

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

January 9, 1967

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on January 9, 1967.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused: City Administrator Pridgen

Mayor Pro-tem Roth called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Pro-tem Roth called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 1966. Councilman Kennedy 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. Copy of a letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Roberts of 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway from Mr. Ralph S. Burdine, Zoning Officer, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Requesting Mr. Robert's cooperation in correcting the violation of Section 20.0 of the Zoning Ordinance: (Civic Improvement)
2. Excerpt from Minutes of meeting of the State Roads Commission, December 21, 1966: Notification that the Commission adopted a "No Parking At Any Time" zone along the south side of Carroll Avenue (Md. 195) from Westmoreland Avenue easterly to Columbia Avenue, a distance of approximately 686 feet." (Law Enforcement) (Public Works)
3. Mr. Richard E. Frederick, Clerk, Montgomery County Council: Advising that the proposed Taxicab and Limousine Ordinance is listed along with other unfinished business of the prior Council as a priority item and will be considered in the near future. (Law Enforcement)
4. Mr. Ray Russell, Director, Traffic Research, D. C. Transit System, Inc.: Amending previous request to omit parking meter #81 from those to be removed for the proposed bus stop on Carroll Avenue and assuring that all passengers alighting at the proposed stop will be permitted to do so without the payment of a Maryland fare. (Public Welfare)
5. Copy of letter from Justice of the Peace Cook to Police Chief Foster: Advising that the new Justice of the Peace, Mr. Fred Magnus, desires to begin serving official-ly February 1, 1967. (Law Enforcement)

Correspondence, cont.

6. Mr. Fred Magnus, 7403 Maple Avenue, City: Notification of his commission by the Governor of Maryland as Justice of the Peace and availability to serve as Justice of the Peace for the City of Takoma Park, on and after February 1st. (Law Enforcement)
7. Mrs. Margaret E. McCarthy, 7401 New Hampshire Avenue, Apt. 301, City: Request for traffic light across from the entrance to the Hampshire Towers Apartments: (Law Enforcement)
8. Mrs. Barbara J. Prince, Wyatt Lane, City: Card thanking Mayor and Council for efforts to improve Wyatt Lane: (Public Works)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting

See last page of these minutes.

Mayor Pro-tem Roth stated that Mayor Miller was attending a dinner meeting and would give his comments and proclamation when he arrived later.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mrs. Joseph Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, City: Stated she was unofficially representing the Sister City Corporation. Expressed regrets that more of the Council and their guests were not present at the January meeting of the Corporation and thus missed hearing our returned exchange student, Miss Susan Turner, speak of her experiences in Jequie, Brazil. Stated that Miss Turner had shown slides and many interesting items which she had brought back with her. Urged the personal support of the City Government for the Sister City program.
2. Mrs. W. Sullivan, 10430 Brookmoor Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland: Stated she was speaking in behalf of Mrs. Taltamus, her mother, owner of 6907 Westmoreland Avenue. Inquired as to the necessity of boarding up the condemned house at 6907 Westmoreland Avenue. Chief LaScola advised her that the Fire Code requires the building to be boarded up as a precaution against vandalism.
3. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Suggested the City get in touch with St. John's College Regimental Band and request them to give a concert in the City. Also suggested contacting the Northwestern Band and the Columbia Union College. Thanked Mr. Rhodes and the Sanitation Division for the fine job of leaf removal and general clean up. Urged the City to give tax relief to those over age 65 as do the Counties.
4. Mr. Woodall, Property Manager, Review and Herald Publishing Company: Stated he was very pleased to see that parking on the south side of Carroll Avenue would be prohibited from Westmoreland Avenue to Columbia Avenue. Spoke in favor of the requested bus route change.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Fire House Lighting: Thanked Mr. Rhodes and Pepco for their help and cooperation. Hoped to have a report at the next meeting.
2. Personnel: Reported that the promotion of Deputy Chief Fickes had left a vacancy in the ranks. Moved the promotion of Lt. C. J. West to the rank of Captain retro-active to January 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Fire Protection Committee, cont.

3. Personnel: Moved the promotion of Sgt. J. E. Jarboe to the rank of Lieutenant retroactive to January 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
4. Personnel: Recommended the promotion of PFC C. F. Hartung to the rank of Sergeant retroactive to January 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
5. Personnel: Moved the promotion of Pvt. E. W. Adams to the rank of Private First class retroactive to January 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
6. Commendations: Councilman Turner read two letters of commendation for outstanding actions in the fire at 39 Oswego Avenue on December 28, 1966. Pvt. C. J. Fiske of the Takoma Park Fire Department and Lt. John T. Carragher of the Chillum-Adelphi Fire Department were commended for their efforts to save the life of Mrs. Viola Ross in the fire. Remarked that many of the firemen present had also been outstanding in their efforts to extinguish the fire and save life.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Reassessments: Reported that information was still being compiled on the recent reassessments. Read a letter sent by the City Administrator to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation giving the reasons the citizens considered the reassessments unfair and not uniform.
2. Public Hearing - Community Improvement Ordinance: Reported that a Public Hearing on the proposed community improvement ordinance would be held at the Firehouse Gymnasium on March 1, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.
3. Federal Grant for Beautification: Suggested that Mrs. Shirlee Hutmire of the City Office act as Coordinator for the Federal Aid Beautification Program.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Civic Center: Reported that there will be a meeting of the Civic Center Building Committee on Thursday to discuss the plans for the new building. Also reported that he would meet with the architect on Saturday to discuss these plans and those for the Library.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Budget: Reported that the Department Heads have been requested to start working on the proposed 1967/68 budget.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel: Reported that a letter of resignation for reasons of health had been received from Special Police Officer Vincent Amoroso. Councilman Roth remarked that Mr. Amoroso had been a fine officer and had helped the City in many ways. Councilman Kennedy moved the resignation be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
2. 6701 Cockerille Avenue: Reported that the shrubbery had been trimmed and the sidewalk cleaned up, therefore, requested the item be removed from the agenda.

Law Enforcement Committee, cont.

3. Parking in Front Yards: Reported that the feasibility of an ordinance prohibiting parking in front yards was being studied by the Corporation Counsel and the City Administrator.
4. Flower Avenue: Reported that the two "No Parking Here to Corner" signs authorized at the meeting of November 28th had been erected on Flower Avenue at each side of its intersection with Cherry Avenue and traffic conditions in the area were improved.
5. Personnel: Reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Pvt. C. R. DuBois who has accepted a position as a Security Officer with Giant Foods. Moved that Pvt. DuBois' resignation, effective January 15, 1967, be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
6. Personnel: Reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Pvt. R. A. Thistlethwaite who has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania State Police. Moved that Pvt. Thistlethwaite's resignation, effective at 4:00 p.m. January 15, 1967, be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
7. Taxicabs: Councilman Jones reported that a D. C. cab had attempted to pick him up on Laurel Avenue within the City limits and requested the Police Department to check into the situation.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Taxicabs: Reported that the City has an ordinance requiring cabs operating in the City to have City licences, but there has been conflict with Montgomery County and hoped the new County Council would soon consider the taxicab ordinance.
2. Railing: Reported that the owner of the property had agreed to let a contract to erect a railing at Geneva and Hilltop and the work would be done under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

Mayor Miller presiding:

3. Bus Stop: Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1933

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

- SECTION 1. THAT in order to provide improved bus service for the residents in the area a bus stop for use of the D. C. Transit System, Inc. be provided on Carroll Avenue on the south side in the 6900 block, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of the 6900 block of Carroll Avenue from its intersection with Laurel Avenue 165 feet west to the existing parking meter pole #81, AND
- SECTION 3. THAT D. C. Transit System, Inc. be hereby authorized to establish a bus stop with appropriate markers in the 6900 block of Carroll Avenue beginning at a point 40 feet west of the intersection with Laurel Avenue and terminating at a point 165 feet from the intersection west of the intersection with Laurel Avenue, AND

Ordinance No. 1933, cont.

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to remove parking meters and poles numbers 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86, AND

SECTION 5. 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 Kennedy and adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.

4. Grocery Carts: Councilman Kennedy reported that the Silver Spring Safeway had a sign in the store asking anyone who found one of their carts to call them so they could retrieve it. Requested a letter be sent to the Takoma Park Safeway requesting them to do the same. Reported that the City Administrator was looking into a possible ordinance on this.

5. Shell Station: Reported that the Shell Station on Carroll Avenue at Ethan Allen had been closed up and cleaned up. The owners are going to board it up and attempt to sell it.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. 6701 Cockerille Avenue: Remarked that the Law Enforcement Committee had reported on this and requested the item be removed from the agenda.

2. Snow Emergency Routes: Reported that the Committee had been studying the need for additional snow regulations and had considered several streets which might need such regulations. After taking into consideration the lack of off street parking in many areas, felt Maple Avenue would be a desirable street to designate as a snow emergency route. After considerable discussion, it was decided to circulate copies of the proposed ordinance to the entire Council for their consideration and comments, and to check into the availability of off street parking along Maple Avenue from the D. C. line to Sligo Creek Parkway.

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation which he presented to the Takoma-Langley Park Kiwanis tonight proclaiming January 21, 1967 as "Kiwanis Anniversary Day" in the City of Takoma Park. Noted that the 52nd Anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International falls on this date. Commended the Kiwanis Club of Takoma-Langley Park for their good works in the community.

Mayor Miller announced that a citation would be presented to Miss Susan Turner at the meeting of January 23rd and urged all to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on January 23, 1967 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 DECEMBER 31, 1966SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1966	\$ 59,258.30	
*December Receipts	<u>85,321.21</u>	\$ 144,579.51
December Disbursements		<u>85,161.05</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1966		<u>\$ 59,418.46</u>

\*Includes \$50,000.00 Treasury Bill matured 2/31/66.

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1966	\$ 2,453.09	
December Receipts	<u>4,666.00</u>	\$ 7,119.09
No Disbursements during December		---
Balance as of December 31, 1966		<u>\$ 7,119.09</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1966	\$ 8,302.19	
December Receipts	<u>317.44</u>	\$ 8,619.63
No Disbursements during December		---
Balance as of December 31, 1966		<u>\$ 8,619.63</u>

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

Balance as of November 30, 1966	\$ 1,120.10	
No transactions during December	---	\$ 1,120.10
Balance as of December 31, 1966		<u>\$ 1,120.10</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of November 30, 1966	\$ 7,797.90	
December Transfers from General Funds	<u>53,508.05</u>	\$ 61,305.95
December Disbursements		<u>50,403.43</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1966		<u>\$ 10,902.52</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 31, 1966	\$ 125.85	
No transactions during December	---	\$ 125.85
Balance as of December 31, 1966		<u>\$ 125.85</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

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

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 1/31/67	\$ 48,646.67	\$ 50,000.00
Due for Maturity 2/28/67	48,453.00	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 3/31/67	48,417.50	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 4/30/67	48,305.83	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 5/31/67	48,133.33	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 6/30/67	47,901.08	50,000.00

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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 23, 1967

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Regular Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on January 23, 1967, at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	City Administrator Pridden
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 Fire Chief Fickes
Councilman Turner	Deputy City Clerk Ziegler

The Invocation was rendered by Councilman Forshee.

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

Mayor Miller presented a plaque to Mrs. Helen Gordon, "Mrs. Fire Prevention 1965-66", for her fine work in promoting fire prevention, noting her many appearances in conjunction with this work.

Mayor Miller presented a plaque to Lt. W. A. Flagg, retired, of the Takoma Park Fire Department for his 32 years in the Fire Service. Remarked that Lt. Flagg has logged approximately 25,000 fire calls to his credit.

Mayor Miller presented a plaque to Miss Susan Turner for her work in promoting international understanding as Takoma Park's exchange student for the past year in our Sister City, Jequie, Bahia, Brazil. Remarked that while she was in Jequie, Susan had taught English and ballet and had worked in the local hospital. Susan thanked the Mayor and Council and said that she had been very proud to represent Takoma Park and extended greetings from the citizens of Jequie.

Father Begley of Our Lady of Sorrows Church who was scheduled to give the Invocation was unavoidably detained at a meeting and arrived late. Mayor Miller kidded him about his tardiness and asked that he give an additional invocation.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 1967. 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. Lt. D. H. Reynolds, Jr., Assistant Head, Music Branch, Special Services Division, Department of the Navy: Confirmation of the engagement of the Navy Band to present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on June 20, 1967 in Jequie Park, Albany and Takoma Avenues. (Parks and Recreation)
2. Mr. Thomas Sheppard, Chairman, Takoma Park Azalea Committee: Request for clarification of regulations concerning temporary signs on City property. (Parks and Recreation)

Correspondence, cont.

3. Mrs. Belle Ziegler, Recreation Coordinator, in behalf of the Takoma Park Recreation Council: Recommending the purchase of four merry-go-rounds, 8 saddle mates, and 4 park stoves for use in the City parks. (Finance) (Parks and Recreation)
4. Mrs. Raymond McGuire, Chairman, Zoning and Civic Improvement, the Save Takoma Park Committee: Thanking Mayor and Council for support of the Annual Civic Improvement Award and enclosing copy of letter from Mrs. Hubert H. Humphrey praising the award program. (Parks and Recreation)
5. Mr. Harold R. Messenger, 7818 Carroll Avenue, City: Request that Glengarry Place be paved when Heather Avenue is paved. (Public Works) (Public Welfare)
6. Mr. R. E. Crawford, 7407 Aspen Avenue, City: Suggestion that parking be permitted on only one side of Aspen Avenue: (Law Enforcement)
7. Mr. Harold L. Williams, President, Ritchie Citizens Association: Request for traffic survey at Piney Branch Road and Ritchie Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
8. Mr. L. Sheldon, Apt. 506, 7710 Maple Avenue, City: Letter and photograph describing smoke emanating from the Winchester Takoma Apartments and request that something be done about the situation. (Fire Protection)
9. Mr. George H. Hawkins, President, Hawkins Electric Company, Inc.: Reporting that one of the pressure detectors in the North Bound lane on Piney Branch Road at Philadelphia is rusted beyond repair and suggesting that it be replaced by a magnetic type detector. (Public Works)
10. Mr. Harry J. Smith, Jr., President, P. G. Cablevision, Inc.: Ordinance request for construction and operation of a television and FM radio transmission system in the City: (Council as a Whole)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and noted the presence of former Councilman and Mrs. Collison and former Councilman Sidell.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, President, B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association: Stated that the Association had heard of plans to build a filling station and a group of small stores on the vacant lot next to the used car lot on Carroll Avenue. Stated that they opposed this type of development which could deteriorate rapidly and felt that with the tremendous future assured to the City by such developments as the planned rapid rail transit, a more suitable use for the land should be supported. Requested the Mayor and Council to oppose the plan as it now stands. Spoke in favor of the protest made by the Mayor and Council concerning the recent reassessments in the area. Felt that there were inequities in the assessments, with some being far higher than others. Stated that every member of the B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association had been requested to submit their figures to the City Office.
2. Mr. Robert Collison, 7112 Sycamore Avenue, City: Stated that there would be many bills of vital importance to the cities of Maryland coming before the State Legislature this session. Felt the City should keep in close touch with what is being done there. Mayor Miller stated that the Maryland Municipal League had engaged a consultant to represent the member cities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting:

- 1. Washington Sanitarium and Hospital: Reported that he understood that the Sanitarium was planning an expansion program and would need \$1,000,000 from the community in order to get federal and foundation funds. Felt that the program deserved the support of the entire community.
- 2. 1966 Fire Prevention Contest: Reported that Takoma Park had received 3rd place under municipalities in the State of Maryland in the 1966 Fire Prevention Contest. Stated that this makes the 10th year the Fire Department has been nationally recognized for its fire prevention work.
- 3. Personnel: Reported that Lt. W. A. Flagg had retired as of January 1, 1967 and regretted his leaving the Fire Service and wished him many happy years of retirement.
- 4. Firehouse Lighting: Reported that Chief LaScola and Captain Rhodes had worked on the plans together for improving the lighting at the Firehouse. Moved that the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1934

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that new light fixtures are needed in the Fire Department Kitchen and Engine Room, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted be awarded to Mr. Walter F. Ridgeway, 604 Boston Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland for the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,265.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the funds be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 10.813.

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

5. Personnel: Reported that there was a vacancy on the paid Force due to Lt. Flagg's retirement. After much study the Committee, the Fire Board, and the Fire Chief were unanimous in their conviction that the time had come when a paid training officer was necessary to provide adequate training for the Department. Pointed out that with the many new apartments, new fire fighting methods must be used. Felt that the position of Training Officer, which had been a part time volunteer position, needs a full time man to fill it. Also stated that Volunteer Drillmaster Karl F. Kearns has been in the Fire Service for the past 12 years and is presently a qualified University of Maryland Fire Service Instructor, qualified Civil Defense Instructor and Radiological Monitoring Instructor. Moved that Mr. Kearns be appointed to the position of Training Officer with the rank of Lieutenant in the first step under the Merit Plan scale, effective February 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Councilman Turner was excused from the remainder of the meeting due to illness.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

1. Public Hearing - Proposed Community Improvement Ordinance: Requested that the Public Hearing to be held on the proposed ordinance at the Firehouse Gymnasium on March 1, 1967 be given adequate publicity, particularly through the City Newsletter.

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Civic Improvements Committee, cont.

2. Reassessments: Reported that no answer had been received as yet to the letter sent to Mr. Ward and Mr. Duvall requesting an explanation of the inconsistencies in the recent reassessments. Requested that an appointment be set up for the Mayor and Council to meet with Mr. Duvall if no answer had been received by the next Council meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Band Concerts: Reported that the Navy Band and the Army Field Band had agreed to present concerts in the City this summer. Also reported that some local schools were being contacted.

2. Civic Center: Reported that a meeting of the Civic Center Committee would be held next week and stated that all Council members were welcome to attend.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Library Expansion: Reported that a plat lay out was being prepared.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

1. November Disbursements: Moved approval of November disbursements in the amount of \$74,941.97. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

2. December Disbursements: Moved approval of December disbursements in the amount of \$85,148.55. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. Justice of the Peace: Reported that due to ill health, Mr. George A. Cook had resigned his position as Justice of the Peace for the Montgomery County side of Takoma Park pending a replacement and that a replacement has been found. Therefore, moved that Mr. George A. Cook's resignation be accepted with regrets effective as of February 1, 1967. Also proposed a motion that Mr. Fred Magnus of 7403 Maple Avenue, who has been commissioned by the Governor of Maryland as Justice of the Peace in and for Montgomery County, be hereby appointed as Justice of the Peace for the Montgomery County side of Takoma Park effective February 1, 1967 at a salary of \$150.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

2. Traffic Signal: Reported that the Committee felt that the pedestrian traffic crossing New Hampshire Avenue from the Hampshire Towers Apartment was not sufficient at this time to support a traffic light. Pointed out that when both buildings were completed and fully occupied a survey would be made by the City and if it was felt a light was justified the Council would request the State Roads Commission to conduct a survey since New Hampshire Avenue is under the jurisdiction of the State Roads Commission. Councilman Kennedy also pointed out that a similar request was made by Our Lady of Sorrows School at Larch and New Hampshire Avenues and the State Roads Commission conducted a survey finding that there was not a sufficient number of pedestrians crossing East to West or West to East to merit installation of a traffic light.

3. Parking in Front Yards: Reported that a possible ordinance to govern this situation was under study by the Civic Improvements Committee and requested the item be transferred to their agenda.

4. Police Dog: Reported that the police dog, a male German Shepherd, acquired by the Police Department had been in training since December 16th and would be enrolled

Law Enforcement Committee, cont.

until March 17th. Reported that payment for the dog has been withheld until the dog graduates.

5. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Gary Lee Carroll of 7620 Maple Avenue be given a probationary appointment as a police officer effective February 15, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

6. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Chester P. Lutman, Jr. who has been a Special Police Officer since August 1, 1965 and resides at 7003 Carroll Avenue be given a probationary appointment to the Police Force effective February 15, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

7. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Hubert J. Freedman of 1206 Myrtle Avenue be appointed a Special Officer with the Takoma Park Police Department effective February 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

8. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Donald J. Walker of 7119 Sycamore Avenue be appointed a Special Officer with the Takoma Park Police Department effective February 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. Railing: Reported that a representative of the owner of the apartment house has agreed to erect a railing at Hilltop and Geneva Avenues under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

2. Street Cleaning Program: Reported that a full time man has been assigned to cleaning the streets and requested the item be removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting:

1. Snow Regulations: Reported that a telephone survey had been conducted of the residents on Maple Avenue from Tulip to Philadelphia and that from 25 to 30 had been reached. Only one of these would have any problem with off street parking if snow regulations were put into effect. Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1935

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS snow removal from public streets is an essential activity for the protection and safety of citizens, and this operation is considerably hindered by parked vehicles, AND

SECTION 2. THAT when a snow emergency is declared by appropriate officials of Montgomery County, Maryland, parking of vehicles be hereby prohibited at any time during such snow emergency period on the streets designated in Section Three of this Ordinance,

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to place in appropriate locations permanent signs bearing the wording "SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE - snow tires or chains required - No parking during emergency" along certain streets in the City as follows:

- (a) Maple Avenue - East side from the D. C. Line to Philadelphia Avenue.

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Ordinance No. 1935, cont.

- (b) Maple Avenue - both sides, Philadelphia Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway.

SECTION 4. 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 with the further specific provision that vehicles in violation shall be removed and impounded by the Police Department as regulated by Article 10 of aforesaid Municipal Code.

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

2. Street Light: Reported that several students at Montgomery Junior College have been molested in the parking lot owned by the City at the entrance to the bridge over the B & O tracks on Takoma Avenue. Additional lighting has been requested by the College and the Committee feels that better lighting would discourage prowlers and moved that the Director of Public Works be authorized to meet with PEPCO to determine the number of lumens necessary to properly light the parking lot and install the lights required. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

3. Cockerille Avenue Storm Drainage: Proposed a motion that the WSSC be requested to construct a storm drain line on Cockerille Avenue from First Avenue along the right-of-way of Cockerille Avenue and Spring Avenue and abandon the portion of the line across Spring Park and the private property. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

4. Traffic Signal: Reported that the pressure detector in one of the northbound lanes at Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue was rusted beyond repair, therefore moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1936

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

SECTION 1. THAT the defective Pressure Detectors in Northbound lanes controlling the traffic signal on Piney Branch Road at Philadelphia Avenue be replaced by a Magnetic Detector and Amplifier, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to order the installation of a Magnetic Detector and Amplifier by the Hawkins Electric Company for the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$711.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the funds be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.123.

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

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on February 13, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Belle Ziegler  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

George M. Miller  
Mayor

## EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 13, 1967

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 February 13, 1967.

## CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Pro tem Roth	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Forshee	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Geib	Lt. Porter, Police Department
Councilman Jones	Deputy City Clerk Ziegler
Councilman Kennedy	
Councilman McKenzie	Excused: Mayor Miller
Councilman Turner	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
	City Administrator Pridden
	(Attending Meeting with State Legislators)

Mayor Pro tem Roth led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Pro tem Roth called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 1967. Councilman Forshee 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. Dr. Robert W. Wiley, Adm. Asst. to the Acting President, Montgomery Junior College: Request for better lighting in parking lot on Takoma and Albany Avenues across from the College Administration Building. (Public Works)
2. Mr. A. James O'Mara, Greenhorne & O'Mara, Consulting Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors: Setting forth firm's qualifications for public works engineering and planning. (Council as a Whole)
3. Mrs. William G. Seeley, 7411 Aspen Avenue, City: 4. Mr. Homer R. Lynd, 7400 Aspen Avenue, City: 5. Mr. J. Byron Logan, 7402 Aspen Avenue City: All requesting that parking on Aspen Avenue be limited to one side of the street. (Law Enforcement)
6. Mrs. Charles E. Kreinbuhl, 1011 Elm Avenue, City: (a) Request for copy of regulations governing items to be put out for special trash collections and suggestion that City store and give away usable furniture and other items to those who are in need. (Public Welfare) (b) Request for street light on pole between 1007 and 1011 Elm Avenue. (Public Works) (c) Thanking Public Works Department for quick clean-up job done in front of her house. (Public Works.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting

See last page of these minutes.

Mayor Pro tem Roth welcomed the audience and greeted the members of Girl Scout Cadet Troop #1625 of Fairland who were visiting the Council as part of their local government badge. They were accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Middleton. Mayor Pro tem Roth briefly explained the duties of the Mayor and Council to the girls.

Mayor Pro tem Roth announced that a Public Hearing on the proposed community improvement ordinance would be held at the Firehouse Gymnasium on March 1, 1967 at 8:00 p.m. and urged all citizens to attend.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City: Stated that she felt the proposed community improvement ordinance would be unenforceable without some sort of fund being set up to help people who were not in a position to borrow money from the banks to improve their property. Stated that many people were financially unable to keep up their homes and this problem must be solved. Felt that a tax abatement for people of over age 65 would be of help in this and urged the Council to act upon this suggestion. Felt that the Building Inspector was already overworked and could not take on the additional work which would be required by the proposed ordinance. Councilman Geib commented that it was his understanding that the Community Improvement Council has a proposal which would help people who have a financing problem. Councilman Geib also commented that if the ordinance was adopted, Mr. Williams would probably be given assistance.

Discussion ensued concerning additional publicity in the local newspapers and it was suggested that a letter be written to the suburban weekly papers requesting they consider devoting a page or a portion thereof to Takoma Park news.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Playground Equipment: Reported that he would have a recommendation on this at the next meeting and requested the item be removed from the agenda.
2. Slimnastics: Announced that the Recreation Council is sponsoring slimnastic classes on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Parkview Towers Apartment Recreation Room, 7667 Maple Avenue and Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in a meeting room at the Trinity United Church of Christ, 7300 New Hampshire Avenue.
3. Square Dance: Reported that the next square dance for adults would be held February 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Municipal Gymnasium. Everyone welcome.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Library Expansion: Reported that this is still under study.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

No report at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Aspen Avenue: Read the following proposed ordinance and commented he would await action on the ordinance in order that residents of the area might air their views.

Proposed Ordinance - First Reading

- SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety vehicular parking be prohibited at all times on the Northwest side of the 7400 Block of Aspen Avenue from Sligo Creek Parkway to the dead end of the street, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect signs at appropriate locations to indicate parking restrictions as provided in Section One of this Ordinance, AND

Law Enforcement Committee, cont. - proposed ordinance

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.

2. Piney Branch and Ritchie Avenues: Reported that the Committee felt the problem here was not so much the lack of a traffic signal as the poor visibility because of the dip in the road and the high banks at the entrance to Piney Branch Road from Ritchie Avenue. Requested a letter be transmitted to the Ritchie Avenue Citizens Association asking for specific recommendations.

3. Hampshire Towers: Requested that the request for a traffic light across from the entrance to the Hampshire Towers Apartments be removed from the agenda until such time as the apartments are fully occupied.

4. Air Pollution: Moved <sup>Read</sup> that the following Resolution <sup>Corrected minutes 2/27/67 B.J.</sup> be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize that polluted air constitutes a serious health hazard to the citizenry and an economic detriment to property, AND

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has requested its membership to adopt the Model Local Air Pollution Control Ordinance, AND

WHEREAS, air pollution is increasing and is an area-wide problem requiring control on an area-wide basis, AND

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Mayor and Council that enforcement of such air pollution control should be in the hands of the larger jurisdictions having personnel and technical equipment capable of such enforcement, AND

WHEREAS, in view of the bi-county status of the City of Takoma Park, it is felt that such enforcement should be in the hands of the adjacent counties,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that at such time as the governments of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties adopt the Model Local Air Pollution Control Ordinance or a comparable ordinance, the intention of the Mayor and City Council is to adopt such ordinance and request the appropriate County having jurisdiction to enforce such ordinance within the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Councilman McKenzie moved that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried. Councilman Kennedy requested that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to the heads of the two County Governments and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Grocery Carts: Reported that the Committee has under study a proposed ordinance to deal with the problem of abandoned grocery carts.

2. Litter Receptacles: Moved that the following ordinance be adopted:

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Public Welfare Committee, cont. - Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 1937

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Public Works Department is in need of litter receptacles, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase 10 Lawson Litter Receptacles from the Daycon Products Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., in the net sum of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$540.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum as stated in Section Two of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 13.403.

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

3. Trash Regulations: Requested a letter be transmitted to Mrs. Kreinbihl enclosing a copy of the trash regulations and a list of charitable organizations who will pick up usable household furnishings without charge. Pointed out that the City was not in a position to store and dispense such items and that the existing organizations did a fine job.

(Councilman Forshee presiding)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Paving - Glengarry Place: Reported that Mr. Rhodes had talked to several property owners in the area and they were not interested in the paving of Glengarry Pl. Requested that a letter be transmitted to Mr. Messenger pointing out that the cost of such a project would be assessed to the adjoining property owners and that if he wishes to pursue the matter, he should obtain the approval of the property owners involved and then the City will be glad to consider the matter further. It was also suggested that if Mr. Messenger wishes the remainder of Heather Avenue paved, he should submit his plan for such at an early date.

2. Street Light: Moved that Pepco be authorized to install a 2500 lumen light on pole No. 832163 at 14th Avenue at an annual cost of \$25.70. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried. Requested that the Hillwood Manor Citizens Association be informed of this action.

3. Storm Drainage - Wildwood Drive: Reported that a survey has been made on the storm drainage needs on Wildwood Drive and the engineering plans have been received. Moved that the plans be forwarded to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission asking if the Wildwood Storm Drainage plans could be incorporated in their plans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

4. Street Lights - Montgomery Junior College: Reported that Pepco has made a survey of the lighting at the parking lot on Albany and Takoma Avenues and made their recommendations. Moved that Pepco be authorized to install a 4000 lumen light at the entrance to the driveway on Takoma Avenue and to replace the existing 1000 lumen light at Takoma and Albany Avenues with a 4000 lumen light at an annual cost of \$44.54. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried. Councilman Jones asked



Public Works Committee cont. - Street Lights

that Pepco be requested to expedite this installation. Reported that City Administrator Pridgen is negotiating with Montgomery Junior College officials in case a light is needed on the center of the parking lot.

5. Street Lighting Survey: Reported that it had been suggested that when the present street lighting project was completed, consideration should be given to other areas in the City. Remarked that it took a great deal of time for Pepco to survey one section of the City and make its recommendations. Noted that it also took time to have the work done and that the first section authorized is still to have the new lights installed. The Committee feels that it would be well to get started on another section of the City and suggested that Pepco be requested to make a survey of the section of the City west of Carroll Avenue and south of Philadelphia Avenue to Piney Branch Road and west of Piney Branch Road to the City Line where it borders the District of Columbia Line and the Silver Spring Line. Councilman Jones so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

6. Equipment: Reported that the Public Works Department was in need of a chain saw since theirs had disappeared. Moved that the Director of Public Works be authorized to purchase a McCulloch 3-10E chain saw from the Potter Equipment Co., Inc. of 6200 N. Capitol Street for the sum of \$245.23, funds to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 19.303. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Smoke Situation - Maple Avenue: Reported that surveys have been made and that all of the apartments on Maple Avenue do emit smoke from their oil burner stacks at one time or another. Reported that there had been a problem with the boilers at the Winchester-Takoma but they are under repair. The apartments will be kept under surveillance and a report made at a later date.

2. Commendation: Read a letter from the Sligo Chapter, IWLA, thanking the Fire Department for the use of their lounge for their meeting and commending Cpt. West and the Fire Department for the excellent program provided for their members.

3. Equipment: Moved that the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase a Kodak Instamatic 304 Camera to be used by the Division of Fire Prevention in the amount of \$34.80, funds to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 11.213. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

4. Equipment: Moved that the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase two 1100 Harder Desk Chairs for \$54.95 each, funds to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 11.213. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

5. Personnel: Upon the recommendation of the Fire Committee and the Fire Chief, moved that the following volunteer men be promoted to the present vacant ranks as listed below: Lt. T. L. Jarboe to Volunteer Captain; Sgt. C. K. Prince to Volunteer Lieutenant; Sgt. H. C. Carpenter to Volunteer Lieutenant; Pvt. C. J. F. Fiske to Volunteer Sergeant, all promotions retroactive to February 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

6. Personnel: Reported that Pvt. John W. Wailes has requested military leave as of February 16, 1967. Requested the City Administrator and the Corporation Counsel to set up procedure concerning military leave for city employees.

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Fire Protection Committee, cont.

7. Personnel: Moved that Mr. George M. Martin, Jr. of 5704 Chillum Heights Drive, Chillum be given a probationary appointment to the Fire Service, effective March 1, 1967. Remarked that Mr. Martin had been a volunteer member of the Chillum Adelphi Fire Department for 10 years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting:

- 1. Parking in Front Yards: Reported that a proposed ordinance was being drawn up and would have its first reading at the next council meeting.
- 2. Reassessments: Reported that a date would be set in March to request Mr. Duvall to meet with the Mayor and Council.
- 3. North Central Freeway: Moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 14, 1964, the Mayor and City Council adopted a Resolution opposing the bisection of the City by the proposed route of the North Central Freeway, AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council utilized all means available to remove this threat of devastation to many homes and properties within the City, AND

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the National Capital Planning Commission have approved the route for the North Central Freeway along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Corridor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council approve and support the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Corridor concept for the North Central Freeway, AND

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Federal and State elected officials and to appropriate agencies and commissions including the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

The motion was seconded by Councilmen Turner, Jones and Forshee and duly carried.

4. Proposed Parking Lot: Reported that the establishment of a parking lot at the former Shell Station at Ethan Allen Avenue and Carroll Avenue was under consideration. Reported that the business establishments in the area were in favor of this and that Mr. Rhodes has reported that 14 (5¢-10¢) parking meters could be installed in the available space. Moved that City Administrator Pridgen be authorized to negotiate with the owners of the property for a rental contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Mayor Pro tem Roth read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 19-26, 1967 as Brotherhood Week in the City of Takoma Park, and urged all to observe it.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on February 27, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: Belle Ziegler  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: George M. Miller  
Mayor Pro tem

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting:BANK BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1967SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1966	\$ 59,418.46	
*January Receipts	<u>71,402.89</u>	\$ 130,821.35
January Disbursements		<u>71,405.92</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1967		<u>\$ 59,415.43</u>

\*Includes \$50,000.00 Treasury Bill matured 1/31/67

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1966	\$ 7,119.09	
No Receipts during January	<u>---</u>	\$ 7,119.09
January disbursements		<u>42.58</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1967		<u>\$ 7,076.51</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1966	\$ 8,619.63	
No transactions during January	<u>---</u>	\$ 8,619.63
Balance as of January 31, 1967		<u>\$ 8,619.63</u>

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

Balance as of December 31, 1966	\$ 1,120.10	
Interest to December 31, 1966	21.00	
Deposit in January	<u>7.56</u>	\$ 1,148.66
No disbursements during December		<u>---</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1967		<u>\$ 1,148.66</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of December 31, 1966	\$ 10,902.52	
January transfers from General Funds	<u>47,325.84</u>	\$ 58,228.36
January Disbursements		<u>48,477.14</u>
Balance as of January 13, 1967		<u>\$ 9,751.22</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1966	\$ 125.85	
No transactions during January	<u>---</u>	\$ 125.85
Balance as of January 31, 1967		<u>\$ 125.85</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1967		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 2/28/67	\$ 48,453.00	\$ 50,000.00
Due for Maturity 3/31/67	48,417.50	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 4/30/67	48,305.83	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 5/31/67	48,133.33	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 6/30/67	47,901.08	50,000.00
	<u>\$ 241,210.74</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>

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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 27, 1967

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Regular Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland at 8:10 p.m. on February 27, 1967.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller  
Councilman Forshee  
Councilman Geib  
Councilman Jones  
Councilman Kennedy  
Councilman McKenzie  
Councilman Roth  
Councilman Turner

Corporation Counsel Gingerich  
City Administrator Pridgen  
Police Chief Foster  
Fire Chief LaScola  
Building Inspector Williams  
Deputy Fire Chief Fickes  
Deputy City Clerk Ziegler

The Invocation was rendered by Rev. H. Luther Rhodes of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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

Mayor Miller called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 1967. Councilman Kennedy pointed out that on page 3, item 4, the first line should read: "Air Pollution: Read the following Resolution." Councilman Kennedy moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting

1. The Trustees and Officers of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge: Announcement of the selection of the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee, Inc. by the distinguished National & School Awards Jury to receive the George Washington Honor Medal Award for 1966 Community Programs Category, An outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of the American Way of Life. (Council as a Whole) (Independence Day Committee)
2. Mrs. Ruth B. Pratt, 7324 Piney Branch Road, City: Support of proposed Community Improvement Ordinance. (Civic Improvements)
3. Mr. Eugene B. Germann, 6911 New Hampshire Avenue, City: Request for tax reduction not only for over age 65, but for disabled and underage retired persons.
4. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, City: Suggestion that an Antique Seminar series be held and support of all means of increasing and publicizing City's most desirable traits. (Civic Improvements)
5. Mr. Duane Johnson, 7416 Aspen Avenue, City: 6. Laurence and Teresa Johnson, 7409 Aspen Avenue, City: 7. Mr. Homer R. Lynd, 7400 Aspen Avenue, City: 8. Mr. W. R. Beach, 7410 Aspen Avenue, City: All replying to inquiry in regard to the proposed ordinance on limiting parking to one side of Aspen Avenue. (Law Enforcement)

Correspondence, cont.

- 9. Letter signed "A Voter": Complaint regarding condition of the property at 7504 Alfred Drive. (Public Welfare)
- 10. Mrs. John W. Pennifield, 7305 Takoma Avenue, City: Requesting that parking be limited to one side of the 7300 block of Takoma Avenue and that a sign be placed at the corner of Takoma Avenue and Piney Branch Road reading "Sharp Curve - Slow Down." (Law Enforcement)
- 11. Mrs. Elaine Rockman, 7105 Carroll Avenue, City: Suggestion that air conditioning be installed in automobiles used by the Police and Fire Departments. (Law Enforcement) (Fire Protection)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced the Public Hearing on the Proposed Civic Improvement Ordinance would be held Wednesday, March 1, 1967 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Gymnasium and strongly urged all to attend.

Mayor Miller spoke about the award given the Independence Day Committee by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge. Stated that the whole City was proud of the work done by the Committee, not just last year, but over the many years the celebration has been held in the City. Commended Mrs. Ziegler on the work put in on the brochure entered in the contest.

Mayor Miller welcomed the members of Girl Scout Troop 1576 from Silver Spring and their leaders and explained the workings of the Council Meeting to them. Mayor Miller presented certificates to the graduating members of the baby sitting course, all members of troop 1576. The following girls received certificates and identification cards: Lisa Beegle, Janet Kary, Mary Sullivan, Kathleen Herberger, Pamela Sue Relcher, Susan Riggs, Sharon Ovalle, Daron Burr, Simonette Koch, Rosemary O'Connell, Debbie Trilling, Susan Hagen, Deborah Schwartz, Judy Dwyer, and Frances Yowaiski. Instructors for the course were: Mrs. Nancy Hartung, R. N.; Mrs. Jane McBride, R.N., Pfc. Ray Williams, TPPD; and Lt. Jimmy Jarboe, TPFD. Mayor Miller remarked that 326 girls had now completed the baby sitting course given by the Takoma Park Fire Department.

Mayor Miller extended thanks and congratulations to the Editor and Publisher and Mr. John Brawner of the Suburban Record for the Takoma Park Column started by them. Also thanked the Department heads and Mrs. Ziegler for cooperating with the Suburban Record by giving them interesting news of this City. Urged all to read the column to keep up with current events in the City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1. Mrs. Joseph Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, City: Stated that Councilman Geib had requested that she attend the National Cleanest Town Conference, held February 20 and 21 at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Reported on the conference briefly and presented her report to the Civic Improvement Committee.
- 2. Mr. Baron DeKalb, 7129 Sycamore Avenue, City: Inquired whether the proposed new Article 4 "Fire Department" of the Municipal Code would be given a first reading this evening. He was told that it would.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

- 1. January Disbursements: Moved approval of January Disbursements in the amount of \$71,405.92. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

- 1. Aspen Avenue: Reported that replies to the inquiry on how the residents of Aspen Avenue felt about the proposed Ordinance prohibiting parking on one side of Aspen Avenue were still coming in. Stated that the Committee would have its recommendation at the next meeting.
- 2. Equipment: Moved that \$100.00 be transferred from a/c 11.112 E and \$54.00 from a/c 11.112 N to a/c 11.113 to cover the purchase of five 3" Colt revolvers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
- 3. Personnel: Reported that Capt. Merson was recovering from back surgery at home.
- 4. Personnel: Reported that officers Lutman and Carroll had reported for duty as had Special Police officers Walker and Freedman.
- 5. Bicycle Registration: Reported that the bicycle registration held on February 22nd had been very successful and between 90 and 100 had been registered. Thanked Takoma Post 350, VFW for their assistance and for putting the Lite-a-bike stickers on. Reported that one boy had his bike stolen the same day it was registered and it was recovered the next day and returned to its owner.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

- 1. Burlap Squares: Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1938

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 \$1,144.95 for the 1500 lot of squares being submitted by the Grafflin Bag Company, Inc.

SECTION 2. THEREFORE 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 FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY FIVE CENTS (\$1,144.95), 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 Kennedy and adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.

- 2. Grocery Carts: Read the following Ordinance and stated that copies of the Proposed Ordinance had been sent to merchants in the area using grocery carts and requesting their comments.

PROPOSED

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the removal of shopping carts from the property of any business establishment and the abandonment thereof on public places is dangerous to and interferes with pedestrian and vehicular travel within the City and is dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizenry of Takoma Park, Maryland,

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

SECTION 1. THAT with or without intent to steal the same it shall be unlawful for any person to take or remove without permission any shopping cart from the premises of any store or business establishment except to convey the same to an adjoining private parking lot or sidewalk area immediately in front of or contiguous to such store or business establishment and except that the owners or their agents of such businesses may move such shopping carts from one store to another store or another location, AND

SECTION 2. THAT it shall be unlawful for any person to abandon or suffer to be abandoned any shopping cart on any street, highway, sidewalk, alley, park, or any other public space within the City, AND

SECTION 3. THAT any shopping cart left or abandoned on any public space is hereby defined and declared to be a public nuisance and the Director of Public Works of the City is hereby directed and empowered to remove or cause the removal of any shopping cart found so left or abandoned to City property where it shall be held until redeemed, sold or otherwise disposed of as hereinafter provided, AND

SECTION 4. THAT such shopping cart may be redeemed by the owner or agent thereof upon adequate proof of ownership upon the payment of the sum of \$10.00 to the Treasurer of the City and in the event such vehicle is not redeemed within a period of 30 days from the date of impoundment the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to offer same for sale at public auction in the same manner as provided for by Section 46 of Article 10 of the Municipal Code (1961) covering the sale of abandoned, etc. vehicles procedure generally, AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.00 and costs or imprisonment for not over 30 days or both fine and imprisonment.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Equipment: Reported that the new pick up truck and the chain saw have been delivered and hoped the new trash truck would be delivered some time this week.
2. Street Lighting Program: Reported that PEPCO hoped to start installing the new street lights approved in the first phase of the program by the end of March.
3. Street Light: Reported that PEPCO hoped to install the authorized street light at Takoma and Albany Avenues tomorrow, weather permitting.
4. Parking Lot Light: Reported that the request for lighting on the parking lot at Takoma and Albany Avenues has been discussed by the Committee and the City Administrator has negotiated with Montgomery Junior College officials and the college is willing to pay half the cost of installation as well as half the monthly charges. Upon the recommendation of the Committee moved that PEPCO be authorized to install a pole in the center of the parking lot at a cost of \$55.00 with two 7,000 lumen lights at a monthly charge of \$8.50, the cost to be divided equally between Montgomery Junior College and the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Official Leave: Reported that the Board of Trustees had authorized \$350.00 to send Volunteer Capt. D. R. McBride and Drillmaster Lt. K. F. Kearns to the Fire Department Instructor's Conference in Memphis, Tennessee at the expense of the Volunteer Fire Department. Moved that Drillmaster Lt. Kearns be granted official leave to attend the conference from March 19 through March 24, 1967 and that Lt. Kearns be allowed \$50.00 expenses, this to be charged to a/c 11.212 P. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Councilman Turner amended his motion to include Fire Chief LaSciola's official leave for the same period to attend the Conference, his expenses, not to exceed \$250.00, to be charged to a/c 212N2. Pointed out that this sum was provided in the current budget for this purpose. Councilman Jones seconded the motion as amended and it was duly carried.
2. Personnel: Moved that Pvt. John T. Jones' resignation from the Fire Department be accepted effective February 25, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly Carried.
3. Personnel: Reported that due to the resignation of Pvt. Jones, a vacancy exists on the paid force. Moved that Mr. Ithel T. William; Jr. of 8122 15th Avenue, Hyattsville be given a probationary appointment to the Fire Department effective March 1, 1967, subject to the approval of the examining physician. Remarked that Mr. William has 10½ years experience as a paid fireman with the City of Coral Gables Fire Department in Florida and comes highly recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
4. Personnel: Moved that Pvt. John W. Wailes be placed on military leave effective February 16, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
5. Article 4 of the Municipal Code (1961): Stated that this would be the first reading of proposed changes in Article 4, "Fire Department". Commented that at the time the original article was written the major part of the Fire Department was volunteer plus a few paid men. Since then things have progressed, the Fire Department has become more and more a paid Fire Department with very valuable assistance from the Volunteer Fire Department. A number of requests have been made for a survey of Article 4 and up to 6 to 7 months ago no direct steps had been taken to do something



Fire Protection Committee, cont.

about it. About six months ago the Fire Chief was requested to make his recommendations and the president of the Fire Board was asked to appoint a committee to study the proposed changes and make their recommendations. The Mayor and Council, the Special Fire Board Committee, the Fire Chief and the Fire Protection Committee have on as many as 10 to 12 different occasions discussed this matter and are still open to constructive criticism. Stated they tried to go along as closely as possible to the wording of the original Article 4 with a minimum of changes, tried to strengthen the weak points and keep the wording simple and understandable. Pointed out that the City Administrator had found two needed changes and these have been incorporated in the proposed ordinance: In the proposed Section 16, the "12¢ per annum" was changed to "at least 17¢ per annum" to conform to the present and any future increase in rate. In proposed Section 17 the wording was changed to conform to the latest Montgomery County Code reference. Councilman Turner read parts of the proposed ordinance and requested the entire proposed ordinance be placed in the minutes and copies be made available at the City Office for those who wished them. Stated he proposed to submit the ordinance at the next Council meeting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

See last pages of these minutes.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Parking Lot: Reported that the business places on Carroll Avenue had long wished for additional parking in their vicinity, and that City Administrator Pridgen has been negotiating with the owners of the former Shell Station at Ethan Allen Avenue and Carroll Avenue for a lease. Moved that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1939

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

- SECTION 1. THAT whereas business people operating in the 7300 block of Carroll Avenue have frequently expressed the need for additional customer parking space in the area and have individually agreed to financially assist in the support of an off-street parking lot, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT whereas there is presently available for lease the former service station property located at 7301 Carroll Avenue which can be converted to use as a metered public parking lot,
- SECTION 3. NOW THEREFORE the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with the owners of Lot 34, Block 45, Carroll Manor Addition known as 7301 Carroll Avenue, for a period of one year at the rental sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) per month beginning April 1, 1967 with option for renewals until such date that the State Roads Commission of Maryland is conveyed title to such property, AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the City Administrator be hereby authorized to purchase fourteen Duncan Miller Model 60 parking meters and seven yokes for a net sum after trade-in of fourteen used meters not to exceed EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$800.00) such amount to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.133, AND

Ordinance No. 1939, cont.

SECTION 5. THAT upon execution of the lease agreement as set forth in Section three of this Ordinance, the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to prepare the subject property as a municipal parking lot and install parking meters thereon with spaces marked accordingly, AND

SECTION 6. THAT the fee for parking a motor vehicle in such municipal parking lot spaces shall be FIVE CENTS (5¢) for one hour or TEN CENTS (10¢) for two hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on every day of the year except Sundays and holidays, and the continuous use or occupancy by any vehicle of any such individual space for a period of time in excess of two hours is hereby prohibited, AND

SECTION 7. FURTHER THAT enforcement and the penalty for violation of Section 6 of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed in Section 9 of Article 11, titled Parking Meters, of the Municipal Code (1961) of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

2. Parking in Front Yards: Reported that he would give the first reading of a proposed ordinance to ban parking in front yards and requested residents to give their opinions of this ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

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

SECTION 1. THAT any boat, trailer, motor vehicle, part or parts of such parked or stored in the front setback area of any lot in a residential zone, or the side setback area facing a street on a corner or reverse corner lot in a residential zone is hereby declared to be a public nuisance except that such vehicles may be parked on permanently constructed driveways within such front or side setback areas, if such vehicle has displayed thereon a current license plate, AND

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT Article 10 of the Municipal Code (1961) be amended by addition to Section 27 the following provision:

- (i) Within the front setback area of any lot in a residential zone, or the side setback area facing a street on a corner or reverse corner lot in a residential zone on any space other than on a permanently constructed driveway within such front or side setback areas provided that such vehicle shall have displayed thereon a current license plate. The term vehicle shall include boat, trailer, motor vehicle, part or parts thereof.

SECTION 3. AND THAT this Ordinance shall become effective on April 1, 1967, AND

SECTION 4. 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.

Civic Improvements Committee, Cont.

Explained that a permanently constructed driveway would be one of pavement or gravel or one having a ramp from the street.

3. Reassessments: Reported that attempts were being made to set up a meeting with Mr. Duvall for a date in March.

4. Z.A.P. E-511: Appeal: 7418 Hancock Avenue, Lot 3, Sec. 6, S. S. Carroll's Addition, R-60 to R-10, Bd. of Trustees, Dupont Park SDA Church, Applicant-owner: Reported that the Court Case on Z.A.P. E-511 would be heard in Rockville on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Stated that he planned to be present and requested any members of the Council who could to attend. Corporation Counsel Gingerich will be present to represent the City.

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SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Library Cards: Reported that the Librarian has requested that the Library be authorized to change over from cardboard library cards to plastic ones. Felt the durability of the cards would offset the increase in price. Moved that \$400.00 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 19.102B for the purchase of 6,000 plastic library cards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

No report at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session March 13, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

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

SECTION I. THAT after due consideration by the Mayor, members of the City Council the Fire Protection Committee, the Fire Chief and the Special Committee of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Article 4, titled "THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: of the Municipal Code (1961) as adopted September 25, 1961 by Ordinance No. 1666 and all amendments thereto and subsequent thereof be hereby repealed in its entirety, AND

SECTION II. THAT a new Article 4, titled "THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: be hereby ordained and adopted which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 4

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL

Section 1. The Fire Service of the City shall be composed of the City of Takoma Park Fire Department and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Section 2. The Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department shall consist of voting and non-voting members in accordance with its By-Law, Article I, Section 1, and members of the Active Fire Crew in accordance with Article VII, Section 1.

Section 3. There is hereby created the City of Takoma Park Fire Department which shall consist of the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief, paid and volunteer Fire Officers, paid and volunteer members of the Active Fire Crew. The Fire Chief shall be the Fire Marshall and the Deputy Fire Chief shall be the Assistant Fire Marshall for the enforcement of the City Fire Prevention Code. The above personnel with the exception of volunteer members of the Active Fire Crew shall be recommended by the Fire Chief, designated by the City Council, and sworn in by the Mayor of the City of Takoma Park or other authorized personnel as delegated by the Mayor. Members of the Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., desiring status on the Active Fire Crew, shall be recommended by the Fire Committee, and approved by the Fire Chief.

Section 4. The Takoma Park Fire Department as outlined in Section 3, shall be directed by the Fire Chief under the supervision of the Fire Protection Committee, as outlined in Article 2, paragraph (b) of this Code. The Fire Officers, both paid and volunteer, shall be known as a Fire Committee and shall assist the Fire Chief in all matters referred to this Committee by the Mayor and City Council, the Fire Protection Committee, or the Fire Chief.

CHIEF OF THE FIRE SERVICE

Section 5. The Chief of the Fire Service shall be appointed by the Council. He shall be subject to suspension by the Mayor for good and sufficient cause, until the next meeting of the Council thereafter, when his status shall be determined. The Council shall have the power to remove him at its discretion. The Chief of the Fire Service shall assign to the members of his force such duties not inconsistent with the general rules and regulations heretofore or hereafter promulgated by the Mayor and Council, as he may deem advisable.

Section 6. The original and one copy of all written communications and reports from personnel of the Fire Service to the Mayor and Council of an official nature shall be made through the office of the Chief of the Fire Service. All such communications shall be forwarded promptly by the Chief of the Fire Service, with or without comments thereon, to the City Clerk. Communications from the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Corporation may be sent directly to the Mayor and Council.

Section 7. The Chief of the Fire Service shall be held responsible to the Mayor and Council for the prevention and extinguishment of fires within the corporate limits of the City, and for the enforcement by himself and his subordinates of all laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the prevention and extinguishment of fires.

Section 8. The Chief of the Fire Service shall make daily inspection of the fire station and all equipment, and shall be held responsible for the condition of the premises and for the efficient maintenance of the equipment.

Section 9. The Chief of the Fire Service shall investigate all complaints made by citizens as to the conduct of personnel under his supervision. The Chief shall appoint a review board consisting of two paid and two volunteer Fire Fighting Officers to investigate said complaints. Recommendations by the review board shall be submitted in writing to the Fire Chief for determination. If found to be justifiable, the Chief shall forward all such complaints to the Mayor and Council for action by an Investigative Committee, if in his judgment any action is required.

Section 10. The Chief of the Fire Service shall take personal charge of all personnel and equipment at all fires.

Section 11. The Chief of the Fire Service shall permit no poster or placard, other than those relating to or essential for Fire Department purposes, to be placed or displayed in or upon the fire station, except by permission of the Mayor and Council.

Section 12. The Chief of the Fire Service shall be responsible for the prudent and economical use of gas, electricity, telephone, oil, gasoline, lubricants, and all other expendable property, and will permit no public property of the Department to be used for private purposes.

Section 13. The Chief of the Fire Service shall be considered to be on duty at all times. He shall arrange to maintain communication with the station at all hours, day and night, and to that end issue definite instructions to subordinates that he be promptly advised by such subordinates of the details of any matters requiring his active presence. Days off shall be an exception to the foregoing but such days off may be cancelled in case of emergency.

Section 14. The Deputy Chief of the Fire Service, when on duty, in the absence of the Chief of the Fire Service, shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Chief, and for the time being, shall possess all of the authority under the existing laws and regulations as have been laid down for the guidance and direction of said Chief.

#### VOLUNTEER OFFICES

Section 15. Volunteer Fire Fighting Officers while on active duty shall be vested with authority to act in accordance with Article 6, Section 20 through 23 of the Municipal Code of the City of Takoma Park.

AREAS OF SERVICE

Section 16. The Fire Department of the City of Takoma Park is directed to confine its fighting and emergency activities within the boundaries of the City, except as hereinafter provided:

- (a) Areas outside the City limits which are designated as special fire tax areas; and from which the fire tax is received by the City.
- (b) Areas outside the City limits which are compensating the City for the service of its Fire Department.
  - (1) Any area outside of the City may apply for fire protection by the City Fire Department. Upon approval of said application by the Council, and payment to the City of a sum of money amounting to at least seventeen cents (17¢) per annum for each hundred dollars assessed valuation within the area, the City will furnish the services of its Fire Department.
  - (2) All payments shall be based on the fiscal year of the City, and must be made prior to the adoption of the budget for that fiscal year, except that the Council may make adjustment of charges for services for less than a year.
- (c) Such calls as are necessary to comply with mutual aid agreements and civil defense requirements.
- (d) When in the judgment of the Chief of the Fire Service property within the City, or within areas above specified, are in immediate danger of damage by fire originating outside of such areas.

FIRE PREVENTION

Section 17. All of the provisions, rules, regulations and penalties as set forth in the Montgomery County Fire Prevention Code known as Chapter 86 of the Montgomery County Code (1965), together with all amendments thereto and hereafter, is hereby adopted by reference and is ordained by the Mayor and City Council to be the Fire Prevention Code of the City of Takoma Park and an Ordinance of the City the same as if it was physically incorporated herein, substituting the words "The Mayor and City Council" in all appropriate references to the words "County Council" or "County Manager" and the Fire Marshal of the City of Takoma Park is hereby empowered to enforce all the provisions, rules and regulations of the Fire Code within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland."

Attest: Belle Ziegler  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: George M. Miller  
Mayor