

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

April 11, 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 April 11, 1966 at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused: Councilman Turner

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

Mayor Miller announced that he would be deviating from the agenda tonight by taking care of any old business first and then adjourning so that the new Council could be sworn in. The new Council would then convene.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 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. Mr. Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, U.S. Dept. of Commerce: Advising their knowledge of the City's interest in the North Central Freeway and suggesting that if the City has not apprised the State of their opposition it would be appropriate to do so. (Public Works & Civic Improvements)
2. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Case No. 1973, General Conference Corp. of SDA: Notice of public hearing April 28, 1966 at 11 a.m., County Court House. Request for a variance from Section 104-16 d (2) and Section 104-16 d(3), side yard and rear yard. Situated on Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, B.F.G. Subdivision, 107 Carroll Avenue. (Civic Improvements)
3. Mr. H. Eugene Walker, Chairman, Takoma Park Sister City Committee: Requesting that Upper Portal Park be renamed Jequie Park in honor of Takoma Park's Sister City, Jequie, Bahia, Brazil. Also requested that October 25 be proclaimed as Sister City Day. (Parks & Recreation)
4. Mr. Thomas C. Blow, 7309 Cedar Avenue, City: Pointing out that the parking lines on Laurel Avenue are too close together, requesting consideration of diagram enclosed to increase parking space. (Law Enforcement)
5. Mrs. Edward Kassoff, 724 Fourteenth St., N.W.: Requesting the City to take necessary steps to eliminate the hazard caused by the huge trench in the back of their property at 519 New York Avenue. (Public Works)

Correspondence Continued

6. Woodland Bluebirds of the Camp Fire Girls: Thanking the Mayor and Council for the Camp Fire Girl Proclamation and for asking them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. (Council Files)

7. Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Stouffer, 902 Davis Avenue, City: Commending the Police Department on their performance during the recent armed robbery attempt in their neighborhood. (Law Enforcement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

See last page of minutes.

Mayor Miller expressed appreciation to the City Council of the last two years for their fine work and long hours of service to the City.

Mayor Miller commented that unfortunately Councilman Collison was retiring after 12 years of active service on the Council and in recognition of his retirement read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park pay tribute to Robert W. Collison who has served as Councilman of the City of Takoma Park for twelve years from April 12, 1954 to April 11, 1966 and who has voluntarily retired from that office.

For many years we have been associated with Councilman Collison and the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park pause for a moment to recognize his retirement and to express our esteem and humble appreciation to him.

It is fitting that this Mayor and Council should place among its records the retirement of Councilman Robert W. Collison. The records of the last twelve years are filled with accounts of his service not only as Public Works Chairman and Mayor Pro-tem but in many fields of activities, such as the first chairman of the Azalea Committee, member of the Regional Transportation Organizing Committee, member of the Library Board and various committees of the Maryland Municipal League.

During Robert W. Collison's service as councilman, he gave unselfishly of his time and efforts. He will always be remembered for his many years of faithful and efficient service and as an inspiration of high ideal and civic virtue.

We wish him health and happiness and many fruitful years to enjoy a well earned life of retirement. It is hereby resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Councilman Robert W. Collison and that this resolution be spread in full on our records and minutes.

Mayor Miller also presented Councilman Collison with a plaque which reads as follows: Awarded to: Robert W. Collison in recognition of his faithful service as Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem - City of Takoma Park, Maryland - April 12, 1954- April 11, 1966. Remarked that the City would be glad to have his advice and make use of his long experience in the future. Councilman Collison expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council and stated he was retiring reluctantly on his Doctor's orders and would be glad to offer his help in whatever way it might be needed.

Mayor Miller called for any unfinished business.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Z.A.P. E-705, 207 Hudson Avenue - R-60 to R-10 or R-20: Reported that part of this property consists of a steep precipice and is well above the elevation of Sligo Creek Parkway. The surrounding area is not constructed to R-10 standards but felt the R-20 Zone would not introduce anything new in the neighborhood and would not affect the single family dwellings. Also reported that the Park and Planning Technical Staff Report recommended denial of the R-10 Zone but recommended approval of the R-20 Zone. Therefore, moved that the Mayor and Council take the same position as the Montgomery County Planning Board and recommend denial of the R-10 Zone for the following reasons: 1. This site is inaccessible to Sligo Creek Parkway due to its rugged terrain and the Park and Planning Commission's policy of not allowing access onto the Parkway. 2. The terrain of dedicated Hudson Avenue would restrict roadway improvement to an acceptable grade. 3. Access to the property is through the surrounding streets which are not constructed to standards for intense multi-family use. 4. There already exists an access and parking problem in the area. 5. Although neither R-10 nor R-20 conform to the Master Plan for Takoma Park-Langley Park and Vicinity, the R-20 Zone would be more compatible with existing development in the vicinity and would have no adverse effect on the surrounding neighborhood. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Collison reporting:

1. Footbridge - Sligo Creek: Reported that a footbridge had been requested from the Park and Planning Commission sometime ago and had been denied. Felt they should be contacted again.
2. Crosswalk and Signs across Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that the matter must be referred to the Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's Section.
3. Right of Way Dedication - Ritchie Avenue: Reported that this item is related to and will be resolved in connection with a pending land transaction.
4. 519 New York Avenue: Reported that the hazardous trench reported by the owner of 519 New York Avenue has been on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's Agenda for Priority No. 2. Recommended that the Commission be notified of the complaint and requested to step the project up to Priority No. 1.

There being no further unfinished business to come before the Council, Councilman McKenzie moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Collison and duly carried.

Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to Councilmen Clayton D. Forshee, Lester M. Geib, Russell B. Jones, George B. Kennedy, Gibson McKenzie, and John D. Roth. He pointed out that the Mayor must take the Oath of Office in the County in which he resides. Stated he felt he was Mayor of all the City, therefore, took the Oath of Office in both counties.

Mayor Miller welcomed the Councilmen and noted that their duties would require them to dedicate a great deal of time not only at the Council Table, but in investigation, Committee meetings, etc. Remarked that the Citizens have requested increased services over the years and that the work had tripled since he first took office.

The Meeting of the new Mayor and Council was called to order at 8:50 p.m.

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Mayor Miller then presented the names of the new Committee Chairmen and their Committees which are as follows: CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS: Chairman, Lester M. Geib; Vice Chairman, Clayton D. Forshee; Member, John D. Roth. FINANCE: Chairman, Clayton D. Forshee; Vice Chairman, Russell B. Jones; Member, Gibson E. McKenzie. FIRE PROTECTION: Chairman, Edwin S. Turner; Vice Chairman, George B. Kennedy; Member, Lester M. Geib. LAW ENFORCEMENT: Chairman, George B. Kennedy; Vice Chairman, Edwin S. Turner; Member, Russell B. Jones. SPECIAL LIBRARY: Chairman, Russell B. Jones; Vice Chairman, Clayton D. Forshee; Member, John D. Roth. PARKS AND RECREATION: Chairman, Russell B. Jones; Vice Chairman, Lester M. Geib; Member, Edwin S. Turner. PUBLIC WELFARE: Chairman, Gibson E. McKenzie; Vice Chairman, John D. Roth; Member, George B. Kennedy. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman, John D. Roth; Vice Chairman, Gibson E. McKenzie; Member, Clayton D. Forshee. MAYOR PRO-TEM: John D. Roth.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Stated he was pleased to be present to see the new Council sworn in. Requested that his wife, Mrs. Opal Ferrier, Secretary of the Save Takoma Park Committee, be placed on the Council Minute mailing list.
2. Mr. William Hoffman, 227 Park Avenue, City: Spoke in behalf of the Takoma Park Azalea Committee, requesting that the Mayor and Council and the Citizens attend and exhibit in the Azalea Show to be held at the Takoma Park Junior High School on May 7 and 8. Noted that there would be prizes and trophies given out for which all would be eligible. Also reported that the Committee would hold a public plant sale at Hodges Field (next to the Takoma Park Elementary School) on May 14, and a series of Clinics at the Library.
3. Mrs. Lester M. Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, City: Requested that the Council give consideration to the Sister City Committee's request for Upper Portal Park to be re-named Jequie Park and that October 25 be proclaimed Sister City Day.

Mayor Miller introduced Mrs. Collison, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Geib.

4. Mr. Robert W. Collison, 7112 Sycamore Avenue, City: Spoke about the affiliation between the Masonic Lodges of Jequie and Takoma Park and stated that he would be giving a report on the affiliation at the Takoma Lodge #29 Meeting on May 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. March Disbursements: Moved approval of March Disbursements in the amount of \$116,420.14. Noted that this included purchase of a \$50,000.00 Treasury Bill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
2. Delinquent Taxes: Reported that in order to conform with a new State Law, (Sec. 48, Art. 81), proposed the following Ordinance amending the City Charter:

ORDINANCE NO. 1896R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Section 48(a) Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended, provides that "All ordinary State, county, incorporated city or town, and taxing district taxes, are due and payable without interests as of the first day of July in each taxable year; these taxes are overdue and in arrears on the first day of the succeeding October, and from and after this day of October 1 they shall bear interest at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per centum for each month or fraction thereof until paid," AND

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Takoma Park as amended November 11, 1963 provides that if the taxes due from any person or corporation shall not be paid before the first day of October following, there shall be added on that day a penalty of one per centum (1%) thereof, and a like penalty of one per centum (1%) on the first day of each succeeding month, until such taxes and penalties shall be paid; AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland have concluded that the City Charter must be amended to conform to the State Law effective July 1, 1966, AND

WHEREAS, from the provisions of Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition, as amended it is mandatory that the following Resolution be introduced proposing the change in the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of Councilman Forshee, duly seconded, be and it is hereby introduced and the Clerk is instructed to cause a complete and exact copy of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment to be posted in the City Office, #8 Columbia Avenue, for a period of at least forty days following its adoption and the Clerk is further instructed to cause a public notice of said Resolution to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Takoma Park not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days after adoption of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment.

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

THAT Section 48-11(e) and (f) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 74-11(e) and (f) of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Edition) providing for payment of taxes and assessments be repealed and re-enacted with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, that Section 48-11(e) and (f) of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition) and Section 74-11(e) and (f) of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Edition) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

- (e) It shall not be necessary to make any demand for taxes, or to render to the parties chargeable therewith any tax bills; but it shall be the duty of each person chargeable with taxes to attend at the office of the treasurer and pay the same between the first day of July and the first day of October in each year.

- (f) On or before the last day of June in each year, the Council shall, by ordinance, levy the general taxes for the fiscal year ensuing, which taxes shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation. All improvements which become substantially completed between July 1st and September 30th in any year shall be assessed for taxes and such improvements shall be subject to municipal taxation in said year on the basis of three-fourths of the regular assessment made for State and County purposes for said year. All improvements which become substantially completed between October 1st and December 31st in any year shall be assessed for taxes and such improvements shall be subject to municipal taxation in said year on the basis of one-half of the regular assessment made for State and County purposes for said year. In the case of buildings under construction, the term "substantially completed" shall mean when the building is under roof, plastered (or ceiled) and trimmed. Such taxes are due and payable without interests as of the first day of July in each taxable year; these taxes are overdue and in arrears on the first day of the succeeding October, and from and after this day of October 1 they shall bear interest at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percentum for each month or fraction thereof until paid. Nothing herein contained shall in any way operate to or be construed to repeal, alter, revise, amend or operate to or in any manner affect any other provision in this Charter as to the assessment, collection, or sale for non-payment of taxes, and all taxes, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, shall be collected, except as herein specifically provided for, and all proceedings for sales for the non-payment thereof shall be conducted, at the times and in the manner provided for in the other sections of this Charter.

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

3. Fire Tax: Proposed the following Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1895:

ORDINANCE NO. 1897

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1895 adopted March 28, 1966 be hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. THAT a tax rate of SEVENTEEN AND ONE HALF CENTS (17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢) per one hundred assessable base within the Special Fire Tax Area within the 22nd Precinct of the 13th Election District of Montgomery County be set for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1966 for the continuation of Fire Protection to this area outside the Corporate Limits of the City by the Takoma Park Fire Department, AND

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

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

Finance Committee Continued

4. Pension Plan: Reported that Pension Planners of Baltimore had made studies and several plans were available. City employees are now under the State Retirement Plan and with the recent Medicare program, the Committee felt that employees should have the benefit of Social Security in addition to State Retirement. Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to correspond with the Social Security Division of the State Retirement System requesting that referendum procedures be initiated for City employees in various classifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Lee Avenue: Reported that Building Inspector Williams and Deputy Chief DeKalb are handling this complaint and requested the item be removed from the Agenda.
2. 122 and 217 Park Avenue: Reported that 122 Park is vacant and Deputy Chief DeKalb is trying to locate the owner. The owner of 217 Park Ave. has been issued a warning to clean up his property.
3. Street Cleaning Program: This will be considered at Budget time.
4. Housing Ordinance: Reported that this item will be considered at Budget time.
5. Urban Area #2: Reported that the Prince George's County Commissioners are holding a Public Hearing April 19th on the proposed Urban Area No. 2 which would authorize trash and garbage collection in the Prince George's County section of the City. Moved that the Council request the Commissioners to exclude the Prince George's County section of the City in the proposed Urban Area #2 and that the City have official representation at the Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
6. Grocery Carts: Moved that the problem of abandoned grocery carts on the City streets and sidewalks be studied by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. National Sheriff's Association: Reported that this item is under study.
2. 122 and 217 Park Avenue: Requested that this item be removed from the Law Enforcement Agenda as it is on the Public Welfare Agenda and is being taken care of.
3. Larger Police Force: Reported that this item will be given further consideration at Budget time.
4. Sledding on Birch Avenue: Reported that this will be given consideration later.
5. 7400 Baltimore Avenue: Reported that, as requested, the Police Department has had this property under observation from March 15 through April 10 and the only vehicles observed were two cars registered in the name of Mr. William Turner of 7440 Baltimore Avenue. Requested the item be removed from the Agenda.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner excused, Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel: Upon the recommendation of the Committee and the Fire Department, moved that Pvt. Bernard L. Collins be given a permanent appointment, retro-active

Fire Protection Continued

to April 1, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

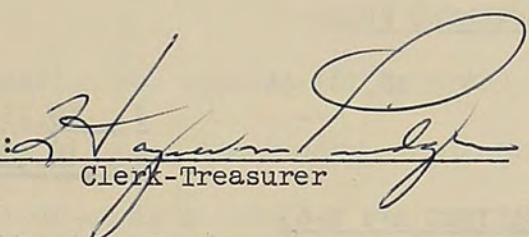
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

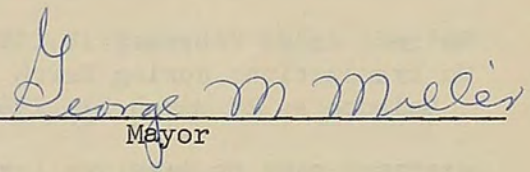
1. Recreation Center: Reported that the City Administrator had contacted the Park and Planning Commission and they stated that the work would be completed before the baseball season started. Requested that the item be removed from the Agenda.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

No report at this time.

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

Attest: 
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reportingBANK BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1966SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1966	\$ 58,091.27	
*March Receipts	<u>129,437.76</u>	\$ 187,529.03
**March Disbursements		<u>116,400.82</u>
Balance as of March 31, 1966		<u>\$ 71,128.21</u>
*Includes \$50,000.00 Treasury Bills that matured		
**Includes purchase of \$50,000.00 Treasury Bill		

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1966	\$ 97.17	
No transactions during March	---	\$ 97.17
Balance as of March 31, 1966		<u>97.17</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1966	\$ 10,131.64	
No transactions during March	---	\$ 10,131.64
Balance as of March 31, 1966		<u>\$ 10,131.64</u>

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

Balance as of February 28, 1966	\$ 1,005.17	
No transactions during March	---	\$ 1,005.17
Balance as of March 31, 1966		<u>\$ 1,005.17</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of February 28, 1966	\$ 6,832.32	
March transfers from General Funds	<u>46,238.34</u>	\$ 53,070.66
March Disbursements		<u>45,497.40</u>
Balance as of March 31, 1966		<u>\$ 7,573.26</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

Balance as of March 31, 1966		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
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	39,271.62	40,000.00
Due for Maturity 5/31/66	9,923.87	10,000.00
Due for Maturity 6/30/66	<u>39,542.98</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
	\$ 179,317.41	\$ 183,000.00

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

April 25, 1966

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CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Geib	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Jones	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Kennedy	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman McKenzie	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Roth	
Councilman Turner	

Excused: Councilman Forshee

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend F. Bailey Phelps of Grace Methodist Church.

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

Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Edwin S. Turner who had been excused at the previous meeting.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on April 11, 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. Joseph Hayden, 6 Pine Avenue, City: Reporting vandalism to his car and requesting the matter be checked into. (Law Enforcement)
2. John C. Coffman, 7412 Birch Avenue, City: Suggestion that consideration be given to naming either Washington Park or Spring Park "Jequie Park" instead of Upper Portal Park. (Parks and Recreation)

Mayor Miller issued a Proclamation Proclaiming May 1, 1966 as "Law Day" and urged all to observe it, noting that respect for law and order was vital to our way of life.

Mayor Miller announced that on May 7 and 8 there will be an Azalea Show at the Takoma Park Junior High School and urged all to attend and pointed out that everyone was eligible to enter. This is a joint project of the Takoma Park Azalea Committee and the Takoma Horticultural Club. He also announced that on May 14 the same two groups would hold a public plant sale at Hodges Field.

Mayor Miller announced that the Takoma Park Boys Club Fund Drive would begin in May and that the boys in their uniforms would be knocking at the citizen's doors requesting donations. Requested the citizens to support this worthwhile program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Thanked the Mayor and Council for taking prompt action concerning the Little Report. Stated that news stories in the past week made it appear that attempts were being made to go ahead with the Freeway plans.
2. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, President, B. F. Gilberts Citizens Association, 7 Hickory Avenue, City: Stated he was delighted with the City's Azalea Program and beautification attempts. Spoke in support of an organized street cleaning program. Inquired as to the status of the proposed Civic Center. Mayor Miller reported that the land for the Center has been purchased and preliminary plans have been done by Mr. Mason who was the architect for the Public Works Complex. The Council has already appropriated \$43,000.00 towards this end and it is hoped to complete final plans soon. Also stated that Citizens Groups and Associations would soon be asked for their suggestions and support.
3. Mr. Joseph Brown, President Takoma Park Recreation Council, 405 Boyd Avenue, City: Spoke about the varied programs supported by the Baltimore County Recreation Department. Requested the Mayor and Council to support recreation in the City, stating it was important to teach children respect for the law.

Mayor Miller announced the passing of Mr. Stanley G. Cook, Sr., husband of Montgomery County Delegate Mrs. Edna P. Cook on Friday, April 22, 1966 from a heart attack. Councilman Jones moved that a Resolution of Condolence be adopted, recorded in the minutes and a copy forwarded to Mrs. Cook. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

R E S O L U T I O N

of Condolence

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park desire to record their condolence and that of the citizens of Takoma Park at the passing of Stanley G. Cook, Sr. on April 22, 1966, husband of Mrs. Edna P. Cook, esteemed Montgomery County Delegate to the Maryland General Assembly, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park do hereby express deepest sympathy to Mrs. Edna P. Cook and the family upon the grievous loss in the death of Stanley G. Cook, Sr., and does hereby note in the record the passing from this life of a man who was esteemed by his associates, loved by his friends, and respected by all.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be tendered to Mrs. Edna P. Cook as an expression of the Mayor's and Council's sorrow in her bereavement.

COMMITTEE REPORTSPUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Curb and Gutter - Wildwood Drive: Reported that Mrs. Margaret Wambsganss of 1114¹/₄ Holton Lane had requested the City to construct curb and gutter along Wildwood Drive, fronting on her vacant lot and had agreed to pay the special assessment. Therefore, proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1898

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

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with the waiver signed by Mrs. Margaret E. Wambeganss of 1114 Holton Lane on April 16, 1966, the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to construct curb and gutter for approximately ninety one (91) feet along Wildwood Drive, Lot 8, Block 7, New Hampshire Gardens, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the City Administrator is hereby authorized to assess the owner of the above property Three Dollars (\$3.00) per linear foot after the completion of the above installation, this amount to be paid in full upon receipt of special assessment.

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

2. Air Conditioning System: Reported that the Public Works Administration Building is the only City department without air conditioning and that it has been recognized for sometime that the office space should be air conditioned. Proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1899

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Public Works Administration Building is in need of an air conditioning system, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the City Administrator be hereby authorized to accept the contract with the Washington Gas Light Company to install and furnish one Bryant 36 450 D Gas Air Conditioner complete with duct work at a cost of TWO THOUSAND NINETY DOLLARS (2,090.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 10.813.

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

3. Equipment: Reported that there is a need for ten additional trash receptacles and that the low bid was received from the Jacobs Paper Company, Inc, 5609 Georgia Avenue. Therefore, moved that the Public Works Department be authorized to purchase 10 Lawson all weather steel trash receptacles from the Jacobs Paper Co., for a sum of \$528.00. Pointed out that funds are already in the Capital Outlay Budget for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

4. Equipment: Proposed a motion that the Director of Public Works be authorized to purchase a sickle bar mower from National Capital Toro for \$270. Pointed out that funds are already in the Capital Outlay Budget for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

5. #8 Columbia Avenue: Reported that last fall bids were received for painting portions of the inside and outside of the City Office Building. Pointed out they were unable to locate the low bidder and that the Director of Public Works is

requesting new bids.

6. Flower Avenue: Reported that the Committee has studied the area and felt that since this is not intended to be a main route they do not favor any radical change in the Right of Way of Flower Avenue. Noted that many people drive too fast through this area now, and widening and/or straightening the street would tend to increase this hazard. Requested the item be removed from the Public Works Agenda and that any further consideration or action on this matter be considered by the Law Enforcement Committee.

7. Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that the Committee favors the suggestion for a crosswalk and signs across Sligo Creek Parkway near Heather Avenue and requested that the Law Enforcement Committee take the matter into consideration.

8. Footbridge: Requested that the City Administrator write to the Park and Planning Commission requesting them to install a footbridge across Sligo Creek in the vicinity of Colby and Heather Avenues.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Commended the Public Works Department for the nice paint job at #8 Sherman. Also commended the Lay Committee for their fine work and in speaking for the Lay Committee expressed their appreciation of the City's cooperation.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

1. Case No. 1973 - Lots 4 & 5 B. F. Gilberts Subdivision, 107 Carroll Avenue: Moved that the Mayor and Council request approval of the appeal to construct an addition which would create an insufficient side yard setback of 1 foot less than the required 3 feet, and 5 feet less than the required 7 feet when adjoining a residential zone (R-60) ; and a rear yard setback 1 foot less than the required 3 feet and also 18 feet less than the required 20 feet when adjoining a residential zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

2. Z.A.P. E-631, 305 Hilltop Road, R-60 to R-10 Zone: Moved that the Mayor and Council recommend approval of the R-10 Zone. In recommending approval of the R-10 Zone it was pointed out that the proposed building will be used for doctors and nurses, therefore, would not generate much of a traffic problem. Also, the terrain is quite hilly and is not conducive to single family dwellings and although it is a departure from the Takoma Park-Langley Park Master Plan, the area has sufficiently changed to substantiate the R-10 Zone. The applicant would also be requested to keep the ingress and egress as close to Maple Avenue as possible. Pointed out that it should be made clear that the line would be drawn at the crest of the hill and no further apartments would be recommended on Geneva Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

3. Impounding lot: Reported that the Committee recommended this item be placed on the Public Works agenda and that the Mayor and Council had approved a temporary screening fence and a meeting was being arranged with the adjacent property owners.

4. Z.A.P. A-6160 and Z.A.P. 6507; Holton Lane, C-1 to C-2 Zone: Moved that the Mayor and Council recommend denial of the C-2 Zone and recommend the C-0 Zone as recommended on the Prince George's Technical Staff Report. Noted that the Takoma-Langley Park Master Plan recommended C-0 Zoning for the subject properties and pointed out that there are no professional offices in the general area and the approval of the C-0 zoning for these parcels of land would provide a transition between the C-1 and C-2 uses to the west. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

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Councilman Turner remarked that the ballfield at the Recreation Center was still in poor condition and the baseball season starts next week. Mayor Miller asked the Director of Public Works to check on the situation.

5. Z.A.P. E-511: Reported that this case, originally dismissed with prejudice, has been re-set for a public hearing on May 24. Requested that the City be represented at the hearing by the Corporation Counsel or the City Administrator.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Upper Portal Park: Reported that in view of the letter from Mr. Coffman read this evening felt that the Committee should study the suggestion further.
2. Square Dance: Reported that the Recreation Council in cooperation with the City is sponsoring at the Recreation Center on May 15 from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., a square dance for adults only. Invited all to attend and to bring their friends.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

No report at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

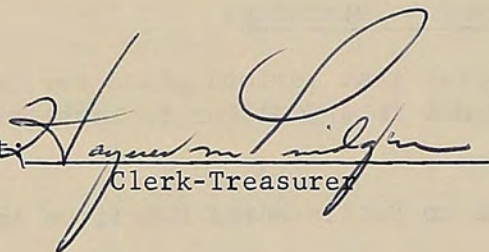
1. National Sheriff's Association: Reported that various plans for fringe benefits are being considered and the Committee is not in a position to recommend anything at this time.
2. Laurel Avenue Parking Lines: Referred to Public Works Committee for study.
3. Larger Police Force: Reported that this is being studied and will be considered at budget time.
4. Birch Avenue: Reported that Birch Avenue is on the list of streets to be barricaded for sledding in case of snow, but as this past winter's snow lasted so long, barricades were removed to allow residents to resume normal driving.
5. Sound Truck: Reported that a request for a permit to operate a sound truck May 26, 27, and 28 had been received from Takoma Post #350, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The truck would be operated in conjunction with the Buddy Poppy Drive. There being no objection, permission was granted.
6. Personnel: On the recommendation of the Committee and the Chief of Police, moved that Mrs. Josephine Phillips be given a permanent appointment as Administrative Assistant effective May 3, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
7. Prisoner: Reported that a 24 hour guard over the prisoner injured in a gun battle with the Police has been necessary since March 27 at the Washington Sanitarium and requested that funds be transferred from a/c 11.111 for the payment of off-duty Officers to work this detail. Moved that \$300.00 be transferred for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
8. Taxicab Case: Reported that he had received a memo from Mr. Gingerich concerning Judge Pugh's decision on the taxicab case. Mr. Gingerich recommended that Article 17 be enforced in accordance with Judge Pugh's decision. It is understood that an appeal has been or will be made. The Police are acting in accordance with Mr. Gingerich's decision.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

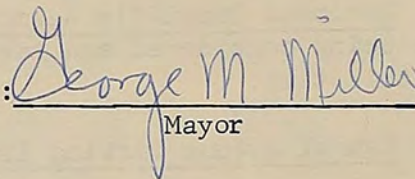
1. 122 and 217 Park Avenues: Reported that the situation at 122 has been taken care of. The owner of 217 Park has been given a 30 day notice to clean up his property and there is still some time left.
2. Street Cleaning Program: Reported that last year the City had the help of the Neighborhood Youth Core in its street cleaning program for the summer and it had been quite satisfactory. Requested that the City Administrator contact the U. P. O. again this year to see if arrangements could be made for a summer program.
3. Clean Up Month: Reported that the first week of Clean Up Month had been very well received and 125 tons of trash had been collected.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session May 9, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:


Mayor