

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 8, 1965

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 March 8, 1965 at 8:03 p.m..

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Collison	Chief Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Chief Foster, Police Department
Councilman Kennedy	Chief LaScola, Fire Department
Councilman McKenzie	Public Works Director Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	

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 February 22, 1965. City Administrator Pridgen pointed out that on Page 5, under Law Enforcement Committee, Item 1, the ordinance number was omitted and should read Ordinance No. 1828. Councilman McKenzie presented a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and the motion was seconded by Councilman Collison.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Dr. Joaquin Ponde, Jequie, Bahia, Brazil: Thank you note for Holiday Greetings and extending best wishes for the New Year. (Council Files)
2. The Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Governor of Maryland: Announcing the Fourteenth Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation and Parks, May 16-19, 1965, Ocean City, Maryland. (Parks and Recreation)
3. Letters relating to North Central Freeway: (Council Files)
 - (a) Hon. Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., House of Representatives
 - (b) Hon. Gilbert Gude, Senate of Maryland
 - (c) Hon. Robert J. Dentz, House of Delegates
 - (d) Hon. Donald W. Roberson, House of Delegates
4. Hon. Edna P. Cook, Chairman, Sub-Committee on Rapid Transit, Joint Delegation, House of Delegates: Requesting comments on House Bill 300, hearing by Joint Delegations of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, March 10, 8:00 p.m., Senate Finance Committee Room. (Council as a Whole)
5. Hon. Jesse S. Baggett, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Prince George's County: Requesting comments and recommendations on distribution of the County's new "Speakers Bureau" listing. (City Administrator)
6. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, City: Inquiry concerning zoning and land use. (Public Welfare and Civic Improvements)
7. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Geib and Petitioners, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Requesting that Council recommend denial of R-10 or R-20 in the case of Zoning applications E-128 and E-129, located at Sheridan and Hancock Avenues. (Civic Improvements)

Correspondence Received, continued

8. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Geib and Petitioners, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Requesting that Council recommend denial of the R-10 Zone in the case of Zoning Application E-15, located at Lincoln and Jefferson Avenues. (Civic Improvements)
9. Misses Dorothy I. and Gladys M. Taylor, 7200 14th Avenue, City: Requesting assistance in having a tree hazard corrected. (Public Works) (Public Welfare)
10. Mr. W. Clifford Shertzer, Owner 7411 Aspen Court and 717 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Requesting that Aspen Court and part of Aspen Avenue be made a "No Parking" area in order that emergency apparatus may not be obstructed in any way. (Law Enforcement)
11. Mrs. Paul B. Croft, 7910 Lockney Avenue, City: Request that something be done about the dogs in the area. (Public Welfare)
12. Mrs. Esther D. Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Commending the Police Department, especially Officer Williams and Postle, in connection with the recent Bicycle Registration Day. (Law Enforcement) (Personnel Files)
13. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Referred to letter recently received from one of the AFS students who asked to be remembered to Cpl. Olson, who made a very favorable impression last July, when the students were visiting here. (Law Enforcement) (Copy Personnel File)
14. Mrs. Nancy Colleran, Girl Scout Troop No. 1576, Silver Spring: Appreciation for Baby Sitting Course Certificates. (Council Files)
15. Mr. James A. Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association: Copy of letter addressed to Mr. William J. Stevens, Chairman, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission requesting that consideration be given to widening Sligo Creek Parkway and straightening it at the intersection of Jackson Avenue. (Law Enforcement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and made a few remarks relative to the Dog Ordinance.

Mayor Miller urged all citizens to attend the Public Hearing tomorrow, March 9, and express their views on the proposed North Central Freeway. The Hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Silver Spring Armory.

Mayor Miller commented that Governor and Mrs. Lomanto and their son of Bahia, Brazil visited Takoma Park last week. Stated Governor Lomanto was the former Mayor of our Sister City, Jequie, Bahia, Brazil, and is now Governor of Bahia and is one of the leading figures in Brazil's progressive movement. Commented that their son will enter Georgetown Prep in the Fall and in the meantime the son is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zark. Stressed the value and importance of the People to People Program and urged citizens to participate.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. James Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Assoc.: Spoke in opposition to Z.A. P. E-173 stating that the Association had previously opposed the rezoning of this area for a medical center.

Public Participation, continued

2. Mr. John B. Douglas, 8307 Flower Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-173, stating that they recently purchased a lot on Jackson Avenue and have started construction of their home near the above property and were certainly unaware that high rise was contemplated for this area or they would not have purchased it.
3. Mr. William E. Hayman, 7518 Jackson Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-173. Stated he had represented the Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association against the Medical Center in this same location and at that time the Board of Appeals handed down a strong opinion pointing out that the traffic on Carroll Avenue would be intolerable. Also stated the Medical Center involved a three story building and asked what would a thirteen story apartment building do to traffic?
4. Mr. Arlo Greer, 7514 Jackson Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-173. Stated they had purchased their property about ten years ago, that both he and his wife work in Arlington and commute because they like Takoma Park and the area because it looks a little bit rural. Indicated that if they had had any idea apartments might be built on the subject property they would not have purchased their property.
5. Mr. Leslie Pitton, 1001 Heather Avenue, Member Board of Directors, Sister City Corporation: Spoke in behalf of the Sister City Corporation Board of Directors. Commented that they felt their work over the last year and a half is helping to put Takoma Park on the map. Pointed out that at last Thursday's meeting, the Voice of America took movies of Mayor Miller and Governor Lomanto which will be shown in Bahia. Stated that when the people of Bahia think of America, they think of Takoma Park. Remarked that Governor Lomanto has visited us twice and Mayor Andrade once and we have not returned the visit. Stated the Committee feels this is quite important, and that on several occasions Dr. Andrade and the Sister City Committee in Jequie have expected visitors from Takoma Park, including Mayor Miller and we have had to disappoint them. Stated the group has again been invited for the April 9th celebration in Jequie commemorating Dr. Andrade's second anniversary in office as Mayor. Commented that three or four members of the Board will finance their own way and accompany the Mayor if the City Council could possibly see their way clear to send the Mayor. Stated this would be a wonderful thing the Council would be doing and the Board of Directors will appreciate whatever the Council can do. Also pointed out that Mr. Dick Oakland had given him the names of 11 cities that had sent their Mayor's to their Sister Cities in 1964. The trip would cost approximately \$600 plus \$100 expenses.
- Mayor Miller commented that the Committee knows he has protested this but went over his head to the Council. Felt the decision was entirely up to the Council.
6. Mrs. Freida Zark, Sister City Committee: Commented that Mrs. Lomanto will return to the area this Sunday and that she is hoping the day of departure will be set when she returns. Asked the Council to please consider this request in the Committee's favor. Also stated that a huge celebration is being planned.
7. Mr. Dirck Keyser, Sister City Committee: Stated Bahia covers approximately 1/10th of Brazil and is a very crucial point of Brazil. Indicated Governor Lomanto has been very much in favor of the program and has given it much support and publicity. Stated this is one chance the group really has to do something and hoped that it would be possible for them to make the trip.
8. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Commented that he felt Mrs. Miller should be included in the request. Mayor Miller thanked Mr. Derato but stated that someone had to take care of the three children.

Public Participation, continued

9. Mr. Clifford Shertzer, Owner 7411 Aspen Court and 717 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Spoke further regarding his letter read earlier in the evening. Felt it was very important that Aspen Court and part of Aspen Avenue be established as no parking areas in order that emergency vehicles would not be inconvenienced while entering the Court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner, Vice Chairman reporting

No report at this time. Inquired if the Jequie visit should be brought up at this time or if it would come under Finance Committee? Felt that it would come up under Finance.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Improved Lighting - Area Maple and Maplewood: Moved that the Potomac Electric Power Company be requested to make a survey of the Maple and Maplewood Avenue area and submit a recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

2. Street Lighting - Devonshire Road: Moved that Pepco's recommendation that two 1000 lumen lights on Devonshire Avenue, one at the corner of Elm and the other at the corner of Glazewood be increased to 2500 lumen and that an additional 2500 lumen light be installed on Devonshire near New Hampshire Avenue be accepted at an additional net annual increase of \$36.26. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

3. Equipment: The following ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1829

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase a driver's cab for the Trojan Front End Loader from the John C. Louis Company for the sum of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$540.00) installed, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the sum stated in Section One is hereby authorized to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 12.203B.

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

4. Transportation Planning Process: Reported that Mr. Rhodes attended the meeting of the organizing committee for the development of a continuing comprehensive transportation planning process for the National Capital Region on March 2. Stated Mr. Rhodes reported there was considerable discussion concerning the representation on the committee and three or four recommendations were submitted on an interim basis only and Mr. Rhodes has requested instructions as to the City's position on the matter. Moved

Public Works Committee, Continued
Transportation Planning Process, continued

that the Council approve the creation of the interim committee of approximately ten members, one of which will represent Takoma Park as well as some of the surrounding communities. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried. Councilman Collison commented that Mr. Alan Beals is trying to locate someone to represent the municipalities.

5. Ritchie, Niagara, Oswego Avenues: Reported that it is necessary to establish the elevation grade for Ritchie, Niagara, Oswego Avenues. Moved that the Council authorize the engineering consultants, Shepherd, Worthington & Prescott, Inc. to work up plans for this elevation grade on a cost basis plus 100%. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried. The City Administrator was instructed to transmit a letter to Montgomery County informing them of this action.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Housing Inspection, etc.: Reported as follows: Housing Inspections - December, 1964 - 18; January, 1965 - 14; February - 15. Re-inspections - December, 1964 - 10; January, 1965 - 8; February, 1965 - 8. Investigations concerning trash and debris - December, 1964 - 21; January, 1965 - 14; February, 1965 - 19. Rodent Control Inspections - December, 1964 - 12; January, 1965 - 8; February 1965 - 9. Inspections with Montgomery County Health Department - December, 1964 - 2; January, 1965 - 3; February, 1965 - 4.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Tax Assessment: Proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1830

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

SECTION 1. THAT a tax rate of FIFTEEN CENTS (15¢) per one hundred assessable base within the Special Fire Tax Area within the 22nd Precinct of the 13th Election District of Montgomery County be set for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1965 for the continuation of Fire Protection to this area outside the Corporate Limits of the City by the Takoma Park Fire Department, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the Montgomery County Council be requested to levy, collect, and remit to the City of Takoma Park the special tax as provided in Section 1 of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 42-1 Montgomery County Code (1960).

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. During the discussion it was mentioned that other areas were receiving 20¢ and that it might be worthwhile to look into it another year.

2. Jequeie Visit: Proposed the following ordinance:

Finance Committee, continuedORDINANCE NO. 1831

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Mayor has received a third invitation to visit Jequie, Bahia, Brazil, the Sister City of Takoma Park, AND

SECTION 2. THAT an amount to cover the cost of transportation plus ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) expense fund is hereby authorized to be expended from Account No. 22.1A for the Mayor to represent the City of Takoma Park by visit to the Sister City, Jequie, Bahia, Brazil.

The motion was duly seconded 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.

Mayor Miller commented that he hoped he could live up to their expectations in representing the City and hoped they could show the people in Jequie that there is no difference between an American and his problems and their problems.

Mr. Pitton thanked the Council in behalf of the Board of Directors.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Vice Chairman reporting

1. Personnel: Reported that the Investigative Committee had met relative to the statement of charges placed by Chief Foster against Private John R. McGathey. Commented that the Committee had attempted to weigh all the statements brought out in the hearings as well as the information contained in the file submitted by the Police Department. Moved that the Council approve the recommendation of the Investigative Committee which states that in their opinion it will be in the best interest of both the Police Department and Pvt. McGathey that Pvt. McGathey's services be terminated. Recommended that this be done in accordance with Section 24 (a) (3) of Article 6 (The Merit Plan) of the Municipal Code (1961), which reads as follows: "Dismissal with two weeks' notice, without prejudice, as of the date the Council takes action, with restoration of all back pay to that date, if under suspension." The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. School Patrol Posts: Reported that the Public Works Department has placed gravel beds at all the necessary locations so that the school patrols will have adequate footing.

2. Rt. 410 at Piney Branch: Reported that Chief Foster had written the State Roads Commission recommending only, since the City has no authority, that the West bound lane approach of State Rt. 410, at intersection of Route 320, be marked so that the inner lane is identified with left turn only and the outer lane for through and right turn traffic. Also, that the same markings be made on the East bound approach of the same arterial.

3. Personnel: Motion presented to accept, with regrets, Private Harry R. Wier's resignation, effective February 28, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

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Councilman Kennedy expressed his appreciation to everyone for their kind expression of sympathy while he was in the hospital.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel: Motion presented that Volunteer Private Bernard L. Collins be appointed to the Fire Department on a one year probationary period, effective March 16, 1965, at the starting salary of \$4,750.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
2. Volunteer Personnel: Commented that Volunteer Captain J. T. Baker has recently retired from the Volunteer Service and in appreciation of his many years of dedicated service moved that the Mayor and Council present him with some type of award. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.
3. Trestle Ladder: Reported that Chief LaScola checked with other companies relative to purchasing an aluminum trestle ladder drawn to the Fire Department's specifications and find that the Aluminum Ladder Company is the only one who can furnish the required specifications; therefore, moved that the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase one aluminum trestle extension ladder, 7'6" in length, 2'7" width and a height of 11', including extended length of 12 feet, from the Aluminum Ladder Company at a cost of \$180.00 to be transferred from the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

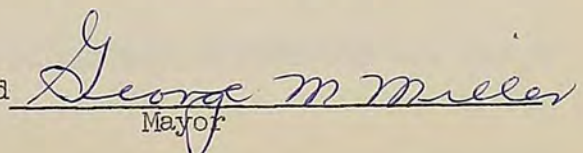
1. Z.A.P. E-173, Carroll Avenue and Grosmer Place: Reported that this particular application had been discussed at the last Council Meeting and it was the consensus of the Council that they would vigorously oppose the R.H. Zoning. Moved that the Council recommend denial of the R.H. Zoning in Zoning Application E-173 for the following reasons: (a) Topography - the location is high and R.H. type buildings would tower over the surrounding single family and low density buildings; (b) High density would be disruptive to the character of the general neighborhood; (c) Traffic generated from R. H. Type buildings would introduce a dangerous hazard on Carroll Avenue and entrance on Jackson Avenue would be entirely unreasonable; (d) The Park and Planning Commission and the City Council in studying this area while preparing the Master Plan, came to the conclusion that high density zoning would be completely undesirable. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
2. Z.A.P. E-128 and Z.A.P. E-129, Sheridan and Hancock Avenues; Z.A.P. E-15, Jefferson and Lincoln Avenues: Reported that action had been taken on these three applications at the last Council Meeting recommending denial.
3. Work Program: Reported the matter has been discussed with the Corporation Counsel and would like his request withdrawn and the item removed from the agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session March 22, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

Approved


Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reportingBANK BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1965SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1965	\$ 3,640.98	
*Plus: February Reports	<u>62,544.38</u>	\$ 66,185.36
Less: February Disbursements		55,251.22
Balance as of February 28, 1965		<u>\$ 10,934.14</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1965	\$ 4,118.37	
No transactions during February	<u>-----0---</u>	
Balance as of February 28, 1965		\$ <u>4,118.37</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1965	\$ 14,772.33	
Plus: February Receipts	<u>4,251.21</u>	\$ 19,023.54
Less: February Disbursements		5,963.92
Balance as of February 28, 1965		<u>\$ 13,059.62</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of January 31, 1965	\$ 6,325.40	
Plus: February Transfers from Gen. Ledger	<u>38,832.61</u>	\$ 45,158.01
Less: February Disbursements		38,013.62
Balance as of February 28, 1965		<u>\$ 7,144.39</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
SAVINGS A/C T-63

Balance as of January 31, 1965	\$ 713.15	
No transactions during February	<u>---0---</u>	
Balance as of February 28, 1965		\$ <u>713.15</u>

PETTY CASH

Balance as of February 28, 1965		\$ <u>200.00</u>
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U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1965	\$221,928.10	\$ 225,000.00
Less: Bond Maturity	<u>49,329.44</u>	50,000.00
Balance as of February 28, 1965	<u>\$172,598.66</u>	<u>\$ 175,000.00</u>

* Includes \$50,000.00 Bond Maturity

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CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Collison	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Jones	Public Works Director Rhodes
Councilman Kennedy	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman McKenzie	Deputy Fire Chief DeKalb
Councilman Roth	
Councilman Turner	

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend Raymond H. Brown, Asst. Minister of the Gilemont Methodist Church, former minister of the Grace Methodist 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 March 8, 1965. Upon motion of Councilman Kennedy, duly seconded by Councilman Turner, the minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator reporting

- Honorable Jesse-S. Baggett, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Prince George's County: Invitation to a special presentation of the forthcoming County Budget on March 25 at Upper Marlboro. (Council as a Whole) (Finance)
- Mrs. Marine L. Hamilton, President, Ladies Auxiliary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department: Plans for a Loan Closet operation. (Public Welfare)
- Mr. William O. Dobbins, Planning Engineer, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Request for recommendation on Zoning Map Amendment Petitions.
 - Z.A.P. A-6160, MSI Corp., Owner; Stephen N. Zarpos, Attorney. Parcel A, Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5. Hanley Addition to Langley Park on Holton Lane, 88,898 square feet, C-1 to C-2 Zone. (Civic Improvements)
 - Z.A.P. A-6173, Hubert K. Arnold, Owner, Lot 13, Block 4, New Hampshire Gardens, 1280 Holton Lane, 7,164 square feet, R-55 to C-0 Zone. (Civic Improvements)
- Mrs. T. J. Hutchins, 18 Hickory Avenue, City: Complaints on Debris. (Public Welfare)
 - Lot on Columbia Ave., rear of Safeway Store.
 - Lot on Maple Ave. between Grant and Lee.
 - Corner Poplar and New Hampshire Ave..
- Mr. Charles H. Howe, Jr., President, Takoma Park Elementary School PTA: Expression of appreciation for participation of Mayor Miller and Mr. Harvey Williams, Building Inspector, in panel discussion at March 2 PTA Meeting. (Council Files)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and issued the following Proclamations:

Proclamations, continued

(a) Clean-Up, Pretty-Up Campaign: Proclaimed April 18 through May 15, 1965 as "Clean-Up, Pretty-Up" time for the City of Takoma Park. During this time there will be special trash pick-ups by the Public Works Department on April 21 and April 28, also May 5, and May 12. Requested the cooperation of the citizens in participating in this very worthwhile project to help beautify the City. The campaign is sponsored by the Mayor and City Council, Takoma Park Police Department, Takoma Park Fire Department and the Takoma Park Public Works Department.

(b) Azalea Week: Proclaimed April 19 through April 25, 1965 as "Azalea Week" in Takoma Park and called upon all citizens to support the program by additional planting of azaleas on their own property, particularly in the front yards where the general public and their neighbors might enjoy and admire them.

(c) Law Day: Proclaimed Saturday, May 1, 1965 as Law Day, U.S.A. in the City of Takoma Park and called upon all citizens, organizations and schools to recognize Law Day with suitable programs, ceremonies and educational activities.

Commended Nancy R. and Myrtle Louise Noe, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Grant of Dundalk Road for evacuating their younger brothers when fire broke out in their home. Presented both girls with Certificates of Award in recognition of their heroic deed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Roderic F. Davis, Chairman, Save Takoma Park Committee: Read and presented to City Administrator Pridgen two letters relative to the North Central Freeway and submitted copies of a petition signed by approximately 2000 people which expressed their position in favor of deferral of all major road expansion plans until a rail rapid transit system is put into operation. Stated that voluntary contributions have reached approximately \$5,000. Inquired if the April 1st meeting with Mr. Funk and the Council was to be a public meeting and if it is a continuation of their previous meeting would the Save Takoma Park Committee be represented as they were previously? Mayor Miller commented that as far as he can determine it is open to the public and the press. The Mayor and Council had requested the State Roads Commission several times for a reply to questions submitted by the Mayor and Council and Mr. Funk replied that it would probably be more advantageous to all concerned if they met again with the Mayor and Council to answer their questions. Mayor Miller requested City Administrator Pridgen to read Mr. Funk's letter of February 25th and his reply of March 10. (Read). Mr. Pridgen stated that in a telephone conversation with Mr. Jones of the State Roads Commission, Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Funk was willing to open the meeting to the public but would like to limit the questions to the Mayor and Council.
2. Mr. Melvin Harris, President, North Takoma Park Citizens Association, Finance Chairman, Save Takoma Park Committee: Spoke in opposition to any alternate route being mentioned in relation to the North Central Freeway and commented this was the consensus of the great number of people he had worked with on the Committee.
3. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, Save Takoma Park Committee, Chairman Air Pollution Study: Commented that in the Mayor's first statement it was felt that the Mayor and Council were in agreement with the Save Takoma Park Committee's position and requested the Mayor and Council not to consider any alternate route or any possible freeway. Pointed out the fallacy of the Greiner Report commenting that in some instances the report was in error 100% and over. Commented that due to the prevailing westerly winds in Maryland, no matter where a freeway was located, the winds would carry the air pollution to the East killing plant life as well as people.

Public Participation, continued

4. Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to the proposed Prince George's County Income Tax commenting there were only 13 days left for the Delegates to be in session and hoped that the Mayor and Council would speak in opposition of the proposed income tax at the Prince George's Budget Hearing.

Councilman Roth commented that Senator Wineland had proposed a counter proposal to provide \$135,000 for the Assessor's Office in order to put more assessors on the job and put property on more current levels.

5. Mr. Charles McKay, 1107 Kirklynn Avenue, City:

Stated that he had noticed in the City Newsletter that the Fire Department had recommended 5 new paid firemen for the proposed 1965/66 Budget. Commented he was very much interested in the Police Department's recommendation. Stated there had been 5 break-ins in the neighborhood recently and was wondering if there was going to be more police protection in the evenings. Stated the residents are afraid to leave their homes in the evening.

Councilman Kennedy commented that the preliminary budget requests 1 additional policeman but the exact number is not fully determined because only preliminary figures have been presented. Commented that the Police Department and the Law Enforcement Committee are well aware of the need and are making every possible effort to correct the situation.

There was general discussion relative to burglaries, vandalism, phone calls, etc.. Chief Foster advised residents to notify the Police Department when they are going on vacation, even if it is just for a couple of days and to be sure and stop their milk deliveries, newspapers and mail deliveries while they are away from home.

6. Mr. Robert Vogel, 7407 Baltimore Avenue, Save Takoma Park Committee: Stated he felt discussion relative to an alternate route is fairly critical at this point and that the State Roads Commission will do everything to push alternate routes at this time. Commented that he felt no one including the Mayor and Council should discuss any alternate routes. Inquired what the legal basis is of the stand the City has taken regarding an alternate route. Mr. Gingerich commented that he did not feel it was a legal matter. Councilman Roth pointed out that he had never heard the matter discussed on a legal basis. Pointed out that any one could testify and it would have been impracticable for the Council not to. Felt that a freeway running through a section of Takoma Park would be entirely undesirable. It was pointed out that the Mayor and Council should not be considered as experts as related to rapid transit but they should be knowledgeable relating to the welfare of Takoma Park.

Councilman Forshee commented that he did not feel the Mayor and the Council had changed their position. Stated that they had always been opposed to the freeway but did recognize the fact the City might end up with a freeway regardless and felt they should have some other suggestion if forced into it.

7. Mr. Philip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to the freeway but suggested that if a freeway is forced upon them that a route be considered from Rhode Island Avenue between 10th and 20th Streets North East to the point where Sligo Creek joins North West Branch following the North West Branch alignment to the Capital Beltway between Exits 24 and 25.

8. Mr. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue, City: Stated that he had attended all of the Public Hearings concerning the freeway and there were over 300 speakers opposing any conception of a freeway. He pointed out that the State Roads Commission may take a magnanimous position of eliminating the route through Takoma Park retaining its posi-

Public Participation continued

Mr. Abbott, continued

tion that the freeway is necessary by some alternate route. He urged the Mayor and Council to take a strong stand against the North Central Freeway and refrain from proposing any substitute routes. He called attention to the requirement for a Regional Planning Process becoming effective by July 1 and recommended the City be adequately represented in this program.

9. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Further pointed out that it is possible for the Mayor and Council to change their position concerning the Freeway. Indicated that elected officials are presumed to be guided by the desires of the constituents and that over 2000 persons, with contributions in excess of \$5,000, have voiced their absolute opposition to the freeway and support the Rapid-Rail Transit System.

10. Mrs. Irene Brunegart, 7419 Piney Branch Rd., City: Concurred with Mr. Ferrier's statement on air pollution. Remarked that she also feels she is an expert on what is good for Takoma Park. She stated that she is working to save her neighbor's homes as well as her own. Commented that from her past experience she is afraid that the State Roads Commission might make a fine gesture by removing the threat of the freeway from the proposed route and place it elsewhere. Suggested that the Mayor and Council oppose the freeway with all their power.

Councilman Jones emphasized that the State Roads Commission has vested authority to place a highway where they think it best and this was confirmed by Corporation Counsel Gingerich. Councilman Turner raised the question as to what might be the outcome should a conflict develop between the State Roads Commission and the Board of Education in connection with the Montgomery Junior College property. Mr. Gingerich stated that such disputes are settled by the State Board of Public Works composed of the Governor and other State Officials, of which Mr. Funk may be a member. Councilman Jones and Councilman Turner both pointed out that the Council would have been subject to criticism if no position had been taken and then the freeway was run through the City as proposed. Councilman Turner pointed out that the Council has adopted and maintained its position as represented by the Mayor and that unity in the opposition is desirable and that the Council is doing the best that they know how for the City.

11. Mr. Paul Lambidakis, 7213 Cedar Avenue, City: Voiced his opposition to the freeway indicating that he wishes to maintain his home in Takoma Park and even though the Mayor and Council have suggested an alternate route feels that the important thing at this time is for the Mayor and Council to join the people in complete opposition to a freeway.

12. Mr. Neal Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue, City: Stated that recent traffic studies by the District of Columbia do not justify the freeway and challenge the figures contained in the Report. He urged that Mr. Funk be requested to make a new study of traffic and that presently there is no need shown. He suggested that the Mayor and Council speak for the people and add leverage for others in Montgomery County in opposition to the freeway.

13. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Expressed her hope that the Spring Park ball diamond will be adequately prepared before June and stated that there is a need for protection to the younger children during the period May 30 and the opening of the park programs.

14. Mr. Perry Schroeder, 2 Crescent Place, City: Commended the Mayor and Council in handling the matter of their freeway problem pointing out that this is in addition to their normal duties of governing the City. Indicated that citizens are inclined to be oblivious to the true values of their community life until it is threatened.

Mr. Ferrier expressed confidence in the Mayor and Council and their devotion to duty. Stated he appreciated the courtesy extended to them.

Mayor Miller stated it wasn't always possible to be present at all of the functions as he would prefer. Commented at this time of year, the General Assembly is in session and many times it has been necessary for him to be in Annapolis and, therefore, could not attend all of the Public Hearing Sessions.

Councilman Turner commended Mayor Miller in his devotion to the duties of the Office stating that it is doubtful that anyone else would devote the time that Mayor Miller spends executing the responsibilities placed upon him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Governor's Conference: Reported that he plans to attend the Fourteenth Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation and Parks in May.
2. Spring Park: Reported that Mrs. Ferry had spoken to him about the ball diamond and he would check into the possibility of having some police surveillance in the afternoons until the summer recreation programs are under way.
3. Municipal Gymnasium Program Report: Reported that the total attendance in the Sports Program from March 1964 to February 1965 was 8,241. The total attendance in the Roller Skating Program for the same period was 2,397. The total expense to Montgomery County for the two programs amounted to \$2,359.56 and the expense to the City was \$1,474.51. Felt it was a wonderful program for the young people.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman Collison reporting

1. Storm Drainage Project: Reported that the City had received word from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission that the contract had been awarded for the Spring Branch Storm Drainage Project and that work will begin in about two weeks. Commented that the Project will cost the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission \$82,000.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Roaming Dogs: Reported that the Committee has discussed the matter and recommended that the Ordinance pertaining to dogs be published in the next issue of the City Newsletter. Also requested that letters be forwarded to both Counties asking that the City be patrolled on a regular basis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Budget Hearing: Reported that the 1965/66 Public Budget Hearing has been tentatively set for April 27 in the Municipal Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Aspen Court: Upon the recommendation of Mr. Shertzner, the Fire Department and the Chief of Police the following ordinance was proposed:

Law Enforcement continuedORDINANCE NO. 1832

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited at all times on the North side of Aspen Court from its intersection with Aspen Avenue East to the private property line, AND

SECTION 2. THAT parking be prohibited at all times on the South side of Aspen Court from its intersection with Aspen Avenue East to the private property line, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect "No Parking Any Time" signs at appropriate locations to indicate the restriction as designated in Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance, and to paint curbs as necessary, AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinance governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

2. Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that although this is a Park and Planning matter, the Chief of Police made a survey of the situation. Reported that the Park and Planning Commission had removed the tree which constituted a traffic hazard and had taken corrective measures relative to the other requests; therefore, requested the item be removed from the agenda.

3. Laurel Avenue Parking Meters: Requested that this matter be referred to the Council as a Whole. It was so ordered by Mayor Miller.

4. Wabash Avenue: Reported that upon the recommendation of the Committee no change will be made. Requested that the interested citizens be informed of this decision and the item removed from the agenda.

5. Repair of Vehicles: Reported that the Committee feels Ordinance No. 1827 governing Noise Regulation will adequately cover the repair of vehicles on private property and therefore, requests the item be removed from the agenda.

6. Maple Avenue at Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that Chief Foster had observed the flow of traffic on Maple Avenue during rush hours and did not feel there was a necessity at this time for a dividing line on Maple Avenue; therefore, requested the item be removed from the agenda.

7. Personnel: Motion presented that Officer O. Dale Flanagan of the uniformed division be appointed to the Detective Bureau on a one year probationary period, effective April 1, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

8. Personnel: Motion presented that Mr. Herbert M. Howell, III, be appointed as a Police Officer, under the Merit Plan on a one year probationary period, effective April 1, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

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9. Personnel: Motion presented that Mr. Paul A. Strizak of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, be appointed as a Police Officer, under the Merit Plan on a one year probationary period, effective April 1, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
10. Justice of the Peace: Reported that due to his illness the reappointment of George A. Cook, Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County and the City of Takoma Pk. was not acted upon. Moved that the Council go on record as confirming Mayor Miller's recommendation that Justice of the Peace, George A. Cook, be reappointed for a two year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.
11. Park Lights: Reported that numerous complaints have been received from citizens concerning extinguished lights, especially in Washington, Spring and Forest Parks. Stated that these lights are automatically turned off at 1:00 a.m. daily and since darkness encourages vandalism, moved that upon the recommendation of the Chief of the Police, the park lights be kept on until 5:00 a.m. and that the Director of Public Works be so instructed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel: Motion presented that Pvt. John H. Parsley be promoted to Private First Class, effective April 1, 1965, at the present merit plan salary of \$5,850 per annum. Recommendation submitted by the Fire Chief and approved by the Fire Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Zoning and Land Use: Reported on an inquiry concerning property in the area of Eastern Avenue and Cedar Avenue. Stated that this property is planned for the R-10 Zoning under the Master Plan, adopted by the Park and Planning Commission in October of 1963. Pointed out that the R-10 Zoning permits one apartment unit for each 1000 square feet of land area. There is presently no limit on height other than that buildings in excess of 30 feet, an additional one foot set back from the street is required for each additional foot in height. The City has no control of the design of buildings and it is doubtful that such control can be obtained due to existing State law. Suggested that the Master Plan and the Montgomery County Zoning Code be made available for review in the City Office by the McGuire's.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Library Board Meeting: Reported that the last Board meeting was held March 10 and Library Week was discussed.

THERE being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session April 12, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: Harper M. Paulsen Approved

Clerk-Treasurer

George M. Miller
Mayor