

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JULY 13, 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 July 13, 1964 at 8:07 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused: Councilman McKenzie  
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 June 22, 1964. Councilman Collison presented the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Clerk-Treasurer reporting

1. Mr. J. C. Robertson, Asst. State Fire Marshall: Commendation of Takoma Park Fire Department for cooperation in enforcement of State fireworks statutes. (Fire Protection)
2. Mr. L. H. Pitton, Public Relations, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, City: Appreciation for Mayor Miller's presence and address at the reception for new interns. (Council Files)
3. Mr. John K. Pickens, Chairman, National Capital Regional Planning Council: Proposed position of Regional Planning Council on Potomac River Basin Project. (Public Works & Public Welfare)
4. Mr. Samuel Humes, Executive Secretary, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Revised Bill to charter the Council of Governments. (Corporation Counsel)
5. Dr. William L. Fox, 7905 Takoma Avenue, City: Suggestion that street lighting of Takoma Avenue between Boston Avenue and Richmond Avenue be studied to reduce traffic hazards. (Public Works)
6. Mrs. Nannie Wright, 7415 Wildwood Drive, City: Request to repair street in front of home. (Public Works)
7. Mrs. Ruth Schaefer, Recording Secretary, Spring Park Community Association: Request for a wall and a higher link fence at Spring Park to prevent children from chasing balls into back yards adjacent to playground. (Parks and Recreation) (Public Works)
8. Mr. Lewis Levy, Vice President, Yellow Cab, Silver Spring, Maryland: Request for ten (10) Takoma City taxicab licenses. (Law Enforcement)

Correspondence Received, continued

9. Mr. William H. Hutton, 1008 Heather Avenue, City: Request for abatement on City taxes for over age 65, similar to Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. (Finance)
10. Mr. Robert C. Wehrle, Registered Plumber: Requesting permit to cut concrete paving across Tulip Avenue to relieve storm drainage at 7137-39 Maple Avenue. (Public Works)
11. Honorable Edna P. Cook, House of Delegates, State of Maryland: Commendation of Takoma Park Police Department in its handling of the Independence Day Celebration. (Law Enforcement)
12. Mr. Anthony C. Kanz, Chief Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Department of Public Works, Montgomery County: Enclosed letter from Mr. Theodore J. Marcucilli, 9272 Adelphi Road, requesting restricted parking on Chestnut Avenue at Piney Branch Road. (Law Enforcement)
13. Mr. Anthony C. Kanz, Chief Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Department of Public Works, Montgomery County: Enclosed letter from Mr. Jerry Ceppos, 917 Roswell Drive, Silver Spring, requesting that a traffic control device be considered for the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway. (Law Enforcement)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced that Miss Arly Britto, our exchange student from Jequie, Bahia, Brazil, Lesley Zark, our exchange student from Takoma Park who is going to Jequie in the Fall and the Mayor would be interviewed on the Mark Evans TV Show Sunday evening, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. Channel 5, WTTG. Commented that the Sister City Program is part of the People to People Program which was continued by President Kennedy and carried on by President Johnson. It is a grass roots program with service clubs, churches and citizens participating. Remarked that Takoma Park is working with a City in the North East section of Brazil which is a "hot spot" in the "global Cold War", and urged the citizens to participate and support this worthwhile program. Stated that the Sister City Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer reporting (See last page of minutes)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Walter H. McClenon, 1 Montgomery Avenue, City:  
 (a) Reported that our Sister City Jequie has honored Takoma Park by naming a subdivision Takoma Park.  
 (b) Reported that the "No Parking" sign at Pine and Montgomery Avenues has been knocked down and is not visible to the motorist and requested that it be fixed.  
 (c) Reported that hedges are covering the sidewalks and tree branches are hanging over the sidewalks in the vicinity of Carroll Avenue, Columbia between Carroll and Pine Avenues, Elm Avenue and South Manor Circle. Mayor Miller requested Chief Foster to check the matter and report to Director of Public Works Rhodes.
2. Mr. C. A. Olson, 7517 Alfred Drive, Takoma Park: Spoke relative to the proposed street improvements and inquired if this would include Alfred and Ray Drive.

Commented that Police calls are referred to Montgomery County and the only time he met the Fire Chief was when he was collecting for the Circus, and he had to show his tax bill before he could obtain his Library card. Mayor Miller stated that the Police and Fire Departments should give him service and requested the Committee to check into the matter and see if something can be worked out with the County when a tax payer's property borders the County.

3. Mr. Nathan H. Lerner, 610 Ray Drive, Takoma Park: Stated that his problems were the same as Mr. Olson's but also felt there was a great need for a sidewalk along Ray Drive. The students from Takoma Park Junior High School walk in the street which creates quite a hazard. Commented that he realized sidewalk construction is generally

Public Participation, continued

assessable but since it would be a safety factor for the children and not for the benefit of the property owners would it be possible for the City Council to refer the matter to the County Council and request their consideration. Mayor Miller referred the matter to Councilman Jones and Councilman McKenzie, and suggested that a black top walk might be recommended.

Councilman Kennedy inquired of Mr. Olson if he had asked for specific police service or fire service. Mr. Olson remarked that he usually calls Silver Spring. Commented that at one time there was an abandoned car across from his driveway (across the street) and the County police answered the call. Mayor Miller pointed out that if the Takoma Park police were called and it happens to be out of their jurisdiction they can request permission from the County Police to investigate. Mr. Olson cited one instance about two and half years ago when he called the Takoma Park police for an attempted burglary and the police didn't respond. Chief LaScola commented that he would brief the Silver Spring Fire Department as to the boundary lines of Takoma Park.

4. Mr. Baras Hyman, 608 Ray Drive, Takoma Park: Stated his problem was the same as his neighbors but recommended that the City Council meet with some of the residents on Alfred and Ray Drives before making a recommendation to the County Council. Mayor Miller commented that Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and he would be glad to meet with the residents in the near future.

5. Mr. Philip W. Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Spoke relative to Z.A.P. C-1477 and C-1478. Stated that he understood Mr. Smith has said that the Mayor and Council have approved the R-10 Zoning on this property and wondered if it were true. Mayor Miller commented that the Mayor and Council has made no recommendation on this, that it has been turned down several times before and Councilman Roth is not making a recommendation tonight. Mr. Huck reported a No Parking At Any Time sign down on Westmoreland Avenue and also commented on the overgrowth of hedges on Mr. Smith's property which covers the sidewalk to such an extent that people have to go into the street. Mr. Huck commented that the apartments should be down in the valley in case of a possible atomic blast and the people would be protected 50% due to the prevailing winds.

6. Mrs. Eleanor Snead, 505 Tulip Avenue, City: Complained about the broken curb in front of her home and the street which is badly in need of repair. Commented that Mr. Williams had assured her it would be fixed later on. Stated that lights are also needed. Complained about the garage in the neighborhood where people work until 2 to 3 a.m.

7. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Stated that the paint on the "Children Playing" signs is fading and requested Chief Foster to check the signs and have them replaced. Commented that so many of the children play ball in the street instead of going to Spring Park and wondered why this was so.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Sister City: Reported that tentative plans are being made for the Mayor of our Sister City, Jeque, visit the later part of August and first of September and that a meeting is being held Tuesday night to plan for the Mayor's arrival.

2. AFS Students: Reported that the foreign exchange students would be arriving Thursday night, July 16 and will be guests in Takoma homes until Tuesday. The City is sponsoring a dance for them Saturday night and a swim party Sunday night.

Parks and Recreation Committee, continued

3. Playgrounds: Reported that the children are getting a full program and that registration as of last week is as follows: Heffner Park 92; Spring Park 130; Washington Park 161; Sligo Park 99; Hampshire Greens 110, Forest Park 100. Stated that the following events were scheduled for this week: Wednesday, July 15 - Forest Park, movies; Hampshire Greens, watermelon feast. Thursday, July 16 - Sligo Park - Watermelon Feast. Friday, July 17 - Washington Park, Family Night (street dance). Commented that the leaders would appreciate it if any of the Council could find time to drop by during their evening affairs.

4. Heffner Park: Reported that a great deal of vandalism is going on at Heffner Park and it is costing the City a large sum to keep it in repair. Trucks are backing into the rear of the park and dumping trash in addition to the debris already there. Indicated that the only way to eliminate this problem is to put up an eight foot barbed wire fence with an automobile gate in front and a pedestrian gate. After some discussion Councilman Jones proposed a motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for bids for an eight foot barbed wire fence for certain portions of the Heffner Park Playground at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00, bids to be opened July 23. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

*Chain link fence with 3 strands of barbed wire*  
*concrete 7 1/2' high*

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Driveway Entrance between 6950 and 7000 Carroll: Reported that Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Collison meet with Mr. Martin of the Suburban Bank and that new plans are underway and it is quite possible that an additional driveway may not be needed. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.

2. Road Roller: Reported that bids were duly advertised and issued directly to concerns, four bids were received and upon the recommendation of Director of Public Works and the Committee the following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1802

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids were publicly opened on July 8, 1964 for one tandem road roller, P/W Project 64-2, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the bid of the Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Corporation for one Huber T-46-4-6 ton Tandem Roller meets all specifications of the Public Works Department, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Corporation in the net sum of FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED, EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$4,785.00), AND

SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized upon delivery of the new roller to transfer title to Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Corporation for one 1948 Buffalo Springfield Tandem Roller, Model KT6, AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT, the sum as stated in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 12.203B.

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

Public Works Committee, continued

3. Resurfacing Streets: Reported that bids were duly advertised and received for resurfacing streets and upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Committee the following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1803

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids were publicly opened on July 8, 1964 for resurfacing certain concrete streets, P/W Project 64-1, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the bid of A. H. Smith of Branchville, Maryland meets all specifications of the Public Works Department, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to A. H. Smith for work to be performed in accordance with specifications on certain concrete streets as directed by the Director of Public Works in a minimum sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) and not to exceed a maximum sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 12.203A.

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

4. Maple Avenue Shopping Center: Reported that the plat has been received showing the area required by the City for rights-of-way. Corporation Counsel Gingerich commented that an offer would be made to the owner based upon an appraisal of value and if rejected, condemnation proceedings would then be the only alternative.

5. Hammond Property: A motion was proposed that the Clerk-Treasurer transmit a letter to Mr. Hammond notifying him that the City Council has no objection to the proposed construction of a private driveway (at his own expense) from his property on Hayward Avenue into and on the public right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

6. Street Lighting - Takoma Avenue: Motion presented to authorize the Public Works Department to request a survey and recommendation from the Potomac Electric Power Company for additional street lighting on Takoma Avenue between Boston and Richmond Avenues and also the 500 Block of Tulip Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Request for 26 pay days per annum: Requested the item be removed from the agenda due to the small representation of employees requesting the change.

2. Tax Collections: Reported that the tax bills were mailed July 8 and it was felt with the discontinuance of the cash discount that taxes would be slow but today the City Office has received approximately \$30,000.00. Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen commented that the processing of the new tax forms is much faster and the discontinuance of the discount saves a great deal of time.

Finance Committee, Continued

3. American Municipal Congress: Commented that the Mayor feels it would be a great advantage to have Mr. Pridgen accompany him for present and future contacts. A motion was presented to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to accompany the Mayor to the 40th Anniversary American Municipal Congress at Miami Beach July 25 through July 29. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Vice Chairman Councilman Jones reporting

1. Housing Inspections, etc.: Reported the following inspections for the month of June, 1964: 9 housing inspections; 10 re-inspections; 25 investigations concerning trash and debris; 18 rodent control inspections and 7 inspections with Montgomery County Health Department.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Pigeons - Health Menace: Requested that the letter from Mrs. Moyer and the enclosed clippings from the Wall Street Journal and letter circulated by the Health Department of Akron, Ohio relative to the diseases that may be carried by pigeons be referred to the Public Welfare Committee as a health problem. Mayor Miller referred this item to the Public Welfare Committee but it will also remain on the Law Enforcement agenda.

2. Anne Street: Reported that a special meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee, Councilman Roth, Chief Foster, Mr. Francis J. Farley, Mr. Arthur D. Cruze, Mr. R. W. Belden and Mr. George C. Henningsen was held July 7. Commented that a survey has been made covering the number of vehicles traveling Anne Street in a twelve hour period on a busy day and also the number of pedestrians. Indicated the Committee would meet and study the survey with the residents and make a recommendation to the Council.

2. Cole Avenue: Reported that upon the recommendation of Chief Foster and the Committee the following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1804

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

SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety a "STOP" sign be placed on the NORTH-EAST corner of Cole Avenue at its intersection with Anne Street, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs in accordance with the diagram recommendation of the Chief of Police, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by the Municipal Code (1961) governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

3. Police Cruiser: Requested this item be removed from the agenda as it will be included in the proposed Capital Outlay for this fiscal year.

Law Enforcement, continued

4. Personnel: Motion presented for the permanent appointment of Private John Parks Morgan, effective on his one year anniversary, August 1, 1964. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

5. Personnel: Motion presented to accept the resignation of Detective Sergeant William T. Lane, with regrets, effective July 15, 1964, who has accepted the position of Chief of Police in another Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Councilman Kennedy expressed his congratulations to Detective Lane and commented that the Police force was not only losing a good Sergeant but a very good friend. Proposed a motion that some token of appreciation in the form of a Resolution be presented to Sgt. Lane at a Council Meeting in the near future. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Vice Chairman, reporting

1. Annual Arson Seminar: Motion proposed that Deputy Chief DeKalb be granted permission to attend the Annual Arson Seminar at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, starting July 27 through July 31, 1964, expenses not to exceed \$75.00 and shall be charged to a/c 11.212A2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

2. Personnel: Reported that due to the resignation of Paul E. Bishop there exists a vacancy within the position of PFC and upon the recommendation of Chief LaScola and the Committee motion presented to promote Pvt. James E. Jarboe to Private First Class, retroactive to July 1, 1964, under the merit plan at \$5,700.00 per annum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

3. Personnel: Motion presented that Mr. Richard T. Hirsch be appointed as Private to the Fire Department to fill the vacancy existing on a one year probationary basis at an annual salary of \$4750.00, effective July 16, 1964. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Special Exception Case No. 1397 - 7031 Carroll Avenue - Nursing Home Petition: Reported that the Circuit Court dismissed the Appeal filed by the City and affirmed the action of the County Board of Appeals granting the Special Exception for use of the property in the operation of a Nursing Home.

2. Z.A.P. Nos. A-5227 and A-5228 (New Hampshire Avenue at University Blvd.): Motion presented that the Prince George's County Planning Board be notified that the Mayor and City Council have no further objection to the C-2 Zone requested in Z.A.P. Nos. A-5227 and A-5228. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

3. Z.A.P. No. A-5225 (New Hampshire Avenue between Holton Avenue and Kirklynn Avenue): Motion presented to recommend denial of the C-0 Zone for Z.A.P. No. A-5225 for the following reasons: (1) R-18 construction under existing zoning is desirable. (2) Original R-18 zoning no mistake, indicated intelligent and proper planning as a buffer to the commercial intersection. (3) No change in the character of the area, development in accordance with original plan. (4) No need for additional C-0 Zoning, existing C-0 in area not yet utilized. (5) No hardship for the owner, R-18 construction will provide more than fair return on investment. High rental demand for modern attractive construction of this type. (6) Residential values in three block radius will be depreciated under C-0 Zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE:

- 1. Laurel Avenue - sidewalk repair: Councilman Collison reported that the sidewalks have been repaired, therefore, the item may be removed from the agenda.
- 2. Building Permit Authority, Zoning Authority, Uniformity of Zoning Laws: Mayor Miller requested this item be removed from the agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session July 27, 1964 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: *Haynes P. ...*  
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: *George M. Miller*  
Mayor



FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen reporting

BANK BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1964

SUEURBAN TRUST COMPANY  
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of May 31, 1964	\$ 17,363.98	
Plus: Transfer from A/C 26-0095-8	50.00	
*Plus: June Receipts	<u>151,341.46</u>	\$ 168,755.44
Less: June Disbursements		57,539.09
Balance as of June 30, 1964		<u>\$ 111,216.35</u>

\*Includes \$50,000.00 Certificate of Indebtedness issued 6/1/64  
 \*Includes \$92,553.23 Share of State Income Tax

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND  
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of May 31, 1964	a/c 022-1-368	\$ 50.00
No transactions during June		---
Balance as of June 30, 1964		<u>\$ 50.00</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of May 31, 1964	\$ 7,922.07	
Plus: June Receipts	<u>2,202.00</u>	\$ 10,124.07
Less: June Disbursements		22.00
Balance as of June 30, 1964		<u>\$ 10,102.07</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND  
RECREATION FUND-SAVINGS A/C T-63

Balances as of May 31, 1964	\$ 595.96
No Transactions during June	---
Balance as of June 30, 1964	<u>\$ 595.96</u>

PETTY CASH

Balance as of June 30, 1964	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JULY 27, 1964

The Mayor Pro-tem and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Regular Session in the Council Room #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on July 27, 1964 at 8:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Pro-tem Collison	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	Chief LaScola, Fire Department
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman McKenzie	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Roth	Sgt. Porter, Police Department
Councilman Turner	Administrative Assistant Baugham

Excused

Mayor Miller  
Councilman Kennedy  
Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Robert Wilson of the Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Collison commented that Mayor Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Pridgen are attending the 40th Anniversary American Municipal Congress at Miami Beach from July 25 through July 29.

Mayor Pro-tem Collison called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on July 13, 1964. Councilman Jones pointed out under the Parks and Recreation Committee, Item 4, page 4 that "an eight foot barbed wire fence" should be changed to read "an eight foot chain link fence with three strands barbed wire across the top". Councilman Forshee presented the motion to approve the minutes as corrected and the motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Administrative Assistant Baugham reporting

1. Mr. Patrick Healy, Executive Director, American Municipal Association: Announcement that Mayor Miller has been selected to receive a Town Affiliation Award Citation for his outstanding contributions to the Sister City Program (People to People Program). (Council Files)
2. Mr. Charles H. Green, Recording Secretary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.: Listing newly elected Fire Board and Board of Trustees: (Fire Protection)
3. Mr. Charles H. Green, Recording Secretary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.: Recommending the allocation of extra funds to Chief LaScola for the National Association of Fire Chiefs Seminar. (Fire Protection)
4. David Aitchison, Secretary-Treasurer, Md. Homeopathic Medical Society, Inc., 7409 Carroll Avenue, City: Complaining about excessive charge contained in Refuse Ordinance. (Public Welfare and Finance)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Perry Schroeder, 2 Crescent Place, City: Stated that he was speaking in behalf of the B.F. Gilbert Association and that they wished to go on record as opposing Z.A.P. No. C-1477 and No. C-1478 requesting R-10 Zone, in the area of Pine and Westmoreland Avenues.

Public Participation, continued

2. Mr. Philip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Spoke relative to Z.A.P. Nos. C-1477 and C-1478 (Pine, Westmoreland Elm). Stated that he had not seen a zoning application sign on Elm Avenue and was concerned that it might apply to the street. He was assured that it did not.

3. Mr. Louis Hartig, 7314 Flower Avenue, City: Read a letter which was handed to Administrative Assistant Baughman requesting the Mayor and Council to revise the registration fees on rental apartments to a level bearable and acceptable to all taxpayers. Mayor Pro-tem Collison referred this matter to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Saratoga Estates: Reported that the Committee had met with some of the residents in the Saratoga Estates section of the City last week and had tabulated the complaints. Commented that the next move is for the Council to go to the County Council and that the Committee plans follow through with it.

2. Potomac River Basin Project: Reported that the National Capital Regional Planning Council will vote on the proposed position of the Council on the Potomac River Basin Project at their next regular meeting. Presented a motion that the City Council support the Planning Council's Resolution which states in part that "The problem of further efforts to replace Seneca Dam with many small headwater dams is recognized, but the justification of Seneca Dam as the only feasible method of coping with the severe water pollution in the Lower Estuary is not accepted." The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshoe and duly carried. Councilman Turner commented that there was an article in The Record which indicated that the Montgomery County Council is opposed to the dam and that the Izaak Walton League of America, a conservation organization, has formally announced its opposition to the dam.

3. 7415 Wildwood Drive: Reported that the street repair requested has been taken care of and the Public Works Department is planning to chip and tar this street when the roller is available.

4. 7137-7139 Maple Avenue: Reported that the owner of the property refuses to stand the expense of cutting concrete paving across Tulip Avenue to relieve storm drainage and is substituting a dry well and a sump pump. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.

5. 7012 Sycamore Avenue area: Reported that the catch basin is not large enough for a severe storm but Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, plans to keep the area under surveillance. Requested a letter be transmitted to Mrs. Gaetano to this effect and also that the item be removed from the agenda.

6. Condemnation Proceedings: Proposed the following Ordinance authorizing the Corporation Counsel to institute condemnation proceedings to acquire a lot on Ritchie Avenue which abuts the Public Works Department, and will provide a second ingress and egress to the Public Works yards:

Public Works Committee; continuedORDINANCE NO. 1805

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park have determined that it is in the public interest to acquire Lot 6 in Block 60, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision of Takoma Park, Maryland, for use as a storage area for its Police Department and Department of Public Works, and

SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have made an offer to the record owners of said Lot 6 in Block 60, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision of Takoma Park, Maryland, which has been rejected.

SECTION 3. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Mayor and City Council institute condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County for the acquisition of Lot 6, in Block 60, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision of Takoma Park, and

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Corporation Counsel be authorized and instructed to immediately institute condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in accordance with this Ordinance, and

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to pay over to the owners of the said Lot 6 in Block 60 B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision of Takoma Park, Maryland, such sum of money as may be determined by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County as the value of said land.

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

7. Anne Street: In connection with a letter from the Giant Food Properties requesting an approximate cost for their participation in the sidewalk project, a motion was presented that the Director of Public Works prepare an estimated cost in order that the Clerk-Treasurer might transmit such information to the the Giant Food Properties.

8. Pick-up Truck: Motion presented to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for bids for a Half Ton Pick-up Truck (to replace the 1956 pick-up truck), according to specifications prepared by the Director of Public Works, bids to be opened Wednesday, September 2, 1964 at 4:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Retirement Plan: The Mayor and Council met with representatives of the Pension Planners of Baltimore, Inc. and determined that studies should be expanded beyond the initial report and proposed the following Ordinance:

Finance Committee, continuedORDINANCE NO. 1806

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Pension Planners of Baltimore, Inc. be hereby authorized to proceed with the additional computations and reports necessary to develop a comprehensive retirement plan for employees, AND

SECTION 2. THAT a sum not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account #21.920D for the purpose as stated in Section One.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Burlap Squares: Reported that the Public Works Department is in need of burlap squares to be used by the Sanitation Division and proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1807

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Sanitation Department is in need of Burlap Squares for trash removal, bids having been received from four firms specializing in this type of material with the low bid of approximately \$732.36 for the 1200 lot of squares being submitted by the Bemis Brothers Bag Company, THEREFORE,

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) burlap squares 80" x 80", 10 oz. burlap, unhemmed, is hereby authorized for the approximate total sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY SIX CENTS (\$732.36), order to be placed with the Bemis Brothers Bag Company in accordance with their low bid, sum to be charged to Account No. 13.402B.

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

2. 7103 and 7111 Maple Avenue complaints: Reported that the matter was checked into and the property is zoned C-2, therefore, the City can not institute proceedings but the Building Inspector has turned the matter over to Montgomery County and it is his understanding that a warrant has been issued.

3. 12 Jefferson and 34 Freemont Avenues: Reported that the owners have had more than ample time to correct this situation and that the dwellings are still being used as apartments. Therefore, proposed a motion that legal action be taken to enforce conformance with the Zoning Ordinance of Montgomery County and the Housing Ordinance of Takoma Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

4. 706 Houston Avenue: Reported that the property has been sold and the new owner plans to use only two apartments in the dwelling.

Public Welfare, continued

5. 149 Ritchie Avenue: Reported that the City has written several letters to the owner about the general condition of his property and that the Montgomery County Building Inspector wrote to the owner on April 11, 1962 instructing him to remove the side porch or repair it. Stated that since nothing had been done to correct the situation, the Deputy Chief of the Fire Department wrote to the Montgomery County Building Inspector requesting a follow up of his letter dated June 24, 1962. To-date no action has been taken. Proposed a motion that the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to transmit a letter to Montgomery County Manager Butcher and inquire why no action has been taken on this property over a period of two years. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. 3rd Annual Institute and 91st Annual Conference: Reported that the Fire Board had recommended that Chief LaScola be permitted to attend the 3rd Annual Institute in Fire Department Administration and the Committee accepted their recommendation. Proposed a motion that Chief LaScola be authorized to attend the 3rd Annual Institute in Fire Department Administration sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the 91st Annual Conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in October in Houston, Texas. Account to cover expenses to be determined later. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

Chief LaScola commented that in reference to the Saratoga Estates, he had written to the Silver Spring Fire Chief and included a map with the annexation and that the Silver Spring Fire Chief had assured him they would comply.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Master Plan: Reviewed the history of the Master Plan commenting that Mayor Miller was instrumental in influencing the Park and Planning Commission to develop a Master Plan for Takoma Park. The Park and Planning Commission consulted with the City Council four or five times, held public hearings at the Takoma Park Jr. High School where everyone had an opportunity to voice their views. Changes were made later by the Park and Planning Commission and most of the City's suggestions were followed. The Park and Planning Commission adopted the Master Plan in October 1963 and at that time requested the City Council to express their views. Proposed a motion that the Mayor and Council go on record as giving their general approval of the Master Plan adopted by the Park and Planning Commission in October 1963, subject to implementation as based on circumstances in effect on the particular parcels of land and that the Park and Planning Commission be commended for an excellent piece of work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. Housing for Elderly: Reported that a Civic Improvements Committee meeting has been scheduled for next Monday night, August 3, with Mr. Wolfe, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the problem. Invited the Mayor and other Councilmen to attend.

3. 7116 Sycamore Avenue: Reported that this situation is similar to the Piney Branch case and therefore recommends the item be removed from the agenda.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

Reported that the Library is still looking for a replacement to fill Mrs. Lewis's position who is retiring.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

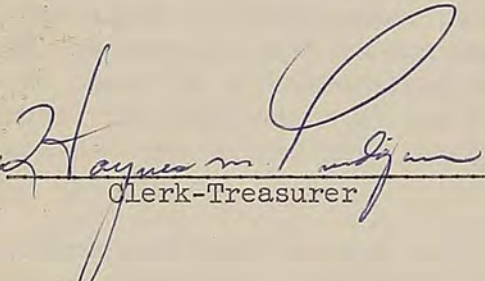
1. Heffner Park: Reported that instead of a high fence around Heffner Park, the Committee has recommended that a suitable post and chain be erected to keep trucks from coming in and dumping rubbish. Also recommended that suitable lighting be installed from dusk to dawn.
2. Spring Park: Reported that the chain link fence requested by the neighborhood association will have to be taken up with the Public Works Department.
3. Sister City Program: Reported that the Committee and the official family of the City are making plans for Mayor Andrade's visit August 28 through September 6. Commented that a tentative agenda has been prepared which will include a Council dinner, visits to three hospitals, President Kennedy's grave, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Lincoln Memorial, Mt. Vernon and a picnic featuring the 3rd Infantry Regiment drill team.
4. Summer Recreation Program: Reported that attendance has been high at all the parks except Sligo Park and steps are being taken to bring the attendance back to normal. Councilman Turner commented that a number of the AFS students attended the Square Dance after the Swim Party and thoroughly enjoyed it.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE:

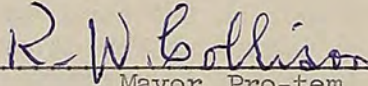
1. Revised Bill, COG: Councilman Collison inquired if the Corporation Counsel had an opportunity to review the revised bill to charter the Council of Governments. Corporation Counsel Gingerich commented that he would have a report before the next Council Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session August 10, 1964 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
 Clerk-Treasurer

Approved

  
 Mayor Pro-tem