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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 1963 at 8:04 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
Councilman Collison	Chief Foster, Police Dept.
Councilman Forshee ✓	Chief LaScola, Fire Dept.
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Kennedy	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman McKenzie	Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Dept.
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 September 23, 1963. The Motion was presented by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman Forshee. The minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

1. Mr. Charles L. Marburg, State Chairman for UN Week: Request for name of Takoma Park Chairman for UN Week and copy of Proclamation. (Mayor's File)
2. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, President, B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association:
 - (a) Invitation to attend meeting of Association, 8:00 p.m. October 15. (Council Files)
 - (b) Expression of support in Montgomery Junior College matter. (Mayor's File)
3. Mr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools: Statement concerning State Funds for use of Montgomery County Junior College. (Mayor's File)
4. Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, President, Columbia Union College: Expression of appreciation for Council's decision concerning Division Street. (Council Files)
5. Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Secretary-Treasurer Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Request that the Chapter be put to work. (Mayor's File)
6. Mr. E. W. Bucklin, Director, Department of Inspection and License Montgomery County: Notice of continued Hearing 8:00 p.m., November 21 on ZAP C-886 and C-894. (Civic Improvement)
7. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Notice of Hearing, 9:30 a.m., October 17: Case No. 1470, Petition of Woodrow Miller for a Special Exception to permit operation of a rooming house for nine people at 7311 Piney Branch Road (Lot 18, Block 12, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision). (Civic Improvements)
8. Mrs. Mary B. Maiers, Principal, Silver Spring Intermediate School: Request that a Patrol Lady be stationed at intersection of Takoma Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue. (Law Enf.)
9. Mr. Melvin R. Harris, Safety Committee, Silver Spring Intermediate School, PTA: Supporting Mrs. Maiers request for a Patrol Woman. (Law Enforcement)

10. Mrs. Katherine B. Hemmerdinger, Alkat's Sunshine Center, 1327 Holton Lane, City:
 (a) Request that parking meters in front of store on both sides of Holton Lane be removed and replaced with one hour parking signs. (Law Enforcement)
 (b) Request for better lighting on Holton Lane. (Public Works)
 (c) Request for street sign for Holton Lane at New Hampshire Avenue. (Public Works)
11. Petitioners, 100 Block Grant Avenue, City: Protesting conditions at 108 Grant Ave. (Public Welfare)
12. Mrs. A. E. McDonnell, 240 Manor Circle, City:
 (a) And Petitioners: Requesting removal of tree in alley between Boyd Avenue and Manor Circle. (Public Works)
 (b) Suggestion that rent charge be made against owner 317 Boyd Avenue for use of public land. (Corporation Counsel)
 (c) Inquiry as to City insurance coverage on public land in use for front steps at 317 Boyd Avenue. (Corporation Counsel)
13. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Recommendation to increase compensation paid to Mayor and City Council. (Finance)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

See last page of minutes for statement

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. George Wendlandt, 7307 Takoma Avenue, City: Presented a diagram of the intersection of Piney Branch Road and Takoma-Eastern Avenues, pointing out a traffic hazard in which a number of cars have been involved in recent weeks. He indicated that cars traveling South on Piney Branch Road cross over the left lane and into the one-way strip (Chestnut Street) between Piney Branch and Eastern Avenue. He requested that the Council study the matter for a solution to the problem. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Law Enforcement Committee.
2. Mr. Robert Vogel, 7407 Baltimore Avenue, Chairman Safety Committee, SSI, PTA: Stated he wished to support the request of Mrs. Maier and Mr. Harris for a crossing guard between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. at Takoma Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue. He pointed out that the school boy patrol was unable to cope with the situation because of the heavy concentration of traffic at this time in the morning. Further pointed out that a traffic light is deemed to be inadequate and that the expense of a crossing guard should be comparatively small. At this time he presented Master Kerry Snow, the school patrolman.
3. Master Kerry Snow, Silver Spring Intermediate 6th grade patrol: Stated that the real problem is the pile up of cars on Takoma Avenue attempting to cross Philadelphia Avenue and that when there is a break in the traffic three or four cars try to cross, apparently without coming to a full stop. He explained that the children cross Takoma Avenue only at this point and then walk up to Chicago Avenue to cross Philadelphia Avenue which is protected by an adult crossing guard. It was pointed out that the children cross from the southeast to the southwest corner of Takoma Avenue.
4. Mrs. Mary Maiers, Principal, Silver Spring Intermediate School: Appeared in support of her letter requesting the crossing guard and expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the past considerations and cooperation extended to the school.

Mayor Miller referred the request for a crossing guard to the Law Enforcement Committee.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Injury and Damage Hazard: Motion was presented instructing the Clerk-Treasurer to write letters to the metropolitan newspapers calling attention to the wrapping wire and paper being discarded by newsboys. It was pointed out that the wire is a hazard to persons and vehicles, especially the City Street Sweeper, and that newsboys should be instructed to place them in a proper trash receptacle. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
2. Conditions 108 Grant Avenue: Requested that the matter of 108 Grant Avenue be transferred to the Law Enforcement Committee because a similar complaint had been handled previously. At this time Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that a warrant had already been issued and the case had been scheduled for trial on October 10 but was postponed until the 24th.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Detective Cruiser: It was pointed out that even though specifications were mailed to ten or twelve firms, only two bids were received, each of which contained the alternates for a compact. After due consideration of the Committee and upon the recommendation of Chief Foster, it was concluded that a standard size car should be purchased. The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1760

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

- SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids were publicly opened on October 9, 1963 for a new automobile to be used by the Detective Bureau, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the bid submitted by Lustine Chevrolet, Inc., Hyattsville, Maryland for one 1964 Chevrolet, Model 1169, four door sedan meets all specifications of the Police Department, THEREFORE,
- SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to Lustine Chevrolet, Inc. in the net sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,874.00), AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized, upon delivery of the new Chevrolet, to transfer title to Lustine Chevrolet, Inc. for one 1959 Plymouth two door sedan, known as Car #3, Serial #M135-101750, Title No. H-410499, AND,
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 3 of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 11.113.

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

2. Parking Meters Carroll Avenue: It was pointed out that these meters had been installed prior to the adoption of the five foot driveway Ordinance and that as a result they should be removed, if for this reason alone. The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1761

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

- SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety parking meters Nos. 25, 26 and 27 be removed from the existing location in front of 7035 Carroll Avenue, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT one meter be relocated in a proper position between the two driveways at 7035 Carroll Avenue, AND
- SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the curbing be painted yellow for the five feet approach to each driveway in front of 7035 Carroll Avenue.

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

3. Erskine Street: It was reported that the Police Department will give this street particular attention in an effort to reduce the speeding in accordance with the complaint. This led to considerable discussion relative to speeding on residential streets and use of the Radar Equipment. Mayor Miller suggested the use of unmarked cars as is being done in many jurisdictions. It was pointed out that there is a need for a reciprocal arrangement with bordering jurisdictions and Councilman Roth suggested that the Erskine matter be held on the agenda for a thirty day period to await a report from the Police Department as to the effectiveness of the patrol. Councilman Roth also suggested that Chief Foster write the Chief of the Prince George's Police Department requesting his cooperation in this matter since Erskine Street is largely under County jurisdiction, there being only two blocks in Takoma Park.

4. Wabash Avenue: Reported that the Public Works Department has erected a "Do Not Enter" sign at the lower end of the avenue which adequately provides for this situation.

5. North Manor Circle: Reported the Police Department surveyed the street and determined that parking on both sides is creating a traffic hazard and in accordance with the recommendation of Chief Foster the following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1762

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

- SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety parking be prohibited at any time on the WEST side of North Manor Circle, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs in accordance with the diagram recommendation of the Chief of Police, AND
- SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by the Municipal Code (1961) 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: Councilman Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

5. Mr. Lloyd Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Made a brief report of the planned activities:

- (a) Jaycees well represented on the Sister City Committee and are planning a pancake raising benefit.
- (b) Distinguished Service Awards in December or January will also be awarded to the outstanding Fireman and Policeman of Takoma Park.
- (c) A plaque will be presented to the home with the most outstanding Christmas decoration.

Mr. Reed assured the Mayor and Council of the continued cooperation of the Chapter and presented the immediate Past President, Joseph Hajdinak, and further pointed out that the members of the Chapter are reminded of the importance of attending City Council meetings.

Mayor Miller highly commended the activities of the Jaycees and stated it was a privilege to be an honorary member and that he has assisted the Chapter in past years in judging contests and talent shows.

Councilman Turner also commended the Jaycees for their cooperation with the Lay Committee, of the Health and Welfare Agencies especially at Christmas time and is hopeful they will continue this activity this year.

6. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Ave., City: Inquired as to the possibility of the B. F. Gilbert Association inserting a letter in the City Newsletter for the purpose of encouraging residents and property owners to maintain a clean up and beautification program throughout the year in addition to the annual spring campaign.

Mayor Miller replied that he thought this would hardly be possible for the reason that this type of activity creates problems in the composition of the news. He stated that the editor would do an article along these lines if the material be presented through the City Office.

Mrs. Ferry then inquired about the status of the Carroll Avenue property and was informed that the Zoning Petition will be heard on November 21 by the County Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Monthly Expenditure Approval: Motion was presented for the approval of the expenditures as follows: July - \$218,314.91 (included \$160,000.00 Certificates of Deposit); August - \$190,358.59 (includes \$60,000.00 Certificates of Deposit and \$70,000.00 Certificates of Indebtedness); September - \$57,747.42. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried. Councilman Forshee called the attention of the Department Heads to a City Charter provision that expenditures should be spread out over the fiscal year as nearly as possible on a quarterly basis. He pointed out that although figures are not yet available, it appears that some departments are not following this policy as well as could be and expressed fear that this may create budget problems before the end of the year.

2. Retirement Plan: There was a discussion of the advisability of engaging the services of professional consultants to assist in evaluating proposed changes in the retirement plan. It was decided that more than one consulting organization should be considered prior to engagement.

3. Insurance: Motion was presented to engage the Insurance Buyer's Counsel on the basis of a \$500.00 annual fee through January 31, 1964 against which \$402.73 for work already performed, has been paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Advisory Board: Councilman Roth reported that Mayor Miller has named six citizens to serve with the Special Library Committee as an Advisory Board. Those named are as follows: Mr. Franklin G. Connor, Mrs. Sidney W. Tyneson, Mrs. John W. Coffman, Dr. James A. Barclay, Mrs. Stanley B. Namovicz, Mrs. E. Jack Coulson. The Special Library Committee continues to be: Chairman Councilman Roth, Councilman Collison and Councilman Turner. Councilman Roth pointed out the individual qualifications of the citizens named indicating that each would be in a position to contribute in accordance with their professional background. He stated that Mayor Miller and the Special Committee are very pleased that these qualified people have agreed to serve on the Board and that the City will be most fortunate to have their advice and assistance in this important cultural and educational activity.

2. Personnel: It was pointed out that the staff of the Library has not previously been recorded in the minutes of the City Council. Councilman Roth named employees as follows:

<u>40 Hour Week</u>	<u>20 Hour Week</u>
Mrs. Rita Robinson, Librarian	Mrs. Betty Stirling
Mrs. Phoebe Sidwell, Asst. Librarian	Mrs. Mary Roth
	Mrs. Laura French
<u>30 Hour Week</u>	Mrs. Adelaide Fraser
Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Asst. Librarian	Mrs. Dorothy Curtis
Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton	

Intermittent Basis

Mrs. Florence Nishimoto
Mrs. Rose Saidman

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Councilman Roth presented a Motion to continue the previous policies relating to personnel until the new Board has an opportunity to explore this question. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Fire Hose: Stated that bids have been received on fire hose and upon the recommendation of Chief LaScola and a review of the Committee proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1763

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids were publicly opened on October 9, 1963 for new fire hose to be used by the Fire Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the bid of F. L. Anderson Company be accepted for 2,000 feet 2½" hose for the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$1,840.00) and 400 feet 1½" hose for the sum of THREE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$312.00) AND

SECTION 3. THAT the bid of Maryland Fire Equipment and Supply Company be accepted for 600 feet 1½" 100% Dacron hose for the sum of THREE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$390.00) AND

SECTION 4. THEREFORE the Municipal Fire Chief and the Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to proceed with the contracts as accepted in Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance, AND

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, continued

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the total sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO DOLLARS (\$2,542.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 11.213.

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.

2. Portable Radios: Councilman Turner demonstrated a portable radio and pointed out the great need for a set of two to be used by the Fire Department for communication at fire scenes as well as their many other duties. A Motion was proposed transferring the required sum of \$109.00 from account No. 11.212P to account No. 11.213 for the purchase. Motion seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

3. Personnel: Motion presented that Pvt. Charles F. Hartung be returned to duty at the Fire Department, effective October 16, and appointed as a permanent employee under the Merit Plan at the third year salary of \$4900.00 per annum. It was pointed out that while Pvt. Hartung had previously served only three months of his probationary period, his active service in the U. S. Army for two years was in fire service, therefore, qualifying him for a permanent appointment. Motion seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

4. Personnel: Motion presented that Pvt. James E. Jarboe be returned to duty at the Fire Department, effective October 16, 1963, under the Merit Plan at the rate of \$5,075.00 per annum. Pvt. Jarboe has been in the service of the U. S. Army for the past two years and at the time of his induction he had an outstanding efficiency mark with the department. Motion seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

5. Personnel: Motion presented for the permanent appointment of Pvt. Jon W. Savary, retro active to October 1, 1963 at the increment salary of \$4700.00 per annum upon the recommendation of Chief LaScola. Pvt. Savary has satisfactorily completed his one year probationary period with above average efficiency rating. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

6. Official Leave: Motion presented to grant official leave to Chief LaScola for the period October 25 through November 5 in order that he may attend the I.A.F.C. Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Funds for this training have been provided for in the Fire Department Budget under Account 11.212 N-2 Training. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

7. Ambulance Service: Reported that the City Ambulance was out of service, due to a mechanical failure, during the past several days and the Wheaton Rescue Squad had graciously loaned one of their vehicles to the Fire Department. Requested that an appropriate letter of appreciation be transmitted from the City Office in recognition of this act of cooperation.

8. Commendation: Noted the excellent Civil Defense Program recently sponsored by the Potomac Conference which was attended by Mayor Miller and other City Officials. It was suggested that an appropriate letter be transmitted by the City Office.

9. Equipment Survey: It was reported that 4 beds and mattresses which had been surveyed as no longer serviceable may be discarded, possibly by donation to the Good Will Industries, if there are no objections on the part of the Council. There being no objections on the part of the Council it was so ordered.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Halloween Party: Reported that plans are progressing for the annual Halloween Party and it is hoped the Jaycees will be in a position to assist this year.
2. Sister City: Reported that an excellent meeting was held on October 10 at which time officers were elected and chairmen of service committees were appointed. Plans are progressing for the student exchange program and it is expected that another meeting will be held within two weeks.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Montgomery Junior College: Commented on the letter received by the Mayor from State Superintendent of Schools, Thomas G. Pullen, Jr.. Stated this is a source of satisfaction that Mr. Pullen has expressed his opinion regarding the matter and commended the Mayor for his perseverance. Councilman Turner suggested that a copy of this letter be provided to Mrs. Thompson of The Suburban Record.
2. By Pass Route: An inquiry was directed as to the results of the Public Hearing held On October 7 by the Park and Planning Commission. Mayor Miller reported that he spoke at the Hearing and that he is of the opinion that the amendment will be adopted, thereby, eliminating the proposed by pass. He pointed out that Mr. Kordella, Director of the Montgomery County Public Works Department, had also spoken at the meeting stating that if Takoma Park would not provide funds for the project that it is very unlikely that Montgomery County would approve the project.
3. Special Exception Case No. 1470: Petition of C. Woodrow Miller to permit operation of a rooming house at 7311 Piney Branch Road. Councilman Roth noted that this case is scheduled for hearing on October 17 but that the Committee is not in a position to make a recommendation. Councilman McKenzie pointed out that this appears to be a situation involving the local neighborhood only.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Ethan Allen Avenue at Sycamore Avenue: Reported that the Committee is of the opinion that the white paint suggestion is not practical at this location and that if anything a repeater light synchronized with Carroll Avenue would be the only solution.
2. Sidewalk and Curbing at 7109 Carroll Ave.: Reported that this condition has been repaired and there is no need for widening.
3. Wabash Avenue: Instructions that the item be removed from the agenda as the situation has been corrected by the action of the Law Enforcement Committee.
4. Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Reported that Corporation Counsel has been instructed to proceed with condemnation proceedings for land requirement.
5. Ball Field: Instructions that the item be removed from the agenda for the reason that the particular ball field is the property of Park and Planning Commission.
6. Street Lights: Motion presented to authorize the Potomac Electric Power Company to install new lights on Geneva Avenue in accordance with proposal at an annual cost of \$40.84. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
7. Dump Truck: Motion presented that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to advertise for bids for a new dump truck for use of the Public Works Department, bids to be opened on November 5, 1963. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, continued

8. Personnel: Reported that temporary arrangements had been made by Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, upon the return to work of Mr. Fiske in September, subsequent to his heart attack in June. Motion presented upon the recommendation of Mr. Rhodes and the approval of the Committee that Mr. Carl G. Fiske be designated as Sanitation Supervisor effective October 1, 1963, maintaining his salary of \$5,500.00 per annum until the salary of Sanitation Supervisor under the Merit Plan permits an increase and that Mr. John R. Boetker, Jr. be designated Auto Equipment Supervisor, effective October 1 at the salary of \$5,900.00 per annum under the Merit Plan plus car allowance. Motion seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

9. Tree and Alley: Reported that the particular tree is not "defunct", that it is, in fact, a healthy tree and to remove it would merely open an alley the City does not plan to maintain.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Mayor Miller

1. Mayor Miller proposed the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council are fully cognizant of the need for strong conviction in the spiritual values in the lives of the youth of today, AND

WHEREAS, David Henry Galler of 7501 Glenside Drive, Takoma Park, Maryland, will celebrate the event of his Bar Mitzvah on November 2, 1963,

THEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the citizens of Takoma Park, the Mayor and Council extend this token of congratulations to David Henry Galler, AND

FURTHER, extend this expression of good will and the sincere hope that he will grow into a useful manhood based on the sound principles that have been provided him by the faith of his Fathers.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

2. Councilman Roth expressed appreciation to Mr. Derato for his kind words in connection with the suggestion of increase of remuneration for the Mayor and City Council.

3. Councilman Turner reminded those present of the Maryland Municipal League Convention being held in Easton, Maryland, October 24 through October 26.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on October 28, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: *Hayes M. Lindsay*
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved *George M. Miller*
Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reportingBANK BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1963SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCHGENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1963	\$ 72,990.50	
Plus August Receipts, September Deposit	48.00	
Plus September Receipts	<u>39,126.35</u>	
	112,164.85	
Less September Disbursements	<u>57,747.42</u>	
SEPTEMBER 30, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 54,417.43</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCHGENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1963	\$ 16,555.56	
Plus September Receipts	909.36	
	<u>17,464.92</u>	
Less August Deposit, September Receipts	<u>64.23</u>	
SEPTEMBER 30, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 17,400.69</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLANDGENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1963	\$ 1,600.47	
No Transactions during September 1963	-----	
SEPTEMBER 30, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 1,600.47</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLANDSPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1963	\$ 8,818.59	
Plus September Receipts, October Deposits	<u>201.14</u>	
SEPTEMBER 30, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 9,019.73</u>

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY, CITIZENS BRANCH	\$ 160,000.00	
CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND	<u>60,000.00</u>	
TOTAL CERTIFICATES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1963		<u>\$ 220,000.00</u>

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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, October 28, 1963 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused

Councilman Collison
Councilman Roth

The Reverend Thomas Kopko, Pastor, Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church rendered the Invocation.

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

Mayor Miller commented that during Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, a Fire Prevention Slogan Contest was held in the local schools and the winners were present. Mayor Miller congratulated the contestants and awarded prizes to the following: First Prize Winner: Jack K. Templeton, 7510 Chestnut Street, Takoma Park Elementary School, age 7. His slogan was "Check Your Attic, Check Your Wires to Prevent Some Read Bad Fires". Second Prize Winner: June L. Hogan, 616 Potomac, Silver Spring Intermediate School, age 8. Her slogan was: "Don't Play With Fire For Fear You Will Expire". Third Prize Winner: Thomas Ligis, 1612 Drexell St., Our Lady of Sorrows School, age 7½. His slogan was "Become Allergic to Fire". The prizes were: First Prize - Sparky belt and Sparky sweat shirt; Second Prize - Sparky bracelet; Third Prize - Sparky sweat shirt.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 1963. The Motion was presented by Councilman Forshee and seconded by Councilman McKenzie. The minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

1. Mr. J. C. Kordella, Director of Public Works, Montgomery County: Report on status of sidewalk project #1277, upper Carroll Avenue. (Public Works)
2. Mr. N. Hawkes, 7325 Takoma Avenue, City: Complaint of weeds, non-descript trees and debris along pine tree route of Takoma Avenue. (Public Works)
3. Mr. Burton Yavener, Attorney for New Hampshire Car Wash, Inc., 7551 New Hampshire Ave., City: Request for guide lines and sign along Holton Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
4. Mr. William E. Kelly and Petitioners, 7711 Chicago Avenue, City: Request for extension of "No Parking" prohibition along Chicago Avenue (East Side) from Philadelphia Avenue to New York Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
5. Mr. Edmond Henderer, 510 Albany Avenue, City: Regarding Spring Branch Storm Drainage Project. (Public Works)

CORRESPONDENCE, continued

6. Mrs. Marjorie Tuckett, Norfolk, Virginia: Commendation of Police Department, especially Officer Postle. (Law Enforcement)
7. Mr. R. H. Brodersen, Home Missionary Secretary, Potomac Conference of S.D.A.: Commendation letter to Chief Foster. (Law Enforcement)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. James T. Brown, 6610 Westmoreland Ave., City: Thanked the Mayor, Council and Police Department for the prompt action in connection with his recent complaint of the repairing of vehicles on residential property in his neighborhood. He stated that the conditions causing the complaint have been corrected to his satisfaction and the Police Department had cooperated fully in the matter.
2. Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees:
 (a) Reported that the Jaycees had been requested by the Takoma Park Fire Department to name one of their members to the Fire Prevention Committee. He stated that Mr. Arthur Wise had been appointed to represent the Jaycees.
 (b) Stated that the Jaycees were soliciting donations from local business houses to be used as prizes for the Halloween Party Contests and that a member of the Jaycees would also act as one of the judges.
 (c) Introduced Mr. Fred Fusco, President of the Takoma-Langley Jaycees. Mr. Fusco further extended the offer of the local Jaycees to cooperate and work with the City in matters of mutual interest.
3. Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue: Called the Mayor and Council's attention to the condition of the steps on the East side of the entrance to #8 Columbia, stated that one step in particular, constitutes a hazard.

Mayor Miller extended condolence to Mrs. Colin Thompson, reporter for the Suburban Record, on the death of her mother.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:PUBLIC WELFARE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Injury and Damage Hazard: Reported that a letter had been received from the Washington Post indicating the desire to cooperate with City Officials in keeping the City clean. Local dealers and newsboys have been requested to take every precaution to see that no debris such as paper wrappings and wire is left on the streets.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Westmoreland Avenue: Thanked Mr. Brown for attending the Council Meeting and for his commendation of the Police Department in the automobile repair matter.
2. Takoma Avenue: Stated that an auxiliary policeman had been assigned for temporary duty at the intersection of Takoma Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. during school days. The officer is to study the situation and make a recommendation as to the best means to cope with the problem.
3. Holton Avenue: Upon the recommendation of the Police Department, Councilman Kennedy proposed the following Ordinance:

LAW ENFORCEMENT, continued

ORDINANCE NO. 1764

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to remove Parking Meters Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 from the angular parking spaces on the South side of Holton Lane, East of the Langley Park Post Office, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the four spaces designated in Section 1 of this Ordinance be limited to ONE HOUR parking from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. except on Sundays and Holidays, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby directed to install appropriate signs to indicate restrictions ordained by Section Two of this Ordinance, AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1583 adopted March 14, 1960 be continued in full force and effect.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilmen Collison and Roth. Mr. Hemmerdinger of the Alkat's Sunshine Center thanked the Mayor and Council for the prompt action in connection with the above Ordinance.

4. Erskine Street: Reported that radar control had been used three times with no appreciable results and that a motor cycle patrol had been assigned for the morning rush hour. Chief Foster has written a letter to Chief Panagoulis, Prince George's County Police Department requesting cooperation but to the present date there has been no response.

5. Ice and Snow Control: Reported that Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, is developing a revision to the existing Ordinance and it is anticipated that a revision will be adopted before the winter season sets in.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Chairman - excused, Councilman Turner reporting

1. Commented on the excellent caliber of people selected for the Library Advisory Board stating that one meeting has been held.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

No items for report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Halloween Party: Spoke of the wonderful cooperation of the Takoma Lions Club and the Takoma-Langley Jaycees, stating that each organization will provide a judge for the contest feature. Stated that the Jaycees are soliciting donations from the local business houses to be used as prizes for the contest and the Lions Club will serve cokes and coffee. The bandstand and orchestra arrangements have been made.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Chairman - excused

No report

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison, Chairman - excused, Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Stated that the leaf collection service has already started and will be continued until the project is completed.
2. Councilman Turner inquired as to the report of a dead tree on Willow Avenue near the residence of a Mr. William Green. Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works was directed to check into the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Tax Claim: Reported that William E. Rose, owner of the property at 7907 Wildwood Drive, has been determined to be a military veteran with full disability and entitled to tax exemption under State law. The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1765

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

SECTION 1. THAT Tax Account #58152 00, Lot 18, Block 20, New Hampshire Gardens Subdivision shall be EXEMPT from the 1963 Tax Levy and hereafter for such period that it is titled in the name of William E. Rose in accordance with Section 9 (35) Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to refund taxes collected for prior years beginning with the Levy Year of 1960.

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

2. Fund Transfer: Motion was presented to transfer the item of \$1,200.00 from Budget Account No. 11.312-G Overhead Participation, Protective Inspection, to Municipal Buildings accounts as follows:

Account No. 10.812 C-1 - Custodial Supplies	\$600.00
Account No. 10.812 D - Electricity	300.00
Account No. 10.812 E - Gas for Heat and Water	300.00

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

3. Municipal Center: It was reported that the Special Building Committee appointed by Mayor Miller has been considering the matter of the proposed Municipal Center for over a year and that the Committee has reached the point that architectural studies are now required. The following Ordinance was proposed:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, continuedORDINANCE NO. 1766

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

SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of the more efficient operation of the City government and to provide more adequate facilities for citizens, further consideration be given to the construction of a new building or buildings on the property owned by the City fronting on Maple Avenue between the Library Building and Grant Avenue, AND

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT Mr. Philip W. Mason, Registered Architect, be hereby authorized to prepare a site development study and preliminary plans and elevations of buildings, AND

SECTION 3. THAT ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to provide payment for fees involved as outlined in Section Two not to exceed this sum.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilmen Collison and Roth. Mayor Miller stated that Councilman Collison had also indicated his approval of this transaction even though he is not present to vote. However, the Mayor had not had the opportunity to discuss the matter with Councilman Roth.

4. Proceeds of Auction Sales: A proposed Ordinance was withheld for the review by Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, dealing with the establishment of a special fund of the net proceeds from the auction sale of impounded vehicles and other articles. The purpose is to establish a fund to provide the benefits enumerated in Section 28 of Article 6 for widows and children of Police and Fire Department personnel upon loss of life while on duty. Mayor Miller indicated that provisions should also be made for volunteer officers and firemen. Mr. Gingerich is to study the matter and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

5. Fire Tax: An inquiry was directed concerning the status of the Fire Tax imposed by Montgomery County upon the property in the Saratoga Estates Subdivision. It was pointed out property owners have suffered a double taxation for several years through no fault of the City because the City is actually providing fire protection. Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, reported that he has been in active contact with the County Attorney's office and will pursue the matter further and if results are not forthcoming within a reasonable time it may be necessary that a representative of the City appear before the Montgomery County Council.

6. Charter Amendments: Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel, was requested to consider and prepare proper wording for several proposed Charter Amendments.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on November 11, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: Raymond P. [Signature]
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: George M. Miller
Mayor