

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

October 9, 1967

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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| Mayor Miller        | Corporation Counsel Gingerich       |
| Councilman Jones    | Fire Chief LaScola                  |
| Councilman Kennedy  | Police Chief Foster                 |
| Councilman Geib     | Director of Public Works Rhodes     |
| Councilman McKenzie | Recreation Director Zeigler         |
| Councilman Roth     | Assistant Corporation Counsel Schap |
| Councilman Turner   | Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith        |

Excused: Councilman Forshee  
City Administrator Pridgen

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on October 9, 1967, at 8:03 p.m.

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

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 25, 1967, Councilman Kennedy moved that the Minutes be approved as submitted. Councilman McKenzie seconded the motion and it was duly carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

See last page of these Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

1. A. E. McDonnell, 240 Manor Circle, City: Requesting two "no parking" signs be installed in the public alley behind his property; one sign placed close to the west side of his building and the other at the point where the alley narrows. Junk cars with dead tags have been parked there in the past which obstructed entrance to his building as well as causing a fire hazard. (Law Enforcement)
2. Jorge Bird, (President of International Lions Club), 209 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601: Invitation extended to Mayor Miller to attend a Symposium on the FUTURE OF THE CITIES to be held October 16th through 18th in San Juan, Puerto Rico jointly sponsored by the Lions International and the University of Puerto Rico. (Finance Committee) (Takoma Park Lions Club)
3. David B. Gratz, Chairman, Board of Directors, International Fire Administration Institute, Box 135, Silver Spring, Maryland: thanking the Mayor and City officials for sending Fire Chief LaScola to the pre-conference seminars held in San Francisco. (Fire Protection Committee)
4. Mrs. N. W. Waters, 7019 Poplar Avenue, City: Requesting approval for shields on the street lights at 7100 and 7012 Poplar Avenue to prevent glare in bedroom and porch. (Public Works Committee)

Correspondence, contd.

5. Resolution No. 6-634, Rita C. Davidson, Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County, Maryland: advising that a new public hearing will be conducted on Z.A.P. E-631, 22,837 sq. ft., Lot 17, Bl 5, B.F.G., 305 Hilltop Rd. - R-60 to R-10, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital owners. The new time and date are 2:00 p.m. on November 29, 1967. (Corporation Counsel) (Civic Improvement Committee)

6. Hampshire Motor Inn, 7411 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: reporting an accident which occurred in front of their Motel on September 21, 1967 and concluding it was a direct result of there being no provision for an automobile to make a left turn when entering their motel from the south-bound lane of New Hampshire Avenue. Requesting some provision be made so an automobile can execute the turn in safety. (Law Enforcement Committee)

7. Spencer P. Ellis, Director, State Liaison Officer, Department of Forests and Parks, State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland: Reminding the City that the 1968 allocation of fiscal 1968 apportionment from the Land and Water Conservation Fund is available to the political subdivisions for the remainder of fiscal 1968 and for one fiscal year thereafter and completed applications for these funds must be submitted on or before December 31, 1967. Completed applications for fiscal year 1967 funds must be applied for prior to December 31, 1967. (Parks and Recreation Committee)

8. Helen L. Voss, Chairman, Committee on Suffrage and Elections, Constitutional Convention of Maryland, State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21401: Requesting the Mayor's comments and/or opinions on a proposal that would apply voting qualifications established in the Constitution to Municipal elections. Issues involved are for municipalities to (1) impose a residence requirement not in excess of one year; (2) to extend suffrage to non-resident property owners; (3) setting dates of municipal elections so that all such elections would be held at the same time. (Council as a whole)

9. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park, City: copy of letter to Montgomery County Constitutional Convention Delegation registering a strong protest to Section 7.14, the "virtual rendering of municipal government into the hands of county government". (Council Files)

10. Mr and Mrs. Thomas Branch, 5 Columbia Avenue, City: Copy of letter to Constitutional Convention Delegates opposing Section 7.14: feels that when she has a problem it is not difficult to make it known to City officials due to proximity of their location; states the present Mayor and Council are serving the Community very well. (Council Files)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

1. Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Vice-Chairman, Citizens Advisory and Review Board: Submitted and gave a progress report on the Board's activities and requested the Mayor and Council to thoughtfully and aggressively respond to some of the ideas put forth with all due expediency. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Simpson for a very fine report.

2. Elliott McGinis, 8321 Sligo Creek Parkway, City: Requested City to do something to improve the road conditions of Wabash Avenue in his vicinity. Asks that the road be made passable into his property. Since last Spring, rains have made it worse. No storm sewers have been put in and water rushes in and makes the road completely impassable by car. In case of emergency, no ambulance could get in close enough to render aid. In order to reach his property, must trespass on an adjoining property.

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Public participation contd.

3. Mr. William Pringle, 208 Domer Avenue, City. Spoke of problems on Wabash and mentioned that oil trucks cannot reach house in order to service oil furnace for winter heating of house. They would need a hose at least 200 feet long in order to do so. Would have to get lumber up to the house in order to make repairs and not possible to reach house by truck. It represents a fire hazard as no fire trucks could get close enough to the house to do it any good. No fast traffic is possible. Wabash is inaccessible to workmen. Felt problem could be 75% solved if could get some crushed stone and strike it down with tar and have it graded so water will go down. Requested relief.

4. Mrs. Frances MacLeod, 8108 Flower Avenue, City. Requesting the Public Welfare Committee defer action to have her house demolished (violation of City fire code and ordinances) as she has filed suit for an injunction to halt City action today (11 October 1967). She was advised to seek legal counsel and present her evidence to him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.FINANCE COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones, Vice-Chairman reporting

1. Personnel. Reported that Mrs. Anna J. Atwood of the City Office has proven her capability during the last twenty months and upon the recommendation of City Administrator Pridgen and Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Smith moved that Mrs. Atwood be promoted to the classification of Cashier-Asst. Bookkeeper at the starting salary of \$5,000.00 per annum under the Merit Plan retroactive to October 1, 1967. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Impoundment of 1960 Plymouth and 1950 Ford. Councilman Kennedy requested this item be removed from the agenda inasmuch as the former automobile was violating Municipal Code Article 36, Section 1(b) "no person shall store or park an automobile or motor vehicle not having current license plates displayed thereon ... for more than 30 days" and the latter automobile was violating Ordinance 1890 which says "it shall be unlawful to park, store or leave any vehicle of any kind in a wrecked junked or abandoned condition...upon any privately-owned property in violation of the Zoning Ordinance". There being no objection, it was so ordered.

2. Lincoln and Jackson Intersection. Noted that in the Committee's opinion, flashing lights (previously requested for the intersection of Lincoln and Jackson Avenues) will not cause motorists to stop or be more cautious. He mentioned that he, Councilman Kennedy, as well as Chief Foster of our Police Department had tested the intersection at speeds as high as 35 miles per hour and found it to be completely safe. Felt that making Lincoln Avenue in two directions would increase the hazard, especially in icy weather. Recalled that after the last accident at this intersection, the accident investigating officer discovered that the speedometer of the wrecked car was locked at 70 miles per hour. Suggested this item be referred to the Public Works Committee and a study of the feasibility of removing from 12 to 15 inches of the crown on the upper section be made before further consideration of the matter. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

3. Snow Removal Requirements: Requested this item be transferred to the agenda of the Council as a Whole Committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Committee Reports continued

4. Motorola Monitor Radio. Reported that the Police Department was in need of a new monitor radio and had been using one belonging to Justice of Peace Magnus on a trial basis all summer. He is willing to sell it for \$100.00. Moved that the purchase of this radio for the sum of \$100. be authorized, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account 11.113. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.

5. Signal Lights for Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues. Reported that motorists looking at the traffic light are blinded by the bright morning and evening sun at this intersection. A survey made by the Hawkins Electric Co. had also found the span wire to be old and rusty. They suggest installation of twelve inch - 116-watt signals to overcome sun glare and relocation and installation of new poles and span wire and installation of walk lights on the sidewalk. Requested that the Director of Public Works make a study of the cost of these changes and get a report on this.

6. New Hampshire Avenue: Requested the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to transmit a letter to the Hampshire Motor Inn informing them of the State Road's Commission's action on the request made by the Hampshire Tower Apartments for a left-turn storage lane in this area.

7. Street Light Shields: PEPCO has been requested to install shields as requested by letter read earlier in meeting.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman McKenzie reporting:

1. Report on 8108 Flower Avenue, City. Reported that bids for demolition of the house were requested August 28th. At the September 25th Council Meeting the owner was allowed 2 more weeks in which to comply. An inspection was made today. The yard has been partially cleaned up; there is yet material to be cleaned up; the garage is secured. Moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1975 - (See next page of these Minutes)

2. Trash Pickup. Notices were distributed concerning the Fall Clean-up wherein there will be special pickups. Collection days are 11 and 25 October 1967 and citizens are asked to separate the combustible from non-combustible items in order to facilitate processing.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting

1. Municipal Gymnasium: Reported that the recommendations of the consulting engineers, (J. B. Wyble and Associates) on the renovation of the Municipal Gymnasium have been received. Felt the first items to have done are the plumbing and heating as the walls and floors must be entered to do this work. Moved that Mr. Wyble be requested to draw up specifications for the replacement of the heating boiler and to prepare specifications for the renovation of the plumbing system in accordance with his recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried. Requested copies of Mr. Wyble's recommendations be sent to all the Council for consideration of his further suggestions.

2. Boston Avenue. Reported that the tree limbs and shrubs hanging over the sidewalks along the school playground to Takoma Avenue have been trimmed by the Public Works Department and requested the item be removed from the agenda.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 1975

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

- SECTION 1. WHEREAS, on June 12, 1967 by Ordinance No. 1957, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park designated the building located at 8108 Flower Avenue within the City of Takoma Park, situated on part of Lot 6, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, within the City of Takoma Park, as unfit for human habitation, a public nuisance and a dangerous hazard to the public welfare and authorized legal procedure for condemnation under Article 13, Municipal Code (1961) and Section 16, Chapter 86, Fire Prevention Code of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland AND
- SECTION 2. WHEREAS after Public Hearing pursuant to Ordinance No. 1957 having been held and the Mayor and Council having found after Hearing that the said building located at 8108 Flower Avenue is unfit for human habitation, a public nuisance and a dangerous hazard to the public welfare, AND
- SECTION 3. WHEREAS under the provisions of Ordinance No. 1964, adopted by the Mayor and Council on July 24, 1967, the Director of Public Works was authorized to solicit and receive at least three sealed bids to demolish the house or building located on 8108 Flower Avenue part of Lot 6, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, within the City of Takoma Park and to remove all debris, weeds and underbrush from said location, AND
- SECTION 4. WHEREAS the bids were properly obtained and reported to the Mayor and Council, AND
- SECTION 5. THAT the low bid contract be awarded for the demolition and removal of the house building on said part of Lot 6, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, within the City of Takoma Park be awarded to Reilly the Wrecker, Division of Julian C. Cohen Salvage Corporation, Bladensburg, Maryland, in the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700.00), AND
- SECTION 6. FURTHER THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer be hereby directed to assess the cost of the demolition as authorized by this Ordinance No. 1975, and all other costs incident thereto against part of Lot 6, Block 54, B. F. Gilbert's Subdivision, within the City of Takoma Park, presently identified as Tax Record a/c 89650, E. M. and F. L. MacLeod, recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, and to collect such assessment in the same manner as City Taxes are collected by authority of the City Charter.

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

Public Works Committee continued

3. Wabash Avenue. Councilman Roth indicated that the City would consider keeping the upper end of Wabash Avenue in a minimum state of repair, such that a fire truck or oil truck would be able to gain access to the two houses located on the unimproved portion of Wabash Avenue.
4. 8 Sherman Avenue. Reported that the outside woodwork of the building is in need of painting. Three bids for this work have been received. Moved that the low qualified bid of the Painting Specialists for \$625. be accepted, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 10.812B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
5. Sidewalk - Maple and Sherman Avenues, City. Moved that the Director of Public Works be authorized to have Shepherd, Worthington and Associates draw up a plan for the construction of this sidewalk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. Constitutional Convention. Councilman Turner complimented Mayor Miller for a vigorous representation of our City at the Annapolis Constitutional Convention, specifically in protesting Section 7.14 - and for answering questions on municipalities. Noted Mayor Miller was asked to come back in the afternoon for more testimony and stated that he hoped that the people of Takoma Park realize that the City is being ACTIVELY represented.
2. Police School. A student from Bahia, Brazil is attending this police school that is presently being conducted by the Police Department. Only 12 schools in the State of Maryland meet the requirements of the Police Training Commission, and Takoma Park is one of them. The Police Academy has a 160-hour curriculum of four weeks duration. Commended Chief Foster for doing a terrific job.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Reported that many complaints have been received about the used furniture store at this address. Moved that letters be transmitted to Prince Georges County and the Park and Planning Commission and include pictures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
2. 108 Grant Avenue. Moved that Mr. Gingerich look into the matter and advise what action can be taken. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. No report at this time.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE - Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Ordinance 1940. Reported that it was felt no change in this Ordinance governing abandoned grocery carts was in order. Requested the item be removed from the agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m., to reconvene in Regular Session on October 23, 1967 at 8:00 p.m.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting -

BANK BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1967

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1967	\$ 139,885.82	
September Receipts	\$ 285,063.69	\$ 424,949.51
* September Disbursements		323,612.26
Balance as of September 30, 1967		\$ 101,337.25
* Includes purchase of \$203,100.70 Treasury Bills		

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1967	3,395.86	
September Receipts	1,901.46	5,297.32
No disbursements during September		- - -
Balance as of September 30, 1967		5,297.32

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1967	9,767.43	
No. Disbursements during September	- - -	9,767.43
Balance as of September 30, 1967		9,767.43

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

Balance as of August 31, 1967	1,170.66	
No. Disbursements during September	- - -	1,170.66
Balance as of September 30, 1967		1,170.66

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of August 31, 1967	10,904.11	
September transfers from General Funds	58,629.39	69,533.50
September Disbursements		56,104.78
Balance as of September 30, 1967		13,428.72

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1967	125.85	
September Receipts	491.37	617.22
No disbursements during September		- - -
Balance as of September 30, 1967		617.22

PETTY CASH FUND

Balance as of September 30, 1967		200.00
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U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES

	<u>COST</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Due for Maturity 3/31/68	48,733.26	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 4/30/68	48,465.14	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 5/31/68	48,257.50	50,000.00
Due for Maturity 6/30/68	57,644.80	60,000.00
	\$ 203,100.70	\$ 210,000.00

Attest: Rodney L. Smith  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: George M. Muller  
Mayor

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

October 23, 1967

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Excused: Councilman Roth  
City Administrator Pridgen

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland convened in Regular Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on October 23, 1967 at 8:06 p.m.

The invocation was rendered by Father Roy McNair, Trinity Episcopal Church.

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

Mayor Miller called for corrections or additions to the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 9, 1967. Councilman Kennedy pointed out that on Page 3, Item 2, under LAW ENFORCEMENT, should read as follows:

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting

2. Lincoln and Jackson Intersection. Noted that inasmuch as the crossing has 4-way stop signs, in the Committee's opinion, flashing lights (previously requested in the intersection of Lincoln and Jackson Avenues) will not cause motorists to stop or be more cautious. He mentioned that he, Councilman Kennedy, as well as Chief Foster of our Police Department have tested the intersection at speeds as high as 35 miles per hour and found the hump in the intersection would not cause the car to leave the road at this speed. Felt that making Lincoln Avenue in two directions would increase the hazard, especially in icy weather. Recalled that after the last accident at this intersection, the accident investigating officer discovered that the speedometer of the wrecked car was locked at 70 miles per hour. Suggested this item be referred to the Public Works Committee and a study of the feasibility of removing from 12 to 15 inches of the crown on the upper section be made so as to minimize the aforesaid hump. There being no objection, it was so ordered. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

The City of Takoma Park Fire Department sponsored a Poster Contest for Elementary School children in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (October 15 through 21, 1967). Group I composed students in Grades 4 through 7 and Group II, grades 1 through 3. Billy Singleton, Age 11, 5th grade of J. Enos Ray School won first place in Group I (a 3-speed Hercules Bicycle). Frank Schieb, age 11, 5th grade, John Nevins Andrews School won second place, (an 8-transistor portable radio).

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Group II winners included Edda Osborne in first place, age 5, First grade, Our Lady of Sorrows School (a model of the Fire Department Ladder Truck) and in second place, Duncan Henderson, age 8, 3rd grade (a model of Fire Department Pumper). Mayor Miller was very pleased with the efforts expended on these posters and the interest and cooperation shown as evidenced by the large number of posters entered in the contest. He thanked all of those who participated.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- 1. Prince Georges County Municipal Association, Box 276, College Park, Maryland: Announcing their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 1967 at 8 p.m. in the Hyattsville Municipal Building. Election of officers will be held and present activities of the Maryland Constitutional Conventional will be discussed.
- 2. President's Council on Youth Opportunity, 733 Fifteenth Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. stating audio-visual materials are available to us on a loan basis concerning the Youth Programs held in various cities this past Summer. Felt they would be helpful to us in planning and programming youth activities for the coming year.  
(Parks & Recreation) (Public Works)
- 3. National League of Cities, City Building, 1612 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. inviting members of the executive and advisory committee to attend the next meeting which will be held in New Orleans on Monday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 5, 1967.  
(Finance Committee)
- 4. Allen Bowen, Hillwood Manor Citizens Association, 1209 Elson Place, City: requesting two street lights be installed, one to be placed on PEPCO Pole # 836744 (opposite house number 7102 14th Avenue) and the second light on PEPCO Pole # 37128 (opposite 7100 14th Avenue).  
(Public Works Committee)
- 5. Wilfred E. Strange, 6308 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C. Letter commending Miss Georgia Spence (Crossing Guard) and Police Officer Carl Thorogood (Takoma Park Police Force) for quick action that prevented a child from being run over, on October 3rd at the intersection of Philadelphia Avenue and Birch Street.  
(Law Enforcement) (Personnel Files)
- 6. Mrs. Virgil W. Jackson, 400 Browning Avenue, City: Requesting a "one-way" sign be installed at the corner of Grant Avenue and Hancock Avenue in order that automobile drivers will not make an improper turn onto a one-way street.  
(Law Enforcement)
- 7. Mr and Mrs. Allen T. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, City: concerning volume of automobile traffic on Maple Avenue between Philadelphia Avenue and the District line. Felt the lower Maple Avenue apartment complex generates additional traffic; that when the new Park Ritchie apartments are completed, they will augment traffic. Would welcome stricter enforcement of speed laws. Suggested lowering speed limits and placing speed signs in her residential neighborhood.  
(Law Enforcement)
- 8. Petition from: Mrs. Maurice Bumgardner, Mr. James Bumgardner, Robert A. Stevens, Mrs. Bea Stevens, Mrs. Ann L. Hutchison, Karen Hutchinson, Stanley D. Rasberry, Judith Rasberry, of the 400 block of Lincoln Avenue, City: feels we should have a City Ordinance against burning leaves as this causes air pollution, especially in the Fall.  
(Civic Improvement) (Public Works)

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience.

Mayor Miller proclaimed the week of October 23 as SISTER CITY WEEK in honor of our Sister City, Jequie, Bahia, Brazil. Pointed out that October 25 is SISTER CITY DAY and called upon all citizens to support and participate in this People-to-People Program to help build better understanding and friendship between our foreign lands.

Mayor Miller also proclaimed October 20 through 26 as CLEANER AIR WEEK in cooperation with the Montgomery Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association pointing out the hazards of air pollution to health and welfare, particularly the relationship to respiratory diseases and called upon all citizens to cooperate with this worthwhile endeavor.

Mayor Miller spoke of the passing on Saturday night of Mrs. Helen Cook, wife of retired Justice of Peace George Cook, long time residents of Takoma Park and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that the Mayor and Council learned of the passing of Mrs. Helen Grandfield Cook, the beloved wife of Mr. George Cook, on October 21, 1967, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Cook was a native of Washington, D. C. moving to Takoma Park in 1923 with her husband, George A. Cook, retired owner of the Takoma Letter Shop and Justice of Peace in Takoma Park, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Cook gave unselfishly of her time and energy to the betterment and enrichment of the community in which she lived, and

WHEREAS, she was past president and long time member of the Lay Committee of the Associated Health and Welfare Agencies of Takoma Park, a member and past regent of the Constitution Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of Chapter G, P.E.O., past president and life member of the District of Columbia WCTU, member and past president of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Woman's Society, long time member and Sunday School teacher of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, volunteer worker for the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross Home and Canteen Service and took an active interest and part in many other civic affairs, and

WHEREAS, she was distinguished by her warm personality, unfailing courtesy, neighborly affection, remarkable patience and her eagerness to be of assistance to people in all walks of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council, in behalf of the officials and employees of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, as well as the citizens of this community, that we do hereby extend to the members of her family this expression of heartfelt sympathy in the great loss that they, in common with the community, have suffered through her death, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City and that a suitable engrossed copy of this resolution be prepared and sent to the members of the bereaved family.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

1. Ellery Dennison, 7202 - 13th Place, City: Commended the Mayor and Council on the City Newsletter. Introduced the new President of the Hillwood Manor Citizens Association, Mr. Jerry Bowen. Spoke regarding the unsightly conditions of the used furniture store at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Stated the Citizens Association is willing to meet with anyone to improve these conditions.
2. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, City: Spoke in regard to the intersection of Lincoln and Jackson Avenues. Felt that flashing lights would be noticed more than stop signs. In regard to making Lincoln one-way, felt warning signs would be possible, such as "two-way traffic ahead". Stated that it works on high-speed highways and should work on Lincoln Avenue. Felt consideration should be given to what is best for the most people. Spoke of vandalism in the Christena Rhodes Memorial Garden at Hodges Field. Plants have been uprooted and a retaining wall broken down. Mayor Miller requested the Police Department to keep a watch on for such vandalism and stop it.
3. Nathaniel White, 7515 Alfred Drive, City. Stated he had lived at this address for the past four years and complained that City services had deteriorated: no fire inspections, nor police protection for the past two years; no street sweeper for over a year; road crew did little work. Mayor Miller referred his complaint to the Public Works, Fire Protection and Law Enforcement Committees.

COMMITTEES:FINANCE COMMITTEE - Councilman Forshee, Chairman

1. Proposed Resolution - Charter Amendment - Borrowing Powers of the City. Reported that the proposed Resolution had been given a 1st reading on August 28th, had been printed in the Minutes of that date (August 28th, 1967) and has been available for study since then. Moved the adoption of the following ordinance: (See Pages and ). The Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilman Forshee, Councilman Geib, Councilman Jones, Councilman Kennedy, Councilman McKenzie, and Councilman Turner. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Roth.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues - report on signal lights: Reported that the Committee felt that the light at the corner is a definite hazard. It is very difficult at certain times of the day to tell which light is red and which light is green. A report has been received from the Hawkins Electric Co. The Law Enforcement Committee is very much interested in having this signal light brought to a point where it will safeguard both pedestrians and drivers. Asked the Director of Public Works to obtain a formal quotation from the company as to the cost of improvement.
2. Parking Meter: Reported that two years ago a parking meter on Westmoreland Avenue had been removed to allow Paul's Electric Co. to install a driveway. This was done, but so far, Paul's Electric Co. has not built this driveway. Recommended replacement of the parking meters.
3. Westmoreland and Walnut Avenues. Reported that complaints have been received concerning excessive speed of motorists coming down the Westmoreland hill. Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance: (see next page)

ORDINANCE NO. 1977

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

SECTION 1. THAT all motor vehicles traveling SOUTHEAST on Westmoreland Avenue shall be brought to a complete stop before entering the intersection of Westmoreland Avenue and Walnut Avenue, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect a STOP SIGN at the NORTHWEST corner of Westmoreland Avenue at Walnut Avenue, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by the Municipal Code (1961) governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

4. Commendation for Crossing Guard. Councilman Turner commended Miss Frances K. Jones, (Crossing Guard at Ray Drive and Piney Branch Road) and requested that a letter of commendation be forwarded to her.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman McKenzie - Chairman

No report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman McKenzie, Vice-Chairman

1. Lincoln and Jackson Intersection. Reported that it would not be feasible to remove a portion of the crown as it was kept as low as possible when the street was resurfaced and the asphalt was put over concrete. To make the crown lower, the intersection would have to be torn out.
2. Carroll and Flower Avenues Drainage Problem. Investigation showed that there is no catch basin to carry the water away (which comes mostly from the Greenwood Avenue side of the street). During winter nights, the intersection freezes over. Noted that both streets are under the jurisdiction of the State Roads Commission. The matter will be checked into further.
3. Municipal Gym. Moved that J. B. Wyble and Associates be authorized to prepare plans and specifications and assist in obtaining bids for 1,000 NBH input gas-fired heating boiler to heat the entire building and install new 2-inch copper water service, new flush-type fixtures, new copper pipe to all fixtures, plus two 1-1/2 inch hose connections and new lighting fixtures as well as electric hand dryers for each wash room in the gym. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
4. Anne Street. Reported that since Giant Foods has finished the sidewalk along their, Giant's, property, they will now landscape this section.
5. Wabash Avenue. Completed the job of making Wabash Avenue passable as far as the two occupied houses.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. Fire Department Vehicle. reported that the low bid of \$2463.00 from Takoma Motors, Inc. was the lowest of three bids submitted for a new vehicle for the Fire Department. Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1978

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 publically opened for a Fire Department car, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by the Takoma Motors Co., Inc., Takoma Park, Maryland for one 1968 Ford Custom four-door sedan, meets all specifications of the Fire Department, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to the Takoma Motors Co., Inc., in the net sum of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$ 2463.00), the aforesaid being the net amount after a trade-in allowance of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) for a 1961 Falcon Station Wagon, AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to assign to Takoma Motors Co., Inc., Title No. J 436575 for 1961 Falcon Station Wagon, Serial No. 1T225-173711, AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section Three of this Ordinance be transferred as follows: TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$ 2463.00) from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.213.

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

2. Aerial Ladder Truck Motor. Chief LaScola reported that the motor had been placed in the Aerial Ladder Truck and would probably be back in operating condition by the end of this week. Stated a letter has been written to the Seagrave Corp. inquiring whether or not they would be interested in buying any or all of the motor that had been taken out because of a hole in the block.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Reported that the Corporation Counsel had checked into the matter and reported that no violations of the zoning ordinance had been found. Representatives of the health, building and electrical, Park and Planning Commission and others are checking to determine whether or not there are any violations of any county ordinances. Suggested that some of the Community Improvement Committee Members meet with Mr. Roberts in an effort to obtain his cooperation in improving the appearance of the business.

2. 108 Grant Avenue. Reported that he has been advised the property has been sold and that the new owner intends to raze the building, remove debris and clear the lot.

3. Z.A.P. No. A-7255; Harold Sterling, et al, owners; DeBlases and Kahler, attorneys; Lots 1 through 12 and Lots 20 through 24, Bl 4, N.H. Gardens Subdivision, 2,2229 acres, R-18 and R-55 to the C-0 Zone: Moved that the mayor and council adhere to their original recommendation transmitted to the Planning Board on September 8, 1967.

Z.A.P. No. A-7255 continued.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and adopted by a five-to-one vote with Councilman Turner dissenting.

4. Reassessment. Councilman Geib read a letter from Mr. Duvall (Montgomery County Supervisor of Assessments) which supported the reassessments made earlier this year. Mayor Miller stated that the City Office is checking the number of reassessments that have been lowered. Councilman Geib moved that a letter be transmitted to Mr. Duvall after completion of the City Office study. The matter was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

5. Violations of Ordinance No. 1946. Moved that the cases of violation of Ordinance No. 1946 at 7034 Carroll Avenue, 122 Park Avenue and 114 Grant Avenue be referred to the Corporation Counsel for further action. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones, Chairman

1. Jeque Park Shelter Roof. Reports have been received of children tearing off roof shingles from the Park Shelter. Numerous times the Public Works Department has replaced these shingles. Public Works Director, Mr. Rhodes, was instructed to set up specifications and obtain bids for a green fiberglass corrugated roof which will blend in with the surroundings.

2. Reproduction Machine for Library. A request has been received from Mrs. Rita Robinson (Librarian), for acquisition of a reproducing machine to be installed in the Library for a trial period of 6 months. Council was asked to study the suggestion and report their findings at the next meeting.

3. Halloween Party. The annual Halloween Party will be held Tuesday, October 31st, at the Takoma Park Jr. High School. There will be costume contests from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m., with prizes galore, free refreshments, clowns, etc. The dance will be from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. with music furnished by the ADMIRATIONS.

4. Antique Show and Sale. A very successful Antique Show and Sale was held on Sunday, October 22nd, on the Takoma Park Library grounds with approximately 500 visitors and 22 exhibitors. The Show was co-sponsored by the Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Antique Seminar Group with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. McGuire co-ordinating the affair. After expenses have been deducted, the balance (which will be approximately \$30.00), will be donated to the Recreation Department's illuminated bulletin board fund. The Sister City Corporation also had an exhibit of articles from Takoma Park's Sister City, Jeque, Bahia, Brazil, in honor of SISTER CITY DAY which is October 23rd.

Maple and Philadelphia Avenues. Reported on the traffic pattern at the intersection of Maple and Philadelphia Avenues and Maple Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway. While the center line is being painted on Maple Avenue, directional arrows will also be painted similar to those at Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue. Signs saying RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT have been ordered and will be placed at these intersections.

Grant and Hancock Avenues. Director of Public Works, (Mr. Rhodes), reported that there are already two signs at this intersection which read ONE WAY, DO NOT ENTER. Further, an arrow sign indicating One-Way traffic will be installed.

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 1976

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

That the following Resolution adding a new section to the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition as Amended) and the Prince George's County Code (1963 Edition as Amended), said new section to be known as Section 49-7 (l) in the Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition as Amended) and to follow immediately after Section 49-7 (k) of said Code and Section 74-9 (1) of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Edition as Amended) to follow immediately after Section 74-9 (k) of said Code, to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds or notes by the City of Takoma Park, be and the same is hereby adopted to become effective on the 23rd day of October 1967;

*SECTION 1. The mayor and council of the City of Takoma Park shall have the power to borrow money for any proper public purpose and to evidence such borrowing by the issue and sale of its bonds or notes, including tax anticipation notes, in the manner and on the conditions hereinafter prescribed. The word "bonds" as used herein shall be interpreted to include notes.*

*SECTION 2. All such bonds shall be authorized by ordinance of the mayor and council, which ordinance shall contain the following:*

- (1) A statement of the public purpose for which the proceeds of such bonds are to be expended.*
- (2) The complete form of said bonds, which shall include the place or places and time or times of payment thereof, the rate or rates of interest payable thereon, or space for the insertion of such rate or rates of interest upon the determination thereof, the titles of the officials whose signatures shall be affixed to or imprinted thereon, the authority for the issuance thereof, and the taxes and any special revenues from which the principal of and interest on said bonds will be payable.*
- (3) The form of the notice soliciting bids for the purchase of said bonds which shall set forth the date, place and time for receiving and opening bids and a brief description of the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are to be issued, a brief description of the denominations, maturities, terms and conditions of said bonds, a statement of the rate or rates of interest to be borne by said bonds or the manner of determining the same, a precise statement of the manner in which the best offer for said bonds will be determined and a reference to the resolution authorizing the same. Said notice of sale may also require prospective purchasers to submit bids on specified forms, may require such prospective purchasers to accompany their bids with good faith deposits in specified amounts, may make appropriate provisions for approval of the legality of such bonds, and may contain a financial statement of the mayor and council. The foregoing provisions which may be included in such notice of sale may also be separately set forth in a circular or official statement.*
- (4) Specific provision for the appropriations and disposal of the proceeds of sale of said bonds and a specific provision for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon, which such provision shall also specify the source or sources of such payment. Such ordinance may contain such other provisions, not inconsistent with this section as the mayor and council may deem appropriate or desirable, including authority to make such modifications in the forms adopted by such ordinance as will not alter the substance of such forms.*

SECTION 3. An Ordinance so authorizing any such bonds may also provide:

(1) That the principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable at one or more banks or trust companies, which may be either within or without the state.

(2) That the official signatures and seals to be affixed to any such bonds or the coupons, if any, attached thereto, except on such official signature, which shall be manually affixed, shall be imprinted on said bonds or coupons in facsimile.

(3) That any such bonds shall be redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the mayor and council at any time prior to the respective maturities thereof at such price or prices, either at or above the par value of such bonds as the mayor and council may prescribe in the enabling ordinance, provided that any such bonds shall contain a statement of such redemption provisions and provided further that such enabling ordinance shall make provision for due and proper prior published notice of any such redemption.

(4) That any such issue of bonds shall be in varying denominations and shall be in coupon form, registerable as to principal only, or in fully registered form, or both, provided that, if both forms are authorized, the same shall be interchangeable.

(5) That, in the event any official whose signature shall appear on any such bonds shall cease to be such official prior to the delivery of such bonds or, in the event any such official whose signature shall appear on any such bonds shall have become such after the date of issue thereof, said bonds shall nevertheless be valid and binding obligations in accordance with their terms.

(6) That the taxes or other revenues, or both, from which the principal of or interest on any such bonds are expressly made payable, may be paid in whole or in part to a bank or trust company designated by the mayor and council, for administering and disbursement pursuant to a trust instrument between the mayor and council and such bank or trust company.

SECTION 4. The mayor and council shall not authorize the issuance of any tax anticipation notes maturing later than 18 months from their respective dates of issue, nor the issuance of any general obligation or revenue bonds maturing later than 40 years from their respective dates of issue.

SECTION 5. The mayor and council in its discretion may sell any bonds whose issuance is authorized by this section, by private negotiation, provided the terms of such sale by private negotiation are more favorable to the city than any of the competitive bids received. Whether such bonds are sold upon competitive bids or by such private sale, the sale may be for less than the par or face value of such bonds. No bonds issued hereunder shall bear interest at a rate in excess of 5% per annum on the par or face value thereof.

SECTION 6. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed or construed to impair the terms and conditions of any bonds or other obligations of the City of Takoma Park issued prior to the effective date of this section.

SECTION 7. The authority conferred by this section shall be in addition to other applicable authority, including the provisions of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, and the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park shall be entitled to exercise all of the powers therein contained, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

Attest: Rodney L. Smith  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: George M. Miller  
Mayor

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