

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 8, 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, April 8, 1963 at 8:01 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

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 the evening of March 25, 1963. The motion was presented, seconded and duly carried approving the minutes as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

1. Mr. Patrick Healy, Executive Director, American Municipal Association: Expression of appreciation to Mayor and Council for the entertainment accorded members of the Executive Committee and their wives on March 20, 1963. (Council Files)
2. Mr. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association: Strong support of existing Housing Ordinance and urge not to relax requirements, strengthening if at all possible. (Public Welfare Committee)
3. M's Helen K. Smith, City: Expression of pride that new Maryland Mother, Mrs. Lucille Oosterhous, lives and works in Takoma Park, suggestion of floral tribute by the City when she receives citation from Governor Tawes. (Mayor Miller)
4. Mrs. Barbara Terris, Treasurer, Takoma Park Nursery School, Inc.: Request for information as to necessity for Registration under Housing Ordinances. (Public Welfare Comm.)
5. M's Eunice Graham, 309 Ethan Allen Avenue, City: Suggestion for the relocation of taxi stand and bus stop along Laurel Avenue. (Law Enforcement and Civic Improvements Committee)
6. Mr. William E. Bell, Assistant Vice President, D.C. Transit System, Inc.: Report on City's request to institute bus service along Maple Avenue, indicating reasons for the rejection. (Public Welfare Committee)
7. Mr. Lester Ahlswede, 1302 Erskine Street, City: Statement that Hillwood Manor Citizens Association will oppose re-zoning of Powell Tract unless a buffer strip is provided - Suggested a meeting between City Officials and the Park and Planning Commission. (Civic Improvements Committee).



CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, continued

8. Mr. John Fetty, Jr., 7206 Carroll Avenue, City: Objection to widening of Route 410 as proposed in Master Plan. (Civic Improvements Committee)
9. Mr. W. H. Boerner and Miss B. Boerner: Protesting air pollution from trash and leaf burning in backyards in the area of Maple Avenue, Kennebec Avenue, Flower and Erie Avenues. (Fire Protection Committee).
10. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, President, B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association: Enclosing petition (104 signatures) protesting proposed rezoning of the area bounded by Pine, Elm, Walnut, Westmoreland and Carroll Avenues. (Civic Improvements Committee).
11. Mrs. Evelyn J. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City:
12. Mrs. Mary J. Alexander, 22 Hickory Avenue, City:  
Letters of protest on the proposed rezoning of the area bounded by Eastern, Westmoreland, Pine, Laurel, Walnut, Carroll and Elm Avenues. (Civic Improvements Committee).
13. Copies of letters to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Protesting proposed rezoning of area bounded by Eastern, Walnut, Westmoreland, Elm, Pine, and Carroll Avenue. By: Mr. R. Deane Shure, 8 Pine Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayden, 6 Pine Avenue, City. (Civic Improvements Committee).
14. Copy of letter to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Approving the proposed zoning in the area of Pine, Elm, Columbia, and Carroll Avenues as an improvement to the area around the business section of Takoma Park. (Civic Improvements Committee).
16. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Davis, 703 New York Avenue, City: Commendation of the Fire Department (Fire Protection Committee).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes for statement.

Mayor Miller extended his wishes to everyone for a holy and happy Easter Season. Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Harvey G. Machen as a member of the Prince George's County Delegation and remarked that Mr. Machen has always been a good friend to the Municipalities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Referred to newspaper advertisement for Police Officer in the City of Alexandria, Virginia with salary quoted as \$5,100 to \$6,280 and restated belief that salaries of the City Police and Firemen should be increased. He referred to the Montgomery County Annotated Code which provides for the money received from the sale of impounded articles to be credited to the Police Relief Fund. Suggested that Council consider putting funds in the Police and Firemen's Association Widows Fund. (Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Committee)
2. Mr. Roderic Davis, 703 New York Avenue, City: Commended the Fire Department for their promptness and efficiency in extinguishing fire at their home recently. Assured that the small amount of ruts made in the yard were well worth having the fire put out so efficiently, and particularly commended Captain Fickes for his quick-thinking and responsiveness.
3. Mr. Harvey G. Machen, Attorney for Robert E. Lohr Realtors: Spoke in regards to Z.A.P. A-4486, property located at Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue behind the older Co-Op Shopping Center. Stated that the land would probably never be used for single-family dwelling as the sloping terrain would not be conducive and the cost of a retaining wall would be too expensive for a single party to construct. Stated that the construction of an apartment building appears to be the most profitable and reasonable use of the land in



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

question. The property consists of a total of 26,320 sq. ft. and the Park and Planning Commission has requested that 3,229 sq. ft. be provided as a set back for the proposed widening of Route 410. The building proposed for construction would be four stories high and would consist of approximately 26 units. Councilman Roth requested that a covenant be made between the City and the builder for a period of 10, 15, or 20 years which will provide that the builder would not construct a building any higher than four stories. Mr. Machen requested that the City Council reconsider their recommendation previously made to the County Commissioners in opposition to the rezoning and in view of the plans presented and other new information, re-submit a recommendation in favor of the zoning with a copy of such a recommendation to be sent to Mr. Machen. (Civic Improvements Committee).

4. Mr. Henderer, 510 Albany Avenue and Mr. Craig and Mr. Bachelor of the same neighborhood: Spoke in reference to the storm drainage problem that previously existed in the North section of Takoma Park. Stated that at the time of the last flooding, the City took steps that sufficiently corrected the problem. Stated that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is proposing to install a complex system which will involve the granting of easements on the part of several property owners which would mean that if the houses were ever destroyed by fire, etc. housing could not be feasibly built on the remaining land. Stated that in the case of Mr. Craig, the pipes would run directly under his home. Proposal made that the residents in that area would much prefer having the pipe line go under the street and in the Park rather than within private property. Requested that the City Council support the property owners in their request for relocation of the proposed pipe line. Councilman Collison stated that several years ago, when the Sanitary Commission first proposed the plan, the City was in favor of getting the line off of the private property and that the City would much prefer that anything of this type be located on public property. The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTSCIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Proposed plan for the expansion of Montgomery Junior College: Request that Council recognize the desirability of a long term plan providing that condemnation proceedings are not undertaken. Motion presented that Council go on record as a whole as re-affirming the position of Mayor Miller to the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
2. Request for name of short street leading to Sligo Creek Parkway parallel to Maple Ave.: Stated that the matter would need to be looked into further by Mr. Rhodes as it is believed that a street already exists by the name proposed (St. Andrews Street).
3. Results of survey concerning R-H Plan Zone for Pine, Westmoreland, and Eastern Avenues: Stated that a questionnaire had been sent to 106 residents both directly and indirectly concerned with the proposal for high density apartment zoning in the area. The survey at this time indicates that 31 are opposed; 26 in favor and 2 neutral. Councilman Roth stated that the record will be held open for a while to enable the remaining residents to return the questionnaire which will considerably aid the Council in making a recommendation on the matter to the Park and Planning Commission. Stated that the Petition containing 104 signatures was not included in this recapitulation of opinion.
4. Inquiry to Montgomery County concerning re-assessment procedure on re-zoning cases. Referred to memo from Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen stating that he and Councilman Forshee had gone to Rockville and talked with the Tax Assessor's Office and determined the procedure for re-assessment on re-zoned property. It appears that all recent re-zoning cases have been re-assessed by the procedure outlined in the memo.



CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, continued

5. Results of request that Park and Planning Commission transfer title of property at Maple and Grant Avenues to the City: Mr. Hewitt, Director of Parks, met with the Council prior to tonight's meeting and stated that the transfer appears to be possible but that there are still some legal angles to work out. Requested that the Council direct a letter to his office requesting the transfer of the property.

6. Z.A.P. A-4486: property located at Ethan Allen Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue behind the Co-Op Shopping Center; In order to further consider the information presented tonight by Mr. Machen, Attorney for the Petitioner, Robert E. Lohr Realtors, Motion presented that a letter be sent to the County Commissioners requesting that the record be held open for fifteen days for further recommendations by the Council. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Mr. Machen. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Request for sand on sidewalks on Ethan Allen Avenue between Sycamore and Woodland Avenues: Requested that item be removed from Agenda as the City cannot consider only one area of the City and is hopeful that sand will not be required any more this season. The matter of sidewalks covered with ice and snow will be considered again later this year.

2. Results of advertisement for bids on the improvement of the Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive: Invitations to bid were sent to nine companies. Only two bids were received from the invitations and the advertisement. Motion presented for the contract on the improvement to be awarded to the Contee Sand and Gravel Company.

ORDINANCE NO. 1739

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

SECTION 1. THAT a Public Hearing has been held in accordance with Ordinance No. 1706 concerning the improvement of the Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT bids have been received in accordance with the plans and specifications known as Public Works Project No. 63-1, AND THEREFORE,

SECTION 3. THAT, the contract is hereby awarded to the low bidder, Contee Sand and Gravel Company, Inc., in the amount of SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NINE DOLLARS (\$6,609.00), AND,

SECTION 4. THAT, the amount to be assessed against the properties benefitting from said improvement shall determined at a later date by the adoption of a subsequent Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and the Ordinance for the improvement 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 WORKS COMMITTEE, continued

3. Improvement of traffic and parking situation in front of Maple Avenue Stores:

A meeting between Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Hewitt, owner of the Shopping Center resulted in the following verbal agreement: The City agrees to pay the cost of preparing the subdivision plat for dedication and the paving plan for the improvement of the area in front of the stores. Mr. Hewitt agrees to sign the required subdivision plat of dedication and will bear the costs of the new construction in front of the stores, providing that the improvement will not adversely affect the issuance of permits from Montgomery County for the continued occupancy of the stores. It was pointed out that all costs of improvement in the Dedicated Right of Way, Paving, Drainage, Sidewalks, etc. are assessed against the abutting property in accordance with the amount of footage benefitted thereby as provided in the City Charter. Motion presented that such an agreement be prepared and that the Director of Public Works be authorized to order the preparation of the Subdivision Plat and the Paving Plan as soon as Mr. Hewitt agrees to same. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Report on Azalea City Promotion: Stated that the program will take from one to seven years to fully develop with the cuttings we now have. Noted that it has come to the attention of the Council and the Azalea Committee that the City could obtain approximately 3,000 azalea plants to accelerate the program. Motion presented for the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1740

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

SECTION 1. THAT in May, 1962, a Special Committee organized for the promotion of Takoma Park as "Azalea City of the Nation" began a campaign to obtain azalea cuttings and plants, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT, it has been determined that a period of one to seven years may be needed for the program to fully develop, AND,

SECTION 3. THEREFORE, THAT it has come to the attention of the City Council as well as the Azalea Committee that plants of one to two years of age may be obtained in order to accelerate the program, AND,

SECTION 4. THAT, for the maximum sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) the City may obtain approximately 3,000 azalea plants, AND,

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT, the sum stated in Section 4 of this Ordinance be appropriated from the Reserve Fund of the City to Account No. 19.302.

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



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, continued

Councilman Jones noted that the Takoma Park - Langley Park Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have volunteered to assist in the planting of the plants according to plans prepared by the officials of the Azalea Committee and approved by the Mayor and Council. Councilman Roth stated that this is a most worthy project and might possibly be a project in which to use some of the money received from the sale of City property recently that was placed in a Contingent Fund for use on Parks, etc.

2. Progress report on Sister City Affiliation Program: A meeting of the Sister City Committee is to be held on the evening of April 15th at 8 Columbia Avenue. Noted that Mr. McCaw, a teacher at Takoma Park Junior High School, together with his students have prepared a picture story of Takoma Park to be sent to Jequie.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Approval of Disbursements for the month of March, 1963: Motion presented for the approval of expenditures in the month of March, 1963 in the amount of \$41,370.57. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

2. Inasmuch as the City will require cash funds to meet it's obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, Councilman Forshee moved the adoption of two Ordinances authorizing the issuance of two Certificates of Indebtedness as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1741

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

- SECTION 1. THAT by virtue of the authority vested in the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, under Section 1426 (h) of the City Charter, printed in 1953, also known as Section 48.9 (h) of the Montgomery County Code (1960) and Section 1426 (h) of the Prince George's County Code (1953), the said Council hereby directs that the City of Takoma Park shall borrow under the authority so vested, the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) for the purpose of replenishing the General Fund upon the payment of an existing Certificate of Indebtedness due to mature on May 1, 1963 in the amount of \$85,000.00, AND,
- SECTION 2. THAT a "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" be inserted in the Evening Star one in each of two successive weeks, April 8, 1963 and April 15, 1963, reading as follows: "In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter and in accordance with Ordinance duly adopted by the Mayor and City Council on April 8, 1963, The City of Takoma Park will issue ONE Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) dated May 1, 1963 to be paid on November 1, 1963, for the purpose of replenishing the General Fund of the City upon the payment of an existing Certificate of Indebtedness due to mature on May 1, 1963 in the amount of \$85,000.00. Sealed bids in writing for this Certificate of Indebtedness indicating the rate of interest to be charged will be received in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, until 4:00 p.m., April 22, 1963."
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT, the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to execute ONE Certificate of Indebtedness to bear date of May 1, 1963 in the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) to be payable on November 1, 1963 with the interest payable at maturity, said Certificate to be in the following form:

United States of America

State of Maryland

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
 CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS  
 Issue of 1963

No. 2 of 1963  
 \$60,000.00

Takoma Park, Maryland

The City of Takoma Park, a Body Politic and Corporate, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, does hereby certify that it is indebted to the bearer hereof, or if registered otherwise than to bearer, then to the registered holder hereof, in the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00), which said sum it promises to pay to the bearer, or to the registered holder, as the case may be, on November 1, 1963 together with interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per centum per annum, payable at maturity.

Both the principal and the interest of this Certificate of Indebtedness are payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the Suburban Trust Company, Carroll and Laurel Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

This Certificate of Indebtedness is issued pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly of Maryland.

Said Certificate of Indebtedness is also issued in accordance with Ordinance No. 1741 duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park on the 8th Day of April, 1963.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is exempt from all state, county, and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland and the full faith and credit of the Mayor and Council and of the City of Takoma Park is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the same and the interest to accrue hereon.

This Certificate of Indebtedness may be registered both as to principal and interest in the owner's name on the Registration Books kept at the Office of the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park at 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

It is hereby certified and recited that all Acts, conditions and things required to happen, exist and be performed, exist and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by the laws and Constitution of Maryland and the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, and that together with all other obligations of the City of Takoma Park issued and outstanding under the provisions of it's Charter, the total of such obligations do not exceed the total amount authorized by law.

In Testimony Whereof, the Council of the City of Takoma Park, acting for and in behalf of said City, has caused this Certificate to be signed by its Mayor, its Corporate Seal to be affixed hereto, attested by its Clerk, this First day of May, A.D. 1963.

ATTESTED:

The City of Takoma Park

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK-TREASURER

The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and Ordinance No. 1741 was duly adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.



## ORDINANCE NO. 1742

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

- SECTION 1. THAT by virtue of the authority vested in the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, under Section 1426 (h) of the City Charter printed in 1953, also known as Section 48.9 (h) of the Montgomery County Code (1960) and Section 1426 (h) of the Prince George's County Code (1953) the said Council hereby directs that the City of Takoma Park shall borrow under the authority so vested, the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) for the purpose of replenishing the General Fund until such time as other revenues due the City are fully collected, AND,
- SECTION 2. THAT, a "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" be inserted in the Evening Star once in each of two successive weeks, April 8, 1963 and April 15, 1963, reading as follows: "In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter and in accordance with Ordinance duly adopted by the Mayor and City Council on April 8, 1963, The City of Takoma Park will issue ONE Certificate of Indebtedness in the amount of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) dated May 15, 1963 to be paid August 15, 1963 for the purpose of replenishing the General Fund of the City until such time as other revenues due the City are fully collected. Sealed Bids in writing for this Certificate of Indebtedness indicating the rate of interest to be charged will be received in the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, until 4:00 p.m., April 22, 1963."
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT, the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to execute ONE Certificate of Indebtedness to bear date May 15, 1963 in the amount of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) to be payable on August 15, 1963 with interest payable at maturity, said Certificate to be in the following form:

United States of America

State of Maryland

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
 CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS  
 Issue of 1963

No. 3 of 1963  
 \$70,000.00

Takoma Park, Maryland

The City of Takoma Park, a Body Politic and Corporate, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, does hereby certify that it is indebted to the bearer hereof, or if registered otherwise than to bearer, then to the registered holder hereof, in the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00), which said sum it promises to pay to the bearer, or to the registered holder, as the case may be, on August 15, 1963 together with the interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per centum per annum, payable at maturity.

Both the principal and the interest of this Certificate of Indebtedness are payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the Suburban Trust Company, Carroll and Laurel Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is issued pursuant to the authority granted by the General Assembly of Maryland.



FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

Said Certificate of Indebtedness is also issued in accordance with Ordinance No. 1742 duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Takoma Park on the 8th day of April, 1963.

This Certificate of Indebtedness is exempt from all state, county, and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland and the full faith and credit of the Mayor and Council and of the City of Takoma Park is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the same and the interest to accrue hereon.

This Certificate of Indebtedness may be registered both as to principal and interest in the owners name on the Registration Books kept at the Office of the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park at 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

It is hereby certified and recited that all Acts, conditions and things required to happen, exist and be performed, exist and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by the laws and Constitution of Maryland and the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Takoma Park, and that together with all other obligations of the City of Takoma Park issued and outstanding under the provisions of its Charter, the total of such obligations do not exceed the total amount authorized by law.

In Testimony Whereof, the Council of the City of Takoma Park, acting for and in behalf of said City, has caused this Certificate to be signed by its Mayor, its Corporate Seal to be affixed hereto, attested by its Clerk, this Fifteenth day of May, A.D. 1963.

The City of Takoma Park

ATTESTED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK-TREASURER

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and Ordinance No. 1742 was duly 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 reporting1. Report on Hearing under Housing Ordinance for Mr. Homer Oswald at 531 Albany Avenue:

A Public Hearing at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Oswald of 531 Albany Avenue was held on Tuesday, April 2, 1963. The Public Hearing was requested pursuant to the Housing Ordinance to present evidence showing the use made of the property at 531 Albany Avenue and to obtain the permission of the Mayor and Council to operate a rooming house. The use of the property has been involved in litigation and the owners by Decree of Court have been enjoined from permitting the property to be used in any manner not permitted by R-60 Zoning. The property is still zoned R-60 and no showing has been made to the Mayor and Council that the use of the property as a rooming house is a lawful non-conforming use. Accordingly, it is the recommendation of the Committee that the request of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald be denied and that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to take such action as may be necessary to have the owners comply with the zoning regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

2. Authorization for purchase of trash receptacles: Motion presented for the authorization of the purchase of receptacles as outlined in memo from Mr. Rhodes; Ten of the pole mounted litter baskets at a cost of \$177.50 plus shipping. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried. It was noted that the baskets are to be mounted on street sign posts, parking meters, etc. and should eliminate the necessity for replacement and painting of the ones now being used exclusively. There was no suggestion made that the present containers should be completely eliminated.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Request for permission to locate signs showing the location of the Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church: Stated that only one sign is located within the City limits and the location has been checked into by Chief Foster. Motion presented that upon the recommendation of Chief Foster, permission be granted for the erection of a sign at Carroll and Philadelphia Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

2. Consideration of the request that traffic speed be reduced to 10 or 15 MPH on Flower Avenue between Carroll and Maplewood Avenues: Have received excerpt from minutes of the Meeting of the State Roads Commission held on April 3, 1963 reading as follows: "RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a 25-mile speed limit be established along Flower Avenue (Md. 787) from the intersection of Carroll Avenue (Md. 195) northerly to 200 feet North of Maple Avenue, a distance of approximately 0.30 mile."

3. Consideration of the requests: (a) that a pedestrian controlled light be placed at the Morrison Hall crossing on Flower Avenue (b) that parking be eliminated on Flower Avenue between Carroll Avenue and Division Avenue: Reference was made to a letter from the State Roads Commission with the following recommendations: (1) Establish a "No Stopping or Standing at Any Time" zone along the east side of Flower Avenue beginning at the north curb line of Carroll Avenue and running in a northerly direction to a point approximately 50 feet north of the north curb line of Division Street. (2) Establish a "No Stopping or Standing at Any Time" zone along the west side of Flower Avenue beginning at the north curb line of Carroll Avenue and running in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 100 feet. (3) Establish a "No Parking at Any Time" zone along the west side of Flower Avenue beginning at a point approximately 100 feet north of the north curb line of Carroll Avenue and running in a northerly direction to the north building line of the College Store, a distance of approximately 325 feet. (4) Establish a "No Stopping or Standing At Any Time" zone along the west side of Flower Avenue beginning at the north building line of the College Store and running in a northerly direction to a point approximately 50 feet north of the north curb line of Division Street, a distance of approximately 590 feet.: Councilman Forshee questioned the necessity of



LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, continued

prohibiting parking all the way up to Division Avenue. There was considerable discussion on the motion presented for the adoption of a Resolution to be sent to the State Roads Commission and the motion was tabled by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, McKenzie, Roth. Nay: Councilmen Jones and Turner. Pass Councilman Kennedy. Excused: None.

4. Erection on signs reading "SLOW - CHILDREN PLAYING" on Mississippi Avenue: There was some discussion on the installation of the subject signs with Mr. Rhodes reporting that his Department is handling the installation.

5. Validation of "STOP" sign located at the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center and Kirklynn Avenue: The matter is to be considered by Corporation Counsel Gingerich and Chief Foster. Validation will require the adoption of an Ordinance in order to enforce.

6. Replacement of Dispatcher Chair in Police Station: Referred to memorandum from Chief Foster stating that the dispatcher's chair had collapsed and due to the age of the chair and the number of times it has been repaired, is not feasible for another repair to be made. Motion presented for the purchase of one No. 110-G Dospatcher Chair in the amount of \$49.95 from the Andrews Office Supply Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried authorizing the purchase, with funds from the Police Department Account No. 11.112C1 (Capital Outlay).

Councilman Turner called attention to a dangerous condition that exists on Grant Avenue where there is a large number of children playing crossing the streets, etc. in the area of the playground. Requested that Chief Foster look into the matter.

Mayor Miller noted that a letter has been received from the Takoma Park, Maryland Library Association stating that at their last meeting, it was voted to merge the Library operation with the City Government. Instructed Corporation Counsel Gingerich, Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen and the Parks and Recreation Committee to get in touch with the Board of Trustees and offer whatever services may be needed for an orderly transistion.

Councilman McKenzie presented a motion for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Forshee. There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on April 22nd at 8:00.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY, CITIZENS BRANCH

GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1963	\$24,970.86
Plus Cancellation of Check #19787	5.00
Balance after Adjustment	\$24,975.86
* Plus March Receipts	34,115.08
*(Includes \$30,000.00 Cert. of Dep. Trans.)	\$59,090.94
Less March Disbursements	41,370.57
March 29, 1963 Balance	

*George M. Miller*  
MAYOR

*Haynes M. Pridgen*  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
\$17,720.37

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCH

GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1963	\$ 6,845.48
No Transactions during March, 1963	-0-
March 28, 1963 Balance	

\$ 6,845.48

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1963	\$11,229.44
March 28, 1963 Balance	

\$11,229.44

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH  
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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDPUBLIC HEARING

HOMER AND CATHERINE OSWALD  
531 ALBANY AVENUE

APRIL 2, 1963

Mayor Miller convened the Hearing at 7:33 p.m. at 8 Columbia Avenue, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the case of Homer and Catherine Oswald in connection with a Housing Ordinance Violation at 531 Albany Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Mayor Miller stated that the Hearing would be conducted by Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee, which is in charge of this type of activity. Councilman McKenzie requested that Mr. Harvey Williams, Building Inspector, present the resume' of the case.

Mr. Williams presented the case in accordance with the attached information report dated April 2, 1963, not going into all of the details contained therein.

Councilman Forshee raised a question as to the Registered Letter addressed to Mr. Oswald and as to why it was not accepted. Mr. Oswald gave no satisfactory answer to the questions propounded.

Mr. Hall, Attorney, stated that Mr. Oswald does not wish to deny that there are six rooms rented in the building and stated that the Real Estate Agent informed Mr. Oswald that the property could be used for rental purposes. Stated that the former owners had issued a written statement that certain rooms had been rented during the course of their ownership and stated that they held written statements of prior owners confirming that they had rented an apartment in the house and that the Oswald's would not have purchased the thirteen room house had they thought they would not be permitted to rent rooms for income purposes. He and his wife had no need for such a large house otherwise. Mr. Hall said that it was his understanding that it would be necessary to show that the house had been in such use prior to 1953 and produced certain letters in support of this use.

Mr. Oswald was questioned as to which Real Estate Company had informed him that he could rent rooms and apartments in the house, to which he replied that it was the Nicholas Real Estate Company.

Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, pointed out that under Equity #24871, The Circuit Court of Montgomery County enjoined the Oswald's from using the property other than as R-60 and that he did not think that the Mayor and Council has any jurisdiction over the matter and cannot grant variance under the present situation. Mr. Gingerich stated that the change of use to that of roomers is still in violation of the R-60 and that his only recourse is to conform with the Court ruling under which he is now in contempt and to petition for a proper zoning.

Mr. Hall appealed to the Mayor and City Council to grant permission to continue the use until he can get the matter straightened out. Mr. Gingerich stated that under the present circumstances, he intends to file for contempt of Court if the Mayor and Council are in concurrence with his opinion.

Considerable discussion as to the legal rights of the Oswald's against the Real Estate Company was held, with Mr. Gingerich stating that he could only state that there is a rule in Maryland of "Buyer Beware" and that unless absolute fraud is proven, it is doubtful that there would be a case against the Company.



Councilman Kennedy pointed out that the report of Mr. Williams indicates that the Oswalds not been particularly cooperative, that they have actually been uncooperative and that in view of the Court Order, he would not be inclined toward any lienancy.

Mr. Hall stated that the Oswalds were unfortunately depending upon ill advice and that there was no intention of being uncooperative.

Mr. Gingerich stated that the Court Order was sufficient notice and should have been considered.

Mayor Miller stated that he can hardly see how the Council, elected Officials, can overlook the Court Order which was, after all, granted at the request of the City.

Mr. Hall again requested that in view of the Oswalds dire financial burden and other problems, that the Oswalds be granted a extension of time by the Mayor and Council to continue the use of the rooming house until such time as a zoning exception may be obtained, before filing an order under contempt of court.

Mayor Miller stated that if there were no further presentations, the Public Welfare Committee would render a recommendation to the Mayor and Council, probably on April 8th, and that the Oswalds will be so informed.

There being no further presentations, the Hearing was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

George M Miller Mayor

Attest:

[Signature]  
City Clerk-Treasurer



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

APRIL 22, 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, April 22, 1963 at 8:04 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
Councilman Collison	Chief Foster
Councilman Forshee	Chief LaScola
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman McKenzie	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	

EXCUSED

Councilman Kennedy  
 Councilman Roth  
 Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Invocation was rendered by Father Patrick Beglay, Pastor of Our Lady Of Sorrows Church on Larch Avenue in Takoma Park.

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 the evening of April 8th. Councilman Collison requested that the minutes be changed under the Parks and Recreation Committee, Item 1, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1740 pertaining to the purchase of azalea plants, to read, "two and three year old plants", rather than "one and two year old plants". The motion was presented for the approval of the minutes as corrected, seconded and duly carried.

Mayor Miller announced that the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the new fiscal year is to be held on May 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Gymnasium and urged citizens to attend and participate.

Mayor Miller spoke in reference to the "Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up" Campaign that is to be held during the month of May and reminded that citizens should make every effort to remove unwanted articles from their homes for pick-up by the Public Works Department on the first four Wednesdays in the month of May. Mayor Miller elaborated on the dangers of having accumulated articles in homes and cited several instances of recent fires.

Mayor Miller commented that at this time each year, the Takoma Park Boy's Club holds it's Annual Fund Drive and urged everyone to participate in this most worthwhile endeavor for the youth of Takoma Park. He stated that noteworthy results of the Boy's Club have been evidenced in past years, for example, the success of Steve Barber, now a baseball player with the Baltimore Orioles.

Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Georges Fastres, a nearby neighbor of his residing at 7051 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, stating that they had been friends for many years and had enjoyed many serious discussions concerning Municipal Government. Mayor Miller stated that Mr. Fastres is a former Director of Public Works in Dinant, Belgium, a Graduate Engineer, Philosopher, world traveler and a Veteran of the two World Wars and at one time a Prisoner of War. Mr. Fastres is now connected with the Belgium Embassy in Washington, D.C. and through his good offices has obtained employment for several Takoma Park citizens from time to time. Mayor Miller stated that Mr. Fastres is an Honorary Citizen of Takoma Park, an honor given him several years ago in recognition of his civic interest. At the conclusion of the Mayor's remarks, the audience gave an ovation in honor of Mr. Fastres.



CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

1. Honorable James B. McKinney, Mayor, City of Sacramento, California: Expression of appreciation for hospitality upon his visit during the American Municipal Association Executive Committee Meeting. (Council Files)
2. Letters to Mr. Harvey Williams, Building Inspector, City: Letters in reply to his letters concerning requirements of Housing and Zoning Ordinances from: (a) Mr. Charles Purcell, President, Washington Board of Realtors (b) Mr. Carl R. Sturges, President, Montgomery County Board of Realtors. (Public Welfare Committee)
3. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Expression of appreciation to Captain Rhodes and members of the Public Works Department for sanding and maintenance of Hancock Avenue during winter snows. (Public Works Committee)
4. Miss Julia V. McPherson, 211 Manor Circle, City: Expression of appreciation for the efforts of the Mayor and Council to prevent the conversion of Route 410 into a dual lane highway. (Civic Improvements Committee)
5. Letters protesting bee and honey business operation at 11 Pine Avenue: (a) Mr. R. Deane Shure, 8 Pine Avenue, (b) M's Margaret A. Carpenter, 65 Walnut Avenue, (Civic Improvements Committee)
6. Mr. Adolph Juhl, Maitland, Florida: Request for information regarding number of people writing letters against proposed zoning of Asher property on New Hampshire and Linden Avenue. (Civic Improvements Committee)
7. Mrs. A. A. Barile, 10 Hickory Avenue, City: Opposition to proposed plan for rezoning two blocks bounded by Eastern, Walnut, Elm, Pine, Carroll and Laurel Avenues. (Civic Improvements Committee)
8. Copy of Letter to Prince George's County Commissioners by Mr. James A. Hash, Pres. Lincoln Valley Citizens Association: Opposition to proposed change of zoning from R-55 to R-10 by Petition No. 4486. (Ethan Allen Avenue, north of New Hampshire Avenue.) (Civic Improvements Committee)
9. Mr. C. Warren Giaugue, Planning Engineer, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Z.A.P. No. A-4732, G.A. Gude and J. P. Abrahams, Owners, Orem and Christie, Attorneys. C-1 Zone to C-2 Zone, Lot 6 and southerly part of Lot 7, ten feet wide by full depth of Lot 7, Block 1, George A. Gude Property (New Hampshire Avenue between Holton Lane and University Boulevard). (Civic Improvements Committee)
10. Mrs. W. R. Thorn, Corresponding Secretary, Sligo Park Hills Citizens Association: Complaint of trash and discarded articles on hill overlooking Sligo Creek Parkway, between Piney Branch Road and Maple Avenue. (Public Welfare Committee).
11. Dr. William L. Fox, President, Board of Trustees, Takoma Park, Maryland, Library Association: Expression of distress that a sizeable cut has been made in the recommended budget for the Library for 1963-64. (Finance Committee).
12. Dr. William L. Fox, President, Board of Trustees, Takoma Park, Maryland, Library Association: Expression of cooperation in the transition of the Library into a Municipal Function. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
13. Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, President, Columbia Union College, City: Comments concerning proposal of State Roads Commission regarding parking restrictions on Flower Avenue. (Law Enforcement Committee)



CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, continued

14. Mr. Robert W. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board: (a) Approval of proposed budget for fiscal year 1963-64 as submitted by Fire Chief LaScola. (Finance Committee and Fire Protection Committee) (b) Complaint of loud music from Gymnasium filtering into the lounge room. (Parks and Recreation Committee)

15. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Complaint of water originating in alley at rear of old co-op stores and running into Ethan Allen Avenue, also complaint of alley conditions. (Public Works Committee)

16. Mr. John H. Light, Engineer, Public Works Department, Montgomery County: Copy of Resolution 5-207 authorizing construction of sidewalk along westerly side of Carroll Avenue from Long Branch Parkway to Takoma Academy. (Public Works Committee)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Joseph Pierce, 302 Grant Avenue, City: Complaint of teen-age activities on Grant Avenue such as auto damage, drag-racing, profanity, etc. with the recommendation for more stringent Police patrolling in the area. (Law Enforcement Committee and Mr. Rhodes)

Councilman Turner spoke in regards to the complaint of conditions on Grant Avenue and stated that the Police Department has not been patrolling the area as much during the winter months as they will be during the summer when there are more activities. Further noted that the majority of the teen-agers causing the disturbances are believed to reside in Silver Spring, District of Columbia, and other surrounding areas, rather than Takoma Park.

2. Mr. Lewis Brown, 25 Darwin Avenue, City: Spoke in regards to the complaint made by Mr. Pierce and confirmed the disturbances being caused. Noted that there have been many destructive acts such as; front screen elashed, bricks hurled through screened porch, plants, English Boxwoods pulled up, side mirrors and antennas removed from automobiles, vile language, etc. Also recommended more police patrolling of the area.

3. Mrs. Monya Lerner, 7103 13th Avenue, City: Registered further complaint regarding the youth in her neighborhood and remarked on several accounts of vandalism in the area of the park.

Mayor Miller stated that Chief Foster would look into the situation, however, the Park is located outside of the City Limits.

4. Mr. Phillip W. Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Report on letters from the F. W. Woolworth Company and the Safeway Stores as to why they closed stores on Laurel Avenue.

5. Mr. Clyde C. Cleveland, Business Manager, Columbia Union College, City: (a) Spoke in regards to the pedestrian light requested at the Morrison Hall crossing on Flower Avenue and suggested that a push-button light be installed to prevent accidents. (b) In regards to the "No Parking" on Flower Avenue from Carroll to Division Avenues and made the following suggestion - to permit thirty minute parking in front of College Store and Snack Bar.

6. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, President, B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association: Inquiry as to possible report of the survey area proposed for the RH Zone. In view of the absence of Councilman Roth, Mayor Miller stated that Councilman Collison will make such a report. Dr. Hiten made a further request to the Council to seriously consider the problem and to preserve the single-family residential characteristics of the area. Referred to a previous statement by an Attorney in which it was alleged that there are many zoning violations in the City and used this as an argument to rezone property on Carroll Avenue. If this is true, what is the Council doing about such violations. Mayor Miller replied that for the last eight years, the Council has been in Court many times to prevent zoning violations, many of which were the result of abdication of the power over zoning by former Councils.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

7. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Stated that a Special Exception is to be heard on May 9th on a proposed Nursing Home for 175 beds. Stated that a low storied building for the Nursing Home would be better than a high rise apartment building on the Carroll Avenue property. Also vigorously protested the proposed RH zone. Also requested that Chief Foster enforce the Dog Ordinance and stated that Takoma Park will never become the Azalea City if the Ordinance is not enforced and dogs are permitted to run loose on the streets and in others yards.

8. Mr. R. Deane Shure, 8 Pine Avenue, City: Seconded the suggestion for dog control for the protection of azalea bushes. Further protested the proposed rezoning for high rise apartments in the area.

9. Mr. E. Jack Coulson, 7617 Takoma Avenue, City: Stated his opposition to high rise apartments and remarked on the bad appearance of the asphalt paving in front of the new apartment on Maple Avenue. Stated that on several occasions, while solicting on fund drives, the apartment dwellers have shown no interest.

10. Resident, 7006 Westmoreland Avenue, City: Registered complaint against the Takoma Motor Company regarding the accumulation of fallen leaves and the drainage of oil and anti-freeze creating a dangerous fire hazard. Mayor Miller stated that Mr. Rhodes and Chief LaScola will check into this matter.

11. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Supported Mr. Coulson's statement regarding fund drives in apartment buildings and the apartment dwellers having no apparent civic interest.

12. Mr. Anthony Campitelli, Parkview Towers Apartments: Mr. Campitelli presented a problem in connection with the scenic easement that had previously been granted the City for the protection of residential property abutting the apartment development. He pointed out that if the easement line is followed in excavation, several fine trees will be damaged. He proposed that if permission is granted to delete ten parking spaces, at that particular point the excavation line could be curved inward thereby preserving the existing growth. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Civic Improvements Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Chairman, Excused - Councilman Collison, reporting

1. Reconsideration of Z.A.P. A-4486 (Ethan Allen and New Hampshire Avenues): Noted that the original recommendation of the Council was for the denial of the subject Petition and since the last meeting, when Mr. Machen requested reconsideration, several of the Councilman have inspected the property and feel that the recommendation should stand as previously submitted. Motion presented for the recommendation that the Petition for re-zoning be denied, seconded and duly carried. The Attorney, Mr. Machen is to be informed of the Council decision to have their original recommendation stand.

2. Results of survey concerning R-H Zone Plan for Pine, Westmoreland and Eastern Avenues: The following results were presented by Councilman Collison from the return of letters and questionnaires sent to property owners in the immediate area as well as the surrounding area proposed for the re-zoning:

In Favor	29
Against	34
Neutral	2



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## CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, continued

3. Request for variance regarding parking at the Park View Towers Apartments:

Councilman Collison presented a motion that the City cooperate with the Park View Towers Apartments in obtaining permission from the County to delete from 10 to 14 parking spaces, as may be required, to accomplish the scenic easement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman Collison reporting

1. Progress report on Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive: Contract was awarded at the last meeting to the Contee Sand and Gravel Company, however all details of the contract are not yet complete.

2. Request that area behind ball field be filled in and shrubs removed: No action will be taken on this matter until the completion of another situation under consideration.

3. Request for walkway on Boston Avenue near Silver Spring Intermediate School: The Director of Public Works will make up an estimate for the installation of black-top walk.

4. Adjustment of structures on New Hampshire Avenue Service Drive: Motion presented for the authorization to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the adjustment of sewer structures along the proposed Service Drive improvement between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

5. Suggestion for increased lighting at Old Carroll Road and Sligo Creek Parkway: The suggestion for increased lighting was made by the Park and Planning Commission after the City requested that a study be made of the dangerous situation existing at this area. The Park and Planning Commission is to install guard rails. The County section of the Parkway is equipped with 4,000 lumen lights while the City section has 1,000 lumen lights. Motion presented that PEPCO be authorized to make a study of the area and prepare an estimate of the cost for increased lighting as recommended by them. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly passed.

6. Letter from Mr. John Fetty, Jr. concerning the proposed widening of Route 410: A letter was received concerning the widening of Route 410 with the recommendation and the request that the Council oppose the action. Requested that a letter be written to Mr. Fetty informing him as to what the Council's feelings in the matter are and just what steps are being taken to prevent this proposed widening.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Certificates of Indebtedness: The results of the advertisement for bids for the two Certificates of Indebtedness to be issued in May were that the Citizens Bank of Maryland was the low bidder at interest rates of 1.44% and 1.49% with the Suburban Trust Company bidding at an interest rate of 1.60% per annum. Motion presented that the award be made to the Citizens Bank of Maryland as the low bidder and that an Ordinance be adopted as follows:



ORDINANCE NO. 1743

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 Ordinance No. 1741 and No. 1742 for the issuance of two Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$60,000.00 and \$70,000.00, bids were opened on April 22, 1963, AND,
- SECTION 2. THAT the bid submitted by the Citizens Bank of Maryland be accepted at the rate of 1.49% per annum on the Certificate to be issued on May 1, 1963 and maturing on November 1, 1963 and at the rate of 1.44% per annum on the Certificate to be issued on May 15, 1963 and maturing on August 15, 1963, AND,
- SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT, Certificate No. 2 of 1963, in the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) be issued and dated May 1, 1963 and to mature and become payable November 1, 1963, at an interest rate of 1.49 per cent per annum, AND,
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT, Certificate No. 3 of 1963, in the amount of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) be issued and dated May 15, 1963 and to mature and become payable on August 15, 1963, at the interest rate of 1.44 per cent per annum.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE, Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Request for name of short street parallel to Maple Avenue leading into Sligo Creek Parkway: Requested that the matter be referred to the Park and Planning Commission, the agency having jurisdiction over the naming of streets, with a copy of the original letter requesting the name, and suggesting that the name be kept in line with the present names of streets.
2. Request for information as to necessity for Registration of Nursery under Housing Ordinance: Reported that Prince George's County does not require registration or a license fee, and neither does the City. However, under the Fire Code, the Nursery must be registered with the City.
3. Purchase of new street sweeper for Public Works Department: Referred to memo from Director of Public Works Rhodes requesting authorization to advertise for bids for a three wheel street sweeper to replace the old sweeper that has outlived it's usefulness. The motion for the authorization to advertise for bids was presented, seconded and duly carried. Councilman Forshee noted that the funds for the purchase will be transferred from the Reserve Fund, with delivery to be after July 1, 1963.
4. Complaint of trash on hill overlooking Sligo Creek Parkway between Piney Branch Road and Maple Avenue: Stated that Mr. Williams will look into the matter and attempt to have it corrected.
5. Parking of cars on lot on Ritchie Avenue: Reported that a large number of cars have been observed parked on the Shapiro Lot (Lot 5) on Ritchie Avenue. Mr. Williams was requested to investigate this situation.



LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, Councilman Kennedy, Chairman, Excused - Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel Resignation: Motion presented for the acceptance of the resignation submitted by Private Harry Marsh. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried for the resignation to be accepted, with regret, to be effective April 30, 1963.

2. Purchase of Parking Meters for Maple Avenue: Motion presented for the authorization of the transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund for the purchase of parking meters (5) to be installed along Maple Avenue as authorized in Ordinance No. 1737, not to exceed \$350.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

3. Personnel Appointment: Motion presented for the permanent appointment of Private Thomas Thorowgood upon the completion on the one-year probationary period under the Merit Plan, to be effective May 1, 1963. Motion seconded by Councilman Forshee and carried.

4. Consideration of Resolution to State Roads Commission concerning parking along Flower Avenue between Carroll and Division Avenues: The motion for the Resolution was tabled at the last meeting pending further discussion of the matter and due to the absence of Councilman Kennedy, will carry over to the next meeting.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, Councilman Turner reporting

1. Complaint of excessive smoke from burning trash and leaves in area of Maple, Kennebec, Flower and Erie Avenues: Complaint has been checked out and the Police and Fire Departments have been keeping a close watch and making violators put out fires during the recent dry spell.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, Councilman Jones reporting

1. Report on Azalea City Promotion: The Azalea Committee and Councilman Collison have been directing the planting of recently acquired azalea plants in the park on Maple Avenue at Philadelphia Avenue and further plans are being made for future plantings.

2. Progress report on Sister City Affiliation: Fine letter was written to Mrs. Mello requesting information as to persons to contact in Bahia and the Takoma Park Junior High School Class under the direction of Mr. McCaw is continuing in their picture album project to be sent to a Junior High School in Bahia.

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 Executive Session on May 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Haynes Pridgen  
City Clerk-Treasurer

George M. Miller Mayor