

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

April 10, 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 at 8:05 p.m. on April 10, 1967.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller
 Councilman Forshee
 Councilman Geib
 Councilman Kennedy
 Councilman McKenzie

Corporation Counsel Gingerich
 City Administrator Pridgen
 Fire Chief LaScola
 Police Chief Foster
 Director of Public Works Rhodes
 Building Inspector Williams
 Deputy City Clerk Ziegler

Excused: Councilman Jones
 Councilman Roth
 Councilman Turner

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

Mayor Miller called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 1967. Mrs. Simpson stated that she had understood the Resolution on Administration of Ordinance No. 1946 had been adopted to read that it would be "mandatory" upon members of the Citizens Advisory and Review Board, members of the Police and Fire Departments and other City employees to report violations of Ordinance No. 1946, whereas the Minutes stated that such individuals were "urged" to report such violations. After discussion, the correction was accepted. Councilman McKenzie stated that on page three the words "a man had recently been retained to clean the streets full time" should be changed to read: "a man had recently been retained to clean the streets his full time" as the man in question was not employed fulltime. The minutes were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting

1. The Honorable Joseph D. Tydings, United States Senator from Maryland: Thanking Mayor Miller for sending to him the resolution of the City Council supporting the proposition that the Federal Government should increase its payment to the Government of the District of Columbia, as a means of meeting District needs, rather than imposing an earnings tax on non-residents of the District of Columbia and stating that he agrees with this position. (Finance Committee)
2. Mr. David Fentress, Assistant National Relations Officer, Executive Department, State of Maryland: Requesting information as to the current status of the request by Mrs. John W. Pennifield, 7305 Takoma Avenue, City, that parking be limited to one side of Takoma Avenue and that a warning sign be erected at the corner of Takoma Avenue and Piney Branch Road. (Law Enforcement)
- 3., 4., & 5. Mr. William O. Dobbins, Planning Engineer, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Regional Office:
3. Z.A.P. A-7273, approximately 9,000 sq. ft., Southwesterly corner of New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Ave., C-1 to C-2 Zone, Fidelity Properties, Inc., Owner, Blair H. Smith, Attorney: (Civic Improvement)

Correspondence cont.

4. Z.A.P. A-7255, Lots 1 through 12 and Lots 20 through 24, Block 4, N. H. Gardens, northwest corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Kirklynn Avenue, 2.2229 acres, R-18 and R-55 to C-0 Zone, Harold Sterling, et al, Owners, De Blasis & Kahler, Attorneys: (Civic Improvement)
5. Z.A.P. A-7317, 10,200 sq. ft., Lot 7 Block 27, B.F.G. Subdivision, 6917 New Hampshire Avenue, R-55 to C-2 Zone, Woodrow & Vada Millard, Owners, Frank Mudd, Correspondent: (Civic Improvement)
6. Mr. Charles H. Gill, Jr., Director of Health and Welfare, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Requesting Mayor Miller to appoint a member of the City Council to the Health and Welfare Policy Committee of the Council of Governments: (Mayor Miller stated that he would make the appointment)
7. Mr. James E. Cina, Secretary, Police and Firemen's Association: Requesting the Mayor and Council to approve the salary increases as proposed in the recommended budgets of the heads of both the Police and Fire Departments. (Finance Committee)
8. Mr. James T. Brown, 6610 Westmoreland Avenue, City: Thanks for improved street lighting on Westmoreland Avenue; Commendation of Chief Foster; and request that pot holes in Westmoreland Avenue be repaired. (Public Works)
9. Mr. Richard H. Vogel, Consistory President, Trinity United Church of Christ: Inquiring if there are any City Ordinances that would apply to the installation and use or operation of a bell carillon system in a church building in a residential area. (City Administrator and Corporation Counsel)
10. Mr. H. Eugene Walker, Chairman, Board of Directors, Takoma Park Sister City Corporation: Request to use the building on the City-leased parking lot at Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues for the Corporation's Thrift Shop on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and possibly on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Councilman Geib)
11. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reichenbach, 7603 Wildwood Drive, City: Requesting permission to construct a driveway in their yard. (Public Works)
12. Mr. Robert A. Passmore, Acting Clerk, Montgomery County Council: Enclosing letter from Mrs. Eva McBride, 7006 Westmoreland Avenue, City, concerning tax abatements for the elderly and the condition of Westmoreland Avenue: (Finance)
13. Mr. Ellery Denison, 7207 13th Place, City: Copy of a letter sent by Mr. Denison to the Prince George's County Board of Commissioners asking that something be done about the condition of the property at Sligo Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue. (Civic Improvement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting:

See last page of these minutes.

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and announced that he wished to make a presentation to Councilman Kennedy, Vice-Chairman of the Fire Protection Committee in the absence of Councilman Turner, Chairman, excused due to illness. Reported that he, Chief LaScola, Capt. West, Lt. Jarboe and Mrs. Fire Prevention (Mrs. Diane Martin) had all gone to Annapolis to the Governor's Office for the presentation made by Governor Agnew of the Certificate which he was in turn presenting tonight to Councilman Kennedy. Presented the Certificate which read as follows: "National Fire Protection Association, International Certificate of Merit, Takoma Park, Maryland is hereby awarded 3rd

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place in the State of Maryland for outstanding activity in Fire Prevention. January 17, 1967." Congratulated all who had helped make the winning of this award possible.

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation proclaiming April 16 through May 13, 1967 as Clean Up! Paint Up! Fix Up! Time in Takoma Park and urged all to support and participate in this program.

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Boy's Club Month" in the City of Takoma Park and urged all citizens to support, participate in, and cooperate with the Takoma Park Boy's Club in bringing to the youth of the Community a well rounded program in recreational activity. Mayor Miller presented the Proclamation to Mr. Andy Buzik, former president of the Boy's Club, and bought the first car tag reading "Boy's Club - Takoma Park" in the campaign to support the diversified programs of the Boy's Club. Mr. Buzik stated that Mayor Miller has been very instrumental in the Club and has done an outstanding job for them in many ways.

Mayor Miller announced that the Cub and Boy Scouts from the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Pack and Troop #33 were selling tickets to the Boy Scout Circus. Mayor Miller bought tickets from Cub Scout Michael McCurdy of 7204 Holly Avenue and Boy Scout Chuch Powers of 7600 16th Avenue and presented both boys with Mystery Prize Certificates. Stated he hoped all the citizens would support this worthy cause. The Boy Scout Circus will be held at Cole's Field House at the University of Maryland on May 20th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mrs. Shirlee Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to making reporting of violations of Ordinance No. 1946 mandatory on any person, other than the Building Inspector.
2. Mrs. Joseph Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, City: Stated that her intention was to promote unity in the enforcement of Ordinance No. 1946, and if there was any dissention on this, she would be glad to withdraw her suggestion that such reporting of violations be made mandatory.
3. Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Stated that there was a street sign missing at the intersection of Aspen Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. Stated that he felt it would be impossible to enforce a mandatory reporting of violations of Ordinance No. 1946 and might make those who had been in favor of the Ordinance turn against it. Felt it was a good Ordinance, and would help the City.

Councilman Geib stated that Mrs. Simpson had had good reasons for her suggestion that reporting of violations be made mandatory and assured her that he would keep close watch on enforcement of this Ordinance. Mayor Miller stated that he felt that enforcement of the Ordinance would be up to the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspectors. City Administrator Pridgen reported that four reports have been made on possible violations of the Ordinance already, and that they were being checked by the Building Inspectors. Three of these reports have come from private citizens and one from a Councilman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie, Vice Chairman reporting

1. Street Lighting: Reported that the street lighting program authorized for the area bounded by Eastern, New Hampshire, Ethan Allen, Carroll and Laurel Avenues was complete now and many favorable comments have been received on the improved lights.

Public Works Committee, cont.

2. Clean Up Campaign: Reminded all of the special pick up dates of April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10 and of the new rules which will be in force this year.
3. Heather Avenue: Reported that Mr. Harold Messenger of 7818 Carroll Avenue has informed the Committee that two houses will be built on the unimproved section of Heather Avenue and the unimproved section of Heather Avenue will have to be paved up to Glengarry Place. Noted that it takes time to prepare a paving plan, and moved that Shepherd, Worthington and Associates be authorized to prepare a paving plan for the unimproved section of Heather Avenue up to Glengarry Place. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
4. Water System for Outside Library: Reported that water service systems were installed in six parks for watering azalea gardens. The Library grounds will also require an outside water system to water the azalea gardens at that location. This will not require a new water service, since we can connect to the main water pipe in the Library furnace room. Moved that the low quotation of Sickler Service of \$275.00 for installation of a 1" water service to the outside of the building and from this run a 3/4" water line in each direction, one end to terminate at the east end of the building and the other end at the southwest corner be accepted, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 19.303. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Westmoreland Avenue: Reported that the parking of cars on the Takoma Motor Co. parking lot in such a manner that they overhang the property next door has been going on for so long that it is now a non-conforming use and nothing can be done about it. Remarked that the City Administrator will speak to Company officials about keeping the sidewalk and grass free of gravel and oil.
2. 7010 Westmoreland Avenue: Reported that Mr. Williams is taking care of this and the retaining wall will be repaired.
3. Amendment to Article 21 - Private Pick-up Concerns: Reported that the Proposed Ordinance to amend Article 21 of the Municipal Code had had its first reading at the last meeting. Councilman Forshee noted that there had been some objection to requiring firms to obtain Maryland License Plates to operate in the City. Chief Foster reported that it was necessary to have Maryland tags if the concern picked up and deposited in Maryland. If the firm only picked up and did not deposit in Maryland and the trucks were not stationed in Maryland, they did not have to have Maryland tags. Moved that the proposed Ordinance be adopted with the deletion of the requirement for Maryland License Plates.

ORDINANCE NO. 1948

(See pages 8 and 9 of these minutes)

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. New Hampshire Avenue: Reported that the request for a traffic light at the intersection of Merwood Drive and a deceleration south bound lane have been studied. Now that both Hampshire Towers buildings are fully occupied, a traffic survey for

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signal control is desirable. Moved that the City Administrator request the State Roads Commission to make a study of the traffic, enclosing copy of letter from property manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. Takoma Avenue: Reported that the Minutes of the meeting of March 13th give the reasons that Mrs. Pennifield's requests had been denied and requested that a letter of explanation quoting from these minutes be sent to Mr. David Fentress whose letter requesting information as to the current status of Mrs. Pennifield's requests had been read earlier during this meeting.

3. Aspen Avenue: After considerable discussion of the merits of making Aspen Avenue a snow route versus the merits of prohibiting parking on one side of the street at all times, it was decided that with several Councilmen excused at this meeting, to let the matter wait for the next meeting.

4. Police Cruiser: Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1949

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on April 7, 1967 for a police cruiser, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by the Monroe Ford Company, Inc. Silver Spring, Maryland for one 1967 Four Door Black Sedan, meets all specifications of the Police Department, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to the Monroe Ford Company, Inc. in the net sum of ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,635.00), AND

SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized upon delivery of the new Ford Sedan to transfer title to Monroe Ford Company, Inc. on one 1965 Four Door Chevrolet Sedan, known as Police Car No. 5, Serial No. 154695Y-143529, Title L648987, AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to account No. 11.113.

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

5. Parking Meters: Discussion of the request for the installation of 2 or more 10 minute parking meters in front of Daly Cleaners on Carroll Avenue ensued, and it was decided to await the City Administrator's report and suggestions for a meter replacement program before reaching a conclusion.

6. Personnel: Remarked that it was with deep regret that he must report the resignation of Detective/Sergeant Rodney T. Ingels, effective April 30, 1967. Moved that the resignation be accepted with sincere regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried. Remarked that Sgt. Ingels had accepted a position with the Montgomery County Police Department and had noted in his letter of resignation that the County Department has an internal training program for scheduled advancement that involves a college educational program, paid for by the County.

Law Enforcement Committee, cont.

Reported that through the Public Safety Committee of the Council of Governments it was hoped to work out a way of making such a program available to members of the Takoma Park Police Department.

7. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of PFC Ray Williams, effective April 15, 1967, be accepted with regrets. Remarked that with the letter from the Police and Firemen's Association and the two resignations of men who had been so long with the City, felt the need for careful study of what can be done to enable men to stay with the Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

8. Personnel: Moved that the resignation of Lucian H. Herron from the Special Police Force effective May 1, 1967 be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

9. Personnel: Moved that Mr. Jay R. Crider of 5315 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville be given a probationary appointment to the Police Department effective April 16, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

10. Personnel: Moved that Mr. William J. Glenn of 1006 Elm Avenue be given a probationary appointment to the Police Department effective April 16, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

11. Personnel: Moved that Mr. J. R. Forbes of 7001 Poplar Avenue, City be given an appointment as a Special Police Officer for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

12. Commendations: Read a memo from Chief Foster personally commending Detectives Ingels and Flanagan for their fine work on the bank robbery which took place at the Suburban Trust Company on March 19th. Remarked that their work led to the arrest of four suspects and moved that the City Administrator be directed to write letters of commendation from the Mayor and Council to Detectives Ingels and Flanagan. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Resolution on Administration of Ordinance No. 1946: Reported that since Mrs. Simpson had so graciously agreed that she would withdraw her suggestion that reporting of violations of this Ordinance be made mandatory, moved that the Resolution be amended to read as originally printed in the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

2. Parking Lot Building: Reported that since the Sister City Corporation is a City project, moved the Corporation be permitted to use the building as they have requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried. Requested the Director of Public Works to have the building cleaned up and painted outside if possible.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

1. North Central Freeway: Councilman Geib moved that the Council not retract its support of the North Central Freeway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

No report at this time.

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FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy, Vice Chairman reporting

1. Firehouse: Councilman Forshee moved that the Board of Election Supervisors be authorized to use the firehouse as a polling place in the Special Election June 13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones excused, No report

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones excused, No report

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session April 24, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1948

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

SECTION 1. THAT Article 21 of the Municipal Code of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland (1961) be amended by the addition of the following Sections:

Section 20 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation other than a duly constituted governmental agency to collect and/or transport any refuse on or over any public street, except designated State Highways, within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, except as provided further in this Article; provided that this shall not prohibit a person, firm or corporation from transporting his own refuse and none other to an approved municipal incinerator, dump or sanitary land fill.

Section 21 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of collecting or transporting refuse within the City without first obtaining a permit from the City Treasurer. Application for such a permit shall be made to the City Treasurer on or before the first day of May of each year on such forms and contain such information as he may prescribe.

(b) No permit to engage in the business of collection or transportation of refuse in the City shall be issued until the applicant complies with the following conditions:

(1) Maintain an office within the Metropolitan Area of Washington, D. C., where business may be conducted with the permittee and serviced by a business telephone listed in the telephone directory by trade name.

(2) Deposit and maintain with the City Treasurer a cash or surety bond in a minimum amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Such bond may be forfeited by the City Administrator upon failure of the permittee to comply with specific provisions of this Article, Sections 6, 7, 11, 14, 17, 20, 21, and 22.

(3) Pay to the City Treasurer an annual registration fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each and every vehicle to be used in the collection or transportation of refuse within the City.

For each vehicle so registered the City Treasurer shall issue a registration record containing the name of the owner, the description and serial number of the vehicle and the current number of the license plates. There shall be furnished by the City a metal refuse collector's tag containing the registration number and the date of expiration, such tag to be attached by the registrant to the rear of such vehicle in such manner as to be readily visible. Such registration record and tag may not be transferred to another vehicle without prior approval of the City Treasurer.

(4) No vehicle shall be registered until it has been inspected by the Director of Public Works and Inspections or his duly authorized representative and found to be equipped with a suitable metal body, not to exceed seven feet in height, designed for the collection of refuse, constructed so that fluid will not leak, drip or escape from the confines thereof, and shall have a suitable tightly fitting cover, which cover shall be in place excepting when loading or unloading.

Section 22 It shall be the responsibility of those persons, firms or corporations permitted under Section 21 of this Article to engage in the collection of refuse within the City to operate in accordance with the

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following provisions:

- (a) Remove all rubbish in containers, bundles or otherwise packaged for disposal from every point of pickup, plus cleanup of spillage by the collector at pickup point and along the route to the truck from the point of pickup.
- (b) Maintain regular service in accordance with a written or oral contract and provide prior notice for the discontinuance of service for any cause.
- (c) Furnish to each customer an identification card, showing the trade name, principal business address, telephone number and regular office hours of the collector.
- (d) Provide alternate service in the event of mishap or breakdown of regular equipment.
- (e) Maintain the vehicle body so as to prevent leakage of contents and use required covers to prevent refuse from blowing or otherwise escaping from the confines of the vehicle.

Section 23 Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of Sections 20, 21 and/or 22 of this Article shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each such offense or by confinement in the county jail of the county in which the offense occurs for not more than thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation of the provisions of aforesaid Sections continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense. In addition thereto, the City may institute injunctive, mandamus or any other appropriate action or proceedings at law or equity for the enforcement of aforesaid Sections or to correct violations of this Article, and any court of competent jurisdiction shall have the right to issue restraining orders, temporary or permanent injunctions or mandamus or other appropriate forms of remedy or relief.

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective on May 1, 1967 and the Takoma Park Police Department is hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance on May 1, 1967 and thereafter.

Attest: Belle Ziegler
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: George M. Miller
Mayor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting:BANK BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1967SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1967	\$ 116,101.22	
*March Receipts	<u>76,872.27</u>	\$ 192,973.49
March Disbursements		<u>96,397.77</u>
Balance as of March 31, 1967		<u>\$ 96,575.72</u>

*Includes \$50,000.00 Treasury Bill matured 3/31/67

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1967	\$ 2,426.76	
No transactions during March	<u>---</u>	\$ 2,426.76
Balance as of March 31, 1967		<u>\$ 2,426.76</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1967	\$ 9,585.73	
March Receipts	<u>86.73</u>	\$ 9,672.46
Balance as of March 31, 1967		<u>\$ 9,672.46</u>

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

Balance as of February 28, 1967	\$ 1,148.66	
No transactions during March	<u>---</u>	\$ 1,148.66
Balance as of March 31, 1967		<u>\$ 1,148.66</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of February 28, 1967	\$ 12,500.80	
March transfers from General Funds	<u>49,739.26</u>	\$ 62,240.06
March Disbursements		<u>44,767.02</u>
Balance as of March 31, 1967		<u>\$ 17,473.04</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 28, 1967	\$ 125.85	
No transactions during March	<u>---</u>	\$ 125.85
Balance as of March 31, 1967		<u>\$ 125.85</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

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

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
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>\$144,340.24</u>	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>

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

April 24, 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 8:05 p.m. on April 24, 1967.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Geib	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Jones	Lt. Porter, Police Department
Councilman Kennedy	Deputy City Clerk Ziegler
Councilman McKenzie	
Councilman Roth	
Councilman Turner	

Excused: City Administrator Pridgen

The Invocation was rendered by Reverend Theron Snyder of Trinity United Church of Christ.

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk Ziegler reporting

1. Mr. Vernon E. Koch, Chief, Division of Budget, Montgomery County: Requesting information concerning City's Fire Tax rate of Fiscal Year 1967-68. (Finance)
2. The Honorable Gladys Noon Spellman, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Prince George's County: Invitation to Mayor Miller to attend a meeting with Governor Agnew, State Senators, County Commissioners, Chairmen of State Delegation and other Mayors of Prince George's County on April 26th. (Council Files)
3. Mr. D. R. McBride, Secretary, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.: Inquiry as to the official status of the City Fire Board: (Fire Protection)
4. Mrs. Rosalie K. Nuebling, Vice President, Awards Presentations, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge: Notification that the Foundation is attempting to set up the presentation of the George Washinton Honor Medal award to the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee at the annual 4th of July Celebration: (Takoma Park Independence Day Committee)
5. Mr. Philip W. Mason, Architect, 1107 Spring Street, Silver Spring: Concerning proposed addition to Library: (Special Library Committee)
6. Pastor R. A. Wilson, Columbia Union College: Expressing his pleasure at being requested to give invocation on several occasions for City Council meetings: (Council Files)
7. Mr. W. W. Brown, City: Inquiry into whether construction at 6708 Westmoreland Avenue is following requirements: (Public Welfare)

Correspondence, cont.

8. Mr. Edward T. Stevenson, 306 Elm Avenue, City: Complaint concerning conditions at 307 Elm Avenue: (Public Welfare) (Fire Protection)
9. Mr. Freeman D. Slye, Special Police Officer: Resignation from Special Police Force with regrets because of pressure of business: (Law Enforcement)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Azalea Month" in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland. Spoke of the hard work of the Azalea Committee in the past 5 years since the program was started, noting that they have planted thousands of cuttings of azaleas, planted plants in the parks, held Azalea Shows, Clinics and plant sales. Felt that as the years pass and the plantings mature, the results will be more than worth while. Noted that the program is a long term one and hoped the Committee would continue its fine work and would be able to find other interested citizens to help them. Stated that the program had been started way ahead of other local programs inspired by Mrs. Johnsons' interest in beautification and that the citizens and the Mayor and Council owed the Committee a debt of gratitude. Remarked that the Azalea beautification program had the support of the Mayor and Council and hoped that any other Mayor and Council in the future would feel the same.

Mayor Miller read a Proclamation proclaiming May 1, 1967 as "Law Day" in Takoma Park and urged all citizens to observe it and to realize that freedom entails duties as well as privileges.

Mayor Miller announced that at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, there would be a ceremony in honor of the Reverend Virgil Taylor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church who has served the congregation for the past 29 years. Mayor Miller spoke of the fine work and leadership Reverend Taylor has provided for so many years and moved that a Resolution be prepared and a suitable plaque engraved to present to Reverend Taylor. The motion was unanimously seconded and duly carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. Andrew Buzik, 216 Grant Avenue, City, Past President, Takoma Park Boys Club: Announced that the Boys Club Auto Tags have been received and presented Mayor Miller with tags.
2. Mr. William Pringle, 8403 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Stated that the present condition of Wabash Avenue is deplorable and requested that it be improved. Stated that in bad weather it is impassible. Spoke of the run-off problem from the sloped terrain and apartment roofs in the vicinity and of the need for catch basins. Noted that there is only a sanitary sewer and no storm drainage for the street. Stated that the steep grade is a problem, but felt that a solution to this could be found.
3. Mr. McGinnis, 8321 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Requested that Wabash Avenue be improved and stated that it is virtually impassible at present. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Public Works Committee.
4. Mr. J. J. Jeffas, 7600 Hammond Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to part of Z.A.P. A-7255, stating that he did not oppose the rezoning of lots 1 through 12 from R-18 to C-0, but that he was very much opposed to rezoning lots 20 through 24 from R-55 to C-0. Referred to the remarks made by Commissioner Spellman concerning Z.A.P. A-6173 (which application was disapproved) which abuts lots 20 through 24: "I think it is obvious that this neighborhood in question is a very fine residential area, and the granting of C-0 zoning for the subject property would bring about encroachment of a commercial nature which would do great violence to the community."

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Public Participation, cont.

5. Mr. Jack Sapienza, 7605 Hammond Avenue, City: Spoke in opposition to part of Z.A.P. A-7255, stating that he opposed the rezoning of lots 20 through 24 from R-55 to C-0. Stated that this property is adjacent to his and that there has been no change in the neighborhood to warrant the rezoning. Felt that there is plenty of office space available and vacant in the area and that there would be no buffer between this commercial use and the residential property.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 1967. Councilman Kennedy moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTSFIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Equipment: Reported the need for a new typewriter and noted that the General Conference office has a 1963 IBM electric typewriter available for \$185.00. Moved that \$185.00 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to account No. 11.213 for the purchase of this typewriter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
2. Equipment: Moved that the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase three 10 ft. Alcolite Aluminum Ladders, style no. FL-10 for a total of \$225.00, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 11.213. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
3. Wheaton Rescue Squad: Reported that over the past few years the City has had a great deal of service from the Wheaton Rescue Squad. Remarked that the Squad is not tax-supported. Felt that so much generous service to the City should be recognized and moved that as a token of appreciation, a donation of \$500.00 be given to the Wheaton Rescue Squad. To accomplish this purpose, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1950

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

SECTION 1. THAT whereas the Wheaton Rescue Squad has continually served residents of the City in rendering emergency first aid and transporting patients to hospitals beyond City boundaries,

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND and paid to the WHEATON RESCUE SQUAD in consideration of its service.

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

4. 6708 Westmoreland Avenue: In reference to Mr. W. W. Brown's letter read earlier in the meeting concerning the construction taking place at this address, reported that it has been checked into and all requirements of the BOCA Code are being followed and that it has the required amount of exits and has been inspected by the Prince George's County Building Inspector. Also noted that the proper zoning and building permit are present.

Fire Protection Committee, cont.

5. Air Conditioning: Felt that it would be impracticable to install air conditioning in Fire Department Equipment as it is of the open type. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.
6. Smoke Situation - Maple Avenue Apartments: Reported that a defective boiler at the Takoma Winchester has been replaced and requested the item be removed from the agenda.
7. Article 4: Requested a letter be sent to the Volunteer Fire Department enclosing a copy of Ordinance No. 1943 and also a letter to the President of the Volunteer Fire Department requesting that dates be set up at their convenience for meetings on suggested changes to Article 4. Inquired whether it would not be better to discuss the tabled amendment to Section 3 of Article 4 at these meetings. There being no objection, it was so decided and requested the item be removed from the agenda.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Bell Carillon: Reported that the Corporation Counsel states that there is no City Ordinance forbidding the installation and use of a bell carillon and that the Council has no objections. Moved that the City Administrator transmit a letter to Mr. Vogel of Trinity United Church of Christ so informing him. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
2. Housing for the Elderly: Reported that he has had several calls regarding this and wished to report that the City has received no correspondence in regard to rezoning for this purpose.
3. Citizens Advisory and Review Board: Reported that a meeting of the Area Chairmen had been held on April 19th and felt that it was a very fine group. Reported that 10 letters have been sent to property owners requesting them to bring their property into conformity with Ordinance No. 1946.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Home Improvement Contest: Requested that the suggested home improvement or beautification contest be transferred to the agenda of the Civic Improvements Committee.
2. Equipment: Moved that the purchase of a small heavy duty power lawn mower for the parks department be authorized for a price not to exceed \$140.00, funds to be transferred from a/c 19.302A to a/c 19.303. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Library Expansion: Reported that a meeting was planned for next week and he hoped to have members of the Library staff present to discuss this.
2. Donation: Reported that Our Lady of Sorrows Parish has donated a set of the New Catholic Encyclopedia to the Library and requested a letter be sent from the Mayor and Council to Father Begley acknowledging the gift and thanking them.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

No report at this time.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Parking Meters: Reported that it was felt that granting the request for 2 or more 10 minute limit parking meters in front of Daly Cleaners would open the door for many more such requests and also felt that it would be impossible to enforce such a 10 minute limit. Moved that the request be denied and a letter of explanation be sent to the person making the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
2. Aspen Avenue: Requested that the Maple Avenue Snow Emergency Ordinance be checked to determine whether Aspen Avenue could be added to it by amendment.
3. Equipment: Moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to purchase 6 three-unit lockers for the storage of equipment as well as for evidence being held for court purposes for a cost of \$316.44, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 11.113. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
4. Personnel: Reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Pvt. R. R. Hibbs who has accepted a position with the Montgomery County Police Department. Moved that the resignation of Pvt. Hibbs effective April 30, 1967 be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried. Councilman Jones requested Lt. Porter to check on the fringe benefits offered by the various local Police Departments to find out how they differed from those offered to members of the Takoma Park Police Department.
5. Personnel: Remarked that Mr. Freeman D. Slye's remarks on the Police Force were certainly very much appreciated as expressed in his letter of resignation read earlier in the meeting. Moved that Mr. Slye's resignation as a Special Police Officer be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried. Moved that in recognition of Mr. Slye's long tenure and fine spirit of service a plaque be prepared for presentation to Mr. Slye. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. 6708 Westmoreland Avenue: Remarked that the Fire Protection Committee had taken care of this.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Driveway: Reported that the request to build a driveway at 7603 Wildwood Drive was really a request to be permitted to build it under some special circumstances. Remarked that the Committee would be glad to have them construct the driveway under the standard conditions as any other construction would worsen the drainage problem on their lot.
2. Pot Holes: Reported that the pot holes in Westmoreland Avenue will be taken care of as part of the special work on the streets in late spring or early summer.
3. Grasmere Place: Reported that the plans for the nursing home are going ahead and the Committee feels it should wait to see how the nursing home's and Pepco's interests will affect the plans for the use of Grasmere Place and hoped to have a report on this later on.
4. Ritchie Avenue Right of Way: Reported that this is moving along and they have requested a plan be started for the actual location of the street, but they wish to await the completion of the new apartment building before reconstructing Ritchie

Public Works Committee, cont.

Avenue because of the heavy trucks and equipment now in use there.

Councilman Kennedy reported that he was disturbed by the article "Firemen's Autonomy Near End" in the April 20th issue of the Sentinel. Mayor Miller referred the matter to the Council as a Whole for consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on May 8, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Belle Ziegler
Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

George M Miller
Mayor

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