

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

August 8, 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 August 8, 1966 at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Geib	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Kennedy	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman McKenzie	Capt. Fickes, Fire Department
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	Deputy City Clerk Ziegler
Councilman Jones (arrived late)	

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

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on July 25, 1966. Councilman McKenzie moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

1. Mr. L. H. Pitton, Director Public Relations, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital: Thanking Mayor Miller for attending and speaking at the Intern Reception. (Council Files)
2. Mr. H. Eugene Walker, Chairman Takoma Park Sister City Committee Board of Directors: Thanking the Mayor and Council for the picnic dinner served at Jeque Park on the day of its dedication and for their support and assistance in their cultural exchange program. (Council Files)
3. Mr. Dennis W. Barkman, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department: Thanking the Mayor and Council for purchasing two new airconditioners for the Lounge Room of the Fire Department. (Fire Protection)
4. Copy of a letter transmitted to Mayor Miller from Congressman Sickles concerning a parking ban on the North side of Upper Portal Park: (Law Enforcement)
5. State Roads Commission of Maryland: Notification of the 1967 Urban Federal Aid Allocation. (Public Works)
6. Mr. William May, 7502 Wildwood Drive, City: Requesting that the City fix the curb in front of his home. (Public Works) (Public Welfare)
7. Mrs. Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, City: Suggesting consideration of an entrance into the Library from the parking area if addition is built. (Parks and Recreation) (Special Library)
8. Mr. Edward W. Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, City: Expressing appreciation of the fence around the impounding lot and requesting a gate to screen the entrance. (Public Welfare)

9. Mr. David I. Ryan, 531 Albany Avenue, City: Expressing appreciation of the aid given him by the Police Department when his eight year old son was missing. (Law Enforcement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

See last page of these minutes.

Mayor Miller stated that it had been planned to make a presentation to ex-Deputy Chief DeKalb this evening, but Mr. DeKalb had been unavoidably detained and was not present.

Mayor Miller announced that, as customary, there would be no second Council Meeting during the month of August and that the next meeting would be the second Monday in September.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Dr. Stephen Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, City: Stated that he, too, felt the entrance to the impounding lot was too wide and should be closed in by a gate as the front was very unsightly and should be screened. Also felt the uneven levels of the fence produced a sensation of sea-sickness on the part of the beholder. Felt the fence was not well constructed and would require a great deal of upkeep. Noted the top piece on the fence was loose and ill-fitting. Inquired why the west side of the lot had not been fenced as well. Suggested lombardy poplars along the back of the lot. Councilman McKenzie reported that one of the property owners along the west side of the impounding lot did not want a fence and there had been thought of putting in a planting of bamboo to screen that side. Councilman Roth asked Dr. Hiten if, as President of the B. F. Gilberts Citizens Association, he thought the Association could talk to the property owners along Pine Avenue and determine if they wished a fence on the west side as well. Dr. Hiten said the Association would be glad to do this. Dr. Hiten also commented that in his walks along Carroll Avenue he had been very disturbed at the condition of the sidewalk pavement and at the great amount of litter lying about. Felt the City very definitely needed an organized street cleaning program and must take more pride in the appearance of the community.

2. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Commented that the sidewalk repairs now going on in the City were a very fine idea and was very glad to see the improvement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Asphalt Street Resurfacing: Reported that three bids for resurfacing asphalt streets had been received and that the low bidder was the A. H. Smith Company who bid \$7.49 per ton plus 25¢ per gallon for tack coat. Felt that since there would be no second Council Meeting in August that an extra amount of money should be made available for street resurfacing in the event that enough streets were found in need of repair and time was available for the work to be done. Councilman Turner pointed out that since the bidders were requested to bid on \$25,000.00 worth of street repairs, their bids might have been lower if more work had been specified and felt the ordinance should read "\$25,000.00". Councilman Roth replied that the invitations to bid stated "at least \$25,000.00 worth of resurfacing" and also stated "\$25,000.00 minimum". Moved the following Ordinance:

Public Works Committee cont.ORDINANCE NO. 1908

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

- SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with the law, bids were publicly opened on August 4, 1966 for resurfacing certain selected asphalt streets, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the low bid contract be awarded to A. H. Smith of Branchville, Maryland in a minimum amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) AND
- SECTION 3. THAT in the event it becomes apparent to the Director of Public Works that resurfacing of additional streets is desirable beyond the contract authorized in Section Two of this Ordinance, an additional sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) be hereby authorized subject to the approval of the Public Works Committee of the City Council, the total amount of work to be performed not to exceed FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00), AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT funds for this project be provided from the SPECIAL RESERVE FUND set aside from the prior year's operation and transferred to a/c 12.203A.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Kennedy, McKenzie, and Roth. Nay: Councilman Turner. Excused: Councilman Jones.

2. Laurel Avenue Sidewalk: Reported that as a temporary measure, the sidewalk is to have asphalt repairs made to the sidewalk and curbs. Noted that not all of the sidewalk is on City property, but the owner was cooperating and it should be an improvement to the situation.

Councilman Turner commented that last year he had reported the curbs at Darwin and Grant were in bad repair but that they had still not been repaired. Felt this should be looked into immediately.

3. Watering Systems: Reported that the long duration of drought in the area was endangering the azalea and other plantings in the City parks and gardens. Moved that the Director of Public Works be authorized to prepare specifications for sprinkling systems for park areas and public gardens, and that the City Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids, not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

4. Municipal Gymnasium: Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids to renovate the Municipal Gymnasium with stipulation that prospective bidders may meet in group with the Director of Public Works and the City Administrator on ~~Thursday~~, August 18, at site for review of existing conditions, bid opening September 6.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Street Cleaning Program: Commented that he agreed with Dr. Hiten that an organized street cleaning program was needed in the City.

Fire Protection Committee cont.

2. Personnel: Moved that Acting Deputy Chief Fickes be promoted to Deputy Fire Chief effective September 1, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
3. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Pvt. John A. Damskey from the City Fire Service be accepted with regrets effective August 6, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
4. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Pvt. T. E. Bowman from the City Fire Service effective August 20th be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
5. Personnel: Moved that John T. Jones be given a probationary appointment effective August 16, 1966 for the required probationary period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
6. Personnel: Moved that Austin A. Pirrone be given a probationary appointment effective August 22, 1966 for the required probationary period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
7. Personnel: Moved that Pvt. Douglas M. Aquino be given a permanent appointment effective August 16, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

1. Z.A.P. E-846: R-60 to R-10 Zone, intersection of District of Columbia and B & O Railroad, east of Blair Road. Reported that this property does not lie within the City Limits and moved that a letter be sent to the Planning Board stating that the Mayor and Council have no objection to the rezoning and thanking them for requesting the City's opinion on this case. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
2. Z.A.P. E-511, 7418 Hancock Avenue, R-60 to R-10 Zone: Reported that the Montgomery County Council had voted to approve this application by a 5 to 1 vote and moved that the case be appealed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
3. Building Height: Reported that it was felt that an ordinance regulating building height should wait until the City regains its zoning powers. Noted that all cities studied having such ordinances also have their own zoning powers. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.
4. Housing Ordinance: Reported that the proposed housing ordinance requiring inspection prior to Annual Registration had been studied and that a housing ordinance to be brought up in the near future would take care of the problems which had inspired the request. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.
5. Carroll Avenue: Reported that the condition of the Shell Station at the corner of Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues is deplorable. Pointed out as one example that there was a car with its front wheels extending over the sidewalk. After some discussion, moved that a letter be transmitted to the Shell Company with pictures of the station enclosed, requesting them to clean up the area and warning that legal action would be taken if conditions were not rectified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried. Councilman Roth later inquired if the City

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE CONT.

Administrator could send a letter to Montgomery County or to the Park and Planning Commission and inquire if there is any limit on the number of partially repaired automobiles that can be maintained at a gas station site in a C-2 Zone. Also, is there any limit on the length of time a partially dismantled car can remain on such a site and what conditions would put them in violation for running a junk yard. The City Administrator stated that he would look into this.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib, Vice Chairman, reporting:

1. Summer Playgrounds: Reported that the summer playgrounds are having their final fairs this week, this week being the final week for Prince George's County and next week for Montgomery County. Registration as of August 5 was as follows: Heffner Park, 52; Jequie Park, 213; Spring Park, 239; Forest Park, 108; Sligo Park, 107; Longbranch Park, 141.
2. Square Dances: Reported that attendance at the square dances has been increasing and that there will be two more dances this season at Jequie Park on August 21 and September 4.
3. Army Field Band Concert: Reported that the U. S. Army Field Band will be giving a concert Thursday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Jequie Park and in case of rain it will be held at the Takoma Park Junior High School Gymnasium. The public is invited.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

No report at this time:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

1. May Disbursements: Moved approval of May Disbursements in the amount of \$61,067.89. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.
2. June Disbursements: Moved the approval of June Disbursements in the amount of \$74,044.93. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
3. Maryland Municipal League: Noted that the dues for the fiscal year were due in the amount of \$1,004.50.
4. Equipment: Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to purchase a Kodak Readyprint Copy Machine at a cost of \$295.00 less \$30.00 (three months rent allowed on purchase price), net amount \$265.00, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 10.143. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. Complaint: Reported that a letter had been sent to Mayor Miller by Mr. Fairfax Atherton, Jr. complaining about the impoundment of his son's car. Once it was impounded for being parked over 18 hours and again for being a traffic hazard, the rear of the vehicle being two feet from the curb. Also read a report from the Detective Bureau which stated that both complaints concerning the car were made by Mrs. Mary Pennifield. Councilman Turner stated that he felt it was an unhealthy situation and that the law prohibiting cars to park over 18 hours was a dangerous thing. Felt that this provision in the law makes it possible for the Police Department to be used for harrassment purposes and there appears to be a burden upon the

Law Enforcement Committee, cont.

Department to avoid such use. Councilman Kennedy stated that the Police presumed the car had been abandoned and that it sat on the impounding lot for three days after it had been impounded. Mayor Miller requested that the matter of prohibiting parking over 18 hours be reviewed by the Committee and recommendations be brought to the Council. He also requested that the Committee draft a letter of explanation to Mr. Atherton. Councilman Kennedy commented that his only interest was to absolve the police from any wrong doing in this case. Councilman Jones (having reached the meeting several minutes earlier) moved that the police be absolved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried. Councilman McKenzie moved that the lady's name be stricken from the minutes. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion and it failed by a three to four vote, Councilmen Kennedy, McKenzie and Roth voting aye and Councilmen Turner, Forshee, Geib and Jones voting nay.

2. K-9 Dog: Reported that the Committee and the Police Department had inquired of the Montgomery County Police and the District of Columbia Police about such factors as the size of dog run necessary and the cost of maintaining a Police Dog but as yet had not received any answer.

Councilman McKenzie reported that he had received a request for a stop sign or a yield sign at Central and Garland Avenues and requested the Police Department to look into the situation.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. Burlap Squares: Reported that the Public Works Department was in need of burlap squares for trash collection and moved the Department be authorized to advertise for bids for 1,500 burlap squares. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

2. Housing Fees: Reported that since most of the Building Inspector's time was taken up with smaller apartment houses and divided up private residences, felt there was no justification for a straight housing fee. Requested a letter be sent to the citizen making the suggestion thanking him for his interest and suggestion, and explaining their reasons for making no change. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.

3. Carroll Avenue: Reported that the reason the curb along Carroll Avenue had been left unrepaired for such a long time was that it was a state road and the City had been attempting for several years to get them to repair the curbs.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on September 12, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Belle Ziegler
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

BANK BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1966

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1966	\$ 129,470.80	
July Receipts	<u>51,770.39</u>	\$ 181,241.19
*July Disbursements		<u>160,220.79</u>
Balance as of July 31, 1966		<u>\$ 21,020.40</u>
*Includes purchase of U.S. Treasury Securities for \$97,099.67		

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1966	\$ 157.17	
No transactions during July	---	\$ 157.17
Balance as of July 31, 1966		<u>\$ 157.17</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Balance as of June 30, 1966	\$ 8,080.24	
No transactions during July	---	\$ 8,080.24
Balance as of July 31, 1966		<u>\$ 8,080.24</u>

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

Balance as of June 30, 1966	\$ 1,016.03	
No transactions during July	---	\$ 1,016.03
Balance as of July 31, 1966		<u>\$ 1,016.03</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of June 30, 1966	\$ 8,610.41	
July transfers from General Funds	<u>48,032.44</u>	\$ 56,642.85
July disbursements		<u>49,273.08</u>
Balance as of July 31, 1966		<u>\$ 7,369.77</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

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

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 12/31/66	\$ 48,653.96	\$ 50,000.00
Due for Maturity 1/31/67	48,646.67	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 2/28/67	48,453.00	50,000.00
	<u>\$ 145,753.63</u>	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>

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September 12, 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 September 12, 1966 at 8:13 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

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

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on August 8, 1966. Councilman McKenzie moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

1. Mr. Achilles M. Tuchtan, Chairman of the Board, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Recommending water use restrictions due to low flow conditions of the Potomac River. (Public Works) (Public Welfare)
2. Wuerstlin Brothers, Inc., 722 Erie Avenue, City: Requesting additional "No Parking or Standing" signs to be placed in front of 720 and 722 Erie Avenue and more frequent checks made by the Police Department for illegal parking in this area. (Law Enforcement)
3. Spring Park Community Association, Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary: Requesting the Mayor and Council to adopt an ordinance making it a regular procedure for having a "Meet the Candidates Night" prior to each City Election. (Council as a Whole)
4. Mrs. Ernestine McCowell, 6710 Conway Avenue, City: Expressing support for the preservation of the B & O Station House: (Parks and Recreation) (Copy to Historical Society)
5. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph French and Family, 7413 Birch Avenue, City: Expressing support for the preservation of the B & O Station House. (Parks and Recreation) (Copy to the Historical Society)
6. Mrs. Gerda Shugaar, 7425 Buffalo Avenue, City: Expressing support for the preservation of the B & O Station House. (Parks and Recreation) (Copy to the Historical Society)
7. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shugaar and 14 Petitioners, 7425 Buffalo Avenue, City: Complaint concerning conditions at 7421 Buffalo Avenue. (Public Welfare)

Correspondence, cont.

8. Mrs. Raymond M. McGuire, Chairman, Zoning and Civic Improvement Committee, Save Takoma Park Committee: Complaint concerning conditions at 7421 Buffalo Avenue and 222 Park Avenue. (Public Welfare)
9. Mrs. Adele Hutchins, 18 Hickory Avenue, City: Thanking Mayor and Council for fence around the impounding lot and suggesting raising sidewalk level on the left side of Carroll Avenue across from Takoma Market and suggesting trash can be installed near the mail box on the corner of Pine and Columbia. Also, complaint about condition of lot on hill behind Safeway Store. (Council as a Whole)
10. Mr. Franklin I. Siegrist, 32 Philadelphia Avenue, City: Opposing the placing of asphalt in the parking strip along Philadelphia Avenue, especially in front of his house. (Public Welfare)
11. Dr. Niklaus Keller, 1008 Elm Avenue, City: Letter expressing affection for the City and requesting Council Minutes and City Newsletter be sent to his new address overseas. Also requesting something be done about the traffic accidents on Sligo Creek Parkway between Flower, Cherry and Heather Avenues and opposing re-zoning of woods on New Hampshire Avenue across from the churches on Larch Avenue. (Civic Improvements) (Law Enforcement)
12. Mr. Bob Tolson, Committeeman, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Silver Spring Lodge No. 1677: Letter addressed to Chief of Police Foster commending Lt. Porter's efforts in locating boys to go to the Elks' Camp Barrett. (Law Enforcement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

See last page of these minutes.

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and noted that the next day would be Primary Election Day and urged all to take part in their government by getting out and voting.

Mayor Miller spoke of the fine work of the Peace Corps, stating that he had seen them working in the schools and hospitals in Brazil when he had visited there. Introduced the following students who are living in Takoma Park with Portugese speaking families for 2 weeks while studying the language and the operation of the City in preparation for serving in the Peace Corps in Brazil: John Kolov, John and Barbara Pugh, Roman Olynyk, Linda Schepps, and Sarkis Avakian.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Stated that he was very glad to see the mail coming in in favor of the acquisition of the B & O Station House. Felt the Station House was a fine reminder of the tradition of peaceful living in the City. Mr. Ferrier presented the Mayor and Council with a resolution dealing with the problems additional freeways and bridge projects might bring to the City of Washington D. C. The resolution called for prior public hearings to be held before National Capital Planning Commission endorsement or approval was given to any D. C. freeway or bridge project. Mr. Ferrier stated that the resolution had been prepared for presentation to the Planning Commission in connection with the meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 1966 of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Commission. Mr. Ferrier stated he was presenting the resolution to the Mayor and Council for any action they might see fit to take.

Public Participation, cont.

2. Mrs. Gerda Shugaar, 7425 Buffalo Avenue, City: Inquired if the matter of 7421 Buffalo Avenue would be taken up at the Council Table this evening. She was told there would be a report on this subject later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Pvt. L. T. Edwards from the City Fire Service effective September 1, 1966 be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
2. Personnel: Moved that John W. Wailes be given a probationary appointment retroactive to September 1, 1966 for the required probationary period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
3. Personnel: Read a memo from Chief LaScola recommending the approval of one additional man to fill the shortage in the fire fighting force. Pointed out that the position held by Lt. Flagg on the fire fighting force has been vacant since September 1964 when Lt. Flagg was reassigned to fire prevention duties and that due to limited funds the request in the 1966/67 Budget for four additional men was not approved. Also pointed out that the Maryland Fire Underwriters Rating Bureau had recommended to the City that retirement age should be 62. Councilman Turner also recommended that the Mayor and Council give serious consideration to this subject.
4. Article 4 - Section 4: Reported that there appear to be serious deficiencies in the present organization of the City Fire Board and that some changes should be made. Stated that the Committee hopes to have a recommendation by the next Council Meeting and requested comments or observations from the Board of Trustees. Requested the Council as a Whole to attend the Committee Meeting and inquired if it would be agreeable with everyone to meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 19 before the Executive Meeting. Also requested the Chairman of the City Fire Board and two members of the City Fire Board attend. Everyone was in agreement and Mr. Pridgen was requested to transmit a letter to the City Fire Board Chairman requesting their attendance. Councilman Geib requested that the record show that he agrees with Councilman Turner 100%. Councilman Roth pointed out that this was no reflection on the fire fighting of the volunteers.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

1. Town Affiliation Conference: Reported that he, the City Administrator, Mr. Walker and other members of the Sister City Corporation are attending seminars during the 3 day Conference. Reported that the sessions are very informative.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Municipal Gymnasium Renovation: Reported that although invitations to bid had been sent to 26 contractors and advertisements had been placed in the newspapers, no bids had been received. Felt the reason for the lack of bids was that the specifications were too general or too great in scope for any one contractor to handle. Felt breaking down the specifications into groups such as plumbing, heating, etc., might be the answer to the problem. Mayor Miller stated that he had been told by one contractor that it was impossible to make a bid on plumbing when you could not see what you might run into after starting work. Councilman Jones stated that it might be necessary to have a time and materials bid for this sort of job.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

- 1. Library Board: Requested that the members of the Special Library Committee meet with the Library Board on September 14 at which time the expansion study will be discussed.
- 2. Equipment: Reported that the acquisition of a duplicating machine for the Library was under consideration. Citizens could use the machine to copy a page in a book or other paper for a nominal fee. Stated that libraries all over the country were offering this service to their communities.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

- 1. July Disbursements: Moved approval of July disbursements in the amount of \$160,220.79. Noted that this included the purchase of U. S. Treasury Bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
- 2. August Disbursements: Moved approval of August disbursements in the amount of \$83,445.26 which included sidewalk repair and insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
- 3. Social Security: Reported that a Referendum among City employees had been held on September 9th. The referendum, conducted by the City Administrator, had been held in three groups: Fire Department, Police Department, and General employees which included the City Office, Library, Crossing Guards, and Public Works. The Fire Department voted in favor of Social Security 13 to 2. The Police Department voted against it 15 to 6. The General employees voted in favor of it 48 to 5. Therefore moved the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1909

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1966, by authority of the Governor of the State of Maryland, a 90 day notice of referendum was distributed to City employees to determine their desire for Social Security coverage, AND

WHEREAS, such referendum was conducted on September 9, 1966 under the supervision of the City Administrator and Deputy City Clerk, AND

WHEREAS, a majority of all employees of the City with the exception of Police officers voted in favor of the City providing such Social Security coverage, Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Plan of Agreement with the Employees' Retirement System, Social Security Division, State of Maryland in behalf of the general employees of the City to be covered in one document and employees of the Fire Department to be covered in a separate Plan of Agreement, and the City Administrator is hereby expressly authorized and directed to take and do all steps or actions which may be necessary or desirable to implement this ordinance and place said Plans of Agreement into effect.

Ordinance 1909, cont.

SECTION 2. THAT effective October 1, 1966 the City of Takoma Park shall provide Social Security coverage to all City employees other than Police officers and the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to begin deductions from employees' salaries other than Police officers at the current rate established by Federal Law, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to remit City funds as provided by budget in addition to the amounts withheld from City employees as provided in Section Two above at prescribed intervals to the Employees' Retirement System, Social Security Division of the State of Maryland.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. Upper Portal Park: Reported that the Police Department and the Committee had studied the request for a parking ban on the north side of Upper Portal Park and felt that there was no need for a parking ban here because it is a short side street, with very few houses along it, the street is seldom used, and there is a lack of parking space in the area. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.

2. Garland Avenue: Reported that some method of controlling traffic at Garland and Central Avenues is needed and proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1910

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

SECTION 1. THAT it is in the general public interest, safety and welfare that two "Yeild Right of Way" signs be erected on Central Avenue at Garland Avenue, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect two "Yeild Right of Way" signs at appropriate locations; one to govern northbound traffic and one to govern southbound traffic on Central Avenue at Garland Avenue.

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

3. K-9 Dog: Reported that the suggestion made that the Police Department acquire a K-9 Dog had been under study for some time. The Police Department had made a report of offenses which have occurred during a three-month period in which a K-9 team would have proved most useful. Explained that the City could borrow a team from the County, but it would arrive too late to be of use in most cases. Reported that it had been decided that Officer Clifford Stitely would be best suited for assignment to a K-9 detail. Officer Stitely has offered to donate to the City a registered German Shepherd dog for this purpose. This dog is an 18 month old male weighs 90 pounds and has responded very well so far to regular training. Reported

Law Enforcement Committee, cont.

that it was felt that the tour of duty on which the K-9 team would prove of most value would be from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. and added that the team would be on call 24 hours a day. Reported that the District of Columbia K-9 school will train a dog for any Police Department when a class is available, if requested in writing by the Chief of Police. The only charge would be for incidentals. The handler would receive \$300.00 extra compensation per year upon completion of training and after sixty days of satisfactory service. Moved that provision be made for the acquisition of a K-9 dog and Officer Stitely's offer be accepted to contribute his dog to the City, and that Officer Stitely be assigned to K-9 team duty, the cost to be approximately \$500.00 a year composed of \$300.00 extra compensation for the handler, and approximately \$200.00 for food and veterinary service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

4. Recruit Training School: Reported that the 12th session of Recruit Training School would be held September 19th through October 7th. Reported that recruits from other police forces also attend the training school held by the City Police Department.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. 7421 Buffalo Avenue: Reported that several complaints about conditions at this address had been received and that the matter had been checked into by the Building Inspector, the City Administrator, the Chief of Police and the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee. Reported that the complaints had included one of dogs running loose. Stated that the owner of the dogs had been spoken to and he had stated that the dogs were tied up most of the time and only allowed to run loose for a couple of hours at night. The owner had stated that he intends to erect a fence to keep the dogs in. Requested that the Dog Catcher of Montgomery County be asked to patrol the area. Reported that the broken glass and trash complained of had been cleaned up and the trash cans moved to the rear of the lot. The donut truck complained of had not been used for two weeks by the owner, and it was no longer parked in front of the property. Complaints that the children were unsupervised were checked into as much as possible. Reported that Mr. Bentley works nights and Mrs. Bentley works days and they had said that one of them was always there to supervise the children. Felt it would be best to turn this complaint over to the Montgomery County Welfare Department for investigation. Reported that the complaints about the condition of the property had been checked into and that when the Building Inspector had investigated the property it had been fairly well cleaned up. Passed around pictures taken of the property, and stated that it was felt the house was not in worse condition than others in the neighborhood.

Mr. Bentley of 7421 Buffalo Avenue requested to speak. Stated that he supervised the children from 9 a.m. when he got home from work until his wife arrived home from work and the children were under supervision at all times. Stated that the dogs had not been allowed to run free within the last 6 months except for a couple of hours a day.

Councilman Kennedy remarked that it was difficult to keep up a lawn in a dry summer such as we have had this year, and when children were playing on it it was even more difficult. Remarked that he had gone by the house twice and while there were more pretentious homes in the neighborhood, felt the property was not out of character with others in the area.

Mrs. Ernestine Camera of 7423 Buffalo Avenue stated that garbage from the house at 7421 Buffalo Avenue had often been scattered on her lawn and that the dogs from the

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same address when tied up in the yard constantly howl and bark all day long.

Mrs. Gerda Shugaar of 7425 Buffalo Avenue stated that conditions at 7421 Buffalo Avenue had improved somewhat since the neighbors had complained and that the donut truck had been taken away and the sidewalk cleared. However, she continued, the dogs still do run and felt that there was a definite shortage of supervision for the children; felt concern for the safety of the Bentley children.

Mrs. F. G. Meyer of 7417 Buffalo Avenue complained about the language used by the father when speaking to his children.

2. 222 Park Avenue: Stated that this complaint concerned the welfare of the children at this address. The house is fixed up for 2 families with the exception that there is only one kitchen and it has been ruled one family by the court. There are two families living there presently, one mother and her five children and one mother and her three children. One mother works days and the other nights. Felt the matter should be referred to the Montgomery County Welfare Department.

3. Impounding Lot: Reported that the Committee had decided to put up two more sections of fence to narrow the entrance to the impounding lot but did not feel a gate would be possible because it would hamper observation of the lot by the Police Department.

4. Trash Can: Reported that a trash can would be installed at the corner of Pine and Columbia as requested.

5. Burlap: Reported that the Public Works Department was in need of burlap squares for trash collection and proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1911

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Sanitation Department is in need of Burlap Squares for trash removal, bids having been received from three firms specializing in this type of material with the low bid of approximately \$1,141.95 for the 1500 lot of squares being submitted by the Grafflin Bag Company, THEREFORE

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) burlap squares 80" x 80", 10 oz. burlap, unhemmed, is hereby authorized for the approximate total sum of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND NINETY FIVE CENTS (\$1,141.95), order to be placed with the Grafflin Bag Company in accordance with their low bid, sum to be charged to Account No. 13.402B.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. 1967 Urban Federal Aid: Reported that the Director of Public Works was studying the possible use of Federal matching funds for highway purposes. Felt the

Public Works Committee, cont.

only likely project which would qualify was the bridge on Maple Avenue over Sligo Creek.

2. Curbs: Reported that the curb at Darwin and Grant Avenues has been repaired as has the one in front of 7502 Wildwood Drive. Requested the items be removed from the agenda.
3. Sprinkling Systems for Public Gardens: Reported that work was being done on the planning for this and that they would soon be ready to advertise for bids. The goal is to have the sprinkling system ready for next spring's planting season.
4. Curb and Gutter Repair: Reported that \$25,000.00 had been used for curb and gutter repair and it was expected that more work would be done next spring, hopefully in the area where work has been postponed because of the unsettled plans for the North Central Freeway.
5. Asphalt Street Resurfacing: Reported that approximately \$15,000.00 had been spent and that approximately 40 % of the streets on th list had been resurfaced. Felt that it will run near the total of \$40,000.00 authorized to complete the work. Councilman Kennedy inquired about the status of the sidewalk repair on Laurel Avenue in front of the stores. Councilman Roth replied that they were consulting with the contractor and the foreman about possible ways of repairing the sidewalk.
7. 32 Philadelphia Avenue: Reported that the asphalt repairs in front of this address had been done as a last resort when dirt, clay, and gravel fills had all failed and deep ruts resulted. Commented that the property at 32 Philadelphia Avenue would probably be taken as a result of the redevelopment of Route 410 in the future, and the asphalt had been put in in an attempt to eliminate a hazard.
8. Sidewalk: Councilman McKenzie inquired as to the status of the sidewalk at Maple and Sherman Avenues. Corporation Counsel Gingerich replied that he had written last week to the owner's attorney but had not yet received a reply. Commented that they had indicated earlier that they did not want to go through full condemnation procedure.

Mayor Miller commented that the Resolution presented earlier by Mr. Ferrier had been passed around for the Council to study and asked if they wished to take any action on it. Councilman Kennedy moved that the City Administrator be requested to attend the hearing as an observer, but that no statement should be made approving or not approving the Resolution until the Council has time to review it thoroughly. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Councilman Geib announced that the Lions Club Fountain in Lower Portal Park at Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue would be dedicated with ceremonies on Sunday, September 18th at 4 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on September 26, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Belle Ziegler
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:BANK BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1966SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of July 31, 1966	\$ 21,020.40	
August Receipts	<u>145,092.36</u>	\$ 166,112.76
August Disbursements		<u>83,074.62</u>
Balance as of August 31, 1966		<u>\$ 83,038.14</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of July 31, 1966	\$ 157.17	
August Receipts	<u>233.53</u>	\$ 390.70
No disbursements		<u>---</u>
Balance as of August 31, 1966		<u>\$ 390.70</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of July 31, 1966	\$ 8,080.24	
No transactions during August	<u>---</u>	\$ 8,080.24
Balance as of August 31, 1966		<u>\$ 8,080.24</u>

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

Balance as of July 31, 1966	\$ 1,016.03	
No transactions during August	<u>---</u>	\$ 1,016.03
Balance as of August 31, 1966		<u>\$ 1,016.03</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of July 31, 1966	\$ 7,369.77	
August transfers from General Funds	<u>45,982.14</u>	\$ 53,351.91
August disbursements		<u>45,536.29</u>
Balance as of August 31, 1966		<u>\$ 7,815.62</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

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

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 12/31/66	\$ 48,653.96	\$ 50,000.00
Due for Maturity 1/31/67	48,646.67	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 2/28/67	48,453.00	50,000.00
	<u>\$ 145,753.63</u>	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>

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

September 26, 1966

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in ^{Regular} Executive Session in the Council Room #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on September 12, 1966 at 8:05 p.m. 26

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Geib	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Kennedy	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman McKenzie	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Building Inspector Williams
Councilman Turner	Deputy Chief Fickes, Fire Dept.
	Deputy City Clerk Ziegler

Excused: Councilman Jones

The Invocation was rendered by Dr. Paul Gillespie, Takoma Park Baptist Church.

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

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on September 12, 1966. Councilman McKenzie moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:

1. Mr. L. H. Pitton, Director Public Relations, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital: Thanking Mayor Miller for his help in the dedication and Open House ceremonies at the Hospital's new Emergency Room. (Council Files)
2. Mr. George N. Lewis, Jr., Asst. Chief Engineer - Traffic, Maryland State Roads Commission, Special Studies 1002: Replying to the City's letter, recommended "No Parking from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m." along the north side of Carroll Avenue from Tulip to Westmoreland Avenues to correspond with the existing restriction north of Tulip Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
3. Mr. Robert G. Tobin, Jr., County Attorney, Montgomery County: Notification of adoption of County Ordinance regulating use and registration of bicycles in Montgomery County and inquiry as to whether or not the City plans to adopt an equivalent ordinance and request the County to administer and enforce it. (Law Enforcement)
4. Mr. M. S. Soward, Chief, Division of Zoning, Permits and Licenses, Montgomery County: Notification that in the opinion of their office the Takoma Park Shell Station is in violation of Chapter 87, Montgomery County Code, 1960 and that the owner had been notified and told to bring the property into conformation. (Civic Improvements)
5. Mr. William E. Royer, Director, Montgomery County Welfare Board: Stating that they are looking into possible child neglect as presented to the Mayor and Council.
6. Mr. Henry H. Purdy, President, Maryland Municipal League: Notification of the League's 19th annual convention to be held in Salisbury, Maryland, November 17-19. (Council as a Whole)

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minutes 10/10/66 B. Ziegler*

Correspondence, cont.

7. Mr. John D. Emler, President, Hillwood Manor Citizens Association, City: Expressing appreciation in behalf of the Association for the excellent repaving job done on the streets in the area. (Public Works)
8. Mrs. Ruth P. Morgan, 7209 14th Avenue, City: Thanks for help given to American Field Service students during their visit to the City: (Parks and Recreation)
9. Copy of letter to Action Line with 32 signatures: Request that something be done about speeding on Sherman Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
10. Mr. Richard J. Sincoff, Attorney: Letter requesting the abandonment of the unimproved portion of Hudson Avenue and the unimproved portion of the alley adjacent to petitioner's property. (Public Works) (Public Welfare)
11. Mr. Robert Carney, Attorney for Marjorie T. Bern, owner, and Saul Kurfeerst, contract purchaser, Case No. 6647, Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 10, J. D. Gibbs and F. W. Kosack's addition to Takoma Park: Requesting City consider taking an easement on the rear of the lot in exchange for all right, title and interest in and to the existing Storm Drain Easement. (Public Works)
12. Mr. F. Blagg, 7203 13th Avenue, City: Expressing appreciation for the repaving of his street. (Public Works)
13. Mr. Edward W. Alfriend, IV, Chairman of the Board, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Washington, D. C. Area Chapter: Letter addressed to Fire Chief LaScola thanking the Fire Department for placing their canisters. (Fire Protection)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 26 as "Lions Club Light Bulb Week" and presented the Proclamation to Harry Wayland, Lions Club President. Mayor Miller stated that the proceeds of the sales of the Light Bulbs go to aid the blind and mentioned that at the Lions Club Fountain Dedication a check for \$500.00 had been given to the Pre-School Nursery for the Blind by the Takoma Park Lions Club. Urged all to support the drive.

Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Stanley Russell of the Takoma Park Lions Club, Chairman of the Bloodmobile. Mr. Russell announced that the Bloodmobile would be held at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on October 24th from 2:00 to 7:45 p.m. and urged all to donate blood to save a life. Announced that the Azalea Committee would give an azalea plant to each donor.

Mayor Miller requested that Mrs. Ziegler prepare a proclamation proclaiming October 25th as Sister City Day and stated that the celebration would be held on Sunday, October 23, at 2:30 p.m. at Sequie Park and the public is invited to attend.

Mayor Miller announced that the 3rd annual Mrs. Fire Prevention Contest had been held Saturday Night and that there had been 10 contestants for the Title. Mayor Miller introduced Mrs. Fire Prevention of 1967, Mrs. Carol Martin of 5600 54th Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland. Commented that Mrs. Fire Prevention would be making many appearances throughout the area. Mrs. Fire Prevention stated that it was a great honor to have the Title and that she was much impressed with the opportunity to study local government.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. Walter McClenon, 1 Montgomery Avenue, City: Stated that after many years in Takoma Park, he and his wife were moving to 3534 Chiswick Court, Manor 38-F in Leisure

Public Participation, cont.

World. Commented that he had served on the City Council for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years and would always have an abiding interest in the City. Mayor Miller wished Mr. McClenon many years of happiness in his new home and thanked him for this interest in the City and service to it.

2. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City: Stated that he hoped the Mayor and Council would reconsider an earlier retirement age for the City Firemen, stating that at a time when the force was shorthanded, it was not the time for the older, more experienced men to be forced to retire. Also stated that he wished to thank the Mayor and Council for designating Mr. Pridgen to go to the National Capital Planning Commission Subcommittee on Transportation's Hearing on September 14, noting that Mr. Pridgen had been present for the entire hearing and had taken copious notes.

3. Mr. R. W. Belden, 7907 Glenside Drive, City: Stated that in the recent heavy rain storms his basement had filled up with water which appeared to come up from the drain in his basement and inquired if the drains could be larger. Mr. Rhodes explained that the drain of which he was speaking was probably a sanitary sewer and, therefore, under the jurisdiction of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, but that he would be glad to help in any way he could. Mr. Belden also recommended that a "Slow" sign be erected at the intersection of Anne Street and Glenside Drive at the triangle just south of Carroll Avenue.

4. Arthur Royce, Boy Scout, 7415 Birch Avenue, City: Inquired if the printed agenda found on the seats in the Council Room was a list of what the Council expected to discuss. He was told that it was. Asked the date of the Bloodmobile visit and was told it would be on October 24th.

5. Mr. Russell A. Romer, 702 Chaney Drive, City: Expressed concern that the Council had not made any suggestions to alleviate the hazardous conditions on Flower Avenue from Chaney Drive to Sligo Creek Parkway. Stated that he was not a traffic engineer, but felt that something could be done to help the situation and suggested that perhaps the speed limit could be lowered or warning signs or stop signs erected. Felt the bridge over Sligo Creek is too narrow and too dimly lit. He was assured that the situation would be restudied and the matter was referred to the Law Enforcement Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones excused

Mayor Miller commented that Councilman Jones was excused this evening as his son was home on a five day leave from Vietnam.

No report at this time.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Vice Chairman, reporting:

1. Maryland Library Association Conference: Reported that the Conference would be held in Hagerstown on October 20th and 21st and that Mrs. Robinson had requested that two of the Library staff be authorized to attend at a cost of \$44.00, funds to be charged to a/c 19.1021. Moved that two members of the staff be authorized to attend the Conference at a cost of \$44.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

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2. Library Expansion: Reported that the Library Advisory Board has found after an extensive study that the Library is outgrowing its facilities. Both on the basis of the architect's original estimate of the capacity of the present building and the criteria established by the American Library Association, the building is already too small. The Committee, therefore, recommends that an expansion program be undertaken as soon as it is consistent with City plans.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

1. Equipment: Reported that with the amount of paper work being done in the City Office a collating machine would be of great assistance and save many hours of work; therefore, moved that the City Administrator be authorized to purchase a Thomas G-6E Model Collator for \$175.00, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c10.143. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. Sligo Creek Parkway: Reported that they had had a request that something be done about traffic accidents on Sligo Creek Parkway between Flower, Cherry, and Heather Avenues. Pointed out that the Parkway was under the jurisdiction of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and requested the City Administrator to write to them. Councilman Turner inquired what conditions were responsible for the accidents. Councilman McKenzie answered that excess speed was the main problem and felt that the City Police Department might have some information on accidents in the area which could be sent on to Park and Planning with the letter.

2. Savage Robbery: Reported that Francis Agresti, the "brains" behind the Savage Robbery had been sentenced to 20 years in prison and felt this would be a fine deterrent to other criminals in the area.

3. Civic Center: Reporting for Councilman Jones, Councilman Kennedy stated that it was desired to move forward on the Civic Center Project and that new and more detailed studies were needed. Moved that an Ordinance be adopted appropriating \$2,200.00 for payment to Mr. Philip Mason, Architect, for further design work in connection with the building. Councilman Geib seconded the motion. Councilman Turner amended the motion to include a stipulation that the appropriation in no way obligate the Mayor and Council to retain Mr. Mason as the architect for the Civic Center if the plans drawn up by him were not used. Councilman Geib seconded the motion as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 1912

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1766, Section Three authorized payment for architectural fees to Mr. Philip Mason not to exceed \$1,500.00 for site development study and preliminary plans, AND

SECTION 2. THAT an additional sum not to exceed ^{HUNDRED} TWENTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,200.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 10.813 for further design work in connection with the new Municipal Center, AND

SECTION 3. THAT this authorization does not obligate the City in a final decision in selecting an architect if the above design plans do not meet with approval.

Corrected minutes 10/10/66 B. Ziegler

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. Child Neglect: Expressed appreciation for the quick response given by the Montgomery County Welfare Board to the City's request for investigation of possible child neglect cases.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Carroll Avenue Sidewalk: Reported that since there was a possibility of some construction in this area, felt a period of watchful waiting was called for before changing the sidewalk level.

2. State Roads Commission Meeting: Reported that the City Administrator had attended a meeting on September 19 with the State Roads Commission and reported that they were trying to work out a method whereby if the municipalities could not use their share of the Urban Federal Aid allocation for highway construction, the State could use it and the municipality would get credit for it.

3. Sprinkling Systems for Public Gardens: Requested that the wording for this item on the Agenda be changed to "Preparation of Designs for sprinkling systems for public gardens".

4. Rights of Way - Stream Enclosure Project No. 7: Reported that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has authorized this project and requested the item be removed from the agenda.

5. Street Resurfacing: Reported that in order to resurface all streets on this year's list it would be necessary to appropriate more funds. Felt that rising costs would undoubtedly make the work more expensive to do next year. Moved that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1913

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1908, Section Three authorized an expenditure not to exceed \$40,000.00 for asphalt street resurfacing,
AND

SECTION 2. THAT an additional sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) be transferred from the unappropriated surplus to a/c 12.203A to provide a total sum not to exceed SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00)

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

6. Hudson Avenue: Reported that the adjacent property belonging to Mr. Biow had been rezoned R-20 and that Mr. Biow felt that a more attractive entrance could be built to his property if the unimproved portion of Hudson Avenue and the unimproved portion of the alley adjacent to his property were abandoned. Pointed out that the grade is very steep and can not be developed and neither the City nor Park and Planning desire additional traffic to have access into the Parkway. Therefore, upon the recommendation of the Committee moved that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1914

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, under date of September 19, 1966, Reference Equity No. 32,179 - "IN RE the Abandonment of a Portion of a Certain Alley in Block 55 of A. M. Gorman's Resubdivision of B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision of Takoma Park, as Dedicated to Public Use by Plats Recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Plat No. 38, Plat Book A, and Plat No. 1442, Plat Book 23."

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the City of Takoma Park has no objection of the proposed abandonment provided that a prior agreement is furnished to the City of Takoma Park to the same effect as that referred in paragraph 5 of the Abandonment Petition relating to the provision for easements for sanitary and storm drainage in Hudson Avenue proposed to be abandoned, AND

SECTION 3. THAT THE Mayor of the City of Takoma Park be hereby authorized to execute a Consent for Abandonment upon receipt prior thereto of a satisfactory document, approved by the Corporation Counsel, in accordance with the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance.

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

7. Equipment: Reported that replacement parts for the Public Works Department's 15 year old ten ton hydraulic jack are now unavailable and moved that the Director of Public Works be authorized to purchase a Hein Werner No. X-10 ten ton hydraulic jack from Interstate Supply and Equipment, Inc. of 1515 Half Street, S. W. at a cost of \$294.00, funds to be charged to a/c 12.902-B2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

1. Conference: Reported that Fire Chief LaScola had been invited to speak on "Fire Prevention Every Day" at the Governor's Fire Prevention Conference on November 9th.

2. Fire Hose: Reported that five bids had been received for Fire Hose and that the low bid was submitted by L & P Safety Co. Moved the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1915

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 were publicly opened on September 21, 1966 for new fire hoses to be used by the Fire Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the bid of L & P Safety Co., Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland be accepted for 2000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose double jacket, 600 lb. test 100% Dacron with Akron Style 88 Couplings NST for the sum of TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2,640.00); and 100 feet of 1½ inch fire hose double jacket 600 lb test 100% Dacron with Akron Style 88 Couplings NST for the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00);

Ordinance No. 1915, cont.
Section 2, cont.

and 500 feet of 1½ inch fire hose single jacket 100% Dacron fire hose 500 lb. test with Akron Style 88 Couplings NST for the sum of FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract be awarded to the low bidder, L & P Safety Co., Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland in the total sum of THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$3,930.00) less 2% 10 days, AND

SECTION 4. THAT the total sum awarded in SECTION 3 of this ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.213.

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

3. Retirement: In line with the Fire Underwriters suggestions, proposed the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1916

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

SECTION 1. THAT whereas the City of Takoma Park participates in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland thereby providing retirement benefits for participating employees, AND

SECTION 2. THAT whereas the Employees' Retirement System provides for service retirement benefits at the normal retirement age of sixty years, AND

SECTION 3. THAT, whereas, as of October 1, 1966 the City of Takoma Park will commence participation in Federal Social Security System as administered by the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, AND

SECTION 4. THAT, whereas, the Federal Social Security System provides for service retirement benefits beginning at the age of sixty-two years with increasing benefits up to the age of sixty-five years, AND

SECTION 5. THAT, whereas, the duty of policemen and firemen is generally considered to be among hazardous occupations,

SECTION 6. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT effective January 1, 1967 and thereafter all Police Officers and Firemen shall retire from active duty upon attainment of the age of sixty-two years, EXCEPT THAT the service of individual Police Officers and Firemen may be extended from year to year upon the attainment of sixty-two years of age but prior to the attainment of sixty-five years of age by official authority of the Mayor and Council at a convened meeting upon adequate certification by a licensed medical physician concerning the physical health of the individual and upon certification by the Chief of the respective department that the individual is fully capable of discharging the duties assigned, AND

SECTION 7. THAT any Police Officer or Fireman having attained the age of sixty-two years or above at the effective date of this Ordinance shall immediately apply for retirement benefits and be released from duty effective on the date that retirement benefits are to commence, AND

Ordinance No. 1916, cont.

SECTION 8. THAT the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to discontinue salary payments to such employees as stated in Section 6 and Section 7 of this Ordinance.

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

Councilman Roth announced that as the old flourescent lights wear out throughout the City buildings they will be replaced with cool white bulbs which give better light.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on October 10, 1966 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Belle Ziegler
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor