

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

December 9, 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 December 9, 1963 at 8:15 p.m..

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on November 25, 1963. The motion was presented by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Kennedy. The minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

1. Honorable Lew Davis, Mayor, City of Tucson, Arizona: Expression of gratitude to Mayor Miller. (Council as a Whole)
- 1a. Mr. E. F. Willett, Auditor, Columbia Union Conference: Congratulations for the Azalea planting and beautification program. (Council File)
2. Mr. T. S. Geraty, Associate Secretary, General Conference of S.D.A.: Congratulations to Mayor Miller and administration on 80th Anniversary of Founding of City. (Council as a Whole)
3. Mrs. Barbara Fiske, Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.: Listed names of officers for year 1964. (Fire Prevention)
4. Mrs. Anne A. Wilkins, Chairman, Executive Board, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Regarding memorandum of agreement on regional planning in connection with Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962. (Public Works)
5. Mrs. Anne A. Wilkins, Chairman, Executive Board, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Submitting Regional Model Code governing sale of firearms. (Law Enforcement)
6. Mr. L. M. Geib, President, Takoma Park Elementary School P.T.A.: Suggestion for a "Do Not Block Intersection" at school driveway (Birch Avenue and Philadelphia Ave. (Law Enforcement)
7. Mr. S. Michael Derato, Secretary, Police and Firemen's Association: Supporting an increase in pay scales for police and firemen effective January 1, 1964. (Special Committee, Finance and Law Enforcement)

Mayor Miller referred Mr. Derato's letter to the Finance Committee and appointed a Special Committee to study the pay scale, composed of Councilman Forshee, Chairman; Councilman Collison; Councilman Kennedy and Councilman Turner; instructing the Special Committee to have a meeting in the very near future to consider the possibility of a pay increase to become effective as of January, 1964. He conceded that the Reserve Fund has already been

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, continued

earmarked but in view of the Federal pay increase scheduled for January, it is imperative that the Council exhaust every means of consideration to maintain the City pay scale at somewhat a near competitive level. He pointed out the City could ill afford to lose qualified personnel and indicated it may become necessary to consider a tax increase for the forthcoming fiscal years to support an adequate pay scale plan. He offered to meet with the Committee at their convenience.

8. Mr. Albert K. Stevens, President, Takoma-Langley Taxi Association, Inc.: Request for an additional taxi street stand in 7600 block Maple Avenue. (Law Enforcement, Finance & Public Works)

9. Mr. Frederick G. Taylor, 113 Sherman Avenue, City: Request for improved street lighting along Sherman Avenue. (Public Works)

10. Mrs. Mary C. Rodriguez, 210 Spring Ave. City: Request for improvement of storm drainage system in front of property. (Public Works)

11. Miss Dorothy I. Thompson, 109 Sheridan Ave., City: Request for improved street lighting on Hancock and Sheridan Avenues. (Public Works)

12. Miss Tari Prawirowidjojo, foreign student from Indonesia: Expression of grief and sympathy upon the death of President Kennedy. (Council File)

Councilman Kennedy suggested that copies of this letter be forwarded to the various local newspapers and the Clerk-Treasurer was so instructed.

13. Mr. Alfred J. Jarboe, #42 Columbia Ave., City: Referring matter dealing with personnel. (Corporation Counsel)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

See last page of minutes for statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Miller

Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation to the City Council for extending him the opportunity to represent Takoma Park at the Executive Committee Meeting of the American Municipal Association held in Phoenix, Arizona the previous week. He pointed out that AMA represents, at the National level, over thirteen thousand municipalities, large and small throughout the United States. Commented that Takoma Park is fortunate to be represented on the Executive Committee considering municipalities of such small size generally are not so represented.

Mayor Miller then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag after which he stated he purposely withheld the pledge until this point in order to emphasize the need for patriotism. Stated he felt the full impact during his visit to Phoenix when he observed the flag at half mast at the home of a political opponent to the late President. Pointed out even though there are great political differences, there is still great honor and respect between great statesmen.

At this time Mayor Miller invited all citizens to participate in the Christmas Tree Lighting Program scheduled at 4:00 p.m., December 22, 1963, at the City Library. He also stated the Council Meeting scheduled for December 23 will be cancelled, as is customary, to permit Councilmen and City Officials to spend this time with their families.

Mayor Miller acknowledged sacrifices by members of the Takoma Park-Langley Junior Chamber of Commerce Chapter in their activities over the past weekend. He stated the Jaycees had

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redecorated the interior of the Municipal Gymnasium by an excellent paint job having started the project about 10:00 p.m. Saturday night. Expressed appreciation in behalf of the City Council and citizens directly to Mr. Lloyd Reed, a representative of the Jaycees, who was present in the audience and instructed that certificates of appreciation be prepared for those members participating who reside in the City and Honorary Citizens Certificates for those residing outside the City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Acknowledged Mayor Miller's comments and stated the project was finished at 3:00 p.m. and the men had played basketball for an additional hour. He indicated to the Mayor and Council that the Jaycees are now ready to take on another project. Stated the Christmas Home Decoration Award is to be presented during the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies on December 22. Further reported the spaghetti dinner program held on November 30 to raise funds for the Sister City Committee, had been successful; however, not to the degree they had hoped for. He pointed out the ingredients had been donated by a fellow member of the Jaycee Chapter, Mr. Donald Redmond, owner of the Pizza Kitchen on Flower Avenue. At this time, Councilman Roth stated he had enjoyed the sumptuous servings of spaghetti. Councilman McKenzie suggested the Council go to the Municipal Gymnasium and observe the excellent job accomplished by the Jaycees after the Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Advisory Board: Reported last meeting of the Committee was held on November 21, 1963 at which time the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for an organization to further citizen participation was proposed and reviewed. The Committee is making good progress.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Burning of Greens: Announced there would be a burning of the greens to be conducted by the Fire Department on January 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Grant and Maple Avenues for the safe disposition of Christmas trees. The public is requested to bring their trees to this location.

2. Jackson Avenue Vacant Lots: Proposed an Ordinance to require a clean up of brush and growth which is a source of many complaints to the Fire Department. Pointed out efforts of the department to correct the situation had been futile. The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1775

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that Lots 24, 25, 28 and the private road serving said Lots in Block 36 of B. F. Gilberts Addition to Takoma Park as recorded on Plat 6751 recorded August 6, 1962 in Plat Book 71 among the Land Records of Montgomery County are in violation of Section 86-96 of the City Fire Prevention Code, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Fire Marshall has not been successful under normal procedure to secure compliance by the owners of the property as stipulated in Section 1 to conform to Section 86-96 of the City Fire Prevention Code,

Fire Protection Committee, continued

- SECTION 3. THEREFORE, The City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to secure bids by advertisement and other means for the cost of performing the work as required under Section 86-96 of the City Fire Prevention Code, AND,
- SECTION 4. THAT the Fire Marshall and the City Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder, AND
- SECTION 5. THAT upon satisfactory completion of the work as provided under the terms of the contract, payment be made to the contractor and the sum of said payment in addition to cost of advertisement be hereby levied as a special assessment against the property designated in Section 1 to be collected in the same manner as general taxes and special assessments under provisions of the City Charter and State Law.

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

3. Repairing of Motor Vehicles on Private Property: Mayor Miller reiterated the need for an Ordinance governing the repair of vehicles on private property stating that Corporation Counsel Gingerich had previously prepared such an ordinance which is to be reviewed by the Police Department. Councilman Kennedy stated a meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., December 10, to further consider this matter.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

- 1. Christmas Tree Lighting Program: Reported arrangements had been made for Santa Claus to arrive at 4:00 p.m., December 22, for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the program this year will be somewhat different from previous years.
- 2. Sister City Executive Committee: Last meeting held December 5 with a very good attendance. There is a great deal of enthusiasm and plans are under way. The communication system seems to create the biggest problem but a cablegram is to be sent in the hopes of receiving a reply immediately relative to the exchange student.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

- 1. 7501 Maple Avenue: Reported building permit application had been received for the construction of a nine story, forty four unit apartment building at an estimated cost of \$65,000.00. The developer, Mr. Iskow, had previously appeared before the Council and there was a general favorable impression of the gentleman.
- 2. Master Plan: Requested other Council members to review the Master Plan over the holidays so it could be considered in January. Mr. Pridgen reported he had written to the Montgomery County Council relative to ZAP C-886, reiterating the Mayor and Council's opposition to the proposed zoning. Stated he had observed in a recent issue of the Montgomery County Council Minutes that a decision on this Petition as well as C-894 had been postponed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

- 1. Street Lights - Holton Lane: Reported request has been made to Potomac Electric Company for a survey but to date no report has been received.
- 2. Holly Bushes: Requested letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mrs. John Shelford, 3207 Beech St., N.W., who recently donated several fancy holly bushes to the City through

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, continued

Mrs. Hardisty. Four of the plants have been placed in a holding bed for future transplant and one more plant is yet to be picked up. Commented this will be a fine addition to the Azalea planting program and requested a copy of the letter be forwarded to the committee.

3. State Roads Projects: The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to write a letter to Director Funk in an effort to ascertain the impact upon the City of the 10 lane divided highway, connection between Route 495 and 70S, as recently mentioned in a newspaper item.

4. Council of Governments: Stated he had represented Mayor Miller at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee at which time Mr. Roye Lowry of Arlington County was elected chairman of the Executive Board to succeed Mrs. Wilkins on January 1. Commented the budget was discussed and the Executive Board had recommended the budget be presented to the semi annual meeting to be held this week of the entire membership. He pointed out there will be no basic changes in the contribution by the City.

Mayor Miller reminded the Council members the mid-year meeting will be held Wednesday night, December 11, and that reservations had to be made by the following morning.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting  
No report at this time

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Human Relations Council: After much discussion on the part of the members which developed that there is no apparent need for such a Council, Councilman Forshee moved that the subject be tabled and removed from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

2. Courses - Maryland State Department of Health: Reported Building Inspector Williams attended a course sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Health November 18 through November 22, 1963 held at the Montgomery County Building, Rockville, Maryland. Stated Mr. Williams has been invited to attend a five week course, free of charge, to be held in Baltimore sometime in February or March. A decision on this has been withheld until further information is available to the Committee.

3. Siren: Expressed the hope that the Fire Department is not considering the purchase of one of the new type wailing sirens as the sound is most disturbing, particularly during the middle of the night.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Columbia Union College:

Requested that a letter be written to the State Roads Commission concerning the five point suggestion recently proposed by the College to reduce pedestrian hazards along Flower Avenue.

2. Cab Stand - Maple Avenue: Proposed the following Ordinance upon the request of the Takoma-Langley Association and as recommended by Chief Foster:

ORDINANCE NO. 1776

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

SECTION 1. THAT forty eight (48') feet of public right of way on the West side of MAPLE AVENUE beginning five feet SOUTH of the Service Drive Entrance to 7620 Maple Avenue be designated as a stand for three taxicabs, AND,

Law Enforcement Committee, continued

- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to install signs and markings as necessary, AND,
- SECTION 3. THAT the penalties for parking in violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Article 10 of the Municipal Code (1961) titled Traffic Regulations, AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the Takoma-Langley Taxi Association, Inc. is hereby given permission to install a cab service telephone at the location as designated in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

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. Parking Meter Removal: Proposed the following Ordinance upon the recommendation of Chief Foster:

ORDINANCE NO. 1777

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

SECTION 1. THAT Parking Meter No. 54 be removed from its existing location on Carroll Avenue.

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.

4. Commendation: Commended the Police Department and Detective Bureau for their splendid performance in apprehending the four criminals involved in the armed robbery at Langley Park. Requested Captain Merson to convey the Mayor's and Council's appreciation to the officers engaged; namely, Captain Merson, Sgt. Lane, Cpl. Ingels and Pvt. Postle.

Mayor Miller commended Mrs. Colin Thompson of the Suburban Record for her fairness in recording and for an outstanding job.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on January 13, 1963 at 8:00 p.m..

Attest: *Haynes M. Postle*  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved *George M. Miller*  
Mayor

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

Balance as of October 31, 1963	\$ 97,439.83	
Plus November Receipts	49,854.59	
Plus Transf r Funds from Suburban Trust Co. (Takoma Branch)	17,500.00	
	<u>\$164,794.42</u>	
*Less November Disbursements	126,649.31	
NOVEMBER 30, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 38,145.11</u>

\*(Includes Certificate of Indebtedness of \$60,000)

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAKOMA BRANCHGENERAL FUND

Balance as of October 31, 1963	\$ 18,062.68	
Plus November Receipts	403.30	
	<u>18,465.98</u>	
Less November Disbursements Transferred to Suburban Trust Co. - Citizens Branch	17,500.00	
NOVEMBER 30, 1963 BALANCE		<u>\$ 965.98</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLANDGENERAL FUND

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

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLANDSPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITSUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH

\$160,000.00