

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

April 12, 1965

The Mayor Pro-tem and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on April 12, 1965 at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Pro-tem Collison	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Kennedy	Police Chief Foster
Councilman McKenzie	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams

Excused

Mayor Miller	Councilman Turner
Councilman Jones	Corporation Counsel Gingerich

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

Mayor Pro-tem Collison called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on March 22, 1965. Upon motion of Councilman McKenzie, duly seconded by Councilman Forshee, the minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen

1. Honorable Carlton R. Sickles, House of Representatives: Concerning North Central Freeway. (North Central Freeway)
2. Mr. W. E. Murray, Vice President, General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists: Report on trip to Jequie, Brazil. (Sister City) (Council Files)
3. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, President, The B. F. Gilbert Citizen's Association: Expression of good will to Mayor Miller on his trip to Jequie and expression of appreciation for the presentation of the City's case on the North Central Freeway. (North Central Freeway) (Sister City) Freeway)
4. Miss W. Boerner, 7908 Flower Avenue, City: Recommendation for Air Pollution Ordinance. (Public Welfare)
5. Mrs. Allan M. Houck, 719 Auburn Avenue, City: Commendation of the Police Department. (Law Enforcement) (Chief of Police)
6. Memorandum from Prince George's County Municipal Association: Notice of monthly meeting, Thursday, April 15, City Hall, Greenbelt. (Council as a Whole)
7. Mr. Don H. Dragoo, Owner 8204 Houston Court, City: Acknowledgment of letter concerning disreputable conditions on property and agreement to clean up and maintain same in future. (Public Welfare)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes

Mayor Pro-tem Collison welcomed the audience and commented that Mayor Miller and five representatives from the Sister City Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Magness and Mrs. Rhoda Ross are in Brazil visiting our Sister City friends in Jequie, Bahia, Brazil and Governor Lomanto and Mrs. Lomanto, who was the former Mayor of Jequie.

Mayor Pro-tem Collison issued the following Proclamations:

1. Teacher Career Month: Proclaimed the month of April 1965 as Teaching Career Month in recognition of the importance of the task accomplished by the teachers of this City and requested the citizens to give them the necessary support in encouraging them to continue their careers and encourage young people to consider this very worth while field.

2. White Cane Day: Proclaimed Saturday, April 24, 1965 as official "White Cane Day" and called upon all citizens to participate in the Lions Club's fund raising drive in their sight conservation projects. Mr. William Kathmeyer, President of the Lions Club and Mr. Edward Hutmire and Mr. Raymond Turner, members of the Club were introduced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. William Kathmeyer, President, Takoma Park Lions Club: Stated that the Silver Spring Club is not participating in the drive this year and a portion of the Silver Spring area has been given to the Takoma Park group. Commented that over \$400 was raised last year and it is their hope to reach \$1,000 this year to be used for the prevention of blindness. Funds will be disbursed from the Takoma Park Club. Reported that the Bloodmobile will be in Takoma Park, Monday, April 26, at the Cornerstone Lodge from 2 to 7:45 p.m. Solicited the cooperation of citizens in helping the Lions Club to fulfill their quota for the blood bank by registering in the Lions' Club name.

2. Miss Dorothy I. Taylor, 7200 14th Avenue, City: Spoke relative to her previous letter on the decayed tree in her neighbor's yard which is a hazard to her home and asked if anything further had developed in this matter. Councilman McKenzie reported that the City has no legal authority in such matters but Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, had notified the owners that if any damage is done to the adjacent property or injury to the residents from falling branches they would be liable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman reporting

1. Sign Facings: Reported that the street signs and stop signs within the City are in poor shape and upon the recommendation of Mr. Rhodes and the Committee proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1833

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

SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety and convenience a program of modernization of traffic and street signs be initiated, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to purchase reflectorized traffic control and street sign facing materials, excluding metal backing material, including an applicator machine from the Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Company in the sum of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$2,611.80), AND

Public Works Committee, continued
Ordinance No. 1833 continued

SECTION 3. THAT the sum as stated in Section 2 be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 12.202A-1 titled signs.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Loan Closet: Reported that a possible location is being investigated and the matter will be reported on at a later date.
2. Debris: Reported that the owners of the property at Maple and Grant Avenues have been contacted and they have advised that they plan to start construction in the very near future. Stated that the area at Columbia and Sycamore Avenues is being cleaned up. The complaint concerning the property at Poplar and New Hampshire Avenues is outside the City limits and the condition has been reported to Prince George's County.
3. Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that the Building Inspector had mailed approximately 14 letters to property owners concerning the unsanitary and unsightly condition at the back of their properties from the trash containers down to Sligo Creek Parkway. Indicated all but two had cleaned up the debris.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Budget Hearing: Reported that the 1965/66 Public Budget Hearing will be held April 27 at the Municipal Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Larch Avenue: Proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1834

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

SECTION 1. THAT Section 1 and Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1509 restricting parking on the South side of Larch Avenue, adopted October 13, 1958 be hereby repealed, AND

SECTION 2. THAT vehicular parking be prohibited at all times on the North side of Larch Avenue in the 900 Block between the lot line of Lots 4 and 5 and the lot line of Lots 9 and 10, Block 115, Glaiewood Manor, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to remove signs indicating the restriction repealed by Section 1 of this Ordinance and to erect "No Parking Any Time" signs to indicate restriction as provided by Section 2 of this Ordinance, AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by the Municipal Code (1961) covering traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Law Enforcement Committee, continued
Ordinance No. 1834 continued

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

2. Sycamore Avenue: Proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1835

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

SECTION 1. THAT vehicular parking be prohibited at all times on Sycamore Avenue along the Southwest curb line for a distance of one hundred, forty eight feet (148') North from its intersection with Elm Avenue, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect "No Parking Any Time" signs and to paint curbing as necessary to indicate the restriction in accordance with Section 1 of this Ordinance, 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 duly seconded by Councilman McKenzie and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Kennedy, McKenzie and Roth. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Jones and Turner.

3. Personnel: Motion presented that Special Officer Kermit A. Nelson's resignation, effective April 1, 1965, be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Vice-Chairman reporting

1. New Hampshire Avenue Fire Hydrants: Called attention to Chief LaScola's letter to Mr. Blair Smith, Chairman of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, pointing out the lack of fire hydrants in the New Hampshire area South of Holton Lane to Sligo Creek Parkway. Pointed out that a motel is now under construction and the erection of two high rise apartments is contemplated. Moved that the Council go on record as supporting Chief LaScola's recommendation for three fire hydrants to be installed on the East side of New Hampshire Avenue between the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Erskine Street North to the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Holton Lane. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to convey this information to Mr. Blair Smith and request that the matter be handled as expeditiously as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. A-6173, 1280 Holton Lane: Moved that the Mayor and Council vigorously oppose the proposed rezoning and recommend denial of the C-0 Zone from R-55 to the Prince George's County Planning Board and the County Commissioners for the following reasons:

Civic Improvements Committee, continuedZ.A.P. A-6173, continued

1. The property in question is a single lot of only 7,164 square feet.
2. Currently improved with modern residence, built in 1947 with fair current market value of at least \$18,000.
3. It would be simply inconceivable for this lot to be rezoned to C-0 considering small size of the lot and modern home upon it. Feel the purpose of the petition must be to provide for an opening wedge for larger rezoning proposal.
4. The Master Plan, adopted in October 1963 and subsequently confirmed officially by the Mayor and Council, does not propose nor contemplate C-0 zoning for this lot or any property on the West side of New Hampshire Avenue between Sligo Creek Parkway and University Boulevard.
5. The proposed zoning, if granted, would disrupt the existing comprehensive plan for this area and would reduce the effectiveness of our planning process.

Also requested that a representative of the Council appear in opposition at any Public Hearings on the proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Member reporting

1. Recreation Council Meeting: Reported there would be a meeting tomorrow night, April 13, 8:00 P.M. at 8 Columbia Avenue concerning the summer recreation program and the possibility of starting a Takoma Park Recreation Council. Commented both Counties would be represented and representatives from all the parks and interested individuals would be present. Invited the Council to attend.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE (2nd Report): Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Hearings: Reported that there had been two requests for public hearings relative to violations of the Housing Ordinance and asked that the Mayor and Council convene April 19 in the Council Room to hear the two cases, one to be scheduled at 7:30 p.m. and the other at 8:15 p.m.

2. Clean-Up Campaign: Reported that the annual "Clean-Up, Pretty-Up" campaign will begin April 18 through May 15, 1965 and that the special trash pick-up dates will be April 21, April 28, May 5 and May 12.

Chief LaScola of the Fire Department reported that Governor Tawes has proclaimed April 20, 1965 as "Maryland Firemen's Day" and that the Chairman of the Maryland State Firemen's Association has urged the individual communities to issue similar proclamations. Stated that the Ladies Auxiliary is serving dinner to the firemen April 20 and would appreciate it if a "Firemen's Day" proclamation could be issued by Mayor Miller at this time. Councilman Roth moved that a "Firemen's Day" Proclamation be proclaimed by Mayor Miller upon his return to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

Chief Foster reported that Officer Rubenstein is ill and is in the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session April 26, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest Haynes M. Ludwig
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved George M. Miller
Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Fridgen reportingBANK BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1965SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY
GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1965	\$ 10,934.14	
* Plus: March Receipts	<u>126,515.60</u>	\$ 137,449.74
Less : March Disbursements		79,286.53
Balance as of March 31, 1965		<u>\$ 58,163.21</u>

* Includes \$50,000.00 Treasury Bill Matured , \$44,893.62 Montgomery County rebates and \$13,497.06 Race Track.

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
GENERAL FUND

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

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1965	\$ 13,059.62	
No transactions during March	<u>-----0---</u>	
Balance as of March 31, 1965		<u>\$ 13,059.62</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of February 28, 1965	\$ 7,168.27	
Plus: March Transfers from Gen. Ledger	<u>37,492.46</u>	\$ 44,660.73
Less: March Disbursements		38,802.25
Balance as of March 31, 1965		<u>\$ 5,858.48</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND
SAVINGS A/C T-63

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

PETTY CASH

Balance as of March 31, 1965		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Balance as of February 28, 1965	\$ 172,598.66	\$ 175,000.00
Less: Bond Maturity	<u>49,325.76</u>	50,000.00
Balance as of March 31, 1965	<u>\$ 123,272.90</u>	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING ORDINANCE VIOLATION

April 19, 1965

Bobby L. and G. L. Rhodes, 206 Philadelphia Avenue

Mayor Miller called the Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m.. Stated that Mr. Williams had cited the property as being in the R-60 single family zone and in violation of both the Zoning Code and the Housing Code as same is in multiple family use and has ordered that same be reverted by April 30, 1965 and the owners have requested a Hearing in accordance with Article 15, Section 4. He then turned the Hearing over to Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee.

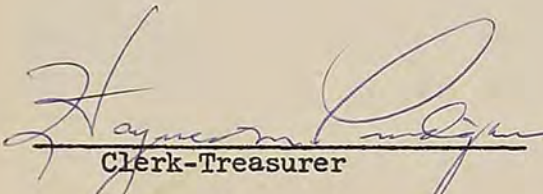
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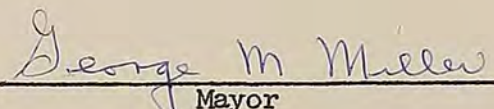
Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes were present along with a neighbor from Birch Avenue, each of whom spoke at intervals. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes pointed out that they had purchased the property in 1957 and used it as their home until recently. With the impression that Route 410 would be widened soon, they built a new home in Edgewater, Maryland and moved there within the past few months. They stated the house to be 31 years old on the corner lot and that they had no knowledge that there was a law to prohibit its use as a multiple family dwelling. They stated that they have been renting the second floor for about two years but in 1958 they had installed kitchen equipment for use of a brother and his family. Stated that pipes were already in the second floor kitchen when they bought the house, that it was equipped with a second floor bathroom and an outside entrance and that it was apparent that the unit had been in use prior to their purchase. They stated they had installed the basement apartment and started renting it in March 1964. They pointed out that the house was in run down condition and that they had put a lot of work and improvements into the property. Stated that there is off-street parking for four cars and that the building is presently rented to three couples with only one small child.

The neighbor, whose name was not ascertained, stated that he knew of no objections to the use of the property in multiple family. He said the present tenancy is certainly more desirable than a single family with eight or ten children. He stated that Mr. O'Connor across the street on Birch Avenue has no objections either.

Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, pointed out that the basement apartment does not conform to the Housing Ordinance but that the first and second floors do conform.

Subsequent to the departure of the citizens, the Council Committee discussed the situation. A vote was taken which carried a motion that the owners be notified after a formal report at the next Council Meeting stating that the multiple family use is in violation of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance and that such use must be terminated within sixty days of such notice and the building reverted to single family use.


Clerk-Treasurer


Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDPUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSING ORDINANCE VIOLATION

April 19, 1965

E. C. Hostetler, 7338 Carroll Avenue

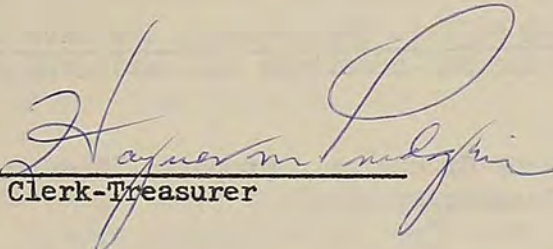
Mayor Miller called the Hearing to order at 7:50 p.m... Stated that Mr. Williams had cited the property as being in the R-60 single family zone and in violation of both the Zoning Code and the Housing Code as same is in multiple family use and has ordered that same be reverted by April 30, 1965 and that the owner has requested a Hearing in accordance with Article 15, Section 4. He then turned the Hearing over to Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee.

Other City Officials present were: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy and Turner; City Administrator Pridgen; Building Inspector Williams.

Mr. Hostetler stated he had purchased the house in 1959 and that the kitchen and bathroom were complete in the basement. He stated that he had told the real estate agent, whose name was not mentioned, that he was interested only in an income producing property. He said that in referring him to the property, the agent had told him there was a kitchen and bathroom in the basement but did not say it was legal or make any statements concerning the zoning. Mr. Hostetler said he had called the Building Inspection Department and had been informed that they would not interfere. He said this was the City Department and not the County Department. He said that the house was run down when he bought it and that he had improved it to make it presentable to the neighborhood. Stated that he rents to a couple without children and has done nothing to interfere with the neighborhood. He said the house on the corner and a few others up and down the street are in multiple family use but that most of the homes are in single family use.

Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, reported that the ceiling height is only six feet six inches to six feet eight inches and does not conform to the seven foot requirement of the Housing Code. He also pointed out that the windows are too small for proper light and ventilation.

Subsequent to the departure of Mr. Hostetler, the Council Committee discussed the matter. A vote was taken which carried a motion that the owner be notified after a formal report was made at the next Council Meeting stating that the multiple family use is in violation of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance and that such use must be terminated within sixty days of such notice and the building reverted to single family use.


Clerk-Treasurer


Mayor

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

April 26, 1965

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 April 26, 1965 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Collison	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Forshee	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Kennedy	Deputy Chief DeKalb
Councilman McKenzie	
Councilman Roth	

Excused: Councilman Turner

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor W. J. Keith of the Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist 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 April 12, 1965. Upon motion of Councilman Collison, duly seconded by Councilman McKenzie, the minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen

1. Mr. R. Deane Shure, Pine Avenue, City: Congratulating Mayor Miller for promotion of the good will exchange between Sister City Jeque, Brazil and Takoma Park with statement of reservation concerning representation by Mr. Herbert Smith. (Council Files)
2. Mrs. Ellen E. Linson, Director, Prince George's Recreation Department: Concerning a Recreation Council and the summer playground program. (Parks & Recreation)
3. The Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission: Z.A.P. No. A-6350, Fidelity Properties, Inc. Owners, Richard E. Painter, Attorney, Lots 11 & 12, Block 26, B. F. Gilberts Addition to Takoma Park. 621-23 Ethan Allen Avenue, approximately 10,000 sq. ft.. C-1 to C-2 Zone. (Civic Improvements)
4. Mrs. Raymond M. McGuire, Chairman, Zoning & Civic Improvement, The Save Takoma Park Committee: Notice of the formation of the sub-committee and outlining general purposes. (Civic Improvements)
5. Joint statement of Washington Area Citizens Groups on a proposed "Continuing, Comprehensive, Cooperative Transportation Planning Process".
6. Mr. Charles H. Howe, Jr., President, Takoma Park Elementary School P.T.A.: Motion that City employ sufficient building inspectors to make regular inspections and enforce provisions of the Housing Code. (Public Welfare)
7. Mr. William H. Hutton, 1008 Heather Avenue, City: Request that "No Parking" signs be removed from North side of Service Lane at rear of houses on North side Heather Avenue: (Law Enforcement)

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Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced that the Public Budget Hearing for 1965/66 would be held tomorrow night (April 27) at 8:00 p.m. in the Fire House Gymnasium. Invited everyone to attend and give their suggestions and comments on the proposed budget.

Mayor Miller then presented Baby Sitting Certificates and Identification Cards to the following members of the Silver Spring Girl Scout Troop No. 1576 who had successfully completed the course: Debbie Valois; Marcia Kraus; Patricia Barker; Nancy Martino; Patricia Roundy; Deborah Sengstack; Barbara Heiberger; Christina Kraft; Claire Neubeck; Elizabeth Winston, Karen Jeffries; Eileen Ziska; Monica Mignone; Janet Laue; Elizabeth McGuinness; Isabel Mignone. Mayor Miller commented that he had met a very active Girl Scout Troop in Brazil and they reminded him very much of the Girl Scouts here. Stated the Brazilian Troop had sent a flag back to be presented to a local Girl Scout Troop and they also wished to correspond with some of our Girl Scouts. Certificates were also awarded to the instructors, namely; Mrs. Nancy Hartung, R.N., Mrs. Jane McBride, R.N. Corporal Ray Williams, Takoma Park Police Department. The baby sitting course is sponsored by the Fire Department and conducted by Pfc. Jarboe.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Dr. John R. Magness, Treasurer, Sister City Committee: Expressed appreciation to the Council for making it possible for the Mayor to make the good will visit to the City's Sister City, Jequie. Reported that Jequie officials were almost overwhelming in their reception to them. Felt the Sister City relationship was a real inspiration to the leaders of Jequie. Stated it was a poor City but that Mayor Andrade and Governor Lomanto were making great strides, with limited funds, to improve conditions. Stated education is not compulsory, but great headway is being made in that direction, five schools are under construction in Jequie at the present time. Commented that transportation facilities are also very poor. Stated that the Baptist and Seventh Day Adventist Missionaries are very active as are the Peace Corps workers and all are doing an outstanding job. Commented that Mayor Miller, Mayor Andrade, Mr. Marvin Reeder and he all participated in the dedication of the new Seventh Day Adventist Church. Reported that the incubators arrived the day they were leaving for home but that Dr. Ponde had reported one was in use by that afternoon.

2. Mr. Herbert D. Smith, Chairman, Sister City Committee: Also reported on the delegation's visit to Jequie and commented on the entertainment. Stated that Mayor Miller cemented relations with the teenagers of Jequie as well as the adults. Commented that Mayor Miller emphasized to the people of Jequie that we are all striving for freedom where everyone has an equal opportunity. Spoke of the wonderful work the Peace Corps is doing and how they are teaching the people to help themselves. Stated they were also entertained by the Rotary, Lions, Churches and Schools. Commended Leslie Zark, Takoma Park's exchange student, and Arly Britto, Jequie's exchange student for the wonderful job they are doing. Also stated that Takoma Park couldn't have a better ambassador than Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller also made a few comments on their visit especially in relation to the subdivision named after Takoma Park. Stated there were 48 houses in the development and 40 more were planned. Each home consists of three rooms and is made of mud brick which is just as durable as our brick. Stated that Bahia has initiated an income tax system and are now building roads, schools and have an irrigation project underway. Stated that one thing that impressed him immensely was their visit to a modern Senior High School where 1500 students, who are taught English, French and Italian as well as Portuguese, assembled on the playground and sang, in English, two verses of the "Star Spangled Banner".

Public Participation, continued3. Mrs. Vera Hash, Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association:

(a) Thanked the Mayor for being the City's good will ambassador to Jeque and presented a check to the Sister City Committee in behalf of the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association .

(b) Spoke in relation to Z.A.P. A-6350, stating that she had talked with the individuals requesting the rezoning and was assured by the applicants that they wanted the site only for a Volkswagon Salesroom. Stated, in her personal opinion, she could see no objection to the rezoning and felt it was better than a gas station. Requested that the Council ask the Prince George's County Planning Board for a thirty day extension.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Monthly Expenditure Approval: Presented a motion to approve February expenditures in the amount of \$55,251.22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

2. Monthly Expenditure Approval: Presented a motion to approve March expenditures in the amount of \$79,248.51, which includes the purchase of a trash truck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting1. Hearings on Housing Ordinance:

(a) Stated that a hearing was held on April 19, 1965 concerning the property at 206 Philadelphia Avenue. There was no evidence shown that the property is a legal non-conforming multiple family use. Stated the use appears to have been initiated in the Rhodes case when the rental use began approximately two years ago. Therefore, proposed a motion which was duly seconded and carried that the owner be notified that the multiple family use is in violation of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance and that such use must be terminated within sixty days of such notice and the building reverted to single family use.

(b) Stated that a hearing was held on April 19, 1965 concerning the property at 7338 Carroll Avenue. There was no evidence shown that the property is a legal non-conforming multiple family use. Stated the use appears to have been initiated about five years ago. Therefore, proposed a motion which was duly seconded and carried that Mr. Hostetler, the owner, be notified that the multiple family use is in violation of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance and that such use must be terminated within sixty days of such notice and the building reverted to single family.

2. Housing Inspection, etc.: Reported that the Building Inspector had made the following inspections: 21 Housing inspections; 10 re-inspections; 32 investigations concerning trash and debris; 7 rodent control inspections; 2 inspections on dangerous trees.

3. Air Pollution Ordinance: Reported that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is preparing a model ordinance for the various districts to adopt and it was the Committee's opinion that no action should be taken until this has been received.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Flower Avenue: After some discussion relative to the request that the "No Parking Except Saturday and Sunday" sign located on the West side of Flower Avenue by the Columbia Union College parking lot be moved, the City Administrator was requested to transmit a letter to the State Roads Commission asking that the existing sign be changed to the position of PEPCO Pole #7096 and erect a new sign between the driveways to the Columbia Union College parking lot reading "No Parking At Anytime".

2. Personnel: Commented that he regretted to report that Officer Postle, acting as Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, had suffered a heart attack and is in Walter Reed Hospital. Stated that an Officer has been taken off his regular duties to carry on the Administrative Assistant's duties and since it is contemplated under the proposed budget to employ a lady clerk for this position, felt it would be best to proceed with the selection of a clerk at this time. Moved that Chief Foster be authorized to secure the services of a lady clerk in accordance with provisions of the proposed budget and if secured, that she be appointed immediately following approval of the Law Enforcement Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner excused

No report at this time.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. A-6350, 621-623 Ethan Allen Avenue: Reported that this application requesting C-1 Zone to C-2 Zone was received last week. Noted that the application had been filed with the Commission on January 27 and would be considered by the Planning Board on May 5. Pointed out that fifteen days is a rather short period of time allowed for the Mayor and Council to investigate, consider and recommend on a zoning application, therefore, moved that the Prince George's County Planning Board be requested to give the Mayor and Council an extension of thirty days for consideration of the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

2. Z.A.P. E-185 and E-186, Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that the County Council had passed a Resolution denying these Zoning Applications.

3. Ritchie and Maple Avenue Apartment: Reported that the owners had gone into bankruptcy involving the partially constructed building on the Northwest corner.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Recreation Meeting: Reported that a meeting had been held relative to the summer recreation program and that a provisional Recreation Council had been set up which would include the Councilmen on the Recreation Committee, representatives from each of the parks and moved that the Mayor appoint representatives from organizations such as the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, C.Y.O., Senior Citizens, etc. within the next two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried. Requested that the Prince George's County Recreation Department be so notified.

Parks and Recreation, continued

2. Spring Park: Reported that a policeman would be on duty from now until the summer playground program starts and after the program closes until school starts.

Councilman McKenzie commented that he had noticed there was new equipment all along Sligo Creek Parkway except in Takoma Park and felt it should be checked into.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Maple - Maplewood - Erie Avenues: Moved that the Potomac Electric Power Company be authorized to install 15 additional 2500 lumen street lights in this area and replace three 1000 lumen lights by 2500 lumen lights at a net annual cost of \$303.82. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. Reported that the Spring Branch Storm Drainage Program is underway.

3. Streets: Reported that the street resurfacing program had been discussed at the Committee Meeting and it was the consensus that the resurfacing program for the coming season will not include any streets within the general area of the proposed free-way. This, of course, will not include concrete streets outside the area and there is a great deal of work to accomplish on the sidewalks and curbs.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session May 10, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Walter M. Taylor
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved

George M. Miller
Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDBUDGET HEARING

April 27, 1965

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 8:00 p.m. and a welcome was extended to all those present. He explained briefly the purpose of the Hearing and stated that any suggestions were welcome.

Mayor Miller then introduced Councilman Forshee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and commended him for doing a most outstanding job.

Councilman Forshee welcomed the group and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to let the citizens know the thinking of the Council on the Budget for the coming year and to hear the wishes of the citizens. He explained that in order to prepare the proposed budget, first the department heads submitted their requests and then the Finance Committee met with each department head as well as the Council as a Whole and the results of these meetings are presented.

Commented that the increase in assessable base and State shared revenues has been a great help to the City in meeting expenses which increases year to year. Stated that in 1963/64 the City received approximately \$110,000 from income tax and the 1965/66 estimate is approximately \$115,000 from this source. Commented that refuse fees for multi-family dwellings is another source of income and the proposed budget has reduced this amount to \$34,000 from \$38,500. Felt the increase in real estate tax would not be as great as last year's.

Disbursements: Stated that labor is the largest item, with labor and salaries amounting to approximately \$525,000. Stated that an increase in salary rates of approximately 5% is planned for employees and an increase in personnel in certain departments, particularly the Fire Department with 4 additional employees, the Police Department with 2 additional employees, 1 police officer and a clerk.

Street Repairs: Commented that \$20,000 is proposed in the 1965/66 budget for sidewalks, streets and curbs and if additional funds are needed, they will be appropriated from the Reserve Fund which amounts to 10% of the proposed budget or \$87,354. Stated that at the present time, \$55,796 had been spent out of last year's Reserve Fund which included a new street roller, street resurfacing, pick-up truck, police car, trash trucks, freeway studies and new street signs. Commented that \$17,000 has been set aside for suggested items the different departments think they will need before the end of the year and hopes the remaining \$11,000 will be used for street repairs.

Councilman Forshee invited any of the citizens present to speak at this time regarding the proposed budget.

Q. Mrs. Ferry: What is the City planning to do about giving the over-age 65 property owners a rebate?

A. Councilman Forshee: The matter is under study, have contacted both Counties, but nothing has been finalized.

Councilman Collison stated that there might be some misunderstanding as to the difference between street repair and street resurfacing and explained that street repair work comes from normal expenditures but street resurfacing would come from a Special Assessment or the Reserver Fund.

Budget Hearing, continued

Q. Mr. Robert Mandel: Has the elimination of the 2% discount slowed collection of tax

A. City Administrator Pridgen: To some degree but not to any great extent.

Q. Mr. Robert Mandel: Understand the Fire Department is having trouble with the ambulance and may have to buy a new one, what will a new one cost?

A. Chief LaScola: \$7,000 to \$7,200 for commercial type.

Q. Could we afford two ambulances so that services would not be so limited?

A. Chief LaScola: Explained that it was not only the cost of the ambulance but the manpower. Many cases are not emergencies but are classified as band-aid type and these individuals should take a taxi. Discussed the matter with a doctor and his advice was that an emergency case should go to the nearest hospital.

Councilman Turner inquired of Chief LaScola if the Wheaton Rescue Squad was not a volunteer service.

A. Chief LaScola: Yes, strictly all donations, averages 30 calls a month. The City renders service until the Wheaton Rescue Squad arrives if it is a heart condition.

Q. Mr. Charles H. Howe, Jr., President Takoma Park Elementary School: The PTA feels that the over-crowding of the school is due to multi-family house conversions and requests that additional building inspectors be appointed to assist in the enforcement of the City Housing Ordinance. Feel by proper inspection it can be determined where illegal conversions have been made. The anticipated school population for next term will require two more rooms and will necessitate transporting children by bus to neighboring schools or changing the school district lines. The PTA has made a survey and found that the school population boom is not due to the new high rise apartment buildings.

Q. Councilman Turner: From your survey, can you tell us how many children are in the apartments on Maple Avenue?

A. Mr. Charles H. Howe, Jr.: There are no elementary school age children in the 74 units at 7611 Maple, the 119 units at 7610 Maple, 120 units at 7667 Maple or the 135 units at 7677 Maple, 1 elementary school child at 407 Tulip Avenue and 23 in the Winchester-Takoma on Maple Avenue.

Mayor Miller and Councilman Turner pointed out that the school building is well over 30 years in age and with the exception of the improvement about 7 years ago, there has been very little capital improvement and expansion during these years.

A. Councilman Forshee: The Council will be very glad to consider your request.

Q. Mr. Melvin R. Harris: (To Mr. Howe) What evidence do you have that the increased school population is caused by violation of Housing Code? If this can be controlled, feel something should be done about it right away.

Q. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry: Can't the County do something about it?

A. Mr. Howe: No, the City has its own housing code and fire code.

Q. Mrs. Jennifer Magnus: Are there penalties for violation of Housing, Zoning and Fire Regulations, if so, are they enforced?

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A. Councilman Jones: Yes, there are penalties and the City enforces .

Mayor Miller pointed out that last night the City ordered the owners to revert two homes to R-60 within 60 days.

Councilman Roth and Councilman Turner commented that sometimes the cases go to Court and can drag on for 2 or 3 years.

Q. Mrs. Jennifer Magnus: If the case does go to Court can the owner continue with his violation?

A. Mayor Miller: As long as they were under the non-conforming use before 1952.

A. City Administrator Pridgen: In 1964 Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, inspected 195 buildings, approximately 94% of those registered. If the City wins the Court case now pending, the inspector will be able to inspect buildings without the permission of the owner. The Building Inspector is doing a very thorough job but he does not always know when violations exist.

There was further discussion among the audience and Mr. Howe offered the support and help of the PTA.

Captain Karl F. Kearns, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman of City Fire Board: (accompanied by City Fire Board Members, Mr. Monroe Dixon, Mr. C. J. Fisk, Mr. Darl R. McBride and Mr. Dennis Barkman) First of all, want to express our appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their efforts in behalf of the Fire Department. There is a problem you are all aware of and that is the pay scale. Takoma Park is being left behind at their present rates and in some cases it takes 4 years to catch up with starting pay in other Companies. Some 12 years ago Takoma Park firemen were the highest paid men. The Takoma Park Fire Department has the reputation of being one of the best in the area. I would like to compare the starting pay of Takoma Park firemen proposed for July 1, 1965 at \$5,000 per annum for a 59 hour work week with other companies which will be giving an increase July 1: Rockville - \$5,544 to \$7,017 - 55 hr week; Chevy Chase \$5,366 to \$6,439 - 40 hr. week; Bethesda - \$5,400 to \$6,072 - 40 hr. week; Kensington, Hillandale, Cabin John, Sandy Spring, Glen Echo - \$5,902 to approximately \$7,400; Silver Spring - \$5,760 to \$7,298; District of Columbia - \$6,010 to \$8,000; Virginia - \$6,000 or better - 59 hr. week. In the past 12 months the Department has lost 3 of their experienced men because they had to seek employment with better pay scales. Some of the other companies give fringe benefits such as 50% of Hospitalization costs, better retirement plan, overtime pay in lieu of compensatory time. The Department has found it necessary to hire men with less than a high school education because of the pay scale. Feel the Council will have to take steps to correct this situation. Because of the pay scale, the Department is not in a position to hire potential leaders. The Fire Service is more technical than it use to be since radiation and other hazards have been added. The Department appreciates the Council's proposal to add 4 men to the paid fire fighting crew but feels it will be extremely difficult to recruit these men due to the pay scale and other departments in the area are recruiting new men for July 1st. Some departments are requiring one or more years of college. Maryland University offers basic and advance courses for firemen and the Department needs men who are able to benefit from these specialized courses. The Board recommends a minimum starting salary of \$5,400.

Councilman Turner commended Captain Kearns and thanked him for his devotion to improving and furthering the interests of the firemen.

Captain Karl F. Kearns: The Board had recommended a 15% increase for the Department Head. Feels this was justified for many reasons: In the 1952/53 budget the Fire Chief's salary was \$1,240 above the first ranking officer; 1953/54 budget dropped to \$1,100; 1954/55

budget dropped to \$1,000; 1955/56 stayed the same; 1956/57 there was \$1,175 difference; 1957/58 dropped to \$630; 1964/65 there is only \$450 difference. Board feels there should be at least \$1,000 difference between the Chief and the next in command. Our present Chief has been in active service for 24 years and has been Chief for 4 years. He is responsible for 45 men, is on 24 hour call, responsibilities do not stop at City limits but extend into the 22nd precinct, services extend further and covers a greater number of people than any other department in the City; attends many meetings in the Counties as well as in the City.

Mr. Robert Mandel: Feels the \$9,000 over all increase could be met with a 2¢ tax increase and feels it would be a good investment.

Q. Mr. S. Michael Derato: Have listened with interest to Captain Kearns, now what about the Police Department? They also need additional training and are entitled to an increase.

A. Councilman Forshee: When we consider one employee, we consider them all.

A. Captain Kearns: Do not want anyone to think we are ignoring the Police Department, we are speaking for all departments but are representing the Fire Department.

Mr. Louis Hartig: Feels that the small apartment owner should be given some consideration and the housing registration fees be revised to one reasonable fee.

Mr. Phillip Young and Mr. Louis Hartig held a general discussion on the floor concerning housing registration.

Mr. Philip Huck: County taxes have gone up 20 times as against the City's eight times. Feel I get a lot more from the City than I do the County and am willing to pay whatever tax the City assesses.

Mr. Karl Kearns: Speaking as a taxpayer, feel tax increase is needed this year in order that a pay increase may be realized by all employees. Recommended a 4¢ tax increase.

Q. Mr. Melvin R. Harris: Earlier this evening, expenses on the freeway were mentioned, what are they, especially in relation to the Public Relations people?

Councilman Turner suggested that the City Administrator compile the figures and forward them to Mr. Harris. Councilman Forshee stated that \$4,000 was set aside for this purpose and the work was done under contract, the exact figures would have to be worked out.

Mr. Melvin R. Harris: Note there is nothing in the proposed budget for the freeway, feel it is a long hard battle and it should be included.

Mayor Miller: If the need arises for additional funds for the freeway, the Council would take it out of the Reserve Fund as was done previously. This is one of the purposes of the Reserve Fund.

Councilman Forshee thanked the audience for coming and commented their recommendations would be considered.

There being no further discussion on the proposed budget, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Harmon P. ...
City Clerk - Treasurer