

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDPUBLIC HEARING
HOUSING ORDINANCE VIOLATION

August 9, 1965

Russell P. Rankin, 7009 Woodland Avenue

Mayor Miller opened the Hearing at 7:05 p.m., stating this related to the property at 7009 Woodland Avenue which was cited by Mr. Williams, Building Inspector, for occupancy of a terrace apartment in violation of the Housing Ordinance of the City and the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell P. Rankin; Mayor Miller; Councilmen Kennedy; McKenzie and Roth; Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel; Mr. Williams, Building Inspector and City Administrator Pridgen. Mayor Miller turned the Hearing over to Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee, which has jurisdiction in these cases.

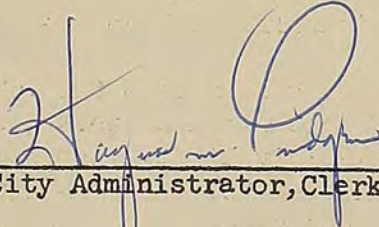
Councilman McKenzie requested Mr. and Mrs. Rankin to state the basis for their appeal on Mr. Williams's notice of violation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin pointed out that they had purchased the property from a Mr. Schaefer on April 28, 1960 and they had no prior knowledge that the terrace apartment use was in violation of any law. It was stated that the terrace apartment was a "built-in" feature of the house having been a part of the original construction and was understood to be for rental purposes. Mr. Rankin stated that the Schaefer's occupied the main part of the house from 1939 to 1955, at which time two large rooms were added to the terrace unit to provide it with a living room, dining room, bedroom and small kitchen. He stated that the apartment is very nice and that they are dependent upon the rental income to maintain the home. It was pointed out that the house is by far the best house in the block. He stated that there was no intention on their part to violate the law, but that they had no prior knowledge that they were in violation.

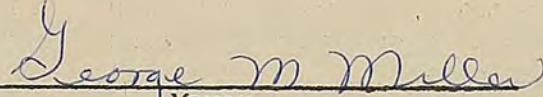
At this point the question was asked of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin if they had ever heard of the Housing Ordinance of the City and the reply was negative. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin then inquired if they could use the apartment for roomers. Mr. Williams replied they would be limited to two roomers.

Mayor Miller thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rankin for their appearance and told them that the Council would consider the matter and make a decision of which they would be notified.

The Hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



City Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor

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

August 9, 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 August 9, 1965 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused: Councilman Collison

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 July 26, 1965. Councilman Kennedy moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, the motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen

1. William L. Kahler, Attorney for Harry and Lewis Gorin: Requesting a hearing before City Council in reference to Z.A.P. A-5225. (Civic Improvements)
2. Julian Bucknell, 13 Eton Avenue, London, N.W 3, England: Expression of appreciation for picture forwarded to her sometime ago of AFS bus group.. (Council Files)
3. Unni Wikan, General Fleischersgt 5, Harstad, Norway: Expression of appreciation for hospitality and picture forwarded to her sometime ago of AFS bus group, also request for duplicate Honorary Citizen Certificate. (Mayor Miller requested that a certificate be made up and forwarded to her.)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced there would be a Council Meeting August 23, 1965 due to pressing matters.

Mayor Miller stated that at the July 12th Council Meeting, the Council adopted a motion to prepare a Resolution of Condolence in memory of Gordon Cole, a former resident of Takoma Park. The following Resolution was read at this time:

R E S O L U T I O N

of Condolence

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of July, 1965, death brought to a close the active life of Gordon Cole; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Cole was a former resident of Takoma Park and was long active in civic affairs, giving freely of his time; and

Condolence, continued

WHEREAS, he was formerly a member of the Council of Citizens' Associations and the Citizens Committee for the Takoma Park Library, was active in Boy Scout work and served one year as chairman of the annual Independence Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, he was admired for his sound judgment, esteemed by his associates, loved by his friends, and respected by all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park do hereby express deepest regret at the passing of Gordon Cole and do hereby convey to his family the sincere sympathy and condolences of the Mayor and Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be among the permanent records of the City and a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Gordon Cole.

Adopted this 12th day of July 1965.

Mayor Miller then proclaimed September 13, 1965 as WORLD LAW DAY and called upon all citizens, organizations, members of the legal profession and schools to recognize this day with appropriate observances and ceremonies.

Mayor Miller announced that the Sister City Committee has been awarded an Honorable Mention for the best year-long program in the 25,000 and under population category in the 1965 Town Affiliation Awards Competition conducted by the National League of Cities and the People-to-People Civic Committee. Stated that a great deal of praise goes to Mrs. Julie Grabe, Public Relations Chairman, and thanked her in behalf of the Sister City Committee and the Mayor and Council for doing such a splendid job in writing the history of the Sister City Program. Commented that the award will be presented at the Western Regional Town Affiliation Conference, August 31, in Portland, Oregon and is sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation.

Mayor Miller presented Miss Lesley Zark, the first exchange student under the Sister City Program, a plaque from the Mayor and Council commending her "for courageous spirit in pioneering as the first student representative to Jeque, Bahia, Brazil under the Takoma Park-Jeque Sister City student exchange program 1964 - 1965". Commented that he felt Miss Zark had done one of the most outstanding jobs anyone could do in a foreign country, she not only represented Takoma Park but America. While in Jeque she taught English in the schools and worked in the only hospital. Thanked her in behalf of the Council, the citizens and the Sister City Committee for the wonderful job she did while in Jeque for Takoma Park and for selling the spirit of America to Brazil. Lesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zark, were introduced. Mayor Miller then announced there would be a reception for Miss Zark, Saturday evening, August 21, at the Sligo Elementary where Miss Zark will show slides and give a report on her stay in Brazil. Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. James Hash, President, Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, Vice President Independence Day Committee: Stated that as Vice President of the Independence Day Committee he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their cooperation this year, also the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department. In behalf of the Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association made the following recommendations:

Public Participation, continued

- a. Do not want Lincoln Avenue One Way.
 - b. Requested the City not to issue any more permits for planting trees on Lincoln Avenue within the City property lines and that residents be required to trim the existing trees.
 - c. Requested less speed and more caution on Lincoln Avenue.
 - d. Recommends 4-Way Stop Signs at Boyd and Jackson.
 - e. Recommends Stop Sign at North West corner of Elm and Lincoln Avenues.
 - f. Recommends Stop Sign at North West corner Larch and Lincoln.
 - g. Suggested that all No Parkings signs in the 900 Block of Larch Avenue be removed and Caution Signs be erected at New Hampshire and Larch Avenues and Elm and Larch Avenues. Do not want Larch Avenue One Way.
2. Mr. William E. Hayman, 7518 Jackson Avenue, City: Thanked the Mayor and Council for erecting the two extra Stop Signs at Jackson and Lincoln Avenues. Stated he felt the red Stop Signs were easier to see because motorists stop at these signs but sometimes go on through the yellow Stop Signs. Commented he had no objection to 4-Way Stop Signs at Jackson and Boyd.
3. Mr. Max Chapman, 906 Larch Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the No Parking signs in the 900 Block of Larch Avenue and recommended the No Parking signs be removed for the following reasons: (a) It would permit people to park in front of their own homes; (b) children would not have to cross the street; (c) would cut down on the speeding and should make motorists more cautious. Also recommended that "Caution Signs" be erected at New Hampshire and Larch Avenues and Larch and Elm Avenues. Councilman Roth inquired if no parking regulations were removed from both sides of Larch Avenue, wouldn't it make driving hazardous during the winter months. Mr. Chapman said he was willing to take this chance.
4. Mr. Lewis Davis, 915 Larch Avenue, City: Also spoke relative to removing the No Parking signs on Larch Avenue.
5. Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Lincoln Avenue being made one way and reiterated Mr. Hash's recommendations. Also expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council and the City Departments for their cooperation with the Independence Day Committee.
6. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Thanked the Mayor and Council for the work done on Spring Park and for the fence that is being erected. Stated that the "No Parking to Corner" sign on Montgomery Avenue needs to be replaced and asked that it be taken care of as soon as possible.
7. Mr. Heinlein and Mr. Cruze, Ford Motor Company, Z.A.P. E-318, 7007 Westmoreland, R-60 to C-2: Stated that they have purchased the above property which adjoins their used car lot with the thought that they might park some of their employees cars and some of their new cars on the property. Commented that when the property was acquired it was filled with old cars, lumber, junk, etc. and that they immediately removed all the unsightly debris and have now applied for rezoning. Councilman Roth inquired as to the plans for the house and if they are planning on changing the grade. Mr. Heinlein explained they are planning to keep the house as is except for painting it and that they do not intend to change the grade. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Civic Improvements Committee.
8. Mr. Max Chapman, 906 Larch Avenue, City: Stated he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the stand taken on Z.A.P. A-5614, 15 and 16 in the Heather Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue and Elm Avenue area.

Public Participation, continued

9. Mrs. Florence Gradijan, 908 Larch Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the No Parking signs on Larch Avenue, stating there was not enough space to park on Larch and when automobiles are parked behind her driveway it makes it difficult to get in and out. Stated it also makes it difficult for people with small children who have to park across the street from their homes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Monthly Disbursements: Presented a motion to approve the following disbursements: April - \$165,299.43 (includes about \$90,000 in Treasury Bills); May - \$50,441.59; June - \$123,262.36 (includes \$59,000 in Treasury Bills and is also the end of the fiscal year) The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

2. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Pierce Arthur Owens be appointed as Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer, effective August 16, 1965 at a salary of \$7,500 per annum, such salary to be increased to \$7,800 per annum upon completion of six months satisfactory service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried. Mr. Owens will help relieve the City Administrator of some of the many details in the City Office. Mr. Owens has come to the City highly qualified for the position and his reason for leaving his previous employment was due to the firm selling its operation to a national organization and remaining with the new organization would necessitate moving to another state. The Oath of Office was then administered by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Hearing - 7009 Woodland: Reported the Hearing was held this evening but was held over for further study.

2. 324 Lincoln Avenue: Reported there is nothing the City can do at this time but City Administrator Pridgen and Building Inspector Williams are working with the County in an effort to solve the problem.

3. 206 Philadelphia Avenue: Requested that Mr. Rhodes attorney be notified that a Hearing has been scheduled with the Mayor and Council at 7 p.m., August 23 in the Council Room.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman, reporting

Mayor Miller commented that Councilman Collison, Chairman of the Public Works Committee is out West celebrating his 50th Wedding Anniversary and suggested that a congratulatory telegram be sent to them.

1. Resurfacing of Concrete Streets: Proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1855

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

SECTION 1.. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with the law bids were publicly opened on August 4, 1965 for resurfacing certain selected concrete streets, AND

Public Works Committee, continued
Ordinance No. 1855

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid contract be awarded to A. H. Smith of Branchville, Maryland, in an amount not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT funds for this project be provided from the SPECIAL RESERVE FUND set aside from the prior year's operation and transferred to a/c 12.203A.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and 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. Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repair: The following ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1856

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with the law, bids were publicly opened on August 4, 1965, for replacing selected sidewalks, curbs and gutters, AND

SECTION 2. THAT THE low bid contract be awarded to E. B. Donaldson Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT funds for this project be provided from the SPECIAL RESERVE FUND set aside from the prior year's operation and transferred to a/c 12.203B.

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

3. Dump Truck: Reported that according to the replacement program a new dump truck (one every 2 yrs.) is scheduled to replace one of the two 1956 dump trucks at this time and moved that the City Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for one new dump truck and trade in one 1956 dump truck at an estimated cost of \$4,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

4. Vacuum Leaf Collection Machine: Reported that the Public Works Department is badly in need of at least one larger, more powerful leaf collection machine and move that the City Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for one new vacuum leaf collection machine at an estimated cost of \$3,500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

5. Magnetic Detector and Amplifier: Reported that the frame of the Westbound traffic detector on Philadelphia Avenue at Maple Avenue is broken and requires replacement. The Hawkins Electric Company, who maintains the signals, estimates the cost of replacement at \$500 and strongly recommend a change over to magnetic detectors; therefore, proposed the following Ordinance:

Public Works Committee, continued

5. Magnetic Detector and Amplifier, cont.

ORDINANCE NO. 1857

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

SECTION 1. THAT the defective Detector Pad and Mechanism controlling the traffic signal at Maple Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue be replaced by a Magnetic Detector and Amplifier, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to order the installation of a Magnetic Detector and Amplifier by the Hawkins Electric Company for the sum of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY FOUR CENTS (\$656.64), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the funds be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.122.

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

6. Pipe Railing - Flower Avenue, Sligo Creek Parkway Bridge: Reported that the stanchions of the pipe railing on the North side of the bridge over Sligo Creek at Flower Avenue are badly corroded and in need of repair. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rhodes, moved that the Director of Public Works be authorized to have Riley's Welding Service proceed with the necessary repair work in the amount of \$148.00, to be charged to a/c 12.202A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

7. Spring Branch Storm Drain: Reported that for many years Spring Branch has been a hazard to persons and property in Takoma Park from the B & O tracks near Washington Park to the vicinity of Dogwood Avenue at Cedar Avenue. Stated that the storm drainage system has now been completed under WSSC supervision in an orderly and expert manner. Recommended that the Council authorize the City Administrator write a letter of appreciation to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for their great contribution in improving the storm drainage.

8. 8 Sherman Avenue: Reported that three air conditioners were installed and are now operating at the Health Center. The air conditioners were furnished by the County and installed by the City last Friday.

9. Cherry Avenue - Colby Avenue - Palmer Lane: Reported that work has been done on Cherry and Colby Avenues and is a great improvement and that Palmer Lane is next.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Intersection of Elm and Lincoln Avenues: Reported that Mr. Rhodes had made a detailed study of Elm, Lincoln and Auburn Avenues and displayed a drawing of Mr. Rhodes' suggestions for this intersection. The suggestions were discussed and the following Ordinance was proposed:

Law Enforcement continuedORDINANCE NO. 1858

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

SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety, vehicular traffic be channelized on Elm Avenue between Ethan Allen Avenue and Auburn Avenue through the use of "SAFE-T-POSTS", AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect such safety posts as is necessary to accomplish such channelization including four or more "SAFE-T-POSTS" on Elm Avenue and two or more "SAFE-T-POSTS" on Lincoln Avenue at its intersection with Elm Avenue, such "SAFE-T-POSTS" to be equipped with "KEEP RIGHT" signs, AND

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

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

Subsequent to the adoption of the Ordinance, there was considerable discussion as to the location of the "SAFE-T-POSTS" as related to the center of the street. Councilman Roth and Councilman Turner suggested that this could be better determined after the erection of the "SAFE-T-POSTS" in accordance with Mr. Rhodes' design.

2. Intersection of Elm and Lincoln Avenues: After a great deal of discussion the following ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1859

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

SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety, parking be prohibited at all times on the East side of Elm Avenue between Ethan Allen Avenue and Auburn Street, AND

SECTION 2. THAT in the interest of public safety parking be prohibited on the East side of Lincoln Avenue between Elm Avenue and Hayward Avenue, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect signs at appropriate locations to indicate parking restrictions as provided in Sections One and Two 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) governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Jones, Kennedy, Roth. Nay: Councilmen Forshee, McKenzie and Turner. Excused: Councilman Collison. Mayor Miller broke the tie vote with an Aye vote.

Law Enforcement Committee, cont. -8-

3. Sidewalks: Discussion ensued as to the feasibility of sidewalks on Elm Avenue and a motion was proposed that the Director of Public Works develop a cost estimate to construct a sidewalk on the East side of Elm Avenue from Ethan Allen Avenue to Auburn Avenue in accordance with Mr. Rhodes' recommendation of July 30, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and was carried by a five to one vote, Councilman Turner voting Nay.
4. Larch Avenue: Reported that since this is the first time requests have been made to permit parking on both sides of the street, it will have to be referred to the Committee and a recommendation will be presented at the next Council Meeting.
5. Photographic Equipment: Reported that for sometime the Police Department has been dependent on the Fire Department for a large share of the photographic work at the scene of crimes and serious accidents and that it would definitely be to the advantage of the uniform division and the Detective Bureau if they had their own equipment. Therefore, moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase two Polaroid 103 cameras with equipment and supplies at a cost of \$200.00, including trade in of existing camera. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried. Funds to be transferred from contingent a/c 11.112C.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

Commended Mr. Rhodes on the painting of the curbs and the work done on Cherry Avenue.

1. Fire - Elm Avenue: Reported that there was a fire in the 400 Block of Elm Avenue that involved a death and that the alarm went off at 12 Noon and within three minutes the apparatus was on the scene and within the next three minutes the individual was brought out of the burning house not living. Stated that three new firemen were involved in bringing out the body and that they were to be commended.
2. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Pvt. R. A. Foote, effective August 13, 1965, be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried. Pvt. Foote has had a very outstanding record while with the City and he will be greatly missed. He has accepted employment with the Kensington Fire Department.
3. Personnel: Upon the recommendation of the Fire Board and the Fire Chief moved that Mr. Douglas M. Aquino of 6406 Flanders Drive, Chillum be given a probationary appointment, effective August 16, 1965, at the starting salary under the present Merit Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Playgrounds: Reported that some of the playgrounds were having their family nights this week and invited everyone to attend. The dates are as follows: Wednesday, August 11, Long Branch Park at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, August 12, Spring Park at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, August 13, Washington Park at 4:30 p.m.; Friday, August 13, Heffner Park at 7:30 p.m..

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Zoning Application Petitions: Reported on the following applications:
 - (a) Z.A.P. E-15, Lincoln and Jefferson Avenue, R-60 to R-10, application denied.
 - (b) Z.A.P. E-173, Carroll Avenue and Grosmere Pl., R-60 to R-H, application denied

Civic Improvements Committee, continued
Zoning Application Petitions continued

(c) Z.A.P. E-128 and E-129, Hancock and Sheridan Avenues, R-60 to R-10 or R-20, applications denied.

(d) Z.A.P. A-5614-15-16, Asher property, New Hampshire Avenue, Heather Avenue, Linden Avenue, R-55 and R-18 to R-10, applications denied.

(e) Z.A.P. A-6350, 621-623 Ethan Allen Avenue, C-1 to C-2, application denied.

(f) Z.A.P. A-5225, Harry & Louis Gorin, Owners, New Hampshire and Kirklynn Avenues, R-18 to R-10: Stated that the attorney for the owners has requested a meeting with the Council before a recommendation is made to the Park and Planning Commission. Requested the City Administrator to write to the Planning Engineer of the Park and Planning Commission requesting that the Technical Staff Report on the subject Petition be withheld for a brief period. Also requested that Mr. Kahler be notified that a meeting has been scheduled with the Mayor and Council for his clients on Monday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

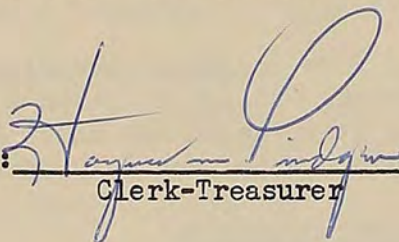
2. Resubdivision - Lot 7, Block 75, New York and Buffalo Avenues: Moved that the Park and Planning Commission be notified that the Mayor and Council approve this resubdivision plan with the provision that the proposed ten foot right-of-way and corner dedication as drawn in red be acquired if at all possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

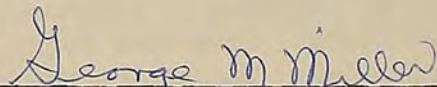
SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

Reported there would be a Library Board Meeting early in September.

Councilman Forshee requested the Department Heads to supply him with a list of Capital Outlay items considered as required during this Fiscal year by the next Council Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meetign was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session August 23, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: 
 Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
 Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 23, 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 August 23, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Jones
Councilman McKenzie
Councilman Roth

Corporation Counsel Gingerich
City Administrator Pridgen
Police Chief Foster
Fire Chief LaScola
Director of Public Works Rhodes
Building Inspector Williams
Deputy Chief DeKalb

Excused

Councilman Collison
Councilman Kennedy
Councilman Turner

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend H. Luther Rhodes of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran 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 August 9, 1965. Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. President Lyndon B. Johnson, White House: Transmittal of the Report to the President and the President's Response concerning the White House Conference on Natural Beauty. (Council as a Whole) (Azalea Committee)
2. Mrs. Irene Forehand, 7129 Maple Avenue, City: Note of appreciation for expression of sympathy in her recent bereavement. (Council as a Whole)
3. Mrs. Gordon Cole, Mound, Minnesota: Expression of appreciation for Resolution adopted by Mayor and Council as expression of sympathy in her recent bereavement.
4. Mr. Edgar Worton, President, Wheaton Rescue Squad: Expression of appreciation for reception extended to Chief Ryan and Mr. Worton by the Mayor and Council at last Council Meeting and assurance of continued cooperation with City Fire Department. (Council Files)
5. Mr. Willard A. Driggers, 1530 Olive Street, N.E., Washington, D. C. (Judge in Independence Day Celebration events): Expression of appreciation for floral token sent to him during his illness in Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. (Independence Day Committee)
6. Mr. William V. Moscatelli, Petropolis, Brazil: Commending the City for its continuing Sister City Program. (Council Files)

Correspondence Received, continued

7. Miss Lesley Zark, 1113 Jackson Avenue, City: Expression of appreciation for plaque presented by Mayor and Council and her philosophy concerning the People to People Program. (Council Files)
8. Mr. Frederick P. Hobart, 601-03 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland (Owner, property on Boston and Philadelphia Avenue): Suggestion that a trash receptacle be placed at corner of Boston and Philadelphia Avenue. (Public Welfare)
9. Mr. Hubert F. Ryan, President, Maryland Municipal League: Requesting comments and views concerning reapportionment of Maryland General Assembly. (Circulate to Council)
10. Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Reva LaPoint, 214 Dogwood Avenue, City: Copy of a letter to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission commending the efficiency of the recent storm drainage project through their property. (Public Works)
(FINANCIAL STATEMENT: See last page of minutes)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and inquired if anyone had noticed the large azalea bushes that had been planted at Memorial Park. Stated that through the courtesy and cooperation of Mr. Al Jarboe, a life long resident of the City, the City had acquired 12 beautiful and unusual azalea bushes which are approximately 25 years old. Stated that he had a telephone call from Mr. Jarboe telling him of the bushes and a holly tree which were to be removed from a property where the house was being demolished and wondered if the City would be interested. Commented that he contacted Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, and the bushes and tree were obtained before they were damaged and the bushes are planted at Memorial Park and the holly tree at Public Works.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Spoke relative to his recommendations on Lincoln Avenue that he had presented at a previous Council Meeting and inquired if his suggestions were being considered since they did not appear on the agenda. Mayor Miller assured him that his recommendations were being considered as were all recommendations presented to the Council. Discussed the problems in the area and reiterated his recommendations which are as follows:
- (a) Trees on public right of way should be trimmed and owners not discouraged from planting as they add to the beautification of Takoma Park.
 - (b) Aspen one way going North from Boyd Avenue to Lincoln Avenue.
 - (c) Lincoln one way West from Aspen Avenue to Jackson Avenue.
 - (d) Lincoln Avenue one way East from Aspen Avenue to Boyd Avenue.
 - (e) Permit parking both sides of above recommended one way streets.
- Stated this would permit traffic to come up Hayward Avenue or Larch Avenue to Boyd and would eliminate a great deal of the speeding on Lincoln Avenue. Requested the above recommendations be placed on the agenda.

2. Mr. Joseph O'Malley, 811 Hayward Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the problem at the intersection of Lincoln and Elm Avenues. Felt the temporary solution of erecting "Safe-T-Posts" and restricting parking on both sides of the street will not eliminate any of the problem. Suggested that a concrete circle be built in the center and a number of stop signs erected in order that vehicular traffic would be forced to stop. Also felt it would be an inconvenience to the people who live in this intersection not to be able to park in front of their homes. Felt "Safe-T-Posts" might be used beneficially coming off Rt. 410 into Elm Avenue. Requested that any installation of the "Safe-T-Posts" be delayed until the neighbors had an opportunity to prepare a brief or petition to present to the Council suggesting a permanent solution. Discussion ensued and Councilman Jones told Mr. O'Malley that if something

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wasn't done to relieve the traffic hazard by the opening of school, a policeman would be on duty during the hours the school children would be crossing. Councilman Roth stated that the parking restrictions and the authorization for the "Safe-T-Posts" were two different ordinances and was not in favor of delaying the installation of the "Safe-T-Posts".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Hearing - 206 Philadelphia Avenue: Reported that the hearing scheduled for to-night was cancelled and that it had been rescheduled for Monday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

2. Public Hearing - 7009 Woodland Avenue: Reported that a hearing was held August 9 relative to the above property owners using a terrace apartment for rental purposes which was in violation of the Housing Ordinance of the City and the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County. Reported that the owners purchased the property in 1960 and that the terrace apartment was in existence at this time. The owners stated they had no knowledge of the law and that they had no intention on their part to violate the law, however, the rental income would be necessary for them to keep the property. The owners inquired if the apartment could be used for roomers and upon a favorable reply indicated they might rent to two roomers. Reported that in view of the facts, upon the recommendation of the Committee, moved that the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin, be informed that the rental of the terrace unit as an apartment must cease on or before September 30, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and after some discussion the motion was passed by a 3 to 1 vote with Councilman Forshee voting nay.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman reporting

1. Burlap Squares: Proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1860

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Sanitation Department is in need of Burlap Squares for trash removal, bids having been received from four firms specializing in this type of material with the low bid of approximately \$1,102.13 for the 1500 lot of squares being submitted by the Bemis Brothers Bag Company, THEREFORE

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) burlap squares 80" x 80", 10 oz. burlap, unhemmed, is hereby authorized for the approximate total sum of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTEEN CENTS (\$1,102.13), order to be placed with the Bemis Brothers Bag Company in accordance with their low bid, sum to be charged to Account No. 13.402B.

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

2. Dump Truck - Leaf Collector: Reported that bids openings would be held on both items September 8 at 4:00 p.m.

3. Sidewalk - Elm Avenue: Reported that Mr. Rhodes had obtained an estimated cost of constructing the suggested sidewalk and proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1861

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

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with provisions of Section 1429 of the City Charter, the Mayor and City Council have under consideration the construction of sidewalk on the East side of Elm Avenue between Ethan Allen Avenue and Auburn Avenue consisting of four inch thick concrete, four feet wide on gravel base abutting existing curb, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the construction proposed in Section One of this Ordinance is considered to be of special benefit to the properties in front of or beside which a sidewalk may be constructed, AND

SECTION 3. THAT it is proposed to assess all or a part of the cost of such construction as considered in Section One of this Ordinance against the properties as proposed in Section Two for costs estimated as below:

Lot #12, Block 108, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, 87 feet-----	\$574.20
Lot #13, Block 108, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, 55 feet-----	363.00
Lot #14, Block 108, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, 60 feet-----	396.00
Lot #15, Block 108, Glaizewood Manor Subdivision, 45 feet-----	297.00

such costs estimated at the rate of \$6.60 per assessable foot, AND

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled at 8:00 P.M. E.D.T., September 14, 1965 in the City Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland for the purpose of hearing the opinion of the owner or owners of the properties listed in Section Three of this Ordinance, AND

SECTION 5. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby directed to notify the owners of property as listed in Section Three of this Ordinance and publish a Notice of this Ordinance in some newspaper of general circulation in this City two times not less than three days before the date of the Public Hearing scheduled under Section Four of this Ordinance.

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

Councilman Roth inquired if as a result of the hearing, this project should go forward how would the owners be assessed? Mr. Pridgen replied that it could be assessed over a period of five to ten years.

4. Wall at Spring Park: Reported this matter has been discussed with the school officials and can now be removed from the agenda.

5. Palmer Lane: Reported that Palmer Lane has been repaired and this item should be removed from the agenda.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. E-318, 7007 Westmoreland Avenue, R-60 to C-2 Zone: Reported that the requested zoning would only straighten out the property line from Carroll Avenue and personally could see no objection to this but would not take action on the matter until more Council members were present.
2. Z.A.P. A-5225, New Hampshire and Kirklynn Avenues, R-18 to R-10 Zone: Reported a discussion has been held with the property owners but the matter will have to have further consideration before a recommendation can be presented.
3. Memorandum of Agreement: Requested that the gentleman who requested a public hearing on the Memorandum of Agreement be contacted to see if he is still interested in having a hearing.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

Reported that the Library Board will hold its first fall meeting September 8th.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Spring Park: Requested that item 2 on the agenda be removed as the Public Works Committee has handled the matter.
2. Recreation Program: Reported that the summer playground season was quite successful and gave the following registrations for the City playgrounds: Spring Park 278 children registered; Takoma Park Recreation Center 195; Washington Park 190; Long Branch Park with a record high of 186; Forest Park 130; Sligo Park 107; Heffner Park 53. Commented that added attractions this season were trips to the zoo and tours to the Capitol Building. Reported that the Washington Park girls peewee and midget teams won the Montgomery County horseshoe championship and that other results had not been received to-date. Announced that there would be one more square dance at Washington Park September 5 and invited the public to attend.
3. Recreation Council: Reported that the Council is tentatively planning a Labor Day Fun Day and plans will be discussed tomorrow night at their meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Monthly Disbursements: Presented a motion to approve July disbursements in the amount of \$154,452.69 which includes \$90,000 in Treasury Bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE:

1. Councilman McKenzie reported that Mr. Wolfe, President of the Takoma Park Chapter 357 of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees had called him and requested that the original information on the elderly be forwarded to the County as they have set up a Committee to cover this.
2. Mayor Miller announced with regret that former Councilman "Jimmy" Forehand passed away August 13th. Commented that Jimmy was well known throughout the community not only as a councilman but as a Special Police Officer, and an active citizen in the Lions Club, the Police and Fireman's Association and numerous other groups and that he had served the City well and was loved and respected by all. Remarked that people in the future will owe Jimmy a debt of gratitude because over the last seven years while he has had leukemia he has permitted NIH to use his body for medical research. A motion was passed that a Resolution expressing sympathy be prepared for Mrs. Forehand.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session September 13, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reportingBANK BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1965SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1965	\$	41,892.23	
Less - Returned Check		6.00	
	\$	<u>41,886.23</u>	
*Plus: July Receipts		165,831.10	\$ 207,717.33
**Less: July Disbursements			154,452.69
Balance as of July 31, 1965	\$		<u><u>53,264.64</u></u>
* Includes \$40,000.00 Treasury bill			
** Includes \$88,246.80 for Treasury bills			

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1965	\$	4,118.37	
Receipts for July 1965		<u>410.08</u>	\$ <u>4,528.45</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1965	\$	13,492.06	
Plus: July Receipts		<u>3,693.20</u>	\$ <u>17,185.26</u>
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SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of June 30, 1965	\$	6,436.55	
Plus: July transfers from General Ledger		<u>43,337.91</u>	\$ 49,774.46
Less: July Disbursements			<u>44,189.65</u>
Balance as of July 31, 1965	\$		<u><u>5,584.81</u></u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS a/c T-63

Balance as of June 30, 1965	\$	726.15	
No transactions during July		<u>- - -</u>	\$ <u>726.15</u>
	\$		<u><u>726.15</u></u>

PETTY CASH FUND

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

	COST	MATURITY VALUE
Balance as of June 30, 1965	\$ 98,498.66	\$ 100,000.00
Less: Securities Matured July 1, 1965	39,636.39	40,000.00
Due for Maturity 12/31/65	\$ 58,862.27	\$ 60,000.00
Due for Maturity 12/30/65	39,241.67	40,000.00
Due for Maturity 1/31/66	49,005.12	50,000.00
Balance as of July 31, 1965	\$ <u>147,109.06</u>	\$ <u>150,000.00</u>

Attest:

Harold M. Pridgen
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor