

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 10, 1964

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 February 10, 1964 at 8:12 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Collison	Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Chief LaScola, Fire Department
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Kennedy	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman McKenzie	Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Department
Councilman Roth	
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 January 27, 1964. The motion was presented by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman Jones. The minutes approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

1. Mr. Lester H. Ahlswede, President, Hillwood Manor Citizens Association:
 - (a) Request for street light on PEPCO Pole No. 837881 on 13th Avenue across from playground. (Public Works)
 - (b) Request for remedy of drainage problem on 13th Avenue along Sligo Creek park area. (Public Works)
 - (c) Request for inspection of streets in Hillwood Manor section for planning repairs. (Public Works)
2. Mr. George Hennigsen, 902 Anne Street, City and Petitioners (13): Request that Anne Street be designated a one way street northbound. (Law Enforcement)
3. Mr. Kenneth G. Jones, #10 Jefferson Avenue, City and Petitioners (6): Request for thorough inspection of dwellings at #12 Jefferson Avenue and #34 Fremont Avenue. (Public Welfare)
4. Mr. W. H. Atherly, 7312 Carroll Avenue, City and Petitioners (13): Request that City purchase property in vicinity and convert same into a parking lot. (Law Enforcement & Civic Imp)
5. Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Workman and Mr. & Mrs. M. I. Barr, Jr., 11815 Lincoln Avenue, Beltsville Maryland: Request for Hearing regarding third apartment at 706 Houston Avenue. (Public Welfare)
6. Mr. George N. Lewis, Jr., Traffic Division, State Roads Commission: Regarding Special Studies 718 pertaining to parking and pedestrian signals on Flower Avenue at Columbia Union College. (Law Enforcement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes for statement.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES: Mayor Miller

Mayor Miller congratulated the 8th Baby Sitting Training Class and presented certificates and cards to the following girls who completed the course, which is sponsored and conducted by the Fire Department: Patty Ann Jackson, Ellen Miller, Carol Fantom, Cathy Dillon, Joan Bakos, Ruth Pennington, Cathy Miller, Mary Ann Farson, Darlene Zombro, Sharon Jones.

Certificates were also awarded to the following instructors who gave so generously of their time: Mrs. Jane McBride, Nancy Hartung, Officer LeCompte, Sgt. West, Sgt. Rhan, Deputy Chief DeKalb, Pvt. Jenkins.

Mayor Miller read the Evening Star article given to him by Mr. Perry Schroeder covering the proposed ten lane highway which is to join with the loop.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Bodil Frederiksen, 1826 Kilbourne Place, Washington, D.C.: Spoke relative to the neighbors complaining about her property at 12 Jefferson Avenue and 34 Freemont Avenue. Stated she had acquired the property a short time ago and was doing everything she could to improve the property. Stated she had painted both the inside and outside of the buildings and is trying to improve the grounds. Commented she only wanted peace and harmony in the neighborhood and would appreciate it if the neighbors would let her know if she is doing anything to disturb them. Stated she is planning to move to Takoma and will then have better control over her property.

Councilman McKenzie stated that the former owner of the Jefferson and Freemont Avenues property had been denied permission for apartments. Commented the Public Welfare Committee would call a special meeting to discuss this matter with Miss Frederiksen.

2. Lloyd Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Reported on the Sister City Town Meeting to be held February 18th at which time Miss Arly Britto, the exchange student, will be formally introduced to the citizens of Takoma Park. Stated it is also hoped at this time to inform the citizens what the Sister City Program is doing now, what their future plans consist of and their hopes for the future. Commented on the spaghetti dinner March 21st to raise funds for the Sister City project. The dinner will be held in the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Mr. Harold Boyd, a director of the Takoma-Langley Jaycee Chapter and also chairman of the spaghetti dinner was introduced at this time.

3. Curtis J. Baird, Chairman of the Fire Board: Commented how much the Fire Board appreciated the cooperation they received from the Mayor and City Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. #A5227, Z.A.P. #A-5228, New Hampshire Avenue at University Boulevard: Commented that if there is no objection on the part of the Council, he would like to discuss the application for rezoning with Mr. Orem and request that he contact Park and Planning and request a six months deferment. A delay of six months would enable the Council to see what is being constructed on the adjoining property and then perhaps there might be some basis for considering C-2 zoning. There were no objections on the part of the Council.

2. Z.A.P. #C-1234 - Geneva Avenue, Part Lot 16, Block 59, B. F. Gilberts Addition to Takoma Park: A motion was presented to recommend approval of the R-10 zoning providing the City has on hand the necessary legal documents executed by the owner which gives the City the right to control access of traffic to Geneva Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, continued

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Street Lighting - Sherman, Hancock, Sheridan, Grant Avenues: Reported PEPCO had surveyed the situation and recommended improved street lighting on all four streets. A motion was presented to accept PEPCO's proposal to install 26 - 2500 lumen street lights in place of the existing 14 - 1000 lumen lights at a net annual increase of Three Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Thirty Two cents (\$382.32). The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Monthly Expenditure Approval: Motion was presented for the approval of the expenditures as follows: October - \$60,967.16; November - \$144,149.31; December - \$61,554.49; January - \$92,160.86. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

2. Correction - Ordinance No. 1780: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1785

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

SECTION 1. THAT due to typographical error the date January 15 contained in the NOTICE TO BIDDERS in Ordinance No. 1780 is hereby corrected to read February 1st in all references thereto.

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

3. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Reported the City has been requested to join in a study of problems which confront the whole metropolitan area by providing personnel services not to exceed \$700.00 per year.

4. Pay Scale Study: Reported that the Committee has discussed the problems and need for a possible increase in salaries. Stated the Committee felt that if any increase was granted at the present time, it would be a mere token. Stated they felt it best to postpone action until the first of the fiscal year (July 1) and make a larger, more equitable adjustment. Commented the Committee will continue to work on it and have a recommendation to turn over to the new Council.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. 706 Houston Avenue:
12 Jefferson Avenue and 34 Freemont Avenue:

Reported he will set up a Hearing with both of the subject cases within the next few days.

Councilman Roth reminded the Council a few months ago the cooperation of real estate agents in zoning relating to Takoma Park property sales was solicited through the various real estate boards. He stated in connection with the properties just reported by Councilman McKenzie, it is apparent that the requested cooperation is not forthcoming. He indicated that he would be interested in learning the real estate brokers involved in the subject transactions.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Private Parking - small trucks: Reported that the Police Department has determined parking small commercial vehicles used in daily employment is permissible and that the individual making the inquiry has been so notified. The question was raised as to what constitutes a small vehicle and it was suggested that up to a half ton truck is generally considered as such. However, further consideration of this will be given at a future meeting.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman reporting

1. Status of residence: Reported that the individual questioning his status as related to the Takoma Park Library service is -- (a) Not a resident of the City as he lives outside the corporate limits and the Clerk-Treasurer is requested to so notify him; (b) We have not changed our boundaries; (c) There are a number of residents in the County who are happy to pay the modest non-resident fee of \$3.00 for the high level of service rendered by the Library and (d) Non-residents actually pay less for their Library services than residents who pay taxes.

Councilman Turner inquired as to the possibility of financial aid to the Library under the Federal Aid Program. Councilman Roth indicated this was something that will have to be explored in due course.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Commendation: Expressed commendation to the Fire Department relative to the Drug Fair fire in Silver Spring. Three men suffered minor injuries; namely, Pvt. Menedis, Pvt. Brewster and Pfc. Bishop.

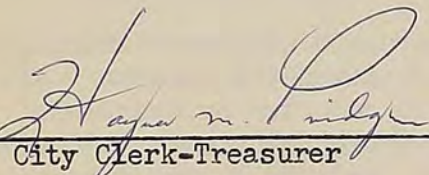
2. Fire House - Primary Election: Motion presented to permit use of the Takoma Park Fire House for purposes of the Primary Election on May 19th, 1964. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

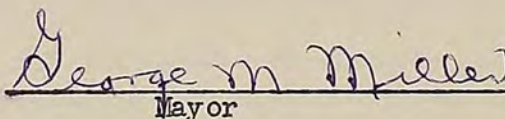
Councilman Jones indicated he had no specific report and called upon Councilman Collison for an Azalea Committee report.

Councilman Collison reported that the contract for the azaleas had been forwarded to Mr. Handy and the signed copy had been returned.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on March 9, 1964 at 8:00 p.m.



 City Clerk-Treasurer



 Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

BANK BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 31, 1964

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1963	\$ 35,611.37	
Plus: January 1964 Receipts	<u>114,313.79</u>	\$149,925.16
Less: January Disbursements		92,160.86
Less: Adjustment in Deposit 1/29/64		19.00
Balance as of January 31, 1964		<u>\$ 57,745.30</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - TAOMA BRANCH
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1963	\$ 1,659.30	
Plus: January 1964 Receipts	<u>378.39</u>	\$ 2,037.69
Less: No Disbursements in January		- - - -
Balance as of January 31, 1964		<u>\$ 2,037.69</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1963	\$ 1,600.47	
No Transactions in January	<u>- - - -</u>	
Balance as of January 31, 1964		<u>\$ 1,600.47</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1963	\$ 8,755.85	
Plus: January 1964 Receipts	<u>5,462.95</u>	\$ 14,218.80
Less: No Disbursements in January		- - - -
Balance as of January 31, 1964		<u>\$ 14,218.80</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - CITIZENS BRANCH
Certificates of Deposit

\$ 75,000.00

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

February 24, 1964

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 February 24, 1964 at 8:08 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Collison	Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Chief LaScola, Fire Department
Councilman Jones	Sergeant Lane, Police Department
Councilman Kennedy	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman McKenzie	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Roth	Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Department
Councilman Turner	

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend William Scurlock of the Takoma Park Baptist Church.

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 February 10, 1964. The motion was presented by Councilman McKenzie and seconded by Councilman Collison. The minutes were approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

- Mr. Patrick Healy, Executive Director, American Municipal Association:
 - Solicitation for support of Inter-American Municipal Organization.
 - Requesting permission to appoint Mayor Miller as an official United States delegate to the Inter-American Municipal Congress in Louisville, Kentucky, October 4-8. (Parks & Recreation)
- Mr. Samuel Humes, Executive Secretary, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Resolution on Development Policies for the year 2000 for the National Capital Region. (Council Files)
- Mr. Jesse F. Nicholson, Executive Director, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission:
 - Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-1314, 19,443 sq. ft., Oswego Avenue. R-60 to R-10 Zone - City of Takoma Park, Applicant. (Civic Improvement)
 - Zoning Amendment Petition No. C-1315, 23,277 sq. ft. Niagara, Oswego, Ritchie and Maple Avenues, R-60 to R-10 Zone - City of Takoma Park, Applicant. (Civic Improvement)
- Mrs. Elon G. Salisbury, Conservation Chairman, Erasmus Perry Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution: Suggested Proclamation regarding National Wildlife Week, March 15-21, 1964. (Parks and Recreation) (Mayor Miller commented that such a Proclamation would be issued at the next Council Meeting, March 9)
- Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Expression of appreciation for assistance of City Departments in connection with Sister City Town Meeting, February 18. (Parks and Recreation)
- Mrs. Rosemary Thompson, 8318 Roanoke Avenue, #1, City: Complaint of conditions and request for inspection of building and grounds - 8318 Roanoke Avenue. (Public Welfare and Civic Improvements)

Correspondence Received, continued

- 7. Mrs. Paul B. Croft, 7910 Lockney Avenue, City: Suggestions -
 - (a) Yellow line across New Hampshire Avenue for cars and pedestrians to cross from Langley Park Shopping Center (older) to Hampshire Langley Shopping Center. (L.E.)
 - (b) Yellow line across University Boulevard for cars and pedestrians to cross from Langley Park Shopping Center (older) to Giant Foods - Lansburghs Shopping Center (no light available) (Law Enforcement)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and reminded citizens that nominations for Mayor and seven Councilmen to serve two-year terms in the City's municipal government would be made at a public caucus March 10, 8:00 p.m. at the gymnasium of the Fire Department Building. Stated that under the City's laws all councilmen and the Mayor are elected at large. Councilmen in the Montgomery section must be nominated from the precincts in which they live and in the Prince Georges section two Councilmen must be nominated from that portion of the county lying within the City limits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Stanley W. Kelly, 7414 Piney Branch Road: Purchased the property at 7414 Piney Branch Road on January 9, 1964 as a three family dwelling from Mr. H. Brooks Perring, with the understanding that it could be used as such. Stated Mr. William, Building Inspector for the City, informed him that the non-conforming use had been abandoned and would be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance if used as an apartment building. Requested the Mayor and City Council to reconsider his case and reestablish the non-conforming use to this property.

Mayor Miller suggested a Hearing be held with the Public Welfare Committee and stated Councilman McKenzie would contact him soon to make arrangements for a convenient date.

2. Mr. Rubenstein, Raffell Real Estate Agency: Stated that he handled the above property sale, (7414 Piney Branch Road) in good faith, that he had depended upon the multi-listing and the former owner's (Mr. Perring) word that he had a Special Exception in this case. A copy of the listing was given to the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Miller requested the Civic Improvements Committee to look into the matter and present some suggestions to eliminate situations such as this.

Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, stated Mr. Perring was mailed a registration form and a final notice in 1962 with no response.

3. Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Commented on item #2 under Council Committee as a Whole - "2. Recommendation that money received from the sale of impounded articles be placed in the Widow's Fund of the Police and Firemen's Association:" Felt the wording was misleading since the Council had decided impounded car funds would not go into the Widow's Fund.

Mayor Miller indicated that the Council plans to set up a special fund for widows of Police and Firemen; therefore, Item 2 may be removed from the agenda.

4. Mr. Lloyd W. Reed, Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees: Thanked the Mayor and Council and Department Heads for their splendid cooperation in connection with the Sister City Town Meeting held February 18. Commented that in spite of the snow storm there was a good turn out and felt the Meeting was quite successful. Reminded the Council and audience of the Spaghetti Dinner the Jaycees are sponsoring on March 21 in the Fellowship Hall of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church.

Public Participation, continued

Councilman Turner commented on the Certificate awarded to Mr. Reed by the Knights of Pythias for his work in connection with the Sister City Program.

Mayor Miller gave a brief resume of the Sister City Program, stressing the fact that it a citizens program. Commented that through the student exchange program we now have a student from Jeque living with a family in Takoma Park and the Committee is accepting applications from students in Takoma Park to go to Jeque for six months. Stated that Mr. Mark Bortman, Chairman of the People to People Program gave a very fine talk at the Sister City Town Meeting. Stated there are over 250 cities involved in the Sister City affiliations in the United States. Commented that on the afternoon of February 18, Miss Britto, the exchange student; Mr. Leslie Pitten, Chairman of the Sister City Program; Mr. Lloyd Reed, Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Takoma-Langley Jaycees; and himself appeared on the Johnny Wilcox program.

5. Mr. George Hennigsen, 902 Anne Street, City: Commented that he just wanted to see how things were progressing as far as considering Anne Street one way Northbound.

6. Mr. Perry Schroeder, #2 Crescent Place, City: Commented on the condition of the lot across from the E & X Station on Carroll Avenue and inquired what steps were being taken to have the junk cars removed.

Mayor Miller indicated that the owners have cleaned the lot up several times but a program will have to be instigated to eliminate conditions such as this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Light Weight Power Chain Saw: Motion presented to purchase a light weight (18½ lbs.) 5 H.P. Wright chain saw at a net cost of \$149.50 which includes a \$15.00 trade in from Budget Item 19302A, Parks Expendable Supplies. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. #C-1239 and Z.A.P. #C-1240, Lots 13 and Pt. 12, Block 60, B. F. Gilbert 45,228 sq. ft. and Lots 11, 14 Pts. 7 & 8, Block 60, B. F. Gilbert 82,820 sq. ft.: Motion presented to recommend approval of the R-10 Zoning on both Petitions since they conform in general to the Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

2. Z.A.P. #C-1314 and Z.A.P. #C-1315, Lot 15, Block 60, B. F. Gilberts Subdivision of Takoma Park, 19,443 sq. ft. and 23,277 sq. ft., Pt. of unsubdivided tract of land between Block 50 and 60: Reported these Petitions relate to Petitions #C-1239 and C-1240 and this is land being sold by the City. Pointed out that due to the rugged terrain and storm drainage system being located within the Maple Avenue property, it is only possible to use the property for parking and land-scape purposes. A motion was then presented to recommend approval of the R-10 Zoning on both Petitions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Commented on the letter received from the MWC of G relative to a Resolution on Development Policies for the Year 2000 for the National Capital Region. Stated he was present at the Executive Board Meeting when the Resolution was approved as modified and felt in his judgment the Resolution as modified is quite acceptable. Action will be taken on this matter at a subsequent meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Departmental Budgets for New Fiscal Year: Reminded the Department Heads it was getting close to Budget time and the Finance Committee would need Budget estimates very soon.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. 706 Houston Avenue: Reported Committee met with owners on February 17th and learned that the previous owner had placed a third apartment in the building just before selling same. Pointed out that property is zoned R-40 and that there is a possibility of the new owner acquiring more land to accomodate the space requirements for the new apartment. Therefore, the time for compliance is extended.

2. 12 Jefferson Avenue and 34 Freemont Avenue: Reported Committee met with owner on February 17th and learned of many extraneous circumstances surrounding the transfer of the property. Therefore, time was extended for further consideration of the problem.

3. 8318 Roanoke Avenue: Reported that this property has been the source of complaint on trash along the banks of Sligo Parkway at the rear of the property for many years. Stated that Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, and the Park and Planning Commission Police Department are cooperating in the matter and will have the area cleaned up. Mr. Williams had also observed some broken concrete on the staircase and the real estate company will arrange for the repair of this as well as replacement of the hand rail.

Councilman Turner requested that a report relating to the Housing Ordinance function be submitted to the Council. Mayor Miller directed that such a report be submitted as soon as possible.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Anne Street: Reported that the Committee had considered the request to make the street one way northbound. Pointed out that there is no sidewalk along Anne Street and many pedestrians would be walking with their back to the traffic. Pointed out that only residents on Anne Street had signed the Petition and that residents on the abutting streets should also have an interest in the matter. Stated there would be further investigation by the Committee and Police Department. A citizen present stated residents only park on one side of the street for the reason that so many cars have been struck but that this occurs even with the one side parking. The question was also raised as to the speed of traffic and Sgt. Lane stated that a one way street generally tends toward increased speed. The need for a sidewalk was discussed to some extent and it was suggested that a concentrated police patrol may assist in the reduction of speed.

2. Petition for Parking Lot: Reported that Chief Foster had talked with the businessman that initiated this request that the City provide a parking lot for the midway shopping center along Carroll Avenue, and he had pointed out that the Silver Spring merchants are provided with such facilities. Councilman Kennedy requested the item be removed from the Law Enforcement agenda as it more appropriately belongs under the Civic Improvements Committee, on which agenda it is also placed.

3. Flower Avenue: Reported the first step necessary is to obtain concurrence of the Columbia Union College of the recommendations made by the State Roads Commission on March 22, 1963 relative to parking restrictions.

4. New Hampshire Avenue at Larch Avenue: Instructed a letter be written to the State Roads Commission requesting a survey of the pedestrian hazards involved looking toward either a fully activated traffic light or a pedestrian light. Pointed out that there is a school and two churches along Larch Avenue and even with two crossing guards or police officers that the morning rush hour is extremely hazardous to school children. Further

Law Enforcement Committee, continued

pointed out that the hazard does not decrease at night, particularly due to the grade of Larch Avenue and traffic moving northward over the hill after crossing Rt. 410.

5. Police Car #6: Motion presented to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for [redacted] to be opened March 17 to replace Car #6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried with Councilman Forshee voting naye.

6. Personnel: Motion presented to accept the resignation of Andrew C. Hilton as an officer in the Police Department effective February 28 to accept other employment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

Councilman Roth pointed out that the Fire Department is overstaffed by two men at the present time and that possibly these men could be absorbed in the Police Department.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. New Equipment: Reported that the former Library Board's conservatism had provided from prior years operation a reserve fund in excess of \$6,000.00 which had been somewhat earmarked for the purchase of new equipment. Councilman Roth reviewed the itemized list of new equipment required and presented a motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to negotiate the needs from the Remington Rand Company and the Art Metals Company and that bids be advertised for opening on March 17th for the remaining items needed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

2. Shelf Rearrangement: Reported that over the past weekend the Library Staff and the Public Works Department had coordinated for a more practical arrangement of book shelving. The Library Staff had first removed the books on Saturday and then personnel from the Public Works Department moved the shelving on Sunday. The Library Staff then replaced books on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Councilman Roth reported that the Library Staff is happy with the new arrangement, and suggested that the Mayor will probably wish to write a letter of commendation.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting1. Volunteer Personnel:

(a) Reported that upon investigation there appeared to be no objections or legal reason to prevent the designation of Retired Captain as in the case of Carl G. Fiske. A motion was, therefore, presented to accept his resignation and that he be designated as "Retired Captain". Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

(b) Motion presented for the promotion of Volunteer Sgt. T. L. Jarboe to the rank of Volunteer Lieutenant effective February 25 and the promotion of Volunteer Pvt. D. R. McBride to Volunteer Lieutenant effective February 25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

1. Sligo Creek: Councilman Turner reported that Boy Scout Troop #1324 of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockville under the leadership of Scoutmaster A. D. Davies and the direction of Mr. Robert Young, an official of the Wheaton Regional Park, on George Washington's Birthday, February 22, had cleaned debris from Sligo Creek and banks. He also stated that a defective manhole had been discovered flowing polluted water into the creek and it had been reported to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Mayor Miller stated an appropriate letter of commendation would be forwarded and certificates of appreciation would be presented to the members of the Troop at the next Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 p.m.

Attest:

Walter M. Pender
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved

George M. Miller Mayor