

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

November 11, 1963

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Monday, November 11, 1963 at 8:08 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Collison	Clerk-Treasurer Pridden
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.

Excused

Councilman Jones

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 October 28, 1963. The motion was presented by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman McKenzie. The minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

1. Adm. G. Roy Hartwig, Deputy Director of Civil Defense, Montgomery County: Request for execution of "Fallout Shelter License or Privilege" to qualify part of Fire House as a storage area for shelter supplies. (Public Works, Law Enforcement, Fire Prevention)
2. Montgomery County Board of Appeals: Notice of Hearing, 9:30 a.m. November 14, 1963 in Case No. 1480, Petition of Carl F. Kusrow to permit operation of a care home for five patients at 7420 Buffalo Avenue. (Civic Improvements)
3. Mrs. Mary B. Maiers, Principal, Silver Spring Intermediate School: Expression of appreciation for the placement of a Crossing Guard at Takoma Avenue at Philadelphia Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
4. Mrs. Joseph C. Gooch, Corresponding Secretary, Associated Health and Welfare Agencies of Takoma Park, Lay Committee: Request for use of basement #8 Sherman Avenue for headquarters and distribution center for Christmas Bureau. (Public Welfare)
5. Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association: Recommendation that a human relations council be appointed. (Civic Improvements and Public Welfare)
6. Mr. K. F. Kearns, Recording Secretary, City Fire Board: Recommendation that City Pay Scale for firemen be increased effective January 1, 1964. (Fire Prevention and Finance)
7. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kreinbihl, 1011 Elm Avenue, City:
  - (a) Expression of appreciation for support of zoning petition early this year.
  - (b) Complaint regarding seating arrangements and reserved seat costs at Circus sponsored by Police and Firemen's Association recently. (Police and Firemen's Assoc. and Law Enforcement)
  - (c) Complaint regarding neighborhood dogs jumping fence and molesting breeder dogs. (Public Welfare)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, continued

8. Mr. John A. Collins, 7805 Greenwood Avenue, City: Complaint to closing of Division Street. (Civic Improvements)
9. Mrs. Morton S. Raff, 708 Boundary Avenue, City: Commendation of Takoma Park Rescue Squad in transport of son to Washington Sanitarium. (Fire Prevention)
10. Mr. Lewis Elston, Planning Engineer, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Continuation of hearing, Thursday, November 21, 1963 at 8:00 p.m., Zoning Application C-894 and C-886. (Civic Improvements)
11. Newsletter, Civil Defense Division, Montgomery County: Notice of special Civil Defense Course offered in three different schools on consecutive nights. (Department Heads and Committee Chairmen)
12. Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Secretary-Treasurer, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Enclosed copy of a news release of the Jaycee movement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

See last page of minutes for statement.

Mayor Miller commented on the local Veterans Day Commemoration Program and deplored the apathy of the general public to such patriotic functions. He pointed out the attendance is generally the same small group of people that do take an interest in such matters and that unfortunately citizens as a whole do not display the flag at their homes. He stressed that the youth of today should be exposed to this type of patriotic influence in order that our spirit of independence and freedom may continue in the future. He stated, that in his opinion all schools should observe both Veterans and Memorial Day in a proper manner to impress children with their heritage.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. John Conley, Esq., representing Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kusrow, Special Exception Case #1480: Requested the use of the property at 7420 Buffalo Avenue as a Care Home for five persons. Stated that the case is scheduled for hearing by the Montgomery County Board of Appeals on Thursday, November 14. He pointed out that the house is adjacent to the Oak Haven Nursing Home on Albany Avenue, presently being operated by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kusrow. The property consists of 8662 square feet with a 56 foot frontage and set back as required under the R-60 Zone. Stated that under the zoning ordinance only two offstreet parking places are required but that actually ten parking spaces will be available by the combination use of the two properties, as the owners intend to install a circular driveway off of Buffalo Avenue. He pointed out that this will, if anything, lessen any nuisance induced by traffic because the circular driveway and offstreet parking facilities will have the effect of removing cars presently being parked on the street. He stated that no noise is anticipated for the reason that the Care Home will be for older persons who will primarily be seeking peace and quiet and that no more than five people can be accommodated because of the Zoning Code requirement. He stated that the operation will be in the nature of a home with living room, dining room, three private bedrooms and one semi-private bedroom. Only ambulatory patients will occupy the home as bedridden patients will be accommodated in Oak Haven. Stated there would be a housekeeper-cook-supervisor and that all guests will be served meals in the dining room and that Mrs. Kusrow, a registered nurse, would be in and out of the premises frequently. He stated that there would be no outward change in the property with the exception that it will be relandscaped to become more attractive in the neighborhood. Upon being questioned by the Council, Mr. and Mrs. Kusrow supplied information that some of the neighbors had been approached and that no objections have been raised and that the new project will triple the present offstreet parking area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, continued

2. Mr. John A. Collins, 7805 Greenwood Ave., City: Presented copies of letters and a petition opposing the proposed abandonment of Division Street which had been initiated by the Columbia Union College.
3. Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Commended Mayor Miller's comments concerning the patriotic observances and the display of flags stating that possibly the Jaycees may be able to assist in this respect. He reported that the Jaycees had assisted in the Halloween Party activity and planned to paint the interior of the Municipal Gymnasium. Reported the Jaycees will sponsor a spaghetti dinner in the Co-op Hospitality Room on November 30 as a means of raising funds for the Sister City operation. Mr. Reed stated that in addition to the plans for an award of a plaque for the best home decoration, a wishing well collection will be made available to the Lay Committee for the Takoma Park Christmas Bureau. He said that the Jaycees offered their assistance to Councilman Jones in connection with the Christmas tree lighting program.

Mayor Miller stated that he had just had a conference prior to the Meeting with a representative of the young people's Seventh Day Adventist Church Youth Group and commented that Takoma Park is extremely fortunate in having young people who want to do something for the City. He indicated that all effort would be made to utilize the cooperation of these youth.

4. Mayor Miller recognized Irving Johnson in the audience and commended Mr. Johnson's great interest in the Takoma Park Fire Department and acknowledged his many contributions to improving the services.

Mr. Johnson commented on Mayor Miller's words concerning Veterans Day and stated that in June of 1943 two service men lost their lives on the grounds that is now known as Memorial Park, attempting to raise the American flag and suggested their names be inscribed on the Memorial. He pointed out that high tension wire had been struck in erecting a flag pole. Mr. Johnson strongly supported the City Fire Board's recommendation for a pay increase for City firemen, stressing that every effort should be made to hold the men that they have trained by the Department. He pointed out that the City's pay scale is the lowest in the area and the Council should take action to meet the scales of competing jurisdictions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:LAW ENFORCEMENT: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Halloween Party: Commended Chief Foster, Police Department and Fire Department and other jurisdictions for their assistance on the Halloween Party.
2. Takoma Avenue: Reported that a crossing guard had been placed at Takoma Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue and that provisions for salary will be proposed at the next meeting.
3. Piney Branch Road Traffic Hazard: Reported that the traffic hazard on Piney Branch Road had been reduced somewhat by the placing of signs by the Public Works Department and that the State Roads Commission has agreed to correct the lane situation.
4. Erskine Street: Requested that item be removed from agenda. Stated that a letter had been received from Chief Panagoulis indicating the Prince George's County Police will cooperate.

5. Personnel: Motion presented that Pvt. Rodney T. Ingels be placed on permanent appointment to the Detective Bureau, effective November 15, 1963, upon completion of the one year probationary period and that Detective Ingels be promoted to the grade of Detective Corporal effective on the same date. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Advisory Board: Reported the next meeting will be held November 20. Stated that progress is being made and that there is a great deal of interest and enthusiasm shown on the part of the Advisory Board.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Pay Scales - Fire Department: Thanked Mr. Johnson for his appearance before the Council and his fine presentation of the case in behalf of the personnel. He stated that the Council is aware of the needs and also the City's financial problems but that every effort should be made to keep abreast of the current situation.

2. Fallout Shelter: Reported briefly on the Fallout Shelter proposal made by the Montgomery County Civil Defense Office and there is presently adequate room for the storage of supplies as suggested.

3. Personnel: Motion presented for the permanent appointment of Pvt. Charles G. Dabbs, Fire Department, effective November 16, 1963, under the Merit Plan at \$4,700.00 per annum upon completion of the probationary period. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

4. Intercom System: Commented on the great need for a proper system and expressed the hope Council will consider this matter.

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

1. Halloween Party: In behalf of Councilman Jones, Councilman Roth expressed a word of appreciation to all those assisting in the Halloween Party with particular mention of the Takoma Park Lions Club and the Takoma-Langley Jaycees.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Chairman

1. Case #1480 Kusrow, 7420 Buffalo Avenue: Pointed out that even though the Mayor and Council have a standing policy in opposition of the establishment of any new nursing homes within the City, the subject Petition appears to be a beneficial expansion of an existing facility. Motion presented indicating that the City has no opposition to the Petition because of the fact that overall parking will be improved. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to transmit this information to the Board of Appeals.

2. Division Street: Instructed that the material presented by Mr. Collins be made a matter of record in the City File and that a copy of the Petition be supplied to the Montgomery County Council.

3. 7116 Sycamore Avenue: Stated that he hoped to arrange a meeting on this within the next two weeks.

4. ZAP 894: Motion presented by Councilman Forshee to reconsider this Petition, failed by a vote of four to two.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Takoma Avenue Pine Trees: Instructed that item be removed from agenda because Public Works had corrected the cause of the complaint.
2. Spring Branch Storm Drainage: Reported that the Henderer request for aid was too late. Pointed out that the scheme for rerouting the drainage line had been presented and disapproved by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and that the Mayor and Council had subsequently appropriated \$10,000 toward the Rights of Way acquisition for the project. Stated this was a case of performing the job in accordance with the original plan or else the project would be lost entirely. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to transmit the information to Mr. Henderer.
3. Entrance #8 Columbia Avenue: Reported that the defective step will be repaired by the Public Works Department.
4. Street Lights - Holton Lane: Potomac Electric Company will be requested to make a survey.
5. Street Sign - Holton Lane: Reported that a sign has been erected by the Public Works Department.
6. Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Reported that Corporation Counsel Gingerich is negotiating with the owner of the property or will institute condemnation proceedings.
7. Dump Truck Purchase: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1767

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised as required by law, bids were publicly opened on November 5, 1963 for a new heavy duty dump truck to be used by the Highway Division, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by General Truck Sales, Inc., Washington, D. C., for a 1964 GMC Model V4001 chassis equipped with Galion dump body meets all specifications of Public Works #63-3:

SECTION 3. THEREFORE the contract be awarded to General Truck Sales, Inc. in the sum of THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED, THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$3935.00), the aforesaid being the net amount after a trade-in allowance of \$100.00 for 1951 Ford truck with Garwood dump body, and including an extra charge of \$27.00 for a heavy duty 13" clutch, AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to assign to General Truck Sales, Inc. title #E427149 for 1951 Ford truck, Serial #HLCS-17992, AND

SECTION 5. THAT the sum specified in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 12.203 Capital Outlay Highways.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, continued

8. New Hampshire Service Drive: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1768

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held on August 15, 1962 concerning the improvement of a portion of the Service Drive parallel to New Hampshire Avenue between Merwood Drive and Glenside Drive by authority of Ordinance No. 1706, adopted July 23, 1962, AND

SECTION 2. THAT by Ordinance No. 1739 adopted April 8, 1963 contract was awarded and subsequently completed including storm drainage, curb and gutters and bituminous paving at a total cost to the City of \$7,869.18, AND

SECTION 3. THAT two thirds of such costs plus an overhead charge of 4 1/2% shall be assessed against the real property benefited thereby,

SECTION 4. NOW THEREFORE real property benefited by this improvement is hereby assessed as of December 1, 1963, such assessment to become a lien against said property due and payable January 1, 1964, in full or in ten equal annual installments plus accrued interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of six percent per annum from January 1, 1964 as follows:

New Hampshire Highlands Subdivision, Block #2:				
Lot #10 - - - - -	40	Lineal Front Feet	\$14.654 per foot	\$ 586.14
Lot #11 and Pt. #12 - - -	65	Lineal Front Feet	\$14.654 per foot	952.48
Pt. Lot #12 and #13 - -	115	Lineal Front Feet	\$14.654 per foot	1,685.16
Lots #14, #15 and #16-	154.12	Lineal Front Feet	\$14.654 per foot	2,258.41
TOTAL ASSESSMENT				<u>\$5,482.19</u> AND

SECTION 5. THAT the City absorb one-third of the total cost of the Project by an appropriation from the RESERVE FUND in the amount of TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED, TWENTY THREE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$2,623.06) to Account No. 12.203.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Charter Amendment: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1769

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland have concluded that it is in the best interest of all the property owners in the City of Takoma Park and the orderly planning of the fiscal affairs of the City of Takoma Park that the Charter be amended so as to discontinue the giving of discounts to those paying taxes prior to October 1st of each year and to provide for penalties for payment of taxes after October 1st of each year; AND

WHEREAS, from the provisions of Section 13 of Article 23 A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended it is mandatory that the following Resolution be introduced proposing the change in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon Motion of Councilman Forshee duly seconded, the following Resolution be and it is hereby introduced and the Clerk is instructed to cause a complete and exact copy of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment to be posted in the City Office, #8 Columbia Avenue, for a period of at least forty days following its adoption, and the Clerk is further instructed to cause a public notice of said Resolution to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Takoma Park not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days after the adoption of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment.

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

THAT Section 48-11 (f) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 1428 (f) of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) providing for payment of taxes and assessments be repealed and re-enacted with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, that Section 48-11 (f) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 1428 (f) of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

(f) On or before the last day of June in each year, the Council shall, by ordinance, levy the general taxes for the fiscal year ensuing, which taxes shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation. All improvements which become substantially completed between July 1st and September 30th in any year shall be assessed for taxes and such improvements shall be subject to municipal taxation in said year on the basis of three-fourths of the regular assessment made for State and County purposes for said year. All improvements which become substantially completed between October 1st and December 31st in any year shall be assessed for taxes and such improvements shall be subject to municipal taxation in said year on the basis of one-half of the regular assessment made for State and County purposes for said year. In the case of buildings under construction, the term "substantially completed" shall mean when the building is under roof, plastered (or ceiled) and trimmed. Such taxes shall be due on the first day of July following, and if the taxes due from any person or corporation shall not be paid before the first day of October following, there

FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

shall be added on that day a penalty of one per centum (1%) thereof, and a like penalty of one per centum (1%) on the first day of each succeeding month, until such taxes and penalties shall be paid. Nothing herein contained shall in any way operate to or be construed to repeal, alter, revise, amend or operate to or in any manner affect any other provision in this Charter as to the assessment, collection, or sale for non-payment of taxes, and all taxes, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, shall be collected, except as herein specifically provided for, and all proceedings for sales for the non-payment thereof shall be conducted, at the times and in the manner provided for in the other sections of this Charter.

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

2. Charter Amendment: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1770

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, have concluded that the present Charter restriction on the payment of fees for the auditing of the books, accounts, statements and records relating to the financial affairs of the City is not adequate to fairly compensate a certified public accountant for the time required for such audit and that the method of the appointment of a certified public accountant should be changed; AND

WHEREAS, from the provisions of Section 13 of Article 23 A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended it is mandatory that the following Resolution be introduced proposing the change in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon Motion of Councilman Forshee duly seconded, the following Resolution be and it is hereby introduced and the Clerk is instructed to cause a complete and exact copy of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment to be posted in the City Office, #8 Columbia Avenue, for a period of at least forty days following its adoption and the Clerk is further instructed to cause a public notice of said Resolution to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Takoma Park not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of of at least forty days after the adoption of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment.

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

THAT Section 48-8 (j) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 1425 (j) of the Prince George's Code (1953 Edition) providing for the appointment and compensation of a certified public accountant to audit the various accounts of the City of Takoma Park be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that Section 48-8 (j) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 1425 (j) of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:



FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

(j) The Council shall each year employ an independent certified public accountant to make an audit of the books, accounts, statements, and records relating to the financial affairs of the City for the fiscal year. Said audit shall be authorized so that it may be completed as soon as practical following the close of the fiscal year. Said accountant shall have no connection with or relation to the City government or any of its officers or employees. Upon completion of said audit, the said accountant shall prepare a report thereon and submit the same, together with his recommendations, if any, to the Mayor and Council. Thereafter, said report and recommendations shall be public records open to public inspection during business hours at the office of the City Clerk.

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

3. Charter Amendment: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1771

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, have concluded that in order to attract the maximum number of qualified candidates for the office of Mayor and City Council and to enable such persons who are duly elected to such office to serve without suffering undue financial hardship due to the time and expenses involved in carrying out the functions of such offices, it is necessary that the sum paid to the Mayor and Council be increased; AND

WHEREAS, from the provisions of Section 13 of Article 23 A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended it is mandatory that the following Resolution be introduced proposing the change in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon Motion of Councilman Forshee duly seconded, the following Resolution be and it is hereby introduced and the Clerk is instructed to cause a complete and exact copy of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment to be posted in the City Office, #8 Columbia Avenue, for a period of at least forty days following its adoption and the Clerk is further instructed to cause a public notice of said Resoltuion to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Takoma Park not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days after the adoption of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment.

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

THAT Section 48-5 (t) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 1422 (n) of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) providing for compensation of the Mayor and Council in lieu of expenses be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that Section 48-5 (t) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 1422 (n) of the Prince George's County Code (1953 Edition) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

(n) The Mayor shall receive compensation in the amount of \$1,200.00 per annum and each Councilman shall receive compensation in the amount of \$800.00 per annum, payable in equal monthly allotments. Said compensation shall become effective with the Mayor and Council which shall take office on the second Monday in April 1964, or upon the date when the successors to the present Mayor and Council are duly qualified.

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

4. American Municipal Association Executive Meeting: Commented that Mayor Miller is a member of the AMA Executive Committee and presented a motion that the Mayor attend the Committee Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona beginning December 2nd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Takoma Park Christmas Bureau: Stated a letter had been received from the Lay Committee requesting use of the basement at #8 Sherman Avenue for the usual Christmas Bureau headquarters and distribution center. Commented that the Mayor and Council were always happy to cooperate with the Lay Committee and would request Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, to have the basement prepared for this purpose.

2. Complaint - Dogs: Indicated the problem is one of an entirely private matter between neighbors. The City has no real responsibility because the County collects the dog tax. Suggested the Public Works Department is willing to cooperate but the animal shelter should provide the service.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on November 25, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Haynes M. Pidgeon  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

George M. Miller  
Mayor

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

Balance as of September 30, 1963	\$ 54,417.43	
* Plus October Receipts	<u>103,989.56</u>	
	158,406.99	
Less October Disbursements	<u>60,967.16</u>	
OCTOBER 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 97,439.83</u>
* (Includes Certificate of Deposit of \$60,000.00)		

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCH  
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of September 30, 1963	\$ 17,400.69	
Plus October Receipts	<u>661.99</u>	
	18,062.68	
No Disbursements during October	<u>---</u>	
OCTOBER 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 18,062.68</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND  
GENERAL FUND

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

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of September 30, 1963	\$ 9,019.73	
No Transactions during October	<u>---</u>	
OCTOBER 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 9,019.73</u>

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY, CITIZENS BRANCH	\$220,000.00	
Less: CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND	<u>60,000.00</u>	
OCTOBER 31, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$160,000.00</u>
(Suburban Trust Co., Citizens Branch)		

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

November 25, 1963

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Regular Session in the Council Room #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on Monday, November 25, 1963 at 8:07 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused

Councilman McKenzie

The Invocation was rendered by Councilman Clayton D. Forshee.

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 November 11, 1963. The motion was presented by Councilman Collison and seconded by Councilman Kennedy. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Mayor Miller requested that the reading of the correspondence be dispensed with until the next meeting but would be referred to the proper committees and if action is taken on any matters reports will be given at the next meeting.

Mayor Miller spoke about the cowardly assassination of President Kennedy. He remarked there are no words he could find which would enrich those that have already been said, no words that can express the sorrow in the hearts of every American and the President's family tonight. He commented that we should take courage from the President's exemplary life as stated in his inaugural address - "Not what your country can do for you -- ask what you can do for your country". Stated we should all rededicate ourselves and give our full cooperation and patriotic support to our new President, Lyndon Johnson. Mayor Miller presented a motion to adopt the following Resolution of Respect:

R E S O L U T I O Nof Respect

WHEREAS, the entire civilized world is deeply shocked and sadly grieved by the assassination and untimely passing of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of The United States of America; and

WHEREAS, John Fitzgerald Kennedy as an individual and as President of the United States was recognized to be a sincere friend to man regardless of race, creed or color; and

Resolution, continued

WHEREAS, the stature he attained by his exemplary life and monumental achievements was recognized during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America and the entire world has suffered the loss of a great leader and advocate for world peace and the dignity and freedom of all peoples;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, does by this resolution and public record, express deep sorrow on behalf of the citizens of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, and does further perceive that the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy is a distinct loss to the City of Takoma Park, Maryland and to other municipalities throughout the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official Minutes of the Council and a copy thereof be sent to his bereaved wife, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, and family as a token of the respect held for President Kennedy in this community.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Clyde C. Cleveland, Business Manager, Columbia Union College: Spoke of the continuing hazard to students crossing Flower Avenue in the vicinity of the college. He indicated the student body has recognized this hazard and Dr. Hirsch, President of the College, had previously forwarded to the Mayor and Council a copy of several suggestions made by the students. Mr. Cleveland stated that in due course the elementary school building will be used as a religious study building by the College upon the completion of the new school building. Stated this will create even greater foot traffic across Flower Avenue. Mr. Cleveland presented a letter to the Council, for further consideration, suggesting a point 5 program which also stipulates that the College agrees to contribute toward the cost and operation of the flashing lights proposed. The matter was referred to the Law Enforcement Committee, whereupon Councilman Kennedy pointed out that Flower Avenue is under the jurisdiction of the State Roads Commission and after study by the Committee an appropriate recommendation will be made to the Commission.

2. Mr. W. H. McClenon, Vice Chairman, Sister City Committee: Stated the Committee would appreciate the cooperation of the citizens of Takoma Park in the following three areas: (a) Donations - in sums of \$1.00 to \$5.00 and up to help support the activities of the Committee; (b) Greeting Committee - would appreciate a substantial number of citizens to meet and greet the visiting student from Brazil, Miss Arly Souza Britto, upon her arrival at the airport sometime in January (exact date yet unknown); (c) Hospitality - would like the citizens to invite her to their homes for meals, entertainment, short trips, etc. during the period of her visit.

Mayor Miller commented at this time on the fine reception given to the Sister City Committee, the Clerk-Treasurer and himself at the Brazilian Chancery on November 19. Stated the delegation had spent nearly an hour and a half with the official representative of the Ambassador, who was out of the City, and other members of the Staff. The delegation learned considerable historical information pertaining to Brazil, particularly in connection with the relationship between the United States and Brazil. Reiterated it was a most enjoyable and informative meeting and that he had personally extended an invitation to the staff to visit Takoma Park in order that they might observe local government in operation.

Public Participation, continued

3. Mr. Lloyd Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Stated the Jaycees are already working toward financial support of the Sister City Committee. Reannounced the fact that the Jaycees are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner in the Co-op Hospitality Room, November 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Further indicated the Jaycees, particularly as a result of the assassination of President Kennedy, will intensify their program on Americanization beginning after the new year.
4. Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins, 818 Larch Avenue, City: Requested the Mayor and Council to consider a pedestrian crossing light on New Hampshire Avenue at Larch Avenue. Emphasized this is still a hazardous crossing for school children even though there are two crossing officers generally stationed at appropriate hours. Further pointed out the flashing lights do not sufficiently slow traffic at this point. The matter was referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:LAW ENFORCEMENT: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel: Motion presented, in concurrence with Chief Foster's recommendation, that Pvt. Fred W. Frye and Pvt. Andrew C. Hilton be placed on permanent appointment effective November 15, 1963, having satisfactorily completed the one year probationary period. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. Chicago Avenue - No Parking prohibition: Upon the request of the majority of the citizens living on Chicago Avenue and the recommendation of Chief Foster and Public Works Director Rhodes the following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1772

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on school days on the East side of Chicago Avenue between Philadelphia and New York Avenues, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs as designated in Section One of this Ordinance, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violations 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 as follows: Aye: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy and Roth. Abstain: Councilman Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman McKenzie.

3. Expression of Sympathy: Councilman Turner suggested that an appropriate letter be written either to the Chief of Police in Dallas, Texas or to the widow expressing sympathy in connection with the death of Officer J. D. Tippitt. Mayor Miller directed the Clerk-Treasurer to write such a letter in the name of the Mayor and City Council.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Advisory Board: Reported that a Committee Meeting was held on the evening of November 20 and progress is being made.

Minutes continuedFIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Ladder Truck: The following Ordinance was proposed to authorize payment to the Seagrave Corporation for repairs to the ladder truck:

ORDINANCE NO. 1773

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Chief of the Fire Department has reported all work has been satisfactorily completed by Seagrave Apparatus Division of FWD Corporation in connection with the repair of Seagrave Ladder Truck Ell70 as authorized by Ordinance No. 1718, adopted November 12, 1962, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay to the Seagrave Apparatus Division of FWD Corporation a sum not to exceed FOURTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED, EIGHTEEN DOLLARS, NINETY TWO CENTS (\$14,418.92) as full and complete settlement of the account as indicated in Section No. 1, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the sum of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED, EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS, SEVENTY FIVE CENTS (\$1,882.75) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.213, Capital Outlay, to supplement previous appropriations to cover the entire cost of the project.

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

Councilman Turner commended Chief LaScola for the excellent job performed in handling the bills involved.

2. Fallout Shelter License or Privilege: Motion presented to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Office of Civil Defense of Montgomery County to establish a storage area for Fallout Shelter supplies in the basement of the Fire House. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

No report at this time.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Disposition of Land: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1774

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City Council has determined that two parcels of land owned by the City is no longer needed for public use, such parcels being described as follows:

Parcel No. 1: "All that land lying within the City Limits of Takoma Park Montgomery County, Maryland, bounded on the south by the seventy foot right-of-way of Maple Avenue and on the East by the right-of-way of Ritchie Avenue and on the West by the right-of-way of Niagara Avenue and on the North by the rights-of-way of Niagara and Oswego Avenues containing Twenty-Three Thousand (23,000) square feet, more or less,"

Civic Improvements Committee, continued

Parcel No. 2. "Lot 15 of Block 60, B. F. Gilbert's Addition to Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland," AND,

SECTION 2. THAT it is the desire of the City Council to dispose of the two parcels of land referred to in Section 1 of this Ordinance by sale to a qualified buyer, AND,

SECTION 3. THAT the Charter of the City of Takoma Park provides that "The Council shall have the power to acquire by purchase or condemnation real or leasehold property needed for any public purpose and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the City and to sell at public or private sale any real or leasehold property belonging to the City when no longer needed for public use, but no property shall be sold until such sale has been advertised for at least twenty days before date of sale," AND

SECTION 4. THEREFORE, the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to insert an appropriate Official Notice four times in two weekly newspapers of local circulation containing a summary of this Ordinance indicating that offers to purchase will be received until 4:00 P.M. S.T. December 30, 1963 and to notify the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission of the City Council's intention to dispose of the public property referred to in this Ordinance.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

No report at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

No report at this time.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Chairman - excused, Councilman Forshee reporting

No report at this time.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Mayor Miller

1. Montgomery County Chapter, Maryland Municipal League: Councilman Turner moved that the Council go on record as approving in principle the Resolution proposed by the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League with the stipulation that the detailed wording is to be worked out at the next meeting of the Chapter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on December 9, 1963 at 8:00 p.m..

Attest: *Raymond M. P...*  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved *George M. Miller*  
Mayor