

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

March 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, March 11, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Councilman Collison

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 25, 1963. Councilman Kennedy requested that Item 3 under the Law Enforcement Committee be changed to read as follows: "Councilman Kennedy stated that an answer had been received from the State Roads Commission relative to the complaint in regard to loud truck traffic on Philadelphia Avenue in which the request had been made by the complainant that the traffic light at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues be placed on the flashing phase between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Mr. Lewis of the State Roads Commission stated that to place the light on such flashing phase would create a dangerous traffic hazard. A letter is to be sent to the complainant advising of this decision." The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

1. Senator H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., Senate of Maryland: (a) Acknowledgement of Mayor Miller's views on House Bill No. 3 (Council Files) (b) Acknowledgement of recommendation for the reappointment of Mr. Harlan Frey as Justice of the Peace (Law Enforcement Committee)
2. Honorable Thomas R. O'Farrell, House of Delegates, Maryland: Regarding introduction of House Bill No. 380 to extend Racing Season. (Finance Committee)
3. Brig. General F. J. Clarke, Chairman, Executive Board, Metropolitan Council of Governments, Recommendations: (a) Model Regional Electrical Code and (b) Building Permit Procedure. (Public Works and Public Welfare Committees)
4. Mr. S. Michael Derato, Secretary, Police and Firemen's Association: Regarding employees retirement plan study. (Finance Committee)
5. Mr. Andy Buzik, 216 Grant Avenue, City: Requesting that the City request the Park and Planning Commission to fill in the back of the recreation center baseball field. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
6. Mr. William V. Moscatelli, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Congratulations upon the Sister-City affiliation with Jequeie, Bahia, Brazil. (Parks and Recreation Committee)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, continued

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7. Mrs. Kimble, 7503 Flower Avenue, City: Commendations of Public Works Department and Mr. Williams in particular. (Public Welfare)
8. Petition signed by six residents in 500 block of Lincoln Avenue; Complaint against Public Works Department in connection with trash service. (Public Welfare)
9. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Suggestions as to method of handling mud and dirt wash from private property. (Law Enforcement Committee and Corporation Counsel)
10. Mr. Roderic F. Davis, Secretary, North Takoma Citizens Association: Report of actions taken at Association meeting on February 21st. (Civic Improvements)
11. Mrs. Raymond G. Wuterich, 4 Elwyn Court, City: (a) Objection to R-10 zoning request. (b) Suggestion that speed limit on Mississippi Avenue be lowered to playground speed. (Civic Improvements Comm.)
12. Mrs. Florence R. Provance, 5 Cleveland Avenue, City: Copy of letter to Park and Planning Commission suggesting the R-30 zone for the Cleveland, Baltimore, New York, Chicago Avenue and Montgomery Junior College area. (Civic Improvements Committee)
13. Mr. Lester J. Welch, Director of School facilities, Montgomery County Board of Education, Statement that Board does not expend money within a dedicated public right of way (walkway along Boston Avenue from Chicago Avenue). (Public Welfare Comm.)
14. Mr. James M. Bailey, Clerk to Montgomery County Council: Information that Z.A.P. C-531 will be reconsidered at a Hearing on April 29th. (Civic Improvements Committee)
15. Mr. John P. Hewitt, Director of Parks, M.N.C.P.&P.C.: Regarding conditions existing on Sligo Creek Parkway between Old Carroll Road and Cherry Avenue with the suggestion that City install street light at intersection between Old Carroll Avenue and Cherry Avenue on existing electric poles. (Law Enforcement and Public Works Committees)
16. Mr. John P. Hewitt, Director of Parks, M.N.C.P.&P.C.: Concerning City's request for transfer of title of the property located on Maple Avenue between Grant and Lee Avenues. (Public Works, Civic Improvements, Parks and Recreation Committees)
17. Mrs. Gratia B. Woods, 313 Ethan Allen Avenue, City: Concerning Takoma Park-Langley Park Preliminary Plan and method of rezoning planning. (Civic Improvements Comm.)
18. Reverend Raymond H. Brown, Minister, Grace Methodist Church: Opposition to proposed commercial zoning in the 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue as contained in the Takoma Park-Langley Park Preliminary Plan. (Civic Improvements Committee)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: See last page

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES: Mayor Miller

Certificates were presented to the following girls completing the Baby Sitter's Course conducted by the Fire Department: Barbara Watts, Jane St. Clair, Mary Lou Sorenson, Terry Jordan, Patricia Barile, Maria Fiorill, Ann Keller, Joan Williams, Margaret Guillard, Grace Karen Gulli, Nancy Jenkins, Susan Redman, Jane Colleran, Vicki Lynne Knepp.

Certificates were presented to the men completing the eight week Civilian Defense Radiological Monitoring Course at the University of Maryland, College of Engineering, Fire Service Extension. Mr. Robert Byrus, Director of the Fire Extension School presented the graduates with Certificates and a card was presented by a State Representative. The following men were

honored: Lt. Karl Kearns, Instructor, Fire Sgts. C. J. West, T. Jarboe, Charles Prince, William Taylor, and Privates Frank Bell, Hans Peppel, John McDonald, Robert Darwin, C. J. Fiske, Peter Menedis, Harold Dean and Kester Jenkins. Mayor Miller commended the men on their interest and stated that Takoma Park should be honored to have these men in the Fire Department.

Mayor Miller stated the City's appreciation for the many residents who appeared and spoke at the Public Hearing held on March 6th and 7th on the Preliminary Master Plan for the Takoma Park-Langley Park Planning Area X held at the Takoma Park Junior High School. Stated that it was regretful that all could not be seated on the first night. Reminded citizens that the record is to be held open for thirty days and that any other recommendations concerning the Plan should be forthcoming before April 6th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Phillip Huck, 29 Pine Avenue, City: Questioned the statement of the Mayor and Council to the Park and Planning Commission regarding the Preliminary Master Plan. Quoted the following sentence: "In view of the complexities involved, including divergent opinions, we have set forth the step by step changes we urge you to revise before the final adoption of the Plan." Mr. Huck stated that he interpreted this to mean that the Mayor and Council by no statement meant to imply approval of the proposal for the two blocks of high density zoning in the area of Pine, Westmoreland, Walnut, etc.

Mayor Miller stated that he requested that the record be held open for thirty days for further statements from the Mayor and Council. Noted that there are certain areas that the Mayor and Council had wanted to hear the statements of citizens before making a final decision in order to arrive at a more unanimous policy.

2. Mrs. Eve Kimble, 316 Mississippi Avenue, City: Inquired as to proper time to make opinions known concerning Z.A.P. C-940.

Councilman Roth stated that during his Committee report a motion would be proposed to recommend denial of the Petition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel Appointment: Motion presented for the approval of the one-year probationary appointment of Mr. Jack Postle as a Police Officer under the Merit System to be effective as of March 15, 1963. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. Houston Court Parking Problem: Referred to memorandum from Chief Foster wherein it was stated that a parking problem exists in Houston Court Circle and requested that "No Parking" signs be approved as well as painting the curb yellow. Motion presented that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1733

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited around the circle located in Houston Court, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs and paint the curbing yellow in the area described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT, the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinances governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, continued

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

3. Authorization for purchase of new Police Cruiser: Motion presented for the adoption of the following Ordinance for the replacement of No. 4 Cruiser:

ORDINANCE NO. 1734

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, on February 28, 1963, Police Cruiser No. 4 while parked was struck and damaged beyond repairs feasible for Police use considering the general condition and accumulated mileage, AND

SECTION 2. THAT, settlement in the amount of \$536.85 has been collected for the damage sustained and a trade-in allowance in the amount of \$350.00 has been obtained, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT, the contract for emergency purchase is hereby awarded to the Lustine Chevrolet Company in the net amount of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY EIGHT CENTS (\$1,825.58) for one 1963 Chevrolet Biscayne Model 1269, four door sedan, complete with powerglide, 250 HP Police Package, alternator and two spotlights installed, AND

SECTION 4. THAT, the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to assign to Lustine Chevrolet Company, Title J436576 for Chevrolet (1961) Sedan, Serial #11269B160606 and transfer from the Reserve Fund the amount of \$1,288.73.

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

4. Request for loading or parking zone for use of business, 7626 Woodbury Drive: The request is presently under investigation by Chief Foster.

5. Request for pedestrian controlled light on Flower Avenue at Morrison Hall crossing: Matter has been referred to the State Roads Commission, however, no reply has been received to date.

6. Study of parking situation at Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Stated that it was his intention to propose an Ordinance to authorize the locating of parking meters in the area, however, has been informed that Councilman Collison and Director of Public Works Rhodes have been in touch with the owner of the Shopping Center property and that there are new facts to be considered prior to the installation of parking meters at this time.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Councilman Turner read a letter from Chief LaScola to the Mayor and Council wherein he stated that Captain Fickes had managed the Fire Department in a very commendable manner during his absence from the City while attending the Instructors Conference in Memphis. The letter expressed thanks for being permitted to attend the Conference and stated that new methods of fire fighting were discussed and should prove beneficial to the City. Councilman Turner stated that he too would like to express appreciation to Captain Fickes for the terrific job of managing the Fire Department in the Chief's absence.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, continued

2. Budget Comments: Councilman Turner stated that the Fire Department Budget has been submitted by Chief LaScola and he is to be commended for having followed the conservative line as suggested by previous Council policy. He stated that if anything, the proposal may be a trifle too conservative and that some adjustments may be required in certain of the accounts.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Information regarding proposed Youth Center on New Hampshire Avenue: Letter was written to the Park and Planning Commission requesting further information. Suggestion made that a follow-up letter be written at this time to obtain this information.

2. Request from Takoma Park Boy's Club for use of Heffner Park as Headquarters: Request has been received from the Boy's Club that they be permitted to use Heffner Park Community Center as their headquarters. Noted that in order for the Takoma Park Boy's Club to be recognized by the Boy's Clubs of America and participate in their activities, they must have a permanent headquarters building. Mayor Miller expressed his assent of the request. Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen was requested by Councilman Jones to make a study of the building's use and report back to the Committee, at which time a recommendation will be made on the matter.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. C-940: John W. Neuman, Attorney for Myron Coonin, Lots 3 and 4 and part of Lots 8 and 9, Block 61, B.F.G., Hilltop Road and Geneva Avenue. 99,810 sq. ft. R-60 to R-10: Stated that in view of the ingress and egress problems and the fact that the area is purely residential at this time, feels that application should be denied. Motion presented, seconded and duly carried for the denial of the subject Petition.

2. Z.A.P. C-886, Ernest Jackson, Agent for Bessie M. Beamán, Pt. Lot 2, Sec. 6, S. S. Carroll's Addition to Takoma Park, 7416 Hancock Avenue, 12,144 sq. ft., R-60 to R-10: Referred to points made by letters from residents living in the Hancock Avenue area which included; increase in traffic, crowding of schools, pollution of air from incinerators, property surrounded by single-family dwellings. Motion presented for the denial of the Petition, seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

3. Case No. 1370 and No. 1371 - Frank and Mary Robbins: Stated that the variance cases have been withdrawn for the construction of a nursing home at Freemont and Jefferson Aves. without predjudice.

4. Recommendations on Proposed Fringe Parking Plan for Federal Employees: Proposal is presently under study and have reached some conclusions: (1) Shopping Center parking areas may be used as fringe parking for Public Transportation. (2) Don't know whether or not the proposed Sligo Creek Park Parking Area is within the City. (3) Rapid Transit- B.&O.R.R.- would stop at old station and would provide sufficient parking.

5. Letter from Mrs. Gratia Woods: Letter should be directed to her indicating that Planning does not always indicate Zoning.

6. Dumping of dirt at Park and Planning Commission property on Maple and Grant Avenues: Corporation Counsel Gingerich has been instructed by Mayor Miller to write letter to Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Copes of the Park and Planning Commission informing them that the dirt must be removed immediately as it is washing onto the street and is presently causing a very dangerous hazard to motorists as well as detracting from the beauty of the City.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, continued:

1. Recommendation on re-zoning of Powell Tract, Z.A.P. C-531: Councilman Roth instructed Mr. Pridgen to remind Attorney Blair H. Smith of the request for a Scenic Easement, to be 50 feet or of substantial width to protect the properties located along Erskine Street which borders one side of the property.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Improvement of Service Drive on New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive: Motion presented for the authorization to advertise for bids to be opened on April 2, 1963 at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried. Councilman Roth questioned the possibility of somewhat easing the financial burden of payments on the levy for the improvement of the Service Drive in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. In regards to the letter received complaining about trash pick-up in the Lincoln Avenue area, Councilman McKenzie stated that the complaint was justified as two days were missed in the pick-up schedule and that it is possible that the truck skips the location when fully loaded.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Stated that Items 1 through 3 on the Agenda, all of which pertain to the Budget, will be considered at the Public Hearing to be held in April.

2. Approval of Expenditures for the Month of January, 1963: Motion presented for the approval of expenditures in the amount of \$60,540.05. Motion seconded and duly carried.

3. Approval of Expenditures for the Month of February, 1963: Motion presented for the approval of expenditures in the amount of \$60,000.28. Motion seconded and duly carried.

4. Report on improved Retirement Plan for City Employees: A survey has been presented and is presently under study by the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on March 25, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTSUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCHGENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1963	\$ 10,130.54	
Plus - February Receipts	74,840.60	
	<u>\$ 84,971.14</u>	
Less - February Disbursements	60,000.28	
FEBRUARY 28, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 24,970.86</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCHGENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1963	\$ 3,160.40	
Plus - February Receipts	53,685.08	
	<u>\$ 56,845.48</u>	
Less - February Disbursements	5,000.00	
FEBRUARY 28, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 6,845.48</u>

BANK STATEMENT CONTINUED:

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1963

\$ 8,509.11

Plus February Receipts

2,720.33

FEBRUARY 28, 1963 BALANCE

\$ 11,229.44

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH

Certificate of Deposit Account

\$130,000.00

Raymond P. Ridge
City Clerk-Treasurer

George M. Miller
Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

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CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Chief Foster
Councilman Jones	Chief LaScola
Councilman Kennedy	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman McKenzie	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Roth	Deputy Chief DeKalb
Councilman Turner	Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend W. J. Keith of the Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist 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 March 11th. Councilman Kennedy presented the motion for the dispensing of the reading, seconded by Councilman McKenzie and the minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

1. Honorable Lewis Cutrer, Mayor, Houston, Texas - President, American Municipal Association: Expression of appreciation for Mayor Miller's active participation in Executive Committee Meetings held in Washington, March 19 & 20. (Council Files)
2. Mr. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board: Concurrence with Chief LaScola's recommendation for the probationary appointment of C. G. Dabbs (Fire Protection)
3. Mr. Thomas B. McNeill, President, McNeill Surveys, Inc.: Transmittal of copy of report on the Montgomery County-Prince George's County Line. (Public Works Comm.)
4. Mrs. Lucille J. Oosterhous, 904 Glaizewood Court, City: Announcement of being selected as Maryland Mother of 1963 and expression of appreciation to Mayor and Council for recommendation given. (Council Files)
5. Mr. Charles J. Webster, 47 Philadelphia Avenue, City: Commendation for Mayor Miller's vigorous objection to the widening of Philadelphia Avenue (Route 410). (Civic Improvements)
6. Mr. Russell H. Argent, P.R. Chairman, Sligo Church: Request permission to place four signs indicating location of the Church. (Civic Improvements and Law Enforcement Committees)
7. Mrs. Duncan Sutherland, 8005 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Request for name of short lane parallel to Maple Avenue with several suggestions. (Civic Improvements & Public Welfare)
8. Mr. Homer C. Oswald, 531 Albany Avenue, City: Request for Hearing under Housing Ordinance: (Public Welfare Committee)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: continued

- 9. Letters regarding Preliminary Plan for Takoma Park-Langley Park Planning Area X:
 - (a) N. J. A. Keller, M.D., 1008 Elm Avenue, City
 - (b) Mrs. Edith J. Vayo and Mrs. M. B. Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue, City
 - (c) Mr. Phillip W. Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City
 - (d) Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association, 7 Hickory Avenue, City

Mayor Miller stated that there has been considerable burning of leaves throughout the City and that he wished to remind residents of the City Ordinance which prohibits the burning of leaves before 4:00 p.m. and noted that this is for their own protection. In connection with the burning of leaves and general spring clean-up campaigns by individuals on their own property, Mayor Miller stated that May will again be designated as the month for the CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP, FIX-UP program that is held annually by the City. He noted that the Public Works Department will pick up any throw-away items on certain designated days in the month of May. Mayor Miller urged the strong support of all of the citizens in this campaign.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Monya Lerner, 7103 13th Avenue, City: Stated that she has lived in Takoma Park (Hillwood Manor) for six and one-half years and during that period has had constant aggravation from the neighborhood children. Stated that serious damage has been done to their yard and car as well as their house. Noted that four years ago, a shotgun blast through the mail slot damaged the interior of their home. Mayor Miller questioned Major Foster as to what Police action was taken in the matter. Major Foster stated that the boy responsible for this is presently under detention in a juvenile home. Mayor Miller informed Mrs. Lerner that Councilman Kennedy and Councilman Jones will look into her request that the neighboring park be closed to attempt to end the vandalism and will be in touch with her after a complete study of the situation is made.

2. Mr. Lester Ahlswede, 1302 Erskine Street, City: Speaking for residents of the north side of Erskine Street whose property adjoins the piece of land known as the Powell Tract. Made request for representation of their viewpoint by the Mayor and Council. Stated that if single family use is not possible would like to be assured of adequate protection of their properties by the installation of 65 foot planting strips. Further stated that the residents would rather have such a planting strip than the two acres devoted to a recreation center. Urged Council to work with them for the protection of privacy and property values.

3. Mr. Roderic Davis, 703 New York Avenue, City: Speaking for residents of the North Takoma area. Stated that he could not understand the authorization given to the Montgomery County Board of Education for the purchase of property in the area of Montgomery Junior College for the proposed expansion of the campus while the Hearing is not to be held until April 9th. Requested that the Council request the Board of Education to rescind the resolution for the following reasons: (1) This is one of the choice residential blocks in Takoma Park and the homes are maintained beyond minimum standards, (2) An evaluation of the Jr. College program has not been completed and the purchase of land for a second campus at Rockville should lessen the attendance in Takoma Park, (3) would be depriving the City of much needed revenue by removing residential properties off the tax rolls, (4) Board of Education has not tried to obtain undeveloped land for parking which is felt should be done before taking over good residential properties, (5) residents would like to have the issue settled for a long period of time so that properties can be fixed up without fear of having them taken over.

Mayor Miller stated that after the article appeared in the Suburban Record concerning the resolution adopted by the Board of Education, he had a conversation with a member of the Staff at which time Mayor Miller stated that it was felt that the publication was an ill-timed one and was very injurious to public relations. He further stated that representatives from the Board of Education and Montgomery Junior College are scheduled to appear later during the meeting and present the proposed plans for the expansion of the College.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

4. Mr. Irving Kator, 7404 16th Place: Speaking for the Carroll Highlands Citizens Association. Stated that 15th Avenue, although not in the City limits, adjoins the Powell Tract. Stated that the Citizens Association would favor having single family dwellings on the property but also have a realistic point of view and realize that this would be an unlikely use for the land. Further stated that the Association has faith in the judgment of the County Commissioners and feel that if the opinions of the surrounding property owners are given, the zoning authorities will see what would be best for the area. Stated that members of the Association feel very strongly that some of the land should be used for recreational purposes.

5. Mr. Andrew Buzik, 216 Grant Avenue, City: Representing the Takoma Park Boy's Club. Referred to letter received from Mr. Rubini of the Park and Planning Commission and stated that according to the letter, the property which the Boy's Club would like to have filled in, behind the baseball field, belongs to the City and not the Park and Planning Commission. Further stated that some work was done in the past, however, it did not remedy the situation and the Club would like to have the area leveled off and filled in about thirty or forty feet behind the backstop. Mayor Miller stated that the Public Works Committee and the Director of Public Works would look into the matter.

6. Mr. E. J. Colson, 7617 Takoma Avenue, City: Stated that he would like to have consideration given to the possibility of having a Police Cruiser patrol the area around the College during the changing of classes. Noted that there is considerable "hot-rodding" in that area. Inquired also as to why the manufacturers of foreign cars are permitted to install mufflers that are considerably louder than those permitted on American made automobiles. Chief Foster stated that there is nothing that can be done about them as long as the Dept. of Motor Vehicles continues to approve them. Councilman Kennedy noted that a Police Cruiser was patrolling the area today and that the Police Department does recognize that there is a problem in that area.

7. Dr. Dean Deyo, Montgomery Junior College and Mr. Gardner Jordan, Board of Education: Dr. Deyo stated his appreciation for being listed on the Agenda to speak tonight. Stated that as the Council is aware, Montgomery Junior College has been growing rapidly in the past few years and that from time to time, the possibility of acquiring additional property has been discussed. Plans have been proposed in the past and the most recent proposal is that of the Park and Planning Commission in the Proposed Master Plan for the Takoma Park-Langley Park Planning Area X which considers the expansion of the campus in connection with the proposed widening of Philadelphia Avenue. In the past year there has been State Legislation by which the State will match, dollar for dollar, the money expended in the construction of new buildings for the College. The new legislation, however, involves additional steps in procedure and clearance. Stated that if the Board of Education were to look favorably upon the proposed plan and give permission to proceed, this would require a Master Plan which would then have to be approved by the Board of Education, the County Council and the State. Presuming State approval, then steps would be taken for the acquisition of parcels of land to be used and the money that would be required. Mayor Miller spoke in reference to the article that appeared in the Suburban Record which referred to the resolution that was adopted by the Board of Education authorizing the acquisition of properties needed for the expansion. Stated that the article was presumptuous as the Public Hearing has not yet been held and it seems to be too soon for the Board to come forth with a statement. Dr. Deyo stated that the Public Hearing is to be held on April 9th at 4:00 p.m. on the proposal which the Board has tentatively adopted. Stated that if the Mayor and Council wish to take a stand on this matter or if any citizen wishes to speak, they should do so at the Public Hearing. Noted that the Mayor and Council, in their statement to the Park and Planning Commission, were in opposition to the proposed widening of Philadelphia Avenue but expressed no opinion on the proposed expansion of the Montgomery Junior College. Dr. Deyo further

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

stated that he wished to stress that the properties will be acquired only when they come on the market and that no condemnation proceedings are planned. The acquisition program is to be a long-term project, possibly covering a period of ten years as it is not a matter of urgency. Stated that the only urgency is that there must be a Master Plan which is what is being proposed now. Councilman Kennedy inquired as to whether any property had been acquired at this time, to which Dr. Deyo replied that none has been acquired to date. Mr. Jordan of the Board of Education, stated that the best approach to the acquiring of property would be to consider first, only those which will not be affected by the widening of Philadelphia Avenue. After the State Roads Commission has acquired the land needed for their right-of-way, the remaining land could be acquired from them. Noted that the total land area might possibly total fifteen acres. Mayor Miller inquired as to what would be done with the additional land acquired. Dr. Deyo stated that the proposed use would be for administrative offices and possibly student activities. Stated that they plan to build a gymnasium and noted that the College has been using the Park and Planning Commission baseball field, Jessup Blair Park and Takoma Park Recreation Center for baseball. Stated that the suggestion that some of the land be used for athletic fields has been made but is not firm. Mr. Jordan stated that although there is no firm plan for the use of the land, parking is not suggested. Councilman Turner noted that an alternate Route 410 has been proposed and inquired as to the affect this might have on the College plans. Dr. Deyo stated that the minimum requirements have been changed since the overpass was built and if the overpass was brought up to present specifications, the approaches to the bridge would extend to the corner of New York Avenue and Takoma Avenue and the campus would be behind the approach. As to the possibility of dead-ending Woodbury Drive at various locations, this would involve a depressed highway coming along the side of the campus with a retaining wall and going under the bridge. Dr. Deyo stated that the College is very much opposed to this suggestion within the Silver Spring Plan, and feel that the Woodbury Drive alternate Route would be a needless duplication of Philadelphia Avenue. Councilman Turner inquired as to whether the possibility of locating across the railroad tracks has been considered. Dr. Deyo stated that in the bequest of the Blair Estate, it was stated that the land must be used as a park and recreation area. Councilman Collison noted that in the Council's recommendation concerning the Silver Spring By-Pass that as a counter-proposal to the proposed by-Pass it was suggested that the overpass be abandoned for vehicular traffic and used as a footbridge only, and as an alternate route for Philadelphia Avenue, come down Woodbury Drive which would not require displacing the road. Dr. Deyo stated that the proposal for the abandonment of the bridge is not a new one but have no idea as to the complications that could arise in regards to the traffic, which he stated, is heavy. Mr. Jordan stated that Woodbury Drive would have to be widened if used as an alternate route and that the location of the buildings along the Drive would not permit the widening to be accomplished to present specifications. General feeling is that one proposal would be as bad as the other. Dr. Deyo stated that if and when the attitude of any of the neighborhood would change in regards to the parking on any of the parcels the whole approach to the problem of land use would be changed. Mr. Jordan stated that when acquisition of the land on the opposite side of New York Avenue is accomplished, the possibility of parking on the asphalt surface of New York Avenue has been considered. Councilman Kennedy stated that the use of acquired land before the entire area can be acquired is most important. Dr. Deyo stated that as the land use would adversely affect the land values of the parcels not yet acquired, the College is very interested in protecting these values. The land would not be used for parking and there would not be room for use as an athletic field, but the properties would more than likely be used for office space, and possibly classroom space for music and art. Stated that as the College begins to acquire properties, the acquisition would more than likely be accelerated together with the acquisition of the property for the widening of Philadelphia Avenue which would considerably shorten the length of time contemplated for the expansion. Dr. Deyo commented that he certainly hoped that the Council would take a position on the proposal and be represented at the Public Hearing at Montgomery Junior College before the Board of Education on April 9th at 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

No Report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Request from Takoma Park Boy's Club for permission to use Heffner Park Community Center as headquarters three nights a week: The use of the Heffner Park Community Center has been analyzed by the Clerk-Treasurer and it appears that the facility would be available for use by the Boy's Club. Noted that the three nights a week schedule is required by the Boy's Club of America in order for the local club to participate in the national activities. Stated that the building was inspected by a representative of the Boy's Club of America and that it meets with their approval for a headquarters. Motion presented for the approval of the request, seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.
2. Information regarding proposed Youth Center on New Hampshire Avenue: Stated that the City has information that a Youth Center has been proposed, however, no confirmation of this has been received to date. Noted that we have no definite facts on the center.
3. Sister-City Affiliation: Requested that newspaper article received from Jequie, Brazil, be sent to the American Municipal Association for translation.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Metropolitan Council of Governments Recommendations: (a) Model Regional Electrical Code, (b) Building Permit Procedure: Stated that both of these items are controlled by the County and not the City. Noted that rather than for us to try and make recommendations on our own, would like for the Clerk-Treasurer to call the County and see if a recommendation has been made by their offices.
2. Improvement of Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Glenside Drive and Merwood Drive: Bids will be opened in the Clerk-Treasurer's on Tuesday, April 2nd at 4:00 p.m. for the improvement of the Service Drive in accordance with the specifications.
3. Suggestion for lights at Old Carroll Road and Sligo Creek Parkway: Stated that the suggestion for lights stems from a Petition that was received from residents in the area protesting the large number of accidents at this location. A request that a study be made of the area was sent to the Park and Planning Commission who replied that they would install guard rails but that the City would have to handle the lighting problem. Stated that the Committee would look into the matter of the inadequate 1,000 lumen lighting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Recommendations on proposed House Bill No. 380 to extend the racing season: Stated that he had been informed by Mayor Miller that the Bill has been passed.
2. Request by Takoma Park Boy's Club for assistance on Insurance costs: Stated that the Committee would require further information in writing on the matter. Warren Magner of the Boy's Club submitted the required information.
3. Budget Hearing: Requested that the Budget Hearing be held on May 6th at the Fire Department Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. Noted that this should provide sufficient time for the citizens to study the proposed Budget and be in position to make recommendations.

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4. Special Fire Tax Ordinance: Stated that every year the Council must set a tax rate for the 22nd Precinct of the 13 Election District for fire protection provided by the City Fire Department. Motion presented for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1735

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

SECTION 1. THAT a tax rate of FIFTEEN CENTS (15¢) per one hundred assessable base within the Special Fire Tax Area within the 22nd Precinct of the 13th Election District of Montgomery County be set for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1963 for the continuation of Fire Protection to this area outside the Corporate Limits of the City by the Takoma Park Fire Department, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the Montgomery County Council be requested to levy, collect, and remit to the City of Takoma Park the special tax as provided in Section 1 of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 42-1 Montgomery County Code (1960).

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Metropolitan Council of Governments Recommendations: (a) Model Regional Electrical Code (b) Building Permit Procedure: Stated that the Committee concurs with Councilman Collison's suggestion that the recommendations should come from the County.
2. Federal Employees Parking and Transportation Survey: Stated that after a study of the survey questions and recommendations, there does not appear to be anything that would directly affect Takoma Park as there are no feasible areas for such a parking program to be instituted in the City. Requested that letter be written stating that such a program would not be feasible in the City.
3. Request for permission to rent rooms at 531 Albany Avenue: Stated that a letter was received by Mr. Williams requesting that a Hearing under the Housing Ordinance be scheduled. Mr. Homer Oswald stated in his letter that at the time his home was purchased, the agent put in writing that rooms could be rented. Councilman Roth expressed his concern over the practice of real estate agents making such a commitment without checking with the City for the zoning regulations. Requested that a letter be written by Mr. Williams to the agent of any house listed for sale and information given as to the zoning. Councilman Jones stated that there is a Board of Real Estate Agents that operate under a Code of Ethics and that a letter to them requesting that the agents first ascertain the zoning of a property before making a commitment should be sufficient. Councilman McKenzie stated that a Hearing on the matter will be held on April 2, 1963 at 7:30 p.m. at 8 Columbia Avenue, and that a letter will be proposed at the next meeting regarding the practices of real estate agents.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Suggestion that speed limit be reduced to playground speed on Mississippi Avenue: Stated that the present speed limit is 25 MPH is not actually a reasonable speed for the area as there are no sidewalks and the street is narrow and winding. Stated that the Committee feels that it would not be necessary to reduce the speed limit, however, signs should be erected reading "SLOW - CHILDREN" with instruction to the Police Department that

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the area should be patrolled frequently. No Ordinance required on this action as the signs are merely to inform motorists that there are children playing in the area. Motion was presented on the recommendation of Chief Foster that the Public Works Department be authorized to erect signs at such locations as may be required. Motion seconded and duly passed.

2. Request for loading or parking zone for business at 7626 Woodbury Drive: Stated that the request was for the reason that the businesses in that area have no place for loading or unloading of trucks due to the College parking. Motion presented upon the recommendation of Chief Foster that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1736

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited from the southern most building line near the corner of the chain link fence of 7626 Woodbury Drive to the tree, between 7626 and 7628 Woodbury Drive, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs in the area described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, AND,

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinances governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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, McKenzic, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.

In the adoption of the above Ordinance it was pointed out that trucks may park in a "No Parking" zone for the purpose of loading and unloading only and that the erection of the above signs will constitute a "Loading-Unloading Zone" for the businesses.

3. Study of parking situation at Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Stated that the Director of Public Works has been in contact with the owner of the shopping center in an effort to reach a solution to the problem of the curb jutting out at a point that is dangerous. In a memo from Chief Foster a recommendation as to where parking meters should be installed both before and after the curb correction work is completed was made. Motion presented for the adoption of an Ordinance for the installation of five parking meters at this time with two more to be installed at a later date under a subsequent Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1737

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

SECTION 1. THAT two, two hour parking meters be installed on the South curb in front of 7611 Maple Avenue (Sylvan Terrace Apartments) just beyond the entrance driveway, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT three, two hour parking meters be installed on the North curb of Maple Avenue, starting at a point 40 feet North of Niagara Avenue, heading in the direction of the Maple and Ritchie Avenues intersection, AND,

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SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT parking be restricted to two hours only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. except Sundays and Holidays at the locations as specified in Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. AND THAT, the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase and install said parking meters in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance, AND,

SECTION 5. 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 Collison and the Ordinance adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.

4. Suggestion for "No Parking" signs on Allegheny Avenue: Stated that a memo from Chief Foster recommended the placement of two "No Parking" signs on Allegheny Avenue as a result of a complaint received from the Fire Department regarding congested traffic at the bend of Allegheny Avenue. Motion presented for the adoption of an Ordinance for the placement of signs at the locations indicated below:

ORDINANCE NO. 1738

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited from ten feet West of the PEPCO pole No. 75830, near 6710 Allegheny Avenue to five feet East of the driveway at 6708 Allegheny Avenue, on the South side of the street, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs in the area described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, AND,

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinances governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

5. Request from Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church for permission to erect signs indicating the location of the Church: Stated that Chief Foster would have to check the locations outlined in the letter to ascertain if the signs would obstruct motorists vision. Will make a recommendation at the completion of this study.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Re-Assessment of Cohen Property: Information has been received by the Clerk-Treasurer that the property located on New Hampshire Avenue known as the Cohen Tract has been re-assessed as a result of the re-zoning to C-1 in the amount of \$300,350.00.

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2. Councilman Roth requested that an inquiry be made to Montgomery County to ascertain if the property located at Ritchie and Oswego Avenues has been re-assessed as a result of the recent re-zoning. Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen stated that he and Councilman Forshee would be going to Rockville in several days and would check into the matter.

3. Recommendations on the Preliminary Master Plan for the Takoma Park-Langley Park Planning Area X:

(a) Piney Branch Road and Eastern Avenue: At the Public Hearing held on March 6th and 7th, the owner of the property located on the corner of Piney Branch and Eastern Avenue (not previously re-zoned) spoke in favor of further re-zoning of the area to R-10, and since the hearing has been held, adjacent owners have also spoke in favor of the re-zoning. The particular property being re-zoned contains only 45,000 feet and it would be to the City's advantage in respect to planning and to the owners advantage to enlarge the area to 75,000 feet to permit a larger apartment building. Proposed that Council's position be that there is good basis for rezoning and that it would be desirable to extend the rezoned area. Stated that the Council should not take stand at this time until determining the Park and Planning Commission feeling as well as the people in the area that is being considered. Motion presented that the matter be explored further from the standpoint of good planning and the equities involved.

(b) 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue: Referred to letter from Reverend Brown of the Grace Methodist Church wherein he stated that it was understood that the Commercial Zone is proposed to be extended further in the 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue. Councilman Roth stated that the area is zoned partially commercial and that the Master Plan does not propose any extension of this zoning.

(c) Pine, Westmoreland and Eastern Avenues: The B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association has raised question as to why the Council did not make a recommendation on this particular area. Stated that it is quite possible that re-zoning will be required to revive the area and provide customers for the shopping area. Made suggestion that a letter be written to the property owners that would be affected and ascertain their opinions in order that the Council might be guided in their recommendation to the Park and Planning Commission. Councilman Jones called attention to the fact that the property from Eastern Avenue to Westmoreland Avenue on Laurel Avenue has been purchased by the Bank and that a seven story office building is proposed for the area and that it is unlikely that single family dwellings would be happy with an office building behind them. Motion presented that a letter be written to the property owners affected by the proposed High Density Zoning requesting their opinions on the matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly passed with Councilman Turner voting Nay. Councilman Turner stated that he would like to request that all citizens and citizens associations take note of the proposed re-zoning to R-10 and express their opinions as to the acceptability of the Plan. Councilman Roth stated that at the meeting held recently between the Council members, there was considerable difference of opinions as to what should be recommended for the area, therefore, it was felt that a concensus of opinion from the persons directly affected would be of benefit in the decision. Councilman Turner re-stated his position in that not only the persons owning property on the streets to be re-zoned, but property owners in the entire area which would be indirectly affected be polled for their opinions.

(d) Powell Tract - New Hampshire Avenue: Councilman Roth stated that the Council has had the benefit of personal appearances by residents as well as numerous letters concerning the re-zoning of the Powell Tract to R-10. Stated that the adjacent property has recently been re-zoned C-1 (Commercial) and that it is very undesirable that the commercial zone be extended any further down New Hampshire Avenue from Langley Park. The property is adjacent to

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single family dwellings on Erskine Street and 15th Street (not within City limits) and there are single family dwellings on the opposite side of New Hampshire Avenue that would be affected by the use of this land. Stated that we have received information that the Park and Planning Commission is negotiating to obtain two acres of the fourteen acres for use as a Youth Center. Councilman Roth, at the request of the Council, presented a motion for the approval of the R-10 zoning of the Powell Tract. Councilman Turner stated that it should be pointed out that Councilman Roth has devoted much time and study to the matter and given much consideration to the residents of the area and that the motion is being presented despite his personal feeling at the request of the Council. Councilman Jones commended Councilman Roth for his very fair recommendation on the matter. Councilman Collison stated that none of the Council members would like to see that section of New Hampshire Avenue become like the Langley Park commercial district and that the construction of apartments provided with a scenic easement would be far more desirable as it is very unlikely that single family homes would be built on the property. Councilman Kennedy noted that the Council approached the Park and Planning Commission as to the possibility of acquiring the property for use as a Park which proved to be impossible due to the large sum required for the acquisition. With that possibility ruled out and with the commercial district being as close as it is, we would be wrong in not approving something that would be at least a part of what was originally proposed and assuring that the use of the land would not be commercial. Councilman Collison noted that the scenic easement proposal is for either 25 feet on the sides of the property adjacent to Erskine Street and 15th Street or a 50 foot easement on one side. The motion for the approval of the R-10 zone was seconded and duly carried with Councilman Roth voting Nay.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:2 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on April 8, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

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Harold M. Pudge
CLERK - TREASURER

George M. Miller
MAYOR