

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

September 13, 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 September 13, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Collison	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Forshee	Captain Merson, Police Department
Councilman Kennedy	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman McKenzie	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Roth	

Excused: Councilman Jones
Councilman Turner

Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on August 23, 1965. Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Mr. A. V. Ceccone, 6513 Westmoreland Avenue, City: Complaint relative to the condition of Westmoreland Avenue and request for street to be widened from Second Avenue on. (Public Works & Public Welfare)
2. Mr. Arthur P. Brigham, Public Information Officer, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission: Acknowledging letter relative to Spring Branch Storm Drainage Project and stating portion of letter will be published in their monthly employee newsletter. (Council Files)
3. Mr. Gordon Whitt, Maryland Manager, Washington Gas Light Company: Commending the City on its Sister City program. (Council Files) (Copy Sister City Committee)
4. Mr. Lewis Levy, Vice President, Yellow Cab: Requesting permission to place free taxi phone at taxi stand at Laurel and Eastern Avenues. (Mr. Gingerich, Corporation Counsel)
5. Mr. Clyde C. Cleveland, Business Manager, Columbia Union College: Requesting permission to install a pedestrian controlled traffic light at Morrison Hall crossing at their expense. (Law Enforcement)
6. Dr. George Hodson, President, Montgomery Junior College: Requesting City's support relative to bottled drinks that are being dispensed at nearby businesses and the empty bottles being thrown onto the school's athletic field where they get broken, making the field unusable. (Law Enforcement)
7. Mrs. Virginia M. Thoms, Secretary, Washington D. C. Woman's Bowling Association: Requesting the City's assistance in urging the Postmaster General to issue a Commemorative Stamp honoring their 50th anniversary. (Parks & Recreation)

Correspondence Continued:

8. Mrs. Mary Roth, 7608 Hammond Avenue, City: Suggestion for program of sidewalks for the entire city at no cost to the individual taxpayer in the no-sidewalk areas. (Public Welfare)
9. Mr. S. W. Tymeson, Columbia Union College: Commending the Police Department for their actions when a high-power line broke at Flower and Houston Avenues. (Law Enforcement) (Personnel)
10. Miss Mary Leonberger, 7906 Glenside Drive, City: Requesting exemption forms if the City has decided to vote in favor of reduction in taxes for those over 65. (Finance)
11. Mrs. Eleanor D. Stacy, 7203 Cedar Avenue, City: Enclosing letter from her son in Viet Nam who is asking for life giving help to war orphans of Mo Cay. (Organizations in City)
12. Mrs. Loretta Chepouras, Conservation Chairman, Sligo Chapter, IWLA: Request to donate City suitable trash receptacle to be placed near the Azalea Garden at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues: (Public Welfare)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced that the Mrs. Fire Prevention Contest would be held September 18th, during Fire Prevention Week, at the Takoma Park Junior High School and urged everyone to attend. Introduced Mrs. Fire Prevention of 1964/65 who was in the audience and commented on all the various activities she had participated in throughout the year. Mayor Miller thanked Mrs. Iris Berry (Mrs. Fire Prevention) for all the time and effort she had given so willingly in the past year. Mayor Miller then presented Mrs. Berry with a plaque inscribed " For her civic service in helping to develop awareness of the Fire Prevention Program - Iris Berry - Mrs. Fire Prevention 1964/65 - we award this plaque in behalf of a grateful community."

Mayor Miller spoke relative to the wonderful work the Lions Club is doing in the prevention of blindness and commented that anyone wishing to will their eyes could obtain pledge cards from Lions Club members. He then proclaimed the week of September 27, 1965 as "Lions Club Light Bulb Week" in Takoma Park and presented the Proclamation to Mr. George Friedrich, President. Chief LaScola commented that the Lions Club had given permission for a Fire Prevention flyer to be placed in each carton of light bulbs.

Mayor Miller spoke a few words about the passing of "Jimmie" Forehand and then read the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Council on August 23:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that the Mayor and City Council learned of the passing of "Jimmie" Forehand, former Councilman of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on August 13, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Oscar James Forehand conscientiously served the City as a Councilman from November 23, 1953 through April 14, 1958 at which time he voluntarily retired because of ill health, and

WHEREAS, he always considered his duties very seriously and faithfully attended all of the Council and other meetings until his health began to fail in late 1957, and

WHEREAS, he took an active interest and part in all civic affairs and gave freely of his time serving in addition to his duties as a City Councilman as a Special

Resolution, continued

Officer of the Takoma Park Police Department, a duty he continued as his health would permit, having served actively at the Independence Day Parade and Celebration on July 5, 1965, and

WHEREAS, he served actively in the Police and Fireman's Association promoting among other things an Annual Variety Show and sponsoring a Circus as fund raising projects for the benefit of the Widows' Fund, and

WHEREAS, he served actively with the Takoma Park Lions Club and assisted in the promotion of an Annual Halloween Party for the youth of the community and a Christmas Party for the School Safety Patrol, and

WHEREAS, he served his community in innumerable civic enterprises, and in the last seven years of his life he served all mankind by giving his body in medical research through the National Institute of Health, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park to pay tribute to

OSCAR JAMES FOREHAND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the City Council of Takoma Park, on behalf of ourselves, the Mayor, the City Administrator, the officials and employees as well as the citizens of this community, we do express profound regret upon the occasion of the death of OSCAR JAMES FOREHAND and tender to the bereaved members of his family our heartfelt sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City and a copy, executed by the Mayor be placed in the hands of Mrs. Oscar J. Forehand.

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 1965.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. James Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, City: Recommended that speed signs be placed on all streets and that they were particularly needed on Lincoln Avenue. Also recommended that Caution Signs be erected on both sides of the hill between Aspen Avenue and Boyd Avenue. Stated that in one of the previous minutes one of his recommendations should have read that all of the trees should be trimmed not, just Lincoln Avenue. Requested that item 4 (g) on the agenda read - parking be permitted on both sides of the 900 Block of Larch Avenue and the "No Parking" signs removed.
2. Mr. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Stated that to the best of his knowledge, it was necessary for a president of an association to have a meeting before he could make recommendations in their behalf. Requested the Council to give this some consideration.
3. Dr. Stephen Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, City: Commended the City on the resurfacing of Hickory Avenue. Remarked that a number of citizens on his street as well as others have been improving their homes by painting, cleaning up, etc. Spoke in behalf of the B. F. Gilbert's Citizens' Association relative to the condition of the impounding lot across the street. Commented that they had requested something be done about it a year ago, suggesting that if it could not be removed that a nice fence could be erected around it. Commented that the Council has done much to encourage citizens to improve their property but it is hard to insist when the the condition of the impounding

lot remains as it is. Remarked that they have been promised for the past three to four years something would be done and yet it remains an eye sore. Commented that he had heard a rumor that it was handy for the police to have a lot across the street. Asked why does it have to take so long to do something about this unsightly condition.

Mayor Miller agreed with Dr. Hiten that the impounding lot has to go and stated he felt no one should have to live next to it. Councilman Roth assured Dr. Hiten the lot was not there for the convenience of the police department. Commended Dr. Hiten for his restraint and commented they have one or two more prospects for a location but if something isn't done soon they may have to shut it off with a fence. Mayor Miller requested that this item be placed on the agenda under Civic Improvements, Councilman Roth, Chairman.

Dr. Hiten spoke relative to his concern about the broken down old cars and trucks in back yards and inquired what had happened to the Ordinance prohibiting repairs, etc. Captain Merson reported that the Police Department is going over the City and bringing in unsightly cars as fast as they can.

Dr. Hiten requested that if Z.A.P. E-318 was coming up this evening, could it please be postponed until the next Council Meeting in order to give the B. F. Gilbert Citizens' Association time to discuss it.

4. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Commended the City for the resurfacing of Hickory Avenue and reported three pot holes in the sidewalks. She was assured this would be taken care of as the sidewalks are now being repaired.

5. Mr. Clyde C. Cleveland, Business Manager, Columbia Union College: Spoke relative to his letter read earlier in the evening concerning a pedestrian crossing light at Morrison Hall.

6. Mr. Robert Mulligan, 705 Elm Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the Elm and Lincoln Avenues intersection. Stated when this condition was first discussed, it was his understanding that "Stop Signs" and one or two traffic islands were needed. Commented that the Safe-T-Posts are of no benefit, the children still have no help and there are no traffic lines or stop signs. Requested the Committee to replace the Safe-T-Posts with "Stop Signs" and if this doesn't solve the problem, call in an engineer. Also commented that four families, including himself, have no place to park. Also suggested solid white lines to guide the motorists as they are going on both sides of the Safe-T-Posts.

7. Mr. Joseph O'Malley, 811 Hayward Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the Elm and Lincoln Avenues intersection. Commented they still have all the problems and the Safe-T-Posts are no improvement and that the signs have already been knocked off. Commented that he had been assured the Safe-T-Posts would not be installed until after the September 13th meeting. Also remarked that in six years he has never been approached to meet with the Lincoln Valley Citizens Association, and does not feel they should speak for the neighborhood.

8. Mr. Anthony Harp, 8317 Eastridge Avenue, City: Made the following suggestions:
(a) That the Stop Signs at Carroll and Flower Avenues and also at Laurel and Eastern Avenues be marked 4-Way Stop Signs.
(b) That Eastridge Avenue be changed to East Ridge Avenue. Stated that with the word abbreviated in the telephone directory it is taken for Eastern Avenue many times and some of their mail is not coming to them because of this.
(c) That the City institute a new policy by setting aside a bicycle lane on all new roads.

9. Mr. R. L. Simms, 1215 Kirklyn Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P.A-5225. Stated that the people propose to build a 12 story apartment house. Commented he already has an eye sore on one side of his property and does not want one on the other

side. Remarked if there was some way to hold the Petitioner to his proposed plans, he would not object. Stated he was also concerned about property values, that one of his neighbors had been told his property value would drop approximately \$3,000 if the apartment building was constructed.

10. Mr. James Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the junk automobiles, stating junk automobiles are capable of being put into a machine, after useable parts have been taken off, and crushed to a solid block and dumped into the ocean. Stated this solution will be discussed by the General Assembly this coming season. Stated perhaps the City's junk cars could be put in a control location to be picked up and dumped.

11. Mr. Alva R. Appel, 1204 Holton Lane, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A. P. A-5225. Stated when he bought his home in Takoma Park he felt it was one of the nicest places in Takoma Park to live. Stated the proposed apartment building would be an eye sore, parking is already a problem and this would certainly create a bigger problem. Feels this land should be used in line with what the area stands for.

12. Mr. Charles Steinecke, 904 Larch Avenue, City: Commented that he has been overseas for two years and when he saw the lines and markers at Elm and Lincoln Avenues he did not know what they were for. Also noted that there had been a change in parking on Larch Avenue, previously parking had been prohibited on the South side now it is the North side, recommends parking on the North side. Stated he felt speed should not be controlled by cars parking on both sides, creating an obstacle, but by "Stop Signs".

13. Mr. Anthony Harp, 8317 Eastridge Avenue, City: Recommended that consideration be given to permitting a right hand turn after stopping for a red light or a stop sign. Also stated that more people would cycle if there was a reserved lane for bicycles, since motorists seem to feel that bicycles have no business on highways.

14. Mr. William Hauptman, 227 Park Avenue, City: Commended the Mayor and Council and the Public Works Department for the wonderful job of resurfacing Park Avenue, Holt Place and Crescent Place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Law Enforcement Committee: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Lincoln & Elm Avenue area and Larch Avenue: Spoke briefly on the problems confronting the people in this area. Commented that he felt the problem had mushroomed. Stated when he returned from vacation he found an analysis of the traffic problems at Elm Avenue and Lincoln Avenue had been made by Mr. Morris, a profession engineer, but the Committee has not had the opportunity to study it. Stated it would be discussed at the next Committee meeting and a report made at the next Council Meeting.

2. Hayward Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that the "No Thru Street" sign requested has been erected and the item should be removed from the agenda.

3. Maplewood Avenue: Reported that "No Thru Street" signs have been erected as requested and the item should be removed from the agenda.

4. Columbia Union College: Reported that the pedestrian controlled traffic light requested at Morrison Hall had previously been discussed and therefore, moved that the Mayor and Council go on record as expressing their willingness for the installation of a pedestrian controlled traffic light at the point indicated in Mr. Cleveland's letter and with the understanding that the expenses incident thereto would be borne by the College. Also that the State Roads Commission be notified of this approval and request a permit as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, Councilman Roth, Vice Chairman reporting

1. Equipment: Proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1862

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

- SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on September 1, 1965 for a Carry-all type ambulance to be used by the Fire Department, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by International Harvester Company, 5000 Tuxedo Road, Tuxedo, Maryland for one 1965 International D1100 Travelall Ambulance meets all specifications of the Fire Department, AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to International Harvester Company in the sum of SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND FORTY EIGHT CENTS (\$6,790.48) the aforesaid being the net amount after a trade-in allowance of \$944.36 for a 1956 Cadillac Ambulance, AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to assign to International Harvester Company Title No. G 159357 and for 1956 Cadillac Ambulance Serial No. 5686008969, AND
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 11.213.

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. E-318, 7007 Westmoreland Avenue: Reported that any recommendation would be postponed until next meeting due to Dr. Hiten's request. Announced that the County Hearing date would be October 16.
2. Z.A.P. A-5225, New Hampshire and Kirklynn Avenues: Reported that no action would be taken until next meeting in order to give the neighborhood an opportunity to express their views.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Equipment: Reported that the Library staff is in need of a new typewriter and would like to keep the old one as they are in constant demand. Moved that the Librarian be authorized to buy a new standard type typewriter, without trade in, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to account No. 19.103. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Mr. Pierce Arthur Owens as Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer be accepted with regrets, effective September 10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

2. International City Managers' Association Conference: Moved that City Administrator Pridgen be authorized to attend the conference, stating that funds are in the Budget to cover expenses, from September 19 to September 23 in Montreal, Canada. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

3. Appropriations - Reserve Fund: Reported there was a total under-expediture by a combination of departments of the City for the past fiscal year ending June 30, 1965; however, there were four divisions that had unusual items that should be covered from the Reserve Fund. Proposed a motion to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to: -- Government Buildings Fund in the amount of \$1,170.26, explaining this was due to heavy repair bills, exceeding this amount, on the air conditioning system at the Library; Fire Department Account in the amount of \$682.19, which was due to several apparatus and ambulance repair jobs; Public Works Highways Accounts in the amount of \$3,404.05, which was in connection with the street improvement program, the bulk of which was for relocation of facilities for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; and Recreation, Organized Facilities Program in the amount of \$949.15, which was due to the combination of Fourth of July expenses and Christmas Tree Lighting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

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4. Unappropriated Funds: Reported that the City was in better financial condition than they had been for sometime and commended the Department Heads. Commented that larger appropriations were planned for the street program but due to the uncertainty of the North Central Freeway work has been held up. Moved that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1863

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

SECTION 1. THAT City Auditors have reported an unappropriated fund balance of EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND NINETY EIGHT CENTS (\$86,303.98) as of June 30, 1965, AND

SECTION 2. THAT FORTY THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND NINETY EIGHT CENTS (\$43,303.98) be placed in a SPECIAL FUND for Street Resurfacing, Sidewalks and Curb Replacement Program, AND

SECTION 3. THAT FORTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$43,000.00) be placed in a SPECIAL FUND towards the construction of the proposed Civic Center, AND

SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to make appropriate account transfers in accordance with Sections Two and Three of this Ordinance.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Street Resurfacing: Reported that all streets scheduled for resurfacing have been completed except Kennebec Avenue and that the sidewalks are now being repaired and curbs replaced.

2. Equipment: The following ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1864

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on September 8, 1965 for a heavy duty dump truck to be used by the Public Works Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by General Truck Sales, Inc. 30 M Street, N.E., Washington, D. C. for one 1966 GMC Model V 4001 dump truck meets all specifications of Public Works Job No. 65-6, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to General Truck Sales, Inc. in the sum of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY NINE DOLLARS (\$3,849.00) the aforesaid being the net amount after a trade-in allowance of \$200.00 for a 1956 Ford chassis with Heil Dump Body, AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to assign to General Truck Sales, Inc. Title No. G 260267 for 1956 Ford dump truck, Serial No. F50D6N-22687, AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred as follows: TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) from the SPECIAL FUND AND ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY NINE DOLLARS (\$1,849.00) from the RESERVE FUND.

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

3. Equipment: The following ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1865

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on September 8, 1965 for a Vacuum Leaf Collector to be used by the Public Works Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by McClung-Logan Equipment Company, Inc. 1501 L Street, S. E., Washington, D. C. for one Tarrant Model LK-3 Leaf King vacuum leaf collector meets all specifications of Public Works Job No. 65-7, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to McClung-Logan Equipment Company, Inc. in the sum of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,840.00), AND

SECTION 4. THAT the sum specified in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred as follows: TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) from the SPECIAL FUND and ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$1,840.00) from the RESERVE FUND.

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

4. Equipment: Proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1866

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Sanitation Division refuse truck #11, a 1956 International Truck equipped with a Heil Body, has served a long and useful life but is now beyond the stage of economical repair, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to strip this truck of useful parts in an attempt to maintain and keep trucks #10 and #12, also 1956 Internationals, equipped with Heil bodies and satisfactory operating condition, one of which is to be converted to general hauling use, more particularly in leaf and street debris removal, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE, the Director of Public Works and the City Administrator are hereby authorized to dispose of any unuseable remains and parts of Truck #11 and to cancel from the City Assets Records Account, International Dump Truck, 1956, Serial No. C0222A-FR-39320 and to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Maryland that such Truck, under Title Number G287244, has been dismantled.

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

5. Spraying of Oak Trees: Reported that a letter had been received from the State Forester and that he had not found any new growth on the trees. Mr. Rhodes reported that the F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company have been taking samples and have been unable to find any crawlers. Reported the trees will be sprayed soon.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Trash Receptacle: Commented that the request from the Sligo Chapter of the IWLA to donate a trash receptacle is appreciated and requested that they be so notified indicating that a style similar to what the City is using now would be most appropriate.

2. Burlap Squares: Reported that the ordinance adopted August 23, 1965 for burlap squares authorized an approximate cost of \$1,102.13, prices since have increased, therefore, proposed the following ordinance to amend the above ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1867

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1860 adopted August 23, 1965 be amended as follows:

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 THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$1,363.80), order to be placed with the Bemis Brothers Bag Company in accordance with their low bid, sum to be charged to Account No. 13.402R.

3. Trash Receptacle: Reported that a trash receptacle will be placed at the corner of Boston and Philadelphia Avenues.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones excused, Mr. Pridgen reporting

1. Recreation Programs: Reported that the Recreation Division, the chairmen and the children of the playgrounds wish to thank the firemen who assisted in the demonstrations at the parks this summer.

2. Halloween Party: Reported that the Halloween Party this year is being sponsored by the Takoma Park Recreation Council and asked Mr. Brown, President of the Council, if he had a report at this time. Mr. Brown reported that the Council met Friday night with representatives of the various civic organizations and that committees have been appointed. Stated the committees would welcome any suggestions from the Council and citizens. Mr. Pridgen reported that Mr. Rhodes has reserved the band stand.

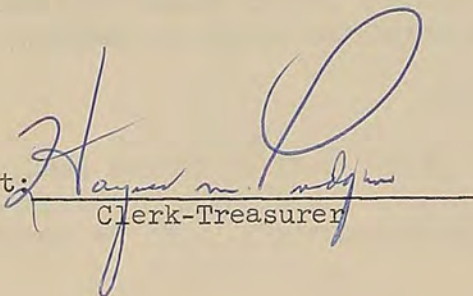
City Administrator Pridgen reported there would be a Public Hearing tomorrow night, September 14, 1965 at 8:00 p.m. concerning the proposed sidewalk on Elm Avenue. Reported that Mr. Lee Jordan requested that the Council reconsider the Ritchie Avenue situation which was reported first in August of 1964 and removed from the agenda October 26. Mayor Miller requested the item be placed on the Law Enforcement agenda.

City Administrator Pridgen reported that Rev. McCalvin had inquired if something could be done about the proposed bridge over Sligo Creek near Cherry Avenue. Commented that he had checked the files and the most favorable letter was dated December 1957 from Mr. P. Wolfe of the Park and Planning Commission. Mayor Miller requested this item be placed on the Public Works agenda.

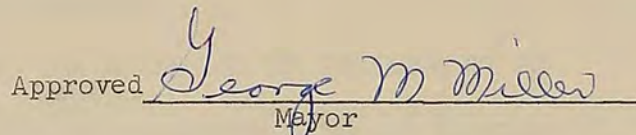
Councilman Collison expressed appreciation for a telegram sent to them from the Mayor and Council on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session September 27, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

Approved


Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

Elm Avenue Sidewalk

Tuesday, September 14, 1965

Mayor Miller opened the Hearing at 8:00 p.m. The following Councilmen were present: Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie and Roth. Excused: Councilman Turner.

City Administrator Pridgen read Ordinance No. 1861 relative to the proposed construction of a sidewalk on the East side of Elm Avenue between Ethan Allen Avenue and Auburn Avenue. City Administrator Pridgen stated that in accordance with Ordinance No. 1861 and Section 1429 of the City Charter the property owners have been notified of the hearing and a notice placed in the Prince George's Post two times, not less than three days before the scheduled hearing.

Director of Public Works Rhodes commented that the total estimate cost would be approximately \$1630. This amount divided by the total assessable front feet of 247 would give a cost per assessable front foot of \$6.60.

Statements of Property Owners:

Mrs. Jeanne Ottenstein: Stated she has been a resident of Takoma Park for 25 years, that she has paid assessment for Elm Avenue and was told the cost would be 87¢ linear ft. but had to pay \$1.85. She can see no need for a sidewalk - has watched children and they walk on grass strip. Stated that if a sidewalk were put in the only change would be that the children would be walking on concrete sidewalk instead of grass as far as her property is concerned. Stated the children from J. Enos Ray School use the West side of the street and that no children that live on Auburn Avenue go to J. Enos Ray School. Feels that over the 25 years she has had the opportunity to observe and feels Lincoln Avenue is much more dangerous.

Mr. Robert Mulligan: Stated he was the prime mover to correct the traffic condition and feels there is no need for sidewalks. Stated you seldom see the children walking in the street. Feels the need is to get the children across the intersection safely. Feels if sidewalks are needed the City should pay for the benefit of the children, it is no benefit to the property owners.

Mrs. John Leonard: Stated she walks a lot herself, mainly to and from the Sanitarium and has no objections to sidewalks but feels they are needed a great deal more on Lincoln Avenue, where 50 to 60 homes are involved.

Mr. Henry Zuskin: Stated that when he lived there the children walked on the other side of the street most of the time, that he observed very few children walking on the East side of Elm Avenue and could see no need at this time for a sidewalk, especially if he had to be assessed for it.

Mr. John Leonard: Stated that he had observed the children for a year and they take the unprotected route. Stated not too many children walk on the East side of Elm and when they do they walk on the grass or curb, seldom in the street. Feels more traffic control is needed on vehicles. Stated more children walk on Lincoln Avenue between Jackson and Elm and there is no sidewalk there.

Councilman Collison: Asked how this sidewalk got started, would someone bring him up to-date.

Mr. Robert Mulligan: Reviewed the fact that he brought up the vehicular traffic hazard and is almost sorry now because he has lost his own street parking. Stated he could not understand the connection with prohibiting parking and the sidewalk.

Mrs. Jeanne Ottenstein: Stated that she had recently lost her husband and should she sell her property it would be rather difficult to pay \$750 for a sidewalk and since parking is prohibited in front of her property now it would make it that much harder to sell.

Councilman Kennedy: Asked Mr. Mulligan if he hadn't indicated he would be willing to pay for a sidewalk at a previous meeting at Public Works.

Mr. Mulligan: Stated that Councilman Kennedy was half right - he said he would pay a portion of cost of the sidewalk if proven useful and he can not see that a sidewalk will be useful.

Councilman Forshee: Stated that now it seems as if no danger exists for the children yet the idea originated because it was felt this danger did exist for children walking in this area.

Mrs. Ottenstein: Brought up the fact that there is a fence at the top of Elm and Ethan Allen Avenues and it juts out to the curb so that the children have to step out in the road below the terrain to pass by.

Councilman Roth: Stated that if there is a fence that near the curb it should be removed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard: Stated that the fence was there when they bought the property 12 years ago and that the real estate salesman had told them it was all right.

Councilman Kennedy: Inquired of Mrs. Ottenstein if she had seen any children walk across her lawn when they were observing there yesterday.

Mrs. Ottenstein: Was rather evasive in answering but said she hadn't.

Councilman Kennedy: Commented that the children walked along the curb until they came to a parked truck and then they went out into the street and around the truck.

Mrs. Ottenstein: Commented that the children have walked across her grass for 25 years, and that she can show a strip of land where she can't grow grass.

Mr. Mulligan: Stated there is a five to six foot strip that the children have to go into the street in order to pass the fence.

Councilman Jones: Commented that the original problem was pedestrians getting across the wide intersection and the sidewalk issue came as a kind of appendix.

Mrs. Leonard: Stated they didn't mind the fence being set back or removed if the City wanted to do it.

Mr. Leonard: Isn't it true that if a fence is on a property for a certain number of years, that the property attached to fenced property becomes a part of the aforesaid property. Mayor Miller replied not on City property.

There was a general discussion and suggestions on traffic and pedestrian hazards, particularly Lincoln Avenue and intersection of Elm and Lincoln Avenues. There was also a great deal of discussion regarding origin and destination of children going to school. Suggestion that children going to and from Our Lady of Sorrows could be instructed to use another route. Councilman Jones objected to routing children to New Hampshire Avenue and Ethan Allen Avenues. Mrs. Ottenstein estimated 50 children pass by to and from school. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLANDPUBLIC HEARING
HOUSING ORDINANCE VIOLATION

September 20, 1965

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

Mayor Miller Called the Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Rhodes; Leonard S. Blondes, Esq.; Mayor Miller, Councilmen Collison, Forshee, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner, (Excused: Councilman Jones), Corporation Counsel Gingerich, Public Works Director Rhodes, Building Inspector Williams.

Mayor Miller stated that the hearing was called tonight at the request of Mr. Blondes and his clients, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes. He then turned the Hearing over to Councilman McKenzie, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee. Councilman McKenzie stated that when the Housing Ordinance was passed in 1952 it was passed to protect the health standards for tenants. Pointed out that at the last hearing Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes stated that in 1958 they had installed kitchen equipment on the second floor for a brother and his family and installed the basement apartment and rented it in March 1964.

Mr. Blondes stated he had become involved just as a friend and that Mr. Rhodes had knowledge that at one time the building was used as a single family dwelling. Commented that he realized it is a problem to the City but that they also had a problem. Stated when Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes bought the property, they knew it had been used for a multi-family dwelling and bought it with this in mind. Pointed out that the house has been substantially improved since Mr. Rhodes purchased the property. Stated he had asked Mr. Rhodes to check with the neighbors as to their feelings and all the adjoining neighbors signed a statement to the effect that "We do approve of the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes as a multi-family home". Stated that on Birch Avenue alone they knew of three homes that are used as multi-family dwellings and feel some consideration should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes.

Councilman McKenzie pointed out that the County Zoning Ordinance also specifies if property is not used as multi-family use the property reverts back to single family.

Councilman Forshee inquired if the dwelling was used as a multi-family dwelling when purchased. Mrs. Rhodes replied, yes, there was a portable gas stove but it was not hooked up.

Mr. Blondes stated he felt most people did not realize they couldn't put another unit in their home, that most people feel they can do anything they want to with their own home and don't even consider that zoning could enter into the picture. Stated he didn't feel Mr. Rhodes knew of the ordinance and that they had planned to do a lot of work on the dwelling but felt the property would go when Rt. 410 was widened.

Councilman McKenzie pointed out that about a year ago the City Newsletter carried an article on multi-family dwellings and inquired if the Rhodes had seen it. Mrs. Rhodes said she had not, that she doesn't read it because it is always old when she receives it.

Mayor Miller inquired if they had been billed and Mr. Rhodes replied no.

Councilman Forshee inquired of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes if they lived at the dwelling in question. Mrs. Rhodes replied no, but her brother lives on the main floor. Stated she did not know of the Ordinance until the day after her brother moved in and Mr. Williams stopped by.

Mr. Blondes stated Mr. Rhodes was amazed and concerned about the basement apartment. Mr. Rhodes stated it would be no problem to attend to the lighting and the height of the ceiling.

Councilman Forshee inquired as to the Council's action at the last hearing and Councilman McKenzie replied it was the decision that they were in violation of the Housing Ordinance and gave them sixty days to revert to single family use.

Councilman McKenzie asked why Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes didn't apply for rezoning.

Mr. Blondes stated they didn't feel it was likely the zoning would be changed.

Councilman Forshee asked Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes if they had two apartments, would that be satisfactory? Mr. Rhodes replied it would not, because they have the basement all fixed up and with only a few changes it would conform and that they had invested a lot of money into it. Mr. Rhodes stated that to the best of his knowledge the basement had not been used for an apartment but he really didn't know.

Councilman Kennedy stated he was concerned about publicity in the City, that the Newsletter was sent out to keep people informed of what is going on and couldn't understand it being consistently late, first complaint of this type. Mrs. Rhodes stated it was always late.

Councilman Roth inquired if the Rhodes were residents of Takoma Park now? Mrs. Rhodes stated they had recently moved. Councilman Roth inquired as to their plans in regard to the property. Mrs. Rhodes stated that when they moved from this property they felt the highway would take their home. Decided to build in Annapolis. Stated that the Master Plan indicates the house will be taken and they were merely holding the house until the State Highway Department took it. Felt it would be only two or three years but looks like it might be a lot longer now.

Mr. Blondes inquired as to the status on Rt. 410 now. Mayor Miller and Councilman Collison commented they understood about two years or until NCF settled.

Mayor Miller stated the Committee would discuss the matter further and inform Mr. Blondes and Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes of their decision.

The hearing adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Hayer on Rhodes

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

September 27, 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 September 27, 1965 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Collison	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Forshee	Captain Merson, Police Department
Councilman Kennedy	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	Deputy Fire Chief DeKalb

Excused

Councilman Jones
Councilman McKenzie
City Administrator Pridgen

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend F. W. Kemper of the Calvary Lutheran Church and also the Chaplain of the Takoma Park Fire Department.

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 September 13, 1965. Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Belle Ziegler, Secretary, reporting

1. Dr. and Mrs. Adlai Esteb, 8013 Sligo Creek Pkwy. and Petitioners: Copy of Petition addressed to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission requesting the name of Edinburgh Lane, Argyll Lane or Ayr Lane be given to the lane leading off of Maple Avenue. (Civic Improvements)
2. The Honorable Juracy Magalhaes, Ambassador of Brazil: Farewell message as he terminates his mission to the United States. (Council Files)
3. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, City: Complaint relative to the shooting of pigeons. (Law Enforcement)
4. Mrs. Leonard H. Bolz, President Rolling Terrace Elementary School PTA: Requesting crossing guard in the morning and afternoon at the Carroll-Flower Avenue intersection. (Law Enforcement)
5. Mr. Clyde C. Cleveland, Business Manager, Columbia Union College: Expressing appreciation for promptness with which their request for pedestrian operated traffic light was handled and for traffic service rendered at close of Chapel on Mondays. (Council Files)
6. Mr. Jack Valenti, Special Assistant to the President of the United States: Expressing thanks for letter and comments showing progress City is making toward beautification through Azalea program. (Council Files)
7. Mrs. Irene Forehand, 7129 Maple Avenue, City: Expressing appreciation for condolence Resolution. (Council Files)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced that the week of October 3rd is Fire Prevention Week and read a Resolution whereby the Mayor and Council heartily endorsed the principles of Fire Prevention Week. He called upon the Citizens and Municipal Department to cooperate with the National effort and the Fire Department of the City in observing Fire Prevention Week. Stated that for the first time there would be two special pick ups in October in order that everyone can participate in the Fall Cleanup Campaign. The dates are October 6 and 13.

Mayor Miller then introduced the new "Mrs Fire Prevention 1966", Mrs. Helen Gordon of 5716 Emerston Street, Bladensburg. Announced that she was chosen queen on September 18, 1965 and has held the following "Crowns" - Miss Teen Queen, Miss Auto Show, Miss Arlington and Miss Washington. Commented that she will be on the agenda at the Governor's Conference on Fire Prevention and will be present at "Open House" October 9 and 10. Mrs. Gordon stated that she was honored and pleased to be crowned Mrs. Fire Prevention and would do all she could to promote Fire Prevention this year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Walter McClenon, 1 Montgomery Avenue, City: Commended the City on fixing the sidewalks on Montgomery Avenue and many others and stated there was a definite improvement.
2. Mr. Lester H. Ahlswede, 1302 Erskine Street, City: Spoke relative to the manner in which promises have been broken in connection with the high rise apartment development on the Powell tract. Stated that an agreement had been signed with the City to give the City an easement of 50 feet on the tract boundaries and during the past week bulldozers have ripped down trees to within 25 feet of the residential property lines along the rear of the Erskine Street homes. Expressed concern and displeasure with the developers as well as the City. Requested the City to file an injunction or suit for damages against the developers. Mayor Miller asked Mr. Ahlswede to discuss the matter with Corporation Counsel Gingerich.
3. Mr. Philip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Spoke relative to the request for a housing ordinance requiring inspection prior to annual registration, feels there should also be an inspection of the grounds. Pointed out the condition of the grounds next to him at 67 Elm and 25 Pine. Commented that at 60 Elm four people live there yet there are 10 mail boxes. Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-318. Wondered why Takoma Motors didn't consider the land back of the Laurel Avenue buildings instead.
4. Mrs. Raymond McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-318. Requested the Council to recommend denial.
5. Dr. Stephen Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, City: Spoke in behalf of the B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association. Stated they had given very careful consideration to Z.A.P. E-318, feel the gentleman requesting the rezoning is a very fine man, commend him for the improvements he has made but do not feel it would be wise to recommend a change in zoning. Stated they have constantly opposed rezoning in this area and they have no guarantee that if ownership changed the new owner would continue the present land usage. Requested the Council to recommend denial. Also spoke in opposition to the 13 story apartment hotel building proposed for Carroll Avenue. Commented that most of the units will be apartment dwellings, very few transients. Stated it is already a traffic problem and wondered what will happen when there are at least 100 more cars. Inquire if the Council could formulate an ordinance governing the height of buildings. Mayor Miller referred this matter to the Civic Improvements Committee. Spoke relative to the condition of the property on Carroll Avenue across from the Esso Station and requested that the owner be requested to clean it up. Mr. Williams reported that the owner has been contacted and has promised to clean the property up this week. Com-

mented that there will be a public hearing Tuesday night held by the Montgomery County Commission on Zoning and Planning Law and Procedures in the County Office Building in Rockville and wondered if anyone would be representing the City. Mayor Miller stated that they hoped to have a representative there.

6. Mrs. Leonard H. Bolz, President, Rolling Terrace Elementary School PTA: Spoke relative to her letter read earlier in the evening and requested that consideration be given to a crossing guard at the intersection of Flower and Carroll Avenues.
7. Mr. Alva R. Appel, 1204 Holton Lane, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. A-5225. Stated that this is a quiet section and that vehicular traffic has already increased with motorists trying to avoid the traffic lights. Neighbors wondering what the next step is, are the contractors trying to wear them down, what kind of protection are they going to have to protect their homes and live peacefully. Didn't feel an individual had the right to make profit at the expense of others. Requested the Mayor and Council to recommend denial.
8. Mrs. M. Gradijan, 908 Larch Avenue, City: Stated that they had received a copy of Notice of Appeal relative to Z.A.P. Nos. A-5614, A-5615 and A-5616 filed August 27, 1965 and mailed September 21, 1965 and inquired if the City had received a copy. The City had not received a copy but in checking Mrs. Gradijan's copy it was found that the copy had been sent to Mr. Pridgen's home and that since he was out of the City, the office had not received it. Councilman Roth indicated that the City could have a representative testify as a friend of the court in the Circuit Court proceedings.
9. Mr. Philip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue: Commented that you hear so much about Home Rule, felt that is what the City should have. Feels the City should have a veto on everything, that the City knows more about what they want than what others think they do.
10. Mr. S. Sidotti, 7603 Hammond Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. A-5225, stating any change in zoning would mean deterioration to the neighborhood.
11. Mrs. Anthony Luck, 1202 Holton Lane, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. A-5225. Stated they already have a traffic problem, dangerous for children, school already filled to capacity.
12. Mr. Jack Sapienza, 7605 Hammond Avenue, City: Expressed objections to the proposed Z.A.P. A-5225.
13. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Requested a stop sign be erected at Hickory Avenue at the intersection of Hickory and Columbia Avenues. Requested the Mayor and Council to consider resuming band concerts in Takoma Park. Stated she had talked to her friend, Commander Anthony Mitchell, about the Navy band playing and that he had stated it was a public service and for the City to write requesting their services. Thanked the Mayor and Council for the police patrol at Spring Park.
14. Mr. William E. Hayman, 7518 Jackson Avenue, City: Commended the Mayor and Council for the wonderful job they are doing, especially for their efforts in opposing rezoning. Stated he wanted to publically commend Mayor Miller for his presentation at the Montgomery County Council last summer in opposing rezoning not only in his own area but throughout the City.
15. Mr. James J. Jeffas, 7600 Hammond Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. A-5225 referring to traffic conditions and schools.
16. Dr. Rider, 7607 Hammond Avenue, City: Stated he was here representing Dr. Keating, and spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. A-5225 pointing out the lack of privacy a building of this type would create plus the parking lot next to him would be a nuisance as well as a hazard.

Mayor Miller commented that the Council and he feel the same as the people do and sometimes it seems like it is a losing fight but with strong citizen support feel they will win out. Commented that the City should have the zoning authority or at least strong veto power.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Trash - Debris: Commented that in traveling around the City, especially in the last year, he has noticed more and more debris, trash, beer cans, etc. in the parks, azalea gardens and public turf. Feels the City needs an organized street cleaning program. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Public Welfare Committee, Sanitation Division.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. E-318, 7007 Westmoreland Avenue: Reported that in view of Dr. Hiten's report he felt the Committee should consider this item a little longer.

2. Z.A.P. A-5225, New Hampshire and Kirklynn Avenues: Proposed a motion recommending denial of the R-10 Zone to the Planning Board and the Prince George's County Commissioners for Z.A.P. A-5225 for the following reasons: (a) Desirable that the subject property be constructed as it is presently zoned, R-18. Example of R-18 style is the Manor Circle property which has been beneficial to the Community. (b) Zoning constitutes intelligent and proper planning for the Langley Park development. The R-18 Zone was established as a buffer on the NE, NW and SW quadrants of the commercial intersection. (c) There has been no basic change in the zoning pattern. (d) The proposed 12 story high rise apartment building would be out of place at this intersection, no others exceed four stories in height. (e) The increased traffic would make the situation intolerable. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried. Councilman Roth requested that someone represent the City at the Hearing. Councilman Turner pointed out that this is when all the citizens should ban together, get the PTA's and other organizations together with facts and figures and appear at the Hearing in force with organized opposition.

3. 7103 Maple Avenue - Carroll Avenue (near Westmoreland Avenue): Referred to the opposition of the proposed apartment hotel at 7103 Maple Avenue and also the one proposed on Carroll Avenue which Mr. Huck referred to this evening. Proposed a motion that the County authorities and the Montgomery County Council be informed that the Mayor and Council oppose the issuance of building permits for these two locations, pointing out the loophole in the zoning law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Equipment: Proposed a motion that the Librarian be authorized to purchase the following equipment and the total sum be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c No. 19.103: Reference desk for children's room, \$135.00; 5 Venetian blinds, \$50.00; Newspaper rack, \$30.00; Display bookshelf, \$115.00; 5 drawers for card catalog, \$85.00; total \$415.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones excused, Mayor Miller reporting

1. "Sonny Jackson": Stated the Mr. John Brawner had reported to him that one of our local boys, Roland "Sonny" Jackson, played shortstop for the Oklahoma City 89'ers, winners of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League title and hit .330 and led the league with 191 hits - our congratulations to you "Sonny".

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. August Disbursements: Presented a motion to approve August disbursements in the amount of \$124,561.87 which includes \$50,000 Treasury Bill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
2. Personnel: Proposed a motion, upon the recommendation of City Administrator Pridden, to promote Mrs. Margaret McCann to Bookkeeper in Step #3 at \$5,000 per annum in accordance with the Merit Plan, effective October 1, 1965. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Lincoln and Elm Avenue Intersection: Reported that no recommendation would be made this evening because the people in the area involved had not had the opportunity to see or hear the recommendation of the engineer. Commented that he hoped the Committee might have the benefit of the thinking of the various groups or persons before action is taken. He briefly outlined the recommendations as follows:

(a) A sidewalk should be installed on the east side of Elm Avenue, from Ethan Allen Avenue to Auburn Avenue.

(b) No curb parking should be permitted at any time within the areas of the intersection of Elm and Lincoln Avenues.

(c) Auburn Avenue should be made one-way in an eastbound direction (from Elm Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue).

(d) Traffic islands, to serve as channelization for vehicles and as pedestrian safety zones, should be painted in the intersection of Elm and Lincoln Avenues. It is not recommended that concrete islands be installed until the painted islands have been in place long enough to permit a fair evaluation of their effectiveness.

(e) Eliminate curb parking on the north side of Lincoln Avenue from Larch Avenue to Jackson Avenue.

(f) Paint an offset median line ten feet from the north curb of Lincoln Avenue from Jackson to Boyd Avenue.

(g) One-way operation of Lincoln Avenue is not recommended, as this would tend to generate traffic seeking a short-cut through the area.

2. Larch Avenue: Further consideration is being given to the removal of the "No Parking" signs on Larch and the erection of "Caution Signs".

3. Intersection - Lincoln and Elm Avenues: Reported that he had received the following report from the Police Department:

Between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on September 21, 1965, 41 children crossed Ethan Allen Avenue at Elm Avenue going north. 10 children crossed the same intersection going south.

Between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. 19 children crossed this intersection in a southerly direction and 11 crossed in a northerly direction.

On September 22, 1965 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., a total of 5 vehicles, none of which belonged to residents, came out of Auburn Ave. into Elm Ave.

Between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., a total of 2 vehicles, none of which were residents, entered Elm Avenue from Auburn Avenue.

Law Enforcement cont.

4. Personnel: Upon the recommendation of Captain Russell S. Merson, Deputy Chief of Police, moved that Officer R. A. Thistlethwaite be tendered a permanent appointment effective October 1, 1965. Motion seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

5. Personnel: Upon the recommendation of Chief Foster moved that Officer C. R. Stitely be tendered a permanent appointment retroactive to September 1, 1965 when Officer Stitely satisfactorily completed his probationary period. Motion seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

Mayor Miller reported that Police Chief Foster underwent surgery and is home recuperating.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting

1. Hornets nest: Reported on a memorandum from Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, relative to the Allied Exterminating Company eliminating the hornets and their nest from a tree in front of 47 Philadelphia Avenue. Stated they were creating a hazard. Commended the Police and Fire Department for their cooperation.

2. Oak Trees: Reported that the Bartlett Tree Expert Company has sprayed the oak trees along Takoma Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to Piney Branch Road. The second spraying will occur during the winter months.

3. Spring Park: Reported that the spring water has been seeping up out of the ground for the past few months at Spring Park. It was found that several pieces of drain tile needed replacing and this has been completed.

4. Woodland Avenue: Reported that the Public Works Department is in the process of rebuilding the storm drainage system on Woodland Avenue.

5. Sidewalks: Reported that the sidewalk repair work as well as the curb and gutter work is progressing satisfactorily.

6. Leaf Collector: Reported that the Leaf King Vacuum Leaf Collector has been received.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Excused, Mayor Miller reporting

1. Special Trash: Reported that there will be a special pick up from the curb on October 6 and 13 and citizens do not have to call Public Works for these two pick ups. Reported that a great many of the citizens do not realize they are not to rake their leaves in the streets until the leaf collection signs are posted. When conditions such as this exist, it might be well for the police to courteously ask the citizen not to do this.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session October 11, 1965 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Haynes M. Pidgeon
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor