

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

January 10, 1966

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 January 10, 1966 at 8:12 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Jones	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Kennedy	Lt. Porter, Police Dept.
Councilman McKenzie	Public Works Director Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Dept.

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 December 13, 1965. Councilman Kennedy moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Councilman McKenzie requested that the minutes show he voted nay on Z.A.P. A-6430, New Hampshire Avenue at its intersection with East-West Highway, C-1 to C-2 Zone, page 3, No. 1 under Civic Improvements Committee. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Expression of appreciation for stop sign. (Council Files)
2. Mr. Jesse F. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission: (Civic Improvements)

(a) Z.A.P. No. E-511, 9,532 sq. ft., 7418 Hancock Avenue, Lot 3, Section 6, S. S. Carrolls Addition. R-60 to R-10-Zone. Board of Trustees of Dupont Park SDA Church, Applicant-Owner.

(b) Z.A.P. No. E-546, 43,091 sq. ft., 6833-6821 Eastern Avenue, Lots 4, 5, 6 and Pt. 7, Block A, Gilberts & Woods Addn. R-60 to R-20 Zone. Marguerite R. Douglas, Applicant-Owner.

(c) Z.A.P. No. E-612, 4,992.5 sq. ft., 221 Manor Circle South Lot 24, Block 45, Carroll Manor - R-60 to R-40 Zone. William A. Koier, Applicant-Owner.

(d) Z.A.P. No. E-614, 17,893 sq. ft., 7508 Blair Road, Part of "Girl's Portion" R-60 to C-1 Zone. William A. Koier, Contract Purchaser.

(e) Z.A.P. No. E-631, 22,837 sq. ft., 305 Hilltop Road, Lot 17, Block 59, B.F. Gilberts, R-60 to R-10-Zone. Washington Sanitarium & Hospital, Applicant-Owner.

(f) Z.A.P. E-705, 84,231 sq. ft., 207 Hudson Avenue, Lots 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52, Block 55, Gormans Re-subdivision, R-60 to R-10 or R-20 Zone. Irving Biow, Applicant-Owner.

Mr. Pridgen stated that he had noticed in the County Council minutes that the Council had approved the C-2 Zone for Z.A.P. E-318, 7007 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Motor Company.

3. Copy of letter to Mr. John D. Emler, President, Hillwood Manor Citizens Association from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission regarding sewage problem in Sligo Creek. (Public Works & Civic Improvements)
4. Letters commending Police Department Officers: (Police Department and Officers' Files)

- (a) Mrs. Fred Schmidt, 106 Devon Court, Silver Spring involved in automobile accident - commended Officer Morgan.
- (b) Mr. Robert Fleischman, commending Police Department on return of his wallet.
- (c) Mr. M. Samols, Secretary, Vincent et Vincent, commending Officer Winkler.
- (d) Mr. J. J. Finn, Postal Inspector, commending Officers Merson and Winkler for their assistance in apprehending the person who was stealing mail from a nearby company.
- (e) Mrs. Mary C. Nugent, 75 E. Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, thank you for kindness shown her two year old grandson who had wandered away and was picked up on Carroll Avenue.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes.

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience to the first Council Meeting of the New Year and wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Bond L. Holford, Attorney, 6403 Martins Lane, Lanham: Stated he was representing Mr. Julius Dubb, concerning Z.A.P. A-5884, located at the end of Colby Avenue off Sligo Creek Parkway and are requesting the R-18 Zone from R-55 Zone. Indicated that the R-18 Zone would be an improvement to the neighborhood and would be making the best use of the land. Mayor Miller suggested that Mr. Holford arrange a meeting with the Civic Improvements Committee to discuss the matter and that Mr. Pridgen would be in touch with him.
2. Mrs. Florence Checchia, 8300 Roanoke Ave. City: Spoke against Z.A.P. E-705, 207 Hudson Avenue, R-60 to R10 or R-20. Commented that this was a hilly area and one of the first places to freeze over during the winter months. Remarked that the zoning application sign was put up in Sligo Creek Parkway not on Hudson Avenue or somewhere where it could be seen by nearby residents and felt that it should be moved to Hudson Avenue. Inquired if this application would be discussed tonight. Councilman Roth indicated it would come up but that she would be notified when it would be acted upon by the Council.
3. Mrs. John Weimer, 8213 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-705 also, supporting Mrs. Checchia's remarks. Requested the Council to recommend denial on this third request for rezoning. Inquired as to the status of Z.A.P. E-185 and E-186 which had been appealed. Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that the case had not come up and due to the tremendous back log it might be two or three years before the case would be placed on the docket.
4. Mr. Philip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Commended the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital and spoke against the strike in New York City.
5. Mr. Andy Buzik, 216 Grant Avenue, City: (President of the Boys Club) Spoke regarding Hodges Ball Field. Commented he had read that the Elementary School was interested in the lot for an addition to the school. Felt if this happened, it would encourage the children to play in the streets and requested the Mayor and

Council not to consider this request but to turn the matter over to the School Board. Mr. Buzik was told that he would be notified when this matter would be discussed by the Mayor and Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman reporting (Councilman Collison excused due to illness in the family)

No report at this time.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Boys Club: Congratulated Mr. Buzik as the new president of the Boys Club. Requested that a letter of commendation be sent to Mr. Warren Magner, Past President of the Boys Club, expressing the Mayor's and Council's appreciation for all his fine work with the boys of Takoma Park over a period of a great many years.
2. Ritchie Avenue: Reported that the citizens on Ritchie Avenue have been complaining about debris and trash being dumped on a lot in their neighborhood. Lt. Porter reported that the matter is being checked into.
3. Natural Disaster Plan, Montgomery County: Councilman Kennedy inquired if this would be discussed this evening. Councilman Turner commented that the draft did not make it clear who would be in charge of municipalities. Discussion ensued with Chief LaScola reporting that he had attended a meeting about a month ago concerning the Disaster Plan and that the rough draft submitted was for review and comments. Also stated that Chief Gratz of Silver Spring was appointed Fire Coordinator for Montgomery County in case of a natural disaster. City Administrator Pridgen was instructed to write to the County Manager requesting more time for discussion of the matter and to inquire exactly what role City forces would take in case of such an emergency. Mayor Miller requested the Law Enforcement, the Fire Protection and the Public Works Committees to study the matter and make a recommendation to the Council.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Powell Tract: Reported that there is a problem developing concerning the location of the storm drainage and sewer line construction which might conflict with the 25 ft. scenic easement on record granted to the City. Pointed out that the purpose of the easement was to protect the trees and greenbelt and if any of the trees were destroyed, it would be an expensive process to replace them. Requested that Mr. Pridgen and Mr. Rhodes work closely with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Park and Planning Commission and that appropriate letters be transmitted to both agencies. Commented the Corporation Counsel should be consulted if plans indicate construction within the scenic easement.
2. Z.A.P. E-511, E-546, E-612, E-614, E-631 and E-705: Reviewed the location and the requested zoning of the above applications, noting that Z.A.P. E-614 was outside the City limits.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Supply Boxes: Reported that Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, feels that the Public Works can work out the concrete and steel boxes through material on hand.
2. Fire House Gymnasium: Reported that there has been some trouble in the evenings in this area and moved that the Council authorize a Special Policeman or a regular if a special is not available, to be on duty at the Fire House Gymnasium during the recreation hours for at least one week or perhaps two. Discussion ensued and the motion was seconded and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. November Disbursements: Presented a motion to approve November disbursements in the amount of \$75,747.44 which included street and sidewalk repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
2. December Disbursements: Presented a motion to approve December disbursements in the amount of \$124,706.35 which included insurance and Treasury Bills in the approximate amount of \$40,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
3. Equipment: Reported that the City Office advertised for bids for a cash control machine and that the low bid meets all specifications but National Cash Register's bid included additional equipment that would be a great asset to the Office; therefore proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1884

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 January 5, 1966 for one cash control machine for use in the City Office, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the contract be awarded to National Cash Register Company, Washington, D. C. in the amount of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$2,293.50) for one National Model 52-S-8-6-1L(CxG)JE-TC-1 equipped with three clerk identification keys and the Add-Under construction for later conversion to data processing, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section Two of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 10.443.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Councilmen Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Collison. Councilman Kennedy commended the Finance Committee for requesting the machine where the maximum advantage will be derived.

4. Equipment: Reported that the City Office is in need of an electric typewriter that will carry several tax cards in the machine at one time and have requested authorization to purchase one not to exceed \$395.00. After some discussion on the different makes of typewriters and their serviceability, it was decided that the City Administrator would check into the matter further.

5. Equipment: Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to purchase one fluorescent desk lamp for the secretary's desk at a cost of \$32.50, from the Reserve Fund to a/c 10,143. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

6. Holly Avenue Property: Reported that Mr. DeWight Perkins is interested in purchasing the City owned lot adjacent to his property and has made a proposition to the City, supported by a \$300 cash deposit. After some discussion concerning the feasibility of selling the lot at the present time, the following ordinance was proposed in compliance with the provisions of law pertaining to the sale of publicly owned land:

ORDINANCE NO. 1885

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City Council have determined that a parcel of land owned by the City is no longer needed for public use, such parcel being described as Part of Lot numbered Twenty-four (24) in Block numbered Six (6) in a subdivision known as "Petty Estate, Takoma Park", as the same is more particularly described in a certain deed recorded in Liber 784, at folio 404, one of the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, AND

SECTION 2. THAT it is the desire of the City Council to dispose of the land referred to in Section One of this Ordinance by sale to a qualified buyer, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the Charter of the City of Takoma Park provides that "The Council shall have the power to acquire by purchase or condemnation real or leasehold property needed for any public purpose and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the City and to sell at public or private sale any real or leasehold property belonging to the City when no longer needed for public use, but no property shall be sold until such sale has been advertised for at least twenty days before date of sale," AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the land described in Section One of this Ordinance is subject to a recorded Right of Way Easement running to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in connection with the Spring Branch Storm Drainage Project No. 0208-DE, AND

SECTION 5. THEREFORE, the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to insert an appropriate Official Notice four times in two weekly newspapers of local circulation containing a summary of this Ordinance indicating that offers to purchase will be received until 4:00 P.M. S.T., February 21, 1966 and to notify the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission of the City Council's intention to dispose of the public property referred to in Section One of this Ordinance.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Elm-Woodland Avenues: Reported that a stop sign had been requested at this intersection and upon the recommendation of the Police Department and the Committee proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1886

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

SECTION 1. THAT all motor vehicles shall be brought to a complete stop on Woodland Avenue before entering the intersection of Woodland Avenue and Elm Avenue, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect a "Stop Sign" at the Southwest corner of Woodland Avenue at Elm Avenue, 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 Jones and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Collison.

2. Elm Avenue: Reported that a yellow centerline stripe at the curve of the hill between Ethan Allen and Prince Georges Avenues had been requested but due to the width of the road it was doubtful that a centerline stripe would allow cars to pass at this point. Upon the recommendation of the Police Department and the Committee moved that the Public Works Department be authorized to erect two signs with approximate wording "Danger - Sharp Curve" at both approaches to this curve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

Councilman Jones suggested the Police Department investigate the possibility of no parking on the south side of Elm Avenue from the curve area to Ethan Allen Avenue.

3. Larch Avenue: Upon the recommendation of the Police Department and the Law Enforcement Committee moved that the "No Parking" sign on Larch Avenue remain at its present location since moving the sign would result in cars parking on both sides of the street at the bottom of the grade divide and the original purpose of the sign was to confine parking to one side of the street. Also requested the item be removed from the agenda. There being no objections the motion was carried.

4. Willow Avenue - Maple Avenue: Upon the recommendation of the Police Department and the Committee moved that the Public Works Department be authorized to erect a "25 mile per hour" speed sign on the northeast side of Willow Avenue at Willow and Tulip Avenues and another "25 mile per hour" speed sign on the northeast corner of Maple Avenue at Maple and Tulip Avenues. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Commended the Public Works Department for the efficient manner in which they handled the collections over the holidays. Councilman Turner also commended them.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session January 24, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1965

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1965	\$ 48,735.61	
*December Receipts	<u>129,492.59</u>	\$ 178,228.20
December Disbursements		<u>124,720.06</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1965		<u>\$ 53,508.14</u>

*Includes \$100,000 Matured Treasury Bills

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1965	\$ 6,972.17	
No transaction during December 1965	---	6,972.17
Balance as of December 31, 1965		<u>\$ 6,972.17</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1965	\$ 11,049.53	
Receipts for December	<u>841.94</u>	\$ 11,891.47
Balance as of December 31, 1965		<u>\$ 11,891.47</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of November 30, 1965	\$ 6,440.97	
December transfers from General Ledger	<u>46,680.59</u>	53,121.56
December Disbursements		<u>45,619.21</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1965		<u>\$ 7,502.35</u>

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

Balance as of November 30, 1965	\$ 989.17	
No Transactions in December	---	989.17
Balance December 31, 1965		<u>\$ 989.17</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

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

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 1/31/66	\$ 49,005.12	\$ 50,000.00
Due for Maturity 2/28/66	48,999.94	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 3/31/66	49,016.75	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 4/30/66	48,852.62	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 6/30/66	41,726.32	43,000.00
Due for Maturity 5/26/66	<u>39,271.62</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
	\$ 276,872.37	\$ 283,000.00

Attest: Harvey M. Pridgen
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: George M. Miller
Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 24, 1966

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 January 24, 1966 at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused: Councilman Collison

The invocation was rendered by Reverend Harry E. Ferry of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

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

Mayor Miller called for motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 1966. Councilman Kennedy 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. The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President, U.S.A.: Commendation of successful meeting of the Maryland Numicipal League and Mayor Miller. (Council Files)
2. Miss Dorothy I. Thompson and Petitioners, Hancock, Sheridan and Carroll Aves.: Opposition to Z.A.P. E-511, 7418 Hancock Avenue, Lot 3, Section 6, S. S. Carroll's addition. (Civic Improvements)
3. Copy of letter, Mr. John D. Emler, President, Hillwood Manor Citizens Association to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission concerning Powell Tract Easement. (Civic Improvements & Public Works)
4. Mr. George A. Cook, 22 Philadelphia Avenue, City: Resignation as Justice of the Peace, pending appointment of a successor. (Law Enforcement)
5. Montgomery County, Department of Inspections & Licenses: Notification of Hearing dates on Zoning Petitions -
 - (a) Z.A.P. E-511 - February 2, 1966 - 1:00 p.m.
 - (b) Z.A.P. E-546 - February 2, 1966 - 1:00 p.m.
 - (c) Z.A.P. E-614 - May 11, 1966 - 2:00 p.m.
 - (d) Z.A.P. E-631 - May 5, 1966 - 8:00 p.m.
 - (e) Z.A.P. E-705 - May 5, 1966 - 8:00 p.m.
 - (f) Z.A.P. E-612 - May 5, 1966 - 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and expressed appreciation to Mr. Cook in behalf of the citizens, the Council and himself for the valued services rendered to the City of Takoma Park while he served as Justice of Peace. Also commended both Mr. and Mrs. Cook for all the fine work they have done in the City.

Mr. Cook remarked that he would be happy to serve until his successor was appointed.

Mayor Miller commended Chief LaScola, Deputy Chief DeKalb and the Fire Prevention Committee for placing 2nd out of 230 entries in the State of Maryland in the 1965 International Fire Prevention Contest. Baltimore placed 1st and Silver Spring 3rd. Also for placing 23rd in the National Ranking and 2nd place under Honorable Mention in the Municipal Division Population Class Ranking.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Allan T. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, Civics Improvements Committee of the Save Takoma Park Committee:(a) Spoke in opposition to Z.A.P. E-511, 7418 Hancock Avenue, from R-60 to R-10 stating they opposed this application because it does not lie securely within the R-10 zone permitted by the Takoma-Langley Master Plan; the topography suggests that any building of great height would be out of place and dwarf the surrounding area, it would create a greater traffic problem and would exert undue pressure on single and two-family dwellings surrounding it on two sides. (b) Z.A.P. E-546, 6833-6821 Eastern Avenue from R-60 to R-20 - Spoke in opposition to this application stating that although the property lies within the suggested use of the Master Plan, it is presently surrounded by single family and two-family dwellings and suggested that the R-T zone be recommended.

2. Mr. Lester M. Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Stated that he was representing residents of Hancock, Sheridan and Sherman Avenues and was speaking in opposition to Z.A.P. E-511, 7418 Hancock Avenue for the same reasons they have previously protested high density apartments in the area and the residents do not feel this zoning is necessary or desirable. Requested that the Mayor and Council recommend denial of this application as it would be just one more step to the top of the hill. Suggested that the property at 7416 and 7418 Hancock be cleaned up, felt owners were permitting it to run down because of zoning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

Commended Mr. Cook for his years of service to the City and commented that in his opinion both Mr. and Mrs. Cook have done just as much as any couple could do for Takoma Park and have helped so many people. Also thanked Mr. Cook for what he has done for him.

1. Personnel: Reported that due to the outstanding performance of Pvt. Lawrence Edwards and the recommendation of the Committee and the City Fire Board moved that Pvt. Lawrence T. Edwards be given a permanent appointment effective February 1, 1966 at the Merit Plan step of \$5400. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. 1965 Fire Prevention Contest: Commended Deputy Chief DeKalb for the excellent booklet he entered in the contest. Reported that the Contest results booklet shows there were 1,694 entries submitted in the contest and out of this number Takoma Park was chosen as a winner, placing 2nd in the State of Maryland, 23rd in the National Ranking and 2nd place under Honorable Mention in the U.S. Municipal Division Population Class Ranking. Also reported that the Department first entered the contest in 1957 and has received recognition every year since. Chief LaScola commented that this year the Department will receive the Venemann Award in June at the State Convention.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. E-511, 7418 Hancock Avenue, R-60 to R-10 Zone - Hearing February 2:
Moved that the Council recommend denial of this application although the Technical Staff Report recommended approval. Pointed out that when the Master Plan was under consideration, the City recommended against the R-10 zone, also that the topography is rising at this point and any building under the R-10 zone would tower over the surrounding buildings. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried. Councilman Turner commented that he felt this request for rezoning was a sort of creeping paralysis and the main purpose behind it was to get a foot hold into the block and the line must be drawn somewhere. Suggested that if an adverse decision is made in this case, the Council should take it to court. Councilman McKenzie requested that the Park and Planning Staff Report covering the property at 7416 Hancock Avenue be reviewed to see if this property was not considered to be the termination point. Mr. Gingerich was requested to represent the City at the Public Hearing.
2. Z.A.P. E-546, 6833-6821 Eastern Avenue, R-60 to R-20 Zone - Hearing February 2:
After some discussion as to whether it would be feasible to consider town houses in this area, Councilman Roth moved the Council recommend approval of the R-20 Zone since it conforms to the zoning classification in the Takoma-Langley Park Master Plan and the City originally opposed R-10 Zoning and prevailed on the Park and Planning Commission to make it R-20. The motion was seconded and duly carried. The City Administrator was requested to make periodic checks to see when the property is rezoned and to inform the Council when the property is reappraised.
3. City Planning: Reported that there has been a great deal of ferment in the City with the proposed North Central Freeway, the burned out business area of Laurel Avenue and many other problem areas within the City. The Council has been concerned over these problems for some time and feel the City is in need of expert advice and assistance in helping the Council determine what should be done to help improve the City; therefore, proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1887

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

SECTION 1. THAT a sum not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 22.5 for consultation services, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the City Administrator be authorized to engage the services of George M. Dyer III and H. Leroy Smith, Jr. for a special study project involving the potential growth of the City.

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

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Fire House Gymnasium: Reported that a Special Policeman has been on duty at the Gym for the last nine days and there have been no occurrences, therefore, requested the Special Policeman be relieved of this duty.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. City Election: Reported that the City Election will be held March 22 at the Fire House and nominations for Mayor and Councilmen have been scheduled for March 8; therefore, proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1888

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City Clerk shall call a meeting of the citizens for the nominations for Mayor and Councilmen at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 1966, at the Municipal Center in the Fire House at the corner of Philadelphia and Carroll Avenues. The said meeting shall be conducted as prescribed in Section 1422 (h) of the City Charter, AND

SECTION 2. THAT there shall be a City Election to elect a Mayor and seven Councilmen at the Fire House between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 1966. The said Election shall be conducted by means of Voting Machines, and as nearly as practicable all laws and regulations governing the use of Voting Machines in elections in Montgomery County shall apply to the use of Voting machines in the said City Election, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the City Clerk shall make arrangements with the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery County for the use of eight Voting Machines at the said City Election, and shall arrange to have placed on each Voting Machine the names of all candidates nominated at the Citizens Meeting on March 8th, except any who may within three days thereafter have filed with the City Clerk his refusal to have his name so placed, AND

SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk shall cause a notice of the Citizens' Meeting and the City Election to be inserted in the Suburban Record and the Prince George's Post the last week in February and the first week in March. He shall also cause the insertion in the Suburban Record and the Prince George's Post, the third week in March, of a facsimile of the arrangement of the names and words on the Voting Machines, AND

SECTION 5. THAT the City Clerk shall prepare cards bearing the names and addresses of all voters certified by the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and shall furnish such cards to the judges and clerks of Election, AND

SECTION 6. THAT the City Clerk shall recommend to the Council the names of eighteen persons for designation by the Council as judges and clerks of Election, AND

SECTION 7. THAT the City Clerk, with the assistance of the Chief of Police, shall see that the City Election is conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and of Section 1422 of the City Charter, AND

SECTION 8. THAT the Judges of Election shall meet in the City Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue as a Board of Election at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 1966 and shall determine and certify the results of the Election, as provided in Section 1422 (i) of the City Charter. The Council shall meet in Special Session to receive the Certification from the Judges at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 1966.

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

Mayor Miller briefly outlined the qualifications for candidates to be nominated at the City Caucus. Stated each candidate for Mayor shall have resided in the City for at least one year immediately preceding his nomination, be a voter of the City, be not less than thirty years of age and a property holder in the City. Each candidate for Councilman shall have resided in the precinct or area from which he will be nominated for at least one year preceding his nomination, be a voter of the City, be not less than twenty-five years of age and a property holder in the City.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

Councilman Kennedy stated he would be remiss if he did not express the appreciation of the Police Department and the Law Enforcement Committee for the splendid cooperation Mr. Cook has given them in the past years and regretted that it was necessary for him to retire. Mr. Cook commended the Police Department and cited an instance which showed their cooperation and efficiency.

Councilman Kennedy thanked Mr. John Brawner for the excellent story that appeared in the last issue of the Suburban Record, stated it was a morale builder especially when the papers are filled with troubles of the Police Departments.

1. Equipment: Reported that the Police Department was in need of a radio mobile unit for use in the 1966 Police Cruiser which is on order and therefore proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1889

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Police Chief be authorized to purchase one U51HHT1100 Motrac Mobile Unit, 50 watt complete with all standard accessories from Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc. in the net amount of SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS (\$681.00), AND

SECTION 2. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section One of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND To account No. 11.113 Capital Outlay.

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

2. Equipment: Reported that the Police Department is also in need of siren for use on the same 1966 Police Cruiser and moved that the Police Chief be authorized to purchase a Federal, "Model 2811" high pitch, heavy duty siren for use on the 1966 Police Cruiser in the amount of \$79.00 from the American Fire Apparatus Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried. Funds to be allocated from a/c No. 11.192B2A.

3. Abandoned Vehicles: Reported that the City Administrator has made a report of the most recent auction of abandoned automobiles pointing out that the trend is toward decreasing bids to the point that the cost of towing vehicles to the impounding lot is not being realized by the sale. It is his opinion, in view of the new Maryland inspection law which became effective January 1, 1966, that the situation will develop into an even greater problem; therefore, proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1890

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

SECTION 1. THAT Article 10 of the Municipal Code (1961) be amended as follows:

SECTION 51. ABANDONED, ETC. VEHICLES.

(a) It shall be unlawful to park, store or leave any vehicle of any kind in a wrecked, junked or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, or for the owner of any vehicle of any kind in such condition or the owner of any property to allow, permit, or suffer the same to be left upon any privately owned property, in violation of the Zoning Ordinance of the respective County in which such property is situated or in violation of Section 1 of Article 36 of the Municipal Code (1961). Should any vehicle of any kind be found upon private property in a wrecked, junked or abandoned condition, or parked in violation of any law, ordinance or order regarding any vehicle of any kind, the Police Department or such other authority as the Mayor may designate, shall have authority to seize, remove and impound such vehicle and charge to the owner thereof, the cost of towing, storage, and any other charges incurred in connection therewith, provided that no vehicle shall be towed away if at the time of the intended removal the owner or person in charge for the time being thereof is present and shall remove such vehicle as soon thereafter as practicable.

(b) Whenever any motor vehicle or part thereof is determined to be eight years of age or older and is in an abandoned, wrecked or junked condition and current license plates are not displayed thereon the Chief Police Officer and the City Administrator shall inspect the same and upon agreement between themselves shall order the same removed directly into a junkyard or other appropriate place for complete disposition. In the event that any such vehicle or part thereof is located on private property a written notice by certified mail shall be served on the owner of such property, according to current tax records, ordering that the same shall be removed within fifteen days of such mailing; otherwise the City shall take appropriate action causing removal of the same. In the event there are costs involved in the removal of such vehicle or part thereof, such costs, including postage, shall be billed to the owner of record and in the event of delinquency in payment of such account, the same may be collected in the same manner as provided by law for the collection of delinquent taxes.

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

4. Personnel: Commended Lt. Robert E. Porter for his alertness and quick thinking which led to the apprehending of one of the individuals who forced their way into a local private residence.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

No report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman, reporting

1. Equipment: Reported that a hand operated tire changer is needed for use in the Repair Shop of the Public Works Department and that Mr. Rhodes had received three quotations for a "3 Star Coats Tire Man", the lowest quotation was from the J. P. Scott Company. Moved that the Public Works Department be authorized to purchase one "3 Star Coats Tire Man" from the J. P. Scott Company in the amount of \$124.95, funds to be allocated from a/c No. 12902C. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

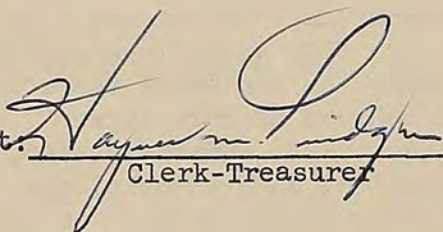
2. Street Lights: Reported that additional street lights had been requested on Kirklynn Avenue and that Pepco had made a survey of the location and have submitted their recommendations. Upon the recommendation of the Public Works Director and the recommendations of Pepco moved that the City Administrator be authorized to accept the proposal of Pepco to install two additional street lights on Kirklynn Avenue at an additional annual cost of \$51.40. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Councilman Roth commented that Mrs. Roth had noticed there was no street sign at Hammond and Jackson Avenue and reported it to Public Works, a street sign has now been erected and Mrs. Roth wishes to convey her thanks.

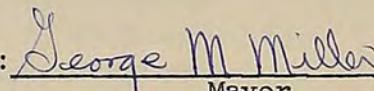
City Administrator Pridgen inquired of the Mayor and Council if he should request the Boards of Election Supervisors to hold special registrations before the City Election, he was so instructed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session February 14, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:


Mayor