused

Vice-Chairman Collison had no report to make in the absence of Councilman McKenzie.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Results of Advertisement for Bids for Police Cruiser: Bids have been received and opened on one police cruiser, for both a sedan and a station wagon. Lustine Chevrolet Company was the low bidder on both models with a bid of \$1,525.58 on the sedan and \$1,781.02 on the station wagon, the applicable amounts after a trade-in allowance of \$650.00. Councilman Jones inquired of Captain Merson as to the advantages of having a station wagon. Captain Merson stated that a station wagon would help in the transporting of impounded bicycles and other property, transporting of equipment to the pistol range and the moving of "emergency-no parking" signs, etc. Further stated that he is under impression that a station wagon retains its value longer than a sedan. Motion presented by Councilman Jones for the authorization of the purchase of one 1963 model station wagon from the lustine Chevrolet Company in accordance with specifications furnished in our request for bids and at the price quoted by the Company.

ORDINANCE NO. 1732

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 have been received and publically opened for a police cruiser, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by the Lustine Chevrolet Company, Hyattsville, Maryland, for one 1963 Chevrolet Station Wagon, meets all specifications of the Police Department, AND,

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to the Lustine Chevrolet Company in the net sum of ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS (\$1,781.02), AND

SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized upon delivery of the new Chevrolet Station Wagon to transfer title to Lustine Chevrolet on one 1961 Ford four door sedan, known as Police Car No. 5, Serial No. 1F32W-221473, Title No. J-699167, AND,

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 3 of this Ordinance be transferred from the reserve fund to account No. 11.113.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman McKenzie.

2. Study of Parking situation at Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Captain Merson has spoken with several of the merchants and they are in agreement that the signs located in front of the Sylvan Apartments are adequate to eliminate the over-night parking along the street. There was considerable discussion regarding a possible solution to the problem at the conclusion of which, Councilman Kennedy stated that he would not present a motion at this time pending further study of the situation with the possibility of a "Loading Zone" to be considered.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Request for installation of three-phase four wire circuit at Fire House: Public Works Department has looked over the possibility of their installing the circuit and recommends that the Department be authorized to proceed with such installation. Motion presented for the authorization of the Public Works Department to install the circuit as requested by Chief LaScola at the meeting of January 28th. Motion seconded and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, continued

2. Consideration of membership in the Fire Defense Institute of AMA: Stated that the City is presently a member of another Fire Defense agency and recommended that the item be removed from the Agenda at this time.
3. Recommendation of City Fire Board in concurrence with Chief LaScola's recommendation that men in Fire Prevention work be paid extra in lieu of overtime credit on books: Stated that Deputy Chief DeKalb is mainly the only person affected. Chief LaScola stated that the appointment of a acting Captain recently will help alleviate some of the work load. Councilman Turner stated that he was certain that offense would not be taken in the denial of the request and recommended that item be removed from the Agenda.
4. Request for Leave from City: Request for leave has been submitted by Chief LaScola to attend the Memphis Instructor's Conference and at the same time travel to Columbus, Ohio to the Scagrave Factory in order to inspect the Ladder Truck now being repaired. The time requested is from February 22nd to March 3rd. Chief LaScola will be accompanied by the Drillmaster, Volunteer Lieutenant Kearns. Motion presented for the authorization to attend, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Requests from Takoma Park Boy's Club: Stated that the request for a "dug-out" is being considered and there is a possibility that one may be donated by a private company.
2. Report on Sister City Affiliation: Stated that the affiliation with the City of Jequie, Bahia, Brazil was consummated at a dinner-meeting held at Leonie's Restaurant on January 24th. Stated that the next step is to await the return of the Governor-Elect from his extended tour before anything further can be done. Further stated that the forty member committee should now divide up into various groups to continue with the program.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Complaint of hazardous conditions on sidewalks from ice and snow/and/consideration of revision of Ordinance concerning snow and ice removal from sidewalks by the City: Requested that the two items be removed from the Public Works Committee and placed on the Law Enforcement Committee agenda.
2. Improvement of Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive: Permit has been received from the State Roads Commission and as soon as specifications are drawn up, an advertisement for bids will be published.
3. Letter from Mr. Plummer Shearin regarding the proposed use of Takoma Avenue as the Silver Spring By-Pass: Stated that a conference between Mr. Shearin and Councilmen Kennedy and Collison had been held. Mr. Shearin called Montgomery County and was advised that the County had not included the By-Pass in the State Roads Commission's Highway Needs Study report, therefore, will be handled by the County. Further stated that the County does not have adequate funds at this time to proceed with the work in the near future.
4. Councilman Collison stated that Takoma Avenue presently has a 70' Right of Way as recommended in the Preliminary Master Plan and that the only physical change that may be needed will be in the pavement. Stated that the problem is not as serious as previously thought, but will still attempt to block. Stated that it is surprising that no opposition has been heard in the proposed widening of Route 410. Councilman Kennedy stated that the North Takoma Citizens Association has not yet discussed it, but will in the near future and that considerable opposition may be expected.

REMARKS:

1. Chief LaScola stated that he spoke with the Seagrave Factory today and was advised that the Ladder Truck is leaving Section A and going into Section B, the blacksmith work has been completed, body work is completed and the motor is being run for 12 hour periods on the dynameter. At the completion of this, the truck will go into the paint shop.
2. Chief LaScola stated that out of 1876 entries in the National Fire Prevention Contest, Takoma Park received first place in Honorable Mentions. Further stated that this marks the sixth consecutive year that Takoma Park has been an award winner. Noted that many hours of work went into the entry on the part of Deputy Chief DeKalb as well as the other members of the Fire Department.
3. Councilman Collison stated that Scoutmaster Robert Green requested that he express the appreciation of the Boy Scout Troop to Deputy Chief DeKalb for his work in their Fire Prevention Training. Chief LaScola stated that the Troop received Second Place honors in a State-Wide Fire Prevention Contest.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. to reconvene on February 25th in Regular Session.

BANK BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 31, 1963SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCHGENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1962	\$ 44,767.10	
Plus: January Receipts	25,903.49	
	<u>\$ 70,670.59</u>	
Less: January Disbursements	60,540.05	
JANUARY 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 10,130.54</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCHGENERAL FUND

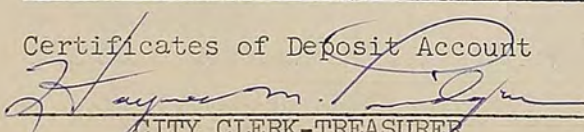
Balance as of December 31, 1962	\$ 2,858.90	
Plus: January Receipts	301.50	
JANUARY 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 3,160.40</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLANDSPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1962	\$ 8,156.15	
Plus: January Receipts	352.96	
	<u>\$ 8,509.11</u>	

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH

Certificates of Deposit Account



 CITY CLERK-TREASURER

\$130,000.00



 MAYOR

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDREGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 25, 1963

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Regular Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Monday February 25, 1963 at 8:04 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
Councilman Collison	Chief Foster - Police Dept.
Councilman Forshee	Captain Fickes - Fire Dept.
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Kennedy	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman McKenzie	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Roth	
Councilman Turner	

EXCUSED

Chief LaScola - Fire Dept.
Deputy Chief DeKalb - Fire Dept.

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend O. Thomas Miles of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Miller called for a Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on February 11th. Councilman Forshee noted that under the Finance Committee report, Item 2, the difference between the high and low bidder on the insurance coverage should read \$3,000.00 rather than \$1,200.00. A motion was presented for the dispensing of the reading and the minutes were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

1. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Request for comments on "Federal Employees Parking and Transportation Survey". (Public Welfare and Civic Improvements)
2. Montgomery County Board of Appeals: (a) Case No. 1370 - Appeal of Frank and Mary Robbins (Civic Improvements Committee) & (b) Case No. 1371 - Appeal of Frank and Mary Robbins (Civic Improvements Committee)
3. A & A Ceramic Tile Company, Inc., 7626 Woodbury Drive, City: Request for loading zone or parking zone for use of business place. (Law Enforcement Committee)
4. Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association: (a) Request for sand on sidewalk on Ethan Allen Avenue between Sycamore Avenue and Woodland Avenue. (b) Recommendation of substantial increases in salaries of City employees. (Public Works and Public Welfare Committees and the Finance Committee)
5. Mr. Joseph E. Serrin, Chairman, Paid Firemen's Standards Committee, Montgomery County Association of Volunteer Firemen: Concerning standardization of salaries of paid Fire Departments. (Fire Protection Committee)

6. Mr. Walter A. Scheiber, Secretary, Montgomery County Chapter, Maryland Municipal League: Notice of Chapter Meeting at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28th, Rockville City Hall. (Civic Improvements Committee)
7. Petition signed by group of students protesting the building of more apartments. (Civic Improvements Committee)
8. Large number of letters received from residents in various sections of the City in regards to the Preliminary Master Plan for the Takoma Park-Langley Park Planning Area X. (Civic Improvements Committee)

Mayor Miller spoke in regards to the Public Hearing to be held on the evening of March 6th in connection with the Preliminary Master Plan and urged that each and every citizen that has shown interest in the Plan be present at the Hearing. Stated that all of the letters that have been received and the comments of residents at the Council Meetings are under study by the Special Committee appointed to study the plan and the recommendations for a presentation to be made to the Commissioners.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Max Chapman, Larch Avenue, City: Spoke representing the 406 signers of the Petition from residents of the area of Block 33 of B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision which has been proposed for re-zoning for apartment use. Stated that the Park and Planning Commission offered reason for proposal that the rough terrain is not suitable for single family homes. Mr. Sam Isaacson, 1010 Elm Avenue, City, a Civil Engineer, stated that he has surveyed the property and that there is no reason why it would not prove satisfactory for single family residences. Stated that he previously appeared in 1954 in protest to the same proposal. Mr. Harold Warner, 1007 Elm Avenue, City, an Attorney specializing in Land Titles, stated that the property values in the area would decrease as much as 10% to 20% if the apartment construction is permitted. Mr. Charles Steinecke, 904 Larch Avenue, City, stated that the area is one of the loveliest in the City and that the character and beauty should be preserved. Mr. Chapman further stated that there is no valid basis of fact for re-zoning in view of: (1) The overall purpose of the preliminary plan (2) The disadvantages of re-zoning, (3) Four previous rejections of proposed re-zoning.
2. Mrs. Lester Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue: Presented Petition from residents in the Hancock Avenue area protesting the building of more high density apartments.
3. Mr. Phillip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue: Stated that in speaking with the County, it was indicated that the apartments proposed for the property in the 7000 block of Carroll Avenue were to be the high rent type, and that retired persons would rent them. Noted that the majority of retired persons could not possibly afford the high rent required for these apartments. Further stated that the building of apartments would increase the value of the land and the surrounding property would be re-assessed as well. Stated that his taxes are twenty times what he was paying in 1905.
4. Mr. William Hayman, 7518 Jackson Avenue, City: Expressed appreciation for Council action in referring matter of dangerous intersection at Jackson Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway to the Park and Planning Commission with the suggestion for guard rails.
5. Mr. Robert Mandel, 7005 Woodland Avenue, City: Stated that that the Master Plan as a whole appears to be good. Commended the Park and Planning Commission for their proposal in the widening of Ethan Allen Avenue and the taking of property on only one side of the street. Stated that the Spring Park Community Association would rather not see Ethan Allen Avenue widened but it appears to be inevitable. Recommended that owners of large homes in areas zoned single-family residential be permitted to have one apartment in their homes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

6. Mrs. Lillie Kidd, 7601 Maple Avenue, City: Spoke in reference to the parking problems at the Maple Avenue Shopping Center where she operates a beauty salon. Stated that customers remain in the salon any where from 1/2 hour to 3 hours and cannot keep going outside and moving their cars. Stated that something must be done in the near future as the situation is much worse with the building of new apartments in the area and residents parking along the street for long periods of time. Mayor Miller stated that Councilman Kennedy is looking into the situation.
7. Mr. Warren Magner, Takoma Park Boy's Club: Stated that the Boy's Club is faced with a large insurance premium for this season and that the Club would like to be covered by the City's insurance plan if at all possible. Noted that the insurance for the Midget League is \$30.00 per team, the Junior League is \$35.00 per team and the boys from 16-18 years of age, \$86.00 per team. Stated that the Boy's Club has been without a building for 12-14 years and would like very much to have the use of the Heffner Park Community Center as headquarters. Mayor Miller stated that the matters will be looked into by Councilman Forshee of the Finance Committee and Councilman Jones of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Miller spoke in appreciation of the persons speaking at the meeting and taking an interest in the Community.

COMMITTEE REPORTSPUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Request for consideration of bus service on Maple Avenue: Recommended that a letter be directed to the D. C. Transit Company requesting that a study be made for the possibility of having bus service at least during the morning and evening rush hours.
2. Complaint of hazardous condition of sidewalks from ice and snow: Requested that item be removed from the Public Welfare Committee Agenda as is strictly a Police matter.

Councilman Kennedy, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, spoke in reference to the ice removal problem and stated that the Law Enforcement Committee and the Public Works Committee should work together toward a solution. Councilman Kennedy stated that the Ordinance should be revised to delete the section wherein it is stated that the City will clear the sidewalks and assess the property owner.

3. Request for enforcement of Article 30, Sections 1, 2, & 3, relating to roaming dogs: Stated that the Public Works Department has the equipment for catching the dogs as well as a place to retain them temporarily, however, the County receives all of the proceeds from the sale of dog tags and should do the dog-catching. If desired, a resident may call the Police Department, who in turn will call the Public Works Department. Or, the residents may call directly to the Public Works Department to cut down on the time delay.

Councilman Turner spoke in regards to the dirt and mud that is washing onto Maple and Grant Avenues from the dirt that was dumped on the Park and Planning Commission property. Director of Public Works Rhodes stated that Mr. Copes of the Park and Planning Commission is pressing to have the dirt removed, however, nothing has been done at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Request for pedestrian controlled traffic light at Morrison Hall crossing on Flower Avenue: Letter has been written to the State Roads Commission and are awaiting reply.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, continued

2. Study of parking situation at Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Stated that he mentioned at the last meeting that one sign would not solve the problem. The Shopping Center merchants agree that parking meters would eliminate the problem of people parking overnight and all day. Suggestion made that the meters be operative until 10:00 p.m. rather than 6:00. The matter will be considered further by the Committee, as well as Chief Foster.
3. In reference to the various requests from the Columbia Union College, Councilman Kennedy stated that a letter has been written to the State Roads Commission on each of the matters, however, no reply has been received to date. Suggested that another letter be written requesting that we be informed of the disposition of the matters as the College is quite anxious about these problems regarding traffic in that area.
3. Councilman Kennedy stated that a letter was received in complaint of the traffic stopping on Philadelphia Avenue at Maple Avenue and a flashing light was requested. Stated that a letter should be written to the complainant stating that we are sorry that we could not comply.
4. Re-Appointment of Justices of the Peace for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties: Requested that a letter be directed to the respective Senators for the Counties requesting that George Cook and Harlan Frey be re-appointed as Justices of the Peace as of March 1, 1963.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel Resignation: Motion presented for the acceptance of Private R. E. Holland's resignation, effective March 2, 1963. Motion seconded and the resignation was accepted with regret.
2. Personnel Appointment: Motion presented for the appointment of Charles Dabbs as a Private with the Fire Department for the one-year probationary period under the Merit System. Mr. Dabbs was previously hired for a temporary six-month period but due to the resignation of Private Holland and also in consideration of his excellent performance, the appointment is recommended. The appointment was seconded and duly carried to be retroactive to November 16, 1962, the date of temporary employment.
3. Civil Defense Certificates: Captain Fickes requested permission to present the Civil Defense Certificates at the next meeting. Permission was granted by Mayor Miller.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. City Impounding Lot: Nothing can be done in this regard until condemnation proceedings can be instituted on the proposed location for the new Impounding Lot.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Petitions of Frank and Mary Robbins: Case No. 1371: Request for variance in permitting the building of a Nursing Home at Freemont and Jefferson Avenues. After discussion, a motion was presented by Councilman Roth for the approval of the Petition. The motion was seconded and duly carried. Case No. 1370: Request for variance in Zoning Regulations requiring 1,000 sq. feet per patient to 600 square feet per patient. After discussion between the Council, Corporation Counsel and Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, concerning the amount of area being provided for parking, a Motion was presented for the denial of the Petition. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, continued

p. Councilman Roth spoke regarding the meeting of the Prince George's Municipal League where Mayor Miller, Dick Oakland, and Mr. Armholtz spoke in regards to the Sister City Program. Stated that it was a very impressive and interesting program.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

FINANCE COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on March 11th.

George M Miller
Mayor

Attest:

Haynes M. Ridgen
City Clerk-Treasurer.