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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AUGUST 12, 1963

The Mayor Pro-Tem and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Monday, August 12, 1963 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Collison	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	Chief Foster, Police Dept.
Councilman Kennedy	Chief LaScola, Fire Dept.
Councilman McKenzie	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Dept.
Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen	

EXCUSE

Councilman Jones

Mayor Pro-Tem Collison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Pro-Tem Collison called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on July 22. The Motion was presented by Councilman McKenzie and seconded by Councilman Forshee. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Collison noted that Mayor Miller's absence at tonight's meeting is due to his attending the American Municipal Congress in Houston, Texas.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting:

1. The Ted Rhan Family: A card of appreciation for sympathy expressed. (Council Files)
2. Mrs. Clayton D. Forshee, City: Note of thanks for flowers sent by Council while hospitalized. (Council Files)
3. Mr. Robert C. Doerr, Chairman, Committee on International Municipal Cooperation, American Municipal Association: Announcement of Citation to be presented to Mayor Miller in Houston, Texas, at American Municipal Association Congress. (Council Files)
4. Mrs. Lomanto, Junior, Wife of the Governor of Bahia: Suggestion that Sister City exchange Senior High School student. (Parks and Recreation)
5. Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Chairman, Takoma-Langley Jaycees, Silver Spring: Announcement that he had accepted Chairmanship of the Governmental Affairs Committee. (Council Files)
6. Montgomery County Board of Appeals Case No. 1397: Notice of Circuit Court Case No. 14003 appealing prior decision of Board. (Civic Improvements)
7. Mr. Arthur P. Brigham, Public Information Officer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission: Information concerning publication of next Annual Report. (Council Files)
8. Mr. Robert J. McLeod, Chief Engineer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission: Further information concerning the Spring Branch (North Takoma) Storm Drainage. (Public Works)

9. Mr. Arthur C. Stebbins, City: Request that Azaleas be planted along Jefferson Avenue. (Azalea Committee)
10. Mr. James Michael Bailey, Clerk for the Montgomery County Council: Acknowledgment of Mayor Miller's letter of protest to the removal of the Montgomery Junior College Campus. (Council as a Whole)
11. Mr. George A. Huse, City: Suggestion to make Wabash Avenue one-way from Eastridge to Sligo Creek Parkway. (Public Works and Law Enforcement)
12. Mr. Arthur E. Gropp, President DC Chess League: Information concerning League's support of Tournament for U.S. Championship. (Parks and Recreation)
13. Mr. Henry E. Weil, Attorney for Columbia Union College, Inc.: Request for consent of Petition to abandon Division Street. (Civic Improvements)
14. Petitioners of the 300 Block of Lincoln Avenue request correction of undesirable conditions at 324 Lincoln Avenue. (Public Welfare and Law Enforcement)
15. Mr. Edward W. Alfriend, IV, Chairman of the Board, National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Commendation of the Fire Department in 1963 MS Hope Chest Campaign. (Council Files)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes for statement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. M. C. Brown, 320 Lincoln Avenue, City: Spoke in support of the Petition relative to the conditions at 324 Lincoln Avenue. She stated that conditions were actually even worse than reported in the Petition and that positive action should be taken immediately to eliminate the health hazard to the community. Councilman Turner reported that Officer Thorowgood of the Police Department had already taken the initial steps to protect the health of the children involved and that the Judge of the Juvenile Court had commended Officer Thorowgood on his presentation of the case. Councilman Kennedy reported that Chief Foster had today assigned one officer to check the premises daily.
2. Mrs. N. L. Laser, 325 Lincoln Avenue, City: Offered to help in any way that she could relative to the Lincoln Avenue situation. Councilman Collison inquired if a similar Petition had been sent to the Montgomery County Council and suggested that a record of the latest action be included in such Petition when forwarded.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones, Chairman - excused, Councilman Roth reporting

1. No specific report on pending matters, all items still under consideration.
2. Playground activities: Councilman Turner stated that Mrs. Belle Ziegler, Parks Coordinator, had reported that the Playground Season is being brought to a successful conclusion with the following activities scheduled: Monday, August 12, 1963, Washington Park (Cook out - watermelon - softball - dancing) 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 13, Hampshire Greens (Long Branch) (Carnival) 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Spring Park (Sports Night - watermelon feast) 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.; Sligo Park (Carnival) 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Wednesday, August 14, Heffner Park (Cook out - crafts - games - dancing) 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Forest Park (Carnival) 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Case No. 1422, Petition of Alan R. Gair, M.D. for Special Exception to permit use of property at 7777 Maple Avenue as a non-resident practitioners office; Hearing has been continued until August 15.
2. Z.A.P. C-940 Petition for the R-10 use of the property located at Hilltop and Geneva Avenues; Reported to have been denied by the Montgomery County Council.
3. Division Street abandonment consent; Request filed in behalf of Columbia Union College was discussed briefly with decision to postpone action pending further investigation and recommendation by the Civic Improvements Committee. It was pointed out that this street is not within the City Limits and it is deemed advisable to obtain the opinions of the residents along Greenwood Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Maple Avenue Shopping Center; Reported that Mr. Gingerich will continue his efforts to meet with Mr. Hewitt before entering into condemnation proceedings. Councilman Turner suggested that some type of temporary parking restrictions be placed for the benefit of the business houses. It was agreed by the Council that the Police Department be authorized to erect appropriate temporary signs.
2. Service Drive Project New Hampshire Avenue; Motion presented that the City absorb one third of the cost of the Project when Assessment Ordinance is adopted after final costs have been computed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
3. Boston Avenue walkway near S. S. Intermediate School; Motion presented to have Public Works Dept. construct an asphalt walkway at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Chargeable to account No. 12.202A. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting
No specific report, all matters under consideration.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

Refuse Truck Purchase; Motion presented authorizing Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen to advertise for bids for new refuse truck according to specifications to be prepared by the Department of Public Works and to be opened September 3, 1963 at 4:00 p.m.. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

2. Property 324 Lincoln Avenue; Reported that Mr. Pridgen and Mr. Williams had been working on this case for nearly a month through County authorities (without much success) and Mr. Williams had followed through the case all the way to the point of formal complaint.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Radio equipment Police Department; It was reported that after considerable difficulty specifications were drawn to meet the requirements of the equipment needed and invitations to bid were mailed on August 6 and the appropriate advertisement had been inserted in the newspaper. Bids were opened at 11:00 a.m., August 12, 1963, Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. having submitted the only bid. The bid and specifications had been reviewed by Mr. Switzer, Radio Communications, Inc. and Mr. Rhodes, Director of

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, continued

Public Works and found to fulfill the requirements of the Department to conform to F.C.C. regulations, becoming effective November 1, 1963. Councilman Kennedy proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1753

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised and invitations to bids circulated, bids were opened at 11:00 a.m. on August 12, 1963 for the replacement of certain radio equipment, in compliance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, effective November 1, 1963, for the use of the Takoma Park Police Department, THEREFORE,

SECTION 2. THAT the contract be awarded to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. in a net amount not to exceed Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,760.00), AND

SECTION 3. THAT the sum awarded in Section 2 of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 11.113.

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

2. Detective Car Replacement: Reported that only one bid was received, which was unsatisfactory and it has been decided to wait for the 1964 Models.

3. Justice of Peace Prince George's County: It was reported that no replacement to-date has been located to fill the position of Mr. Frey.

4. Bus Stop and Taxi Stand: After brief discussion determined that this matter be given further consideration.

5. Ice and Snow Removal Ordinance: Reported that this matter is being given further consideration and that a recommendation will probably be made in September.

6. Intersection Elm and Pine Avenues: Upon the recommendation of Captain Merson, Councilman Kennedy proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1754

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

SECTION 1. THAT a "STOP" sign be placed on the North East Corner of Elm Avenue at its intersection with Pine Avenue, AND,

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

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT, the penalties for the violations 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 for the adoption of the Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Jones.

7. Holton Lane Parking Meters: A suggestion that additional parking meters be installed on Holton Lane was referred to Chief Foster for further study and recommendation to the Committee.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Reception for Mrs. Pratt: Reminded the Council and those present of the Reception to be held Sunday, August 18, 1963, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., in honor of Mrs. Pratt, retiring Librarian after twenty eight years of service to the City. Stated that everyone in the City owed a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Pratt and this will give citizens a chance of expression.

2. Personnel Appointment: Reported that the Special Committee had met with Mrs. Pratt to obtain her ideas concerning a replacement and that she had recommended Mrs. Robinson, who is presently Assistant Librarian. The Committee then interviewed Mrs. Robinson and she indicated that she was interested in the position and it was mutually agreed that she be appointed for an interim period in order for her to determine her physical capacity and for an evaluation of her work. Councilman Roth pointed out that Mrs. Robinson has resided in the City for many years, reviewed her qualifications and educational background. A motion was presented to approve the appointment of Mrs. Reed A. Robinson as Librarian for a one year interim period at a salary of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,850.00) per annum, effective upon the date of Mrs. Pratt's retirement (August 22, 1963). Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner with a high personal commendation, and duly carried.

3. Library Transaction: Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that legal phases were in process of completion and the Bill of Sale transferring all Assets to the City became effective July 1, 1963. Mr. Pridgen reported that the financial transfers had been completed and that the City's Insurance Program had been arranged to include the Library as a City Department.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel: Welcomed Chief Foster upon his return from vacation and commended Captain Merson for his performance as Acting Chief.

2. Ball Fields---Back-Stops and Fences: Councilman Turner requested that this item be placed on the Agenda for further discussion as there is need to correct certain existing conditions.

3. City Fire Code Amendment: It was pointed out that there is need to amend Section 86-7 of the City Fire Code relating to the investigation of fires and it was decided to hold this for Committee Meeting.

4. Photographic Equipment: Requested that a copy of the recommendation by Sgt. West concerning desirable equipment be sent to each member of the Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE: Mayor Pro-Tem Collison reporting

1. Charter for Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Stated that the Council had ample opportunity to review the proposed Charter which will in no way impose any

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE, continued

obligation upon the City without prior consent. Motion presented to approve the Charter as proposed. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

2. Maple Avenue Property: It was reported that the Deed has been signed by the Park and Planning Commission and is now in process of being recorded for the transfer to the City of the property along Maple Avenue between Grant Avenue and Lee Avenue.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session September 9, 1963.

Attest:

City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved

Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reportingBANK BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 1963SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1963	\$ 124,370.94	
Plus July Receipts	318,995.74	
	<u>443,336.68</u>	
* Less July Disbursements	218,272.17	
JULY 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$225,049.51</u>

* (Disb. includes purchase of \$160,000.00 Cert. of Dep.)

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCH
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1963	\$ 6,845.48	
Plus July Receipts	<u>9,135.71</u>	
JULY 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 15,981.19</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1963	\$ --0--	
Plus July Receipts	<u>1416.40</u>	
JULY 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 1,416.40</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1963	\$ 4,057.89	
Plus July 1963 Receipts	<u>4,547.73</u>	
JULY 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 8,605.62</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH
Certificates of Deposit

\$ 100,000.00

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
Certificate of Deposit
TOTAL CERTIFICATES\$ 60,000.00\$160,000.00