

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

June 13, 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 June 13, 1966 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller  
Councilman Geib  
Councilman Jones  
Councilman Roth  
Councilman Turner

Corporation Counsel Gingerich  
Director of Public Works Rhodes  
Deputy City Clerk Ziegler  
Deputy Chief DeKalb, Fire Dept.  
Lt. Porter, Police Dept.  
Building Inspector Williams

Excused: Councilman Forshee  
Councilman Kennedy  
Councilman McKenzie  
City Administrator Pridgen

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 May 23, 1966. Councilman Jones moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

1. The Honorable Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs: Letter authorizing the military bands to participate in the City's summer concert series if schedules permit. (Parks and Recreation)
2. Col. William H. Huntley, Jr., Chief, Community Relations Division, Office of Information, Department of the Air Force: Regretting that the Air Force Band will be unable to participate in the summer concertseries due to a full schedule. (Parks and Recreation)
3. Mr. Elmer W. Moore, Clerk, Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County: Notification of Public Hearing, County Service Building, Room 224, Hyattsville, June 16, 1966, at 10:00 a.m. Application for transfer of Class A, Off Sale License, Larry's Liquors, 1155 University Blvd. E. (Civic Improvements)
4. Mr. William O. Dobbins, Planning Engineer, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Z.A.P. A-6488, 3.1467 acres, Parcel 2 of McCormick-Goodhart Estate, South side of University Blvd., west of intersection with Riggs Road, C-1 to R-10 Zone, Applicant: McCormick-Goodhart, Owners; Reichelt, Nussbaum and Brown, attys. (Civic Improvements)
5. Mr. James F. Stephens, Jr., 236 Manor Circle, City: Complaint regarding parking situation at 236 Manor Circle. (Law Enforcement)
6. Mr. Lou Krakow, 1020 Heather Avenue, City: Request for information on action to be taken on condition of roadway in front of his house. (Public Works)



Correspondence cont.

7. Mrs. Ellen R. Marsh, P.T.A. Publicity Chairman, Takoma Park Elementary School: Thanking the Police Department for cooperation at Strawberry Festival Poster Contest Awards Ceremony. (Law Enforcement)

8. Homer O. Elseroad, Superintendent of Schools, Montgomery County: Commending the Fire Department for assistance given at fire at Oak View School. (Fire Protection)

9. David B. Gratz, Fire Chief, Silver Spring Fire Department: Commending the Fire Department for assistance given at fire at Oak View School. (Fire Protection)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

See last page of minutes.

Mayor Miller welcomed the girls of Girl Scout Troop #2187 to the Council meeting.

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of June 12 through June 18, 1966 as National Flag Week in Takoma Park in commemoration of the 189th anniversary of the First Flag of the United States of America. Mayor Miller stated that we should all pay respect to our Flag and what it stands for.

Mayor Miller welcomed Mrs. Evelyn Ferry back to the Council meetings after her absence since November due to illness.

Mayor Miller announced that the U. S. Navy Band would be giving a concert on Saturday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Jeque Park (formerly Washington Park). Urged all to turn out for the concert.

Mayor Miller presented Certificates to the following members of Girl Scout Troop #2187, Mrs. Keller, leader, who had completed the baby-sitting course sponsored by the Takoma Park Fire Department: Anne Godar, Jeanne Godar, Pam Morgan, Margaret Hernick, Margy Diegelmann, Suzanne Sheridan, Marty Garcia, Nancy Maginnis, Kathy Ward, Beth Keller, Lynn Maurey, Terri Glenn, Mary Channon, Coleen Kelly, Carol Alexander, Katie Jones, Lorraine Rohr, and Eleanor Suntum. Instructors for the course were Mrs. Nancy Hartung, R.N.; Mrs. Jane McBride, R.N.; Cpl. Ray Williams, Police Department; and Sgt. James Jarboe, Fire Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Donald Mantz, 6907 Westmoreland Avenue, City: Stated that this was the second time he had complained to the Mayor and Council about the impounding of his ditch digger and requested its return. Felt the ditch digger was in the nature of an emergency vehicle and therefore it would be permissible to keep it on a public right of way. Mayor Miller explained that the matter was entirely in line with the existing City Ordinances and that if Mr. Mantz did not feel the City was within its authority, the matter should be properly settled in court. Stated the City Administrator and he were becoming irritated by the harassing telephone calls received at their homes at all hours of the night. Upon the further insistence of Mr. Mantz, Mayor Miller called him out of order.

2. Mr. Philip Huck, 27 Pine Avenue, City: Spoke in favor of home rule for the City. Complained about conditions at 25 Pine Avenue. Spoke in opposition to a home for wayward boys being established in the City. Complained about people taking a short cut through back yards on Pine Avenue, and about the breaking of a clothes hanger in his back yard. Mayor Miller assured Mr. Huck that the building inspector would check out his complaints.



Public Participation cont.

3. Mr. Charley J. McDaniels, 65 Walnut Avenue, City: Spoke of his pleasure in seeing the Flag displayed. Felt as a taxpayer that any property owner should be allowed to grow any plant on his own property. Stated he had a boxwood hedge and had been instructed to cut it down. Pointed out that he was against discrimination.

4. Mrs. Margaret Zea, 422 Ethan Allen Avenue, City: Spoke about the trash situation in the City. Felt there should be an Ordinance prohibiting putting out trash at the curb over the weekend and suggested that cards be printed and handed out to citizens pointing out the rules and regulations.

5. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Stated he was pleased to see the Mayor and Council giving consideration to raises for the Fire Department and hoped it would be possible to consider the Police Department as well. Felt Mayor and Council should do all possible to protect the City against encroachment by the North Central Freeway.

6. Mr. Jesse Zea, 422 Ethan Allen Avenue, City: Spoke about the parking situation on Carroll Avenue from Tulip to Laurel Avenues. Felt the situation would be helped by prohibiting parking from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Councilman Turner thanked Mr. and Mrs. Zea for making constructive suggestions for improvement.

7. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Spoke about the conditions at 25 Pine and 122 Park Avenues. Felt that these houses were fire traps. Mrs. Ferry was told that there was a warrant waiting to be served on the owner of 122 Park Avenue as soon as the owner could be located, and that the Building Inspector would be checking conditions at 25 Pine Avenue.

8. Mr. J. Brown, 6610 Westmoreland Avenue, City: Requested an increase in the street lighting on Westmoreland Avenue. Councilman Roth pointed out that PEPCO was making a survey for improved street lighting in the City and this area was being covered. Mr. Brown also requested that something be done about the auto repair being done at all hours in his neighborhood. Mr. Brown was told the police had checked into this before and would do so again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Band Concert: Reported that there would be a band concert given by the U. S. Navy Band on Saturday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Jeque Park. Urged all to attend.

2. Summer Program: Announced that the summer playground program would begin in all the City Parks on June 27th. Stated that Miss Sharon Welsh, Assistant Co-ordinator for the parks, has accepted a full-time position with the Montgomery County Recreation Department; and Robert Gregory, a Junior at Maryland University majoring in recreation, has been employed as assistant co-ordinator.

3. Square Dances: Reported that the annual square dance program would begin June 26th. The dances will be held every other Sunday evening at Jeque Park (formerly Washington Park) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through September 4th, the public is invited.

4. Baton Lessons: Reported that baton lessons would again be given this summer at the Fire House Gym on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning June 28.



Parks and Recreation Committee, cont.

5. Playground Chairmen: Stated that Spring Park is in need of a chairman and additional volunteer help is needed at Sligo Creek Park. Anyone interested please contact the City Office.
6. Equipment Boxes: Reported that the equipment box at Spring Park is being replaced with one built of concrete and steel, others to follow.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Personnel: Moved that Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. French be authorized to attend the American Library Association Convention in New York July 13-14-15 at an approximate cost of \$180.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones, Vice Chairman, reporting:

No report at this time.

Mayor Miller announced that Councilman Forshee could not be present this evening as he was attending the 1966 Session of the Seventh Day Adventists World Wide Convention being held in Detroit. Pointed out that Councilman Forshee is Manager of the 1966 Session.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner, Vice Chairman, reporting:

No report at this time.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Vice Chairman, reporting:

1. Trash Truck: Reported that \$7,000.00 is being held in the Special Reserve Fund towards the purchase of a new trash truck and that the Public Works Department is in need of the truck as early in the fiscal year as possible. Therefore, moved that the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works be authorized to advertise for bids for one new trash truck, bids to be opened July 12th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Heather Avenue: Reported that the weeds have been cut by the Public Works Department as requested. Requested that a letter be transmitted to Mr. Krakow concerning the paving of the street in front of his home pointing out that the cost would be assessed against the abutting property owners, and explaining the methods by which the Mayor and Council might proceed with the improvement.
2. Impounding Lot: Reported that the Department is looking into the cost of a fence along the other side of the property.
3. Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Repair: The following Ordinance was proposed:

ORDINANCE NO. 1903

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with the law, bids were publicly opened on June 8, 1966 for removing and replacing sections of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, Public Works Job No. 66-1,  
AND



Ordinance No. 1903 cont.

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid contract be awarded to Nazario Construction Company, Inc., Hyattsville, Maryland, in an amount not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT funds for this project be provided from the SPECIAL RESERVE FUND and transferred to a/c 12.203B.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Geib, Jones, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilmen Forshee, Kennedy and McKenzie. Councilman Turner inquired if the repair work would cover definite areas. Councilman Roth replied that a survey had been made last summer and only 25% of the list had been completed and it would soon be decided which areas were the most in need of repair.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Salary Increases: Inquired if there would be further discussion of this matter prior to final action on the Merit Plan. He was assured there would be.

2. Street Cleaning Program: Reported that although the streets would be taken care of through use of the Neighborhood Youth Corps during the summer months, felt that an all-year program should be established. Felt the Public Works Department did all they possibly could with the equipment and personnel available. Stated that it would be brought up again in the fall.

3. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Pvt. Harry S. Davis effective June 15, 1966 be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

4. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Ronald Thomsen be appointed as a fire fighter effective June 20, 1966, for a one year probationary period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

5. Personnel: Commented that it was with reluctance that he must read Deputy Chief DeKalb's resignation and that he had waited until the last minute hoping that something would change his mind. Moved that Deputy Chief Baron E. DeKalb's resignation, effective June 15, be accepted with regrets. Pointed out that Deputy Chief DeKalb was employed by the City about 12½ years ago as a Private and had worked his way up to Deputy Chief. During this time he has won many awards, has done an outstanding job on fire prevention, given many hours above and beyond the call of duty. Expressed the Mayor's and Council's appreciation and their thanks to Mrs. DeKalb for her patience. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

Mayor Miller moved that the Council and Mayor express by Resolution to Deputy Chief DeKalb their appreciation for the fine work he has done and their regrets that he is leaving. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones with everyone in agreement, it was so ordered.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

1. Case No. 2016, 7012 Sycamore Avenue: Reported that this application is for a Special Exception to permit the operation of a child care home for up to ten children. Reported that the Committee had checked with the neighbors on this and they had no objections. Moved that the Mayor and Council recommend approval of the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

2. Z.A.P. E-6160 and 6507, Holton Lane, C-1 to C-2 Zone: Reported that the hearings



Civic Improvements Committee cont.

on these applications have been postponed to June 17, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in Hyatts-ville.

3. Z.A.P. E-631, 305 Hilltop Road, R-60 to R-10: Reported that the hearing on this application has been rescheduled for Oct. 26, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

4. Transfer of License: Moved that the Mayor and Council recommend to the Board of License Commissioners of Prince George's County that they have no objection to the transfer of a Beer, Wine and Liquor, Class A, Off Sale license from the Estate of Elmer O. Stokes, Secretary-Treasurer, deceased, Clyde Liquors, Inc. T/A Larry's Liquors, 1155 University Boulevard East to the new owner. Pointed out that it is only being transferred from the deceased to the present owner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

5. Z.A.P. A-6488, 3.1467 acres, Parcel 2 of McCormick-Goodhart Estate, South Side of University Blvd., C-1 to R-10 Zone: Reported that this application covers an area just outside the City limits, but the requested change does conform to the Master Plan and the Mayor and Council are in agreement with the requested change. Requested that a letter be transmitted to the Planning Board recommending approval and thanking them for their consideration.

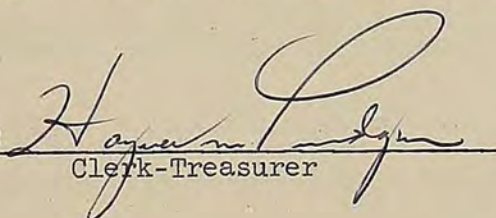
6. Federal Aid: Reported that at the Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City representatives of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development had spoken on the loans and grants available to municipalities for development and improvement. Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to visit the Regional Office in Philadelphia to research the possibilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

7. Billboards: Reported that a story in the Washington Post had reported a tour of Montgomery County, calling the business districts "Flashy and Trashy". Felt it would be a great improvement to have the billboards at Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues removed. Stated that complaints have been received from citizens. Moved that the Corporation Counsel and the City Administrator be requested to look into methods by which the removal of the billboards might be accomplished. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. Discussion ensued, with Councilman Jones pointing out that a good deal of trash and four cars without licenses were on the lot. The Police Department was requested to check on the situation. The motion was duly carried.

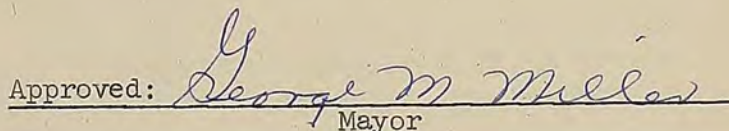
8. Unightly Conditions: Reported that the unimproved section of Sheridan Avenue is in deplorable condition, discarded furniture, trash and abandoned automobiles have been disposed of in this area and requested that the matter be checked into. Also reported that as many as 4 or 5 automobiles are being repaired and parked in the Public Right of Way and inquired if a barrier could be erected. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Police Department and the Public Works Department.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session June 27, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

  
Mayor



FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reportingBANK BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1966SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of April 30, 1966	\$ 33,354.51	
*May Receipts	<u>121,827.67</u>	\$ 155,182.18
May Disbursements		<u>61,067.89</u>
Balance as of May 31, 1966		\$ <u>94,114.29</u>

\*Includes \$100,000 Matured Treasury Bills

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of April 30, 1966	\$ 157.17	
No transaction during May	---	157.17
Balance as of May 31, 1966		\$ <u>157.17</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of April 30, 1966	\$ 7,870.61	
No transactions during May	---	\$ 7,870.61
Balance as of May 31, 1966		<u>7,870.61</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of April 30, 1966	\$ 5,528.07	
May transfer from General Funds	<u>44,592.87</u>	50,120.94
May Disbursements		<u>41,170.77</u>
Balance as of May 31, 1966		<u>8,950.17</u>

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

Balance as of April 30, 1966	\$ 1,006.03	
No transaction during May	---	1,006.03
Balance as of May 31, 1966		\$ <u>1,006.03</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

Balance as of May 31, 1966		\$ 200.00
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U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 6/30/66	\$ 41,726.32	\$ 43,000.00
Due for Maturity 6/30/66	<u>39,542.98</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
	\$ 81,269.30	\$ 83,000.00



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

June 27, 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 June 27, 1966 at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Geib	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Jones	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Kennedy	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman McKenzie	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Capt. Fickus, Fire Department
Councilman Turner	Building Inspector Williams

Excused: Councilman Forshee

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend John B. Paterson of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. Councilman Turner introduced Rev. Paterson to the Mayor and Council.

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

Mayor Miller administered the Oath of Office to the following members of the Takoma Park Fire Department who had completed their probationary period: PFC C. Hartung, Pvt. E. Adams, Pvt. R. Hirsch, Pvt. B. Collins, Pvt. J. Cina, Pvt. J. McNeece, Pvt. T. Bowman, Pvt. L. Edwards. Mayor Miller noted that the City was very fortunate to have such a fine group of young men in the Fire Department.

Mayor Miller called upon Fire Chief LaScola to show the Council and the audience two awards received by the Fire Department. Chief LaScola displayed a large trophy, the Venemann Award for excellence in the Fire Prevention field 1965-1966, awarded by the Maryland State Firemen's Association. Chief LaScola explained that the Fire Department was entitled to keep the trophy for a year. Chief LaScola also displayed a Certificate and explained it was from the Maryland State Firemen's Association Fire Prevention Committee and was a Special Recognition Award for outstanding achievement in Fire Prevention.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 1966. Councilman Roth moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

1. Family of Lt. Col. Samuel R. Turner: Card Acknowledgement of and grateful appreciation for expression of sympathy. (Council Files)
2. Lt. Col. R. C. Damm, U.S. Marine Corps: Expression of regret that the Marine Band will be unable to present a concert in Takoma Park this year, due to the great number of such requests. (Parks and Recreation)
3. Supervisors of Elections, Montgomery County: Requesting the use of the Fire House as a polling place on September 13, 1966. (Parks and Recreation) (Council as a whole)



Correspondence cont.

4. County Board of Appeals, Montgomery County: Case No. 2033, Notice of Public Hearing 9:30 a.m. July 28th, 1966 at County Courthouse on petition of Gerald Williams for a Special Exception to permit construction and operation of a nursing home for up to 100 patients on approx. 2.262 acres, Lots 42, 43, 8 and part of Lots 9, 12, and 13, (Block 37) B. F. Gilberts Subdivision, with Carroll, Lincoln and Jackson Avenues on three sides in a R-60 Zone: (Civic Improvements) (Corporation Counsel)
5. Mrs. Evelyn L. Sweet, Assistant Secretary, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission: Notice of Public Hearing, 10:00 a.m., June 28, 1966 at 4017 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, Maryland on proposed storm drainage construction through Block 73 in Takoma Park Loan and Trust Subdivision. (Public Works)
6. Rev. Harry E. Ferry, Assistant Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Church: Requesting two-way traffic on Larch Avenue between Hopewell Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue during the period of August 9-20. (Law Enforcement)
7. Urban America, Inc., New York City: Invitation to Mayor Miller to attend "Our People and their Cities: A Conference to Improve the Quality of Urban America" in Washington, D. C. on September 11, 12, 13, 1966. (Civic Improvements) (Parks and Recreation)
8. Mrs. Lelia Lyles Montgomery, 7344 Carroll Avenue, City: Requesting the City to erect a new fence between her property and #8 Sherman Avenue, Health Center Building owned by the City. (Public Works)
9. Copy of letter to Police Department from Mrs. Oleave S. Lee, Raleigh, N. C.: Commendation of Detective Ingels for his kindness and consideration in conveying the information concerning the death of Willie Simon Lee, Jr. (Law Enforcement) (Copy Det. Ingels file)

Mayor Miller remarked that the 4th of July is the No. 1 day in our Country's history and urged all to attend the celebrations planned for that day and to support the activities. Noted that the U.S.I.A. would be making a television film to be shown all over the world of the Celebration in our City and that WMAL and others would be taking pictures of it.

Mayor Miller proposed the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is essential that the citizens of the Washington Metropolitan Area be given a regional rapid mass transportation system at the earliest possible date; AND

WHEREAS, Congress in 1960 authorized the states to proceed with an interstate compact authority to develop a regional rapid transit system for the area, AND

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland in 1965 and the General Assembly of Virginia and the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners in 1966 approved said interstate compact; AND

WHEREAS, the present and preceding Presidents of the United States have urged the need for a solution in the metropolitan region of the transportation problem and have urged the formation of the interstate authority; AND



WEEREAS, it is of critical importance that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority promptly begin its operation and the planning, development and construction of the regional rapid mass transit system; AND

WHEREAS, the citizens of Takoma Park and the Mayor and Council have shown whole hearted support for a rapid mass transportation system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland:

THAT they urge Congress to proceed with all deliberate speed the approval of H. J. Res. 1163 which legislation will grant the consent of Congress for the states of Virginia and Maryland and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Regulation Compact by adding thereto Title III, known as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried. Mayor Miller noted that the Resolution would be presented to the Committee on District Affairs the next day.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Thanked the Mayor and Council for the action just taken in support of the Mass Transit Bill.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones, Vice Chairman, reporting:

1. 7314 Baltimore Avenue: Reported that this house was vacant and presented a fire hazard. The Director of Public Works was authorized to board up the exposed areas of the building at the ground and first floor levels. The taxes are in arrears for the past two years, and it is now necessary to adopt an Ordinance to levy the cost of the safety precaution. Proposed the following Ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1904

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS the building identified as 7314 Baltimore Avenue has been unoccupied for a period in excess of one year, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the condition of the building has deteriorated to the point that the City Fire Marshall ordered the same boarded up to reduce the fire hazard under Section 86-78 of the City Fire Prevention Code, AND

SECTION 3. THAT Gregory Investment Co. Inc. listed in tax records as owner of 7314 Baltimore Avenue cannot be located and is in arrears for taxes for 1964 and 1965 levy,

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT the sum of EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS THIRTY NINE CENTS be hereby levied and assessed in the manner of taxes and a lien for same be recorded against the real property identified as 7314 Baltimore Avenue, Part of Lot 17, Block 76, T.P.L. & T. Subdivision within the City of Takoma Park, Maryland under Section 86-16 of the City Fire Prevention Code, AND



Ordinance No. 1904 cont.

SECTION 5. THAT the City Treasurer proceed to collect the sum stated in Section 4 of this Ordinance in the same manner as taxes plus six percent per annum interest from the date of this levy.

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.

2. Amendment to the Municipal Code (1961) - The Merit Plan: Reported that the Committee had given a great deal of thought to the pay scales and in accordance with Section 6, Article 6 of the Municipal Code (1961) titled the Merit Plan proposed the following ordinance: ORDINANCE NO. 1905 - see pages 8 and 9 of minutes. Mayor Miller pointed out that in addition to the pay raises, arrangements were being made to offer paid hospitalization and medical service to City employees. Councilman Turner commented that there were also plans to hold a referendum among City Employees to see if they wished Social Security as well.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. 236 Manor Circle: Reported that the Police Department had surveyed the parking conditions in the alley at the rear of the property located at 236 Manor Circle and upon the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Committee proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1906

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking be prohibited at any time in the public alley at the rear of Lots 19 and 20 of Block 40, F.L.G. Subdivision, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect "No Parking Between Signs" to mark a distance of FIFTY FIVE FEET beginning at the line dividing Lots 18 and 19 of Block 40, F.L.G. and running thence northwest for such distance.

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

2. Carroll Avenue: Reported that the parking situation on Carroll Avenue between Tulip and Westmoreland Avenues during rush hour traffic had been studied and it was found to create a hazard when cars were parked on both sides of Carroll Avenue. Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to transmit a letter to the State Roads Commission recommending that parking on the south side of Carroll Avenue from Tulip Avenue to Westmoreland Avenue be prohibited between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

3. Abandoned Cars: Reported that the Police Department is trying to determine ownership of the abandoned cars on the vacant lot next to the Safeway and will rectify the situation as soon as possible.



Law Enforcement Committee cont.

4. Pine Avenue: Reported that the Police Department is checking the complaint concerning trespassing through back yards in the area.
5. Hedge: Reported that the owner of the hedge in front of 64 Walnut has been requested to trim it as required by law, not to cut it down.
6. Unimproved Section of Sheridan Avenue: Reported that 30 day warnings on the abandoned autos have been issued and all but one have been removed. The Public Works Department has cleaned the area up and will cut the grass as time permits. Also reported that Mrs. Hamby of 7414 Carroll Avenue whose property is adjacent to the Public Right of Way would be glad to take care of the area once it has been cleaned up providing she can do some planting in the area. Pointed out that the lot had been cleaned up last March and suggested that a barricade at the Carroll Avenue end would prevent cars from driving in. Councilman Jones moved that a barricade be erected across the entrance and Councilman Geib seconded the motion, which was duly carried. Councilman McKenzie suggested a barricade of posts every 3 feet.
7. Westmoreland Avenue: Reported that several cars have been given warning tickets, ordinance letters have been left on cars but found no driveways blocked in the area. Reported that the complaint concerning repair work being done in the area was found to be due to a young man tuning up his car. He was told about the City Ordinance restricting unusual noises.
8. 310 and 312 Philadelphia Avenue: Reported that complaints concerning these two properties have been checked into and the tenants of these homes have been told they are in violation of the law and have been instructed to clean up and maintain their yards and not drive across the sidewalk and park in the front yard. The Police Department will keep the property under surveillance.
9. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Pvt. Edgar R. Gibson, effective June 30 at midnight be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
10. Personnel: Upon the recommendation of the Committee and the Police Department, moved that Donald W. Johnson be appointed to the Police force for a probationary period of one year effective July 1, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
11. Police Dog: Reported that the Committee was looking into all aspects of acquiring and maintaining a K-9 dog and would have a report and recommendations as soon as possible.
12. Commendations: Reported that the National Police Officers Association of America had awarded its Citation for an Excellent Arrest to the following Takoma Park Police Officers who participated in the armed robbery capture on March 27, 1966: Major Samuel Foster, Captain Russell Merson, Lt. Robert Porter, Cpl. William Dalrymple, Cpl. Donald Olson, Cpl. Johnny Walter, Cpl. Ray Williams, D/Cpl. Rodney Ingels, D/Pvt. O. Dale Flanagan, PFC. Laurie Cofske, PFC Thomas Thorowgood, Pvt. Berthal Harbrandt, Pvt. Rouse Hibbs, Pvt. Edgar Gibson, Pvt. John Morgan, Pvt. Clifford Stitely, Pvt. Paul Strizak, Pvt. Richard Thistlethwaite, and Pvt. Werner Winkler.
13. Commendation: Reported that Det/Cpl. Ingels and Det./Pvt. Flanagan had received commendations for the apprehension of three juveniles responsible for 9 cases of breaking and entering and vandalism of the Takoma Junior High and John Nevins Andrews Schools.



Law Enforcement Committee, cont.

14. Commendation: Reported that Pvt. Thistlethwaite had received a commendation for the apprehension of two juveniles responsible for breaking and entering at 1107 Sligo Creek Parkway.
15. Larch Avenue: Chief Foster reported that Reverend Ferry had withdrawn his request for two-way traffic on Larch Avenue during the period of August 9 - 20 since he did not realize the hazards this would create.

Councilman Turner inquired about the recommendations for promotions in the Detective Bureau and suggested perhaps this should be done before Councilman Kennedy left on vacation.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. 25 Pine Avenue: Reported that there was no fire hazard since the materials being stored were metal. No violations could be found and requested the item be removed from the agenda.
2. Trash Regulations: Reported that the problem of trash remaining at the curb over the weekend was usually due to people not understanding that there is no special collection in the week of a holiday. Moved that the whole text of the trash regulations be printed in the Newsletter. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Councilman Roth amended the motion to read that the text could be inserted along with the Newsletter if space does not permit printing it in the body of the Newsletter. The motion was duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Unimproved Section of Sheridan Avenue: Reported that the Public Works Department has cleaned up the trash on the unimproved section of Sheridan Avenue and will cut the brush and weeds as soon as time permits. Suggested the item be kept on the agenda for a final report in two weeks.
2. Trees and Shrubs: Reported that trimming trees and shrubs on Public Property which obstruct sidewalks is a continuing program.
3. Street Lighting Survey Report: Reported that Pepco has made its field survey of street lighting in the specified area and will compile their records and work up recommendations.
4. Impounding Lot: Reported that no estimates of cost of a fence have been received as yet.
5. Storm Drainage: Requested that the Director of Public Works and the City Administrator attend the WSSC public hearing on the proposed storm drainage project in the New York Avenue area.
6. Sligo Creek: Reported that the WSSC plans to construct a new 30" relief sewer along Sligo Creek between Maple and New Hampshire Avenues, which should eliminate the frequent overflow from the sewer manholes in this area during severe storms.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Personnel: Moved the permanent appointments of Pvt. J. McNeece and Pvt. T. Bowman effective July 1, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.



Fire Protection Committee cont.

2. Equipment: Reported that the Fire Department is in need of two airconditioners for the lounge room. The present ones are 17 years old and only one works. Reported that the lounge is used for training classes and meetings. Moved that the department be authorized to purchase two 18,000 BTU Fedders Air Conditioners at a cost not to exceed \$498.00 plus \$25.00 electrical cost, funds to be transferred from the current Reserve account to a/c 11.213. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

3. Merit Plan: Commended all those who worked on the Merit Plan for doing an excellent job. Commented that on numerous occasions the Merit Plan had been misinterpreted and caused some trouble; therefore, suggested that an over all analysis and survey be made of the Merit Plan to eliminate inequitable areas. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Navy Band Concert: Reported that the concert had been very successful and that he wished to extend thanks to the Director of Public Works and the Deputy City Clerk for all their time and effort.

Mayor Miller urged all to attend the square dances.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Expansion Plans: Reported that they were studying architectural embellishments which would make the Library fit in with the Civic Center when it is built.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

1. No report at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session July 25, 1966 at 8:00 p.m. \* see page 213

Attest:

Haynes P. Ludwig  
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:

George M. Miller  
Mayor



ORDINANCE NO. 1905

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article 6 titled "THE MERIT PLAN" of the Municipal Code (1961) of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland provides that Pay Scales may be changed from time to time by Resolution duly adopted by the City Council, AND

SECTION 2. THAT Section 8 of Ordinance No. 1400 and subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Pay Scale Plan for the City of Takoma Park, has been thoroughly reviewed in consideration of salary increases throughout the Metropolitan Area, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE, that Section 8 be amended to increase salary scales in accordance with the schedule below to be effective July 1, 1966

"Section 8 - Pay Scale Plans"

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Start	6 MOS.	2	3	4	5	6
Private	5,600	5,700	5,800	6,000	6,150	6,300	6,510
Private First Class				6,150	6,300	6,510	6,720
Sergeant				6,405	6,615	6,825	7,035
Lieutenant				6,825	7,035	7,245	7,455
Captain				7,035	7,245	7,455	7,665
Deputy Chief				7,403	7,613	7,875	8,138

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Private	5,600	5,700	5,800	6,000	6,150	6,300	6,510
Private First Class				6,150	6,300	6,510	6,720
Corporal				6,405	6,615	6,825	7,035
Sergeant				6,825	7,035	7,245	7,455
Lieutenant				7,035	7,245	7,455	7,665
Captain				7,403	7,613	7,875	8,138
Detective Private	5,750	5,850	5,950	6,150	6,300	6,450	6,660
Detective P/F/C				6,300	6,450	6,660	6,870
Detective Corporal				6,605	6,815	7,025	7,235
Detective Sergeant				7,025	7,235	7,445	7,655
Detective Lieutenant				7,285	7,495	7,705	7,915
Detective Captain				7,653	7,863	8,125	8,388
Crossing Guards	1,050		1,100	1,200			



Ordinance No. 1905, continued

OFFICE WORKERS

Bookkeeper

START	6 MOS	2	3	4	5	6
4,830	4,935	5,040	5,250	5,460	5,670	5,880

Cashier-Asst. Bookkeeper

4,620	4,725	4,830	5,040	5,250	5,460	5,670
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Secretary

4,620	4,725	4,830	5,040	5,250	5,460	5,670
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Clerk-Stenographer

4,305	4,410	4,515	4,725	4,935	5,145	5,355
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Clerk

4,095	4,200	4,305	4,515	4,725	4,935	5,145
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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Associate Librarian

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Assistant Librarian

5,355	5,460	5,565	5,775	5,985	6,195	6,405
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Library Clerk

4,305	4,410	4,515	4,725	4,935	5,145	5,355
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Extra Clerk-Part time

\$1.47 per hour						
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Page - Adult

\$1.42 per hour						
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Page - Junior

\$1.00 per hour						
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Street Supervisor

5,985	6,090	6,195	6,405	6,615	6,825	7,035
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Sanitation Supervisor

5,618	5,723	5,828	6,038	6,248	6,458	6,668
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Parks Supervisor

5,093	5,198	5,303	5,513	5,723	5,933	6,143
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Auto Equip. Supervisor

5,828	5,933	6,038	6,248	6,458	6,668	6,878
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Building Inspector

6,143	6,248	6,353	6,563	6,773	6,983	7,193
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Bldg. Maintenance Supervisor

5,618	5,723	5,828	6,038	6,248	6,458	6,668
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HOURLY WORKERS

Street Foreman

2.31		2.37	2.43	2.50	2.56	2.63
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Equipment Operator No. 1

2.21		2.27	2.33	2.39	2.46	2.52
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Equipment Operator No. 2.

2.10		2.16	2.23	2.29	2.35	2.42
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Equipment Operator No. 3.

2.00		2.06	2.12	2.18	2.25	2.31
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Sanitation Driver Foreman

2.15		2.22	2.28	2.34	2.40	2.47
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Assistant Sanitation Driver

2.00		2.06	2.12	2.18	2.25	2.31
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Laborer

1.79		1.85	1.91	1.97	2.04	2.10
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Custodial Worker

1.73		1.80	1.86	1.92	1.98	2.05
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Skilled Worker

2.21		2.27	2.33	2.39	2.46	2.52
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Mechanical Helper

2.21		2.27	2.33	2.39	2.46	2.52
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Ordinance 1905 cont.

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.