

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

January 8, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller (arrived late)	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Forshee	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Geib	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Jones	Assistant Building Inspector Wollner
Councilman Kennedy	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman McKenzie	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilman Roth	Deputy Chief Fickes, Fire Department
Councilman Turner	Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland convened in Executive Session in the Council Room at #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on January 8, 1968 at 8:09 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Roth called for corrections or additions to the Minutes of the last Meeting held on December 11, 1967. Councilman Turner requested the Minutes be corrected as follows. Page 2, Item 1. under Fire Protection Committee: third sentence should read: " He has been a Volunteer member since March 9, 1949 and has performed his duties very well."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

See Last Pages of the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

1. Peter A. Menedis, President, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. thanking Mayor and Council for honors bestowed upon their fire-fighting members at their December 13, 1967 meeting. Pledges their continued support in prevention and suppression of fire in the Takoma Park area. (Council Files)

2. H. B. Batchelor, 508 Albany Ave, City. feels improvements have been made in the unsightly appearance of the building and grounds at 7511 Carroll Avenue. Would be interested in acquiring the city-owned alley known as Grasmere Place if the City should decide to abandon it - he could improve the appearance of this area as well as controlling erosion on his property. (Public Works and Public Welfare)

3. Major Samuel R. Foster, Chief of Police, City. commending Officer Grant A. Starkey of the Takoma Park Police Force for quick action that saved the life of a child. On December 20th at 8:00 p.m., an anxious mother carrying an infant approached him and asked if he knew what was wrong with her child. The child had stopped breathing. He immediately gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and called an ambulance. By the time the ambulance arrived, the infant was breathing. (personnel files)
4. Eleanor M. Miller, Burlington Hotel, Vermont Ave. at Thomas Circle, Washington, D.C. commending Private Starkey on successfully reviving little Lisa Duncan who had stopped breathing and was turning blue. Feels this officer was more than magnificent and is a real credit to the Takoma Park Police Force. (personnel files)
5. Takoma Motor Co., City. thanking the Police Department for the excellent police work that resulted in recovering two of their cars which had been stolen. (Police Department files).

Mayor Pro Tem Roth read a proclamation signed by Mayor Miller proclaiming the week of January 7, 1968, as MONTGOMERY JUNIOR COLLEGE week in the City of Takoma Park in recognition of their exceptional achievement and outstanding community service.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. City Fire Department Rules and Regulations. Councilman Turner requested that Chief LaScola furnish the Mayor and Council copies of the present Rules and Regulations for the City Fire Department with proposed changes pointed out.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. Possible high rise apartment building for low income families on Carroll Ave. Mr. Wolfe, President of the Senior Citizens Association, has requested a meeting with the Mayor and Council for Monday evening, January 15, 1968 to discuss the matter.
2. Z.A.P. A-7317, 6919 New Hampshire Ave, R-55 to C-2 Zone, hearing December 15, 1967. Reported that the Prince George's Board of Commissioners, sitting as a District Council, approved the C-0 Zone for this property. Councilman Geib moved that the decision be appealed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
3. Federal Grant for Beautification Program. reported that Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Geib, and Mrs. Inga Derato are making plans to request matching funds from the Federal government for our Takoma Park Beautification Program. The application should be ready for submittal within the next four or five weeks.
4. Request for lease on park land to Prince George's County Board of Education. requested this item be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Committee agenda.
5. Request for open space land to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. A letter was written to Mr. Hewitt and we are awaiting a reply on this matter.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. Library Expansion. reported that in order to proceed with the expansion of the building, either a Special Exception or Abandonment of the small section of Park Avenue behind the Library would be necessary as the building would encroach on the present dedicated right-of-way for this street. Stated that he would obtain the necessary plans from the Architect to apply for a Special Exception, which should take less time to obtain than abandonment. Moved that the necessary funds be

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appropriated to apply for the Special Exception and any special surveys needed for it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Reserve Funds. Reported that he had studied the use of the Reserve Fund for the current fiscal year. Seventy-four thousand dollars has been authorized leaving a balance of thirty-seven thousand dollars plus which has not been earmarked. Certain expenses should be spread over several years. Noted that a new trash truck will be needed next year and the present hook and ladder truck should be replaced in four or five years. Moved that a sum of \$10,000 be set aside towards purchase of a ladder truck in a Special Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried. Councilman Turner requested that the revenue prospects of the State of Maryland be looked into insofar as they may affect the City's state-shared funds. Councilman Forshee stated that he would attempt to get such information as is available.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Results of bids for new Police Department automobiles. Moved the following Ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 1985

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 January 4, 1968, for two new Police Cruisers, to replace Car #4, a 1965 Ford Ranch Wagon and Car #7, a 1964 Chevrolet sedan, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT A LOW NET bid has been submitted by Takoma Motor Company of TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,087.00), (\$2,937.00 less trade-in allowance of \$850.00) and tax exemption for Car #4 to meet all specifications for use as a Police Cruiser, AND
- SECTION 3. THAT A LOW NET bid has been submitted by Takoma Motor Company of TWO THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$2,020.00), (\$2,545.00 less trade -in allowance of \$525.00) and tax exemption for Car #7 to meet all specifications for use as a Police Cruiser, AND
- SECTION 4. THEREFORE the contract for purchase is hereby awarded to Takoma Motor Company in the net sum of FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS (\$4,107.00) for the replacement of the two Police Cruisers, AND
- SECTION 5. THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to assign to Takoma Motor Company the title of a 1965 Ford Ranch Wagon bearing Serial No. 5N71C166477 and the title of a 1964 Chevrolet sedan bearing Serial No. 41169Y126200, AND
- SECTION 6. THEREFORE the funds as specified in SECTION 4 of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Budget Account No. 11.113 for this appropriation.

The Ordinance was seconded by Councilman Jones and a ROLL CALL vote was recorded as follows: Councilman Forshee, Geib, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused: None.

2. Parking Lot at Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues: Reported that the problem of people using this parking lot as a short cut, thus endangering pedestrians, has been thoroughly studied by the Committee and the Chief of Police and Director of Public Works. Moved that the Ethan Allen Avenue entrance to the parking lot be closed off, and the Director of Public Works be authorized to install two or more steel posts across the entrance, connected with an appropriate barrier, such as a bar painted white with red stripes to be clearly visible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.
3. Request for more frequent patrols in Alfred Drive area. Reported that the Police Department is making regular patrols in this area and requested this item be removed from the agenda.
4. Parking Meter Survey. Councilman Jones stated that he felt a study was needed of the parking meters presently in use as many are old, do not work properly, and should be replaced. Also noted that there might be locations which need parking meters and do not presently have them. The consensus of the Council was that 5¢ and 10¢ meters would likely be required in some areas now served by penny meters, but felt the designations as to types of meters should be made by a firm experienced and expert in making these decisions. Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to contact one or more of the parking meter companies and have them make a modern survey for replacement of the existing meters or the worn out meters and their proper location. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
5. Alley behind Manor Circle. Considerable discussion took place of the parking problem in this area. Councilman Forshee requested that a plan of this area be drawn up to clarify the situation.
6. Commendation. Councilman Kennedy moved that a fitting commendation be prepared for Private Starkey expressing the Council's appreciation for his splendid humanitarian action and use of special knowledge gained in his police training in reviving a child whose breathing had stopped. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was duly carried.
7. Commendation. Councilman Kennedy moved that the Council commend the Police Department for the fine work of recovering the two stolen vehicles from Takoma Motors so quickly. Councilman Geib seconded the motion which was duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. March 1968 Elections. Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1986

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City Clerk shall call a meeting of the citizens for the nominations for Mayor and Councilmen at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 1968, at the Municipal Center in the Fire House at the corner of Philadelphia and Carroll Avenues. The said meeting shall be conducted as prescribed in the City Charter, AND

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- SECTION 2. THAT there shall be a City Election to elect a Mayor and seven Councilmen at the Fire House between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1968. The said Election shall be conducted by means of Voting Machines, and as nearly as practicable all laws and regulations governing the use of Voting Machines in elections in Montgomery County shall apply to the use of Voting machines in the said City Election, AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the City Clerk shall make arrangements with the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery County for the use of eight Voting Machines at the said City Election, and shall arrange to have placed on each Voting Machine the names of all candidates nominated at the Citizens Meeting on March 12th, except any who may within three days thereafter have filed with the City Clerk his refusal to have his name so placed, AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk shall cause a notice of the Citizen's Meeting and the City Election to be inserted in the Suburban Record and the Prince George's Post the last week in February and the first week in March. He shall also cause the insertion in the Suburban Record and the Prince George's Post, the third week in March, of a facsimile of the arrangement of the names and words on the Voting Machines, AND
- SECTION 5. THAT the City Clerk shall prepare cards bearing the names and addresses of all voters certified by the Board of Election Supervisors of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and shall furnish such cards to the judges and clerks of Election, AND
- SECTION 6. THAT the City Clerk shall recommend to the Council the names of eighteen persons for designation by the Council as judges and clerks of Election, AND
- SECTION 7. THAT the City Clerk, with the assistance of the Chief of Police, shall see that the City Election is conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the City Charter, AND
- SECTION 8. THAT the Judges of Election shall meet in the City Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue as a Board of Election at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, 1968 and shall determine and certify the results of the Election, as provided in the City Charter. The Council shall meet in Special Session to receive the Certification from the Judges at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 1968.

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

2. Staggering Terms of Councilmen: Suggested that consideration be given to making the terms of the council staggered. The Corporation Counsel mentioned that a Charter Amendment would be necessary to change the present system. The Deputy City-Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the Council as a Whole.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth

(Mayor Miller on arriving from a Kiwanis meeting which he had been invited to address, assumed the Chair).

1. Use of Salt on Icy Streets. reported that this is working much better than sand as it keeps the streets clear.

Mayor Miller commented that William ("Pop") Hunter of 7412 Holly Avenue has celebrated his 90th Birthday on January 5th. Mayor Miller spoke of Pop Hunter's poetry and philosophy and of the inspiration he has been to so many people. Mayor Miller moved that a Resolution of Congratulations be adopted and that this Resolution be taken to him by the Mayor's Council. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on January 22, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lodney L. Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

George M. Miller
Mayor

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1967

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1967	\$ 30,926.50	
December Cash Receipts	<u>82,496.33</u>	\$ 113,422.83
December Cash Disbursements		<u>96,109.94</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 17,312.89</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of November 30, 1967	\$ 10,949.66	
Transfer from General Fund	<u>58,695.17</u>	\$ 69,644.83
December Cash Disbursements		<u>56,118.88</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 13,525.95</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1967		\$ 5,381.44
December corrections - Add		<u>29.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 5,410.44</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1967		\$ 9,881.38
Transfers to General Fund		<u>9,800.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 81.38</u>

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

Balance as of November 30, 1967		\$ 1,367.27
December - no transactions		<u>- 0 -</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 1,367.27</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1967		\$ 19,593.54
Transfers to General Fund		<u>19,500.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 93.54</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1967		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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<u>U. S. TREASURY SECURITIES</u>		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>
Due for Maturity	1/31/68	\$ 49,484.33	\$ 50,000.00
Due for Maturity	2/15/68	49,203.42	50,000.00
Due for Maturity	2/29/68	49,096.25	50,000.00
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
TOTAL -		<u>\$ 350,884.70</u>	<u>\$ 360,000.00</u>

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 22, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Corporation Counsel Gingerich
 Police Chief Foster
 Fire Chief LaScola
 Director of Public Works Rhodes
 Assistant Building Inspector Wollner
 City Administrator Pridgen
 Recreation Director Ziegler
 Deputy Chief Fickes, Fire Department
 Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Smith

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Regular Session in the Council Room at #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland on January 22, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

The invocation was rendered by Dr. William Loveless of the Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The Mayor 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 January 8, 1968. Councilman Kennedy moved the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Mrs. Elaine Rockman, 7105 Carroll Avenue, City. Commending Officer Starkey on saving the life of little Lisa Duncan by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Also commended those responsible for this officer's training.
 (Law Enforcement) (copy in Officer's Starkey's file)
2. Mr. Robert M. Bor, President, Takoma Park Junior High School - PTA, City. Requests City arrange construction of sidewalks along Grant Avenue from school until point where the civic center is to be constructed.
 (Public Welfare) (Councilman Turner)

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3. Mr. John P. Hewitt, Director of Parks, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Regional Headquarters Building, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Stating the Montgomery County Planning Board disapproved the request for transfer of title to certain lands in Sligo Creek Park Unit 1 in view of the fact that this section of the park system was acquired with Federal funds under the Capper Crampton Act and any disposal of property would require a declaration of surplus and approval of the National Capital Planning Commission. The Commission does not feel that it is justified in declaring this land surplus. The Planning Board did, however, agree that if the City of Takoma Park wished to prepare a development plan which is acceptable to the Commission, it would give serious consideration to authorizing the City of Takoma Park to proceed with the improvements. (Civic Improvement) (Parks and Recreation)

4. Mr. John Pellant, President, Arts Forum of Prince George's County, 4803 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland 20840. Inviting Mayor Miller and associates to attend the January Panel discussion on Friday, January 26, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the new Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission building on Kenilworth Avenue. The topic will be "The County Government's Responsibility for the Cultural Life of the Community". (Parks and Recreation)

Dr. Loveless stated that on behalf of the citizens in his area he wished to express their appreciation for the fine services rendered during the past year by the City and specifically by the Public Works Department in salting and sanding the streets during the winter snows as well as the prompt and efficient collection of trash.

Mayor Miller thanked Dr. Loveless for taking time from his busy schedule to render the invocation and thanked him for his kind words of appreciation concerning services furnished the Community of Takoma Park by the City. Remarked that Dr. Loveless is a leading minister in our City and has been doing a fine work with the youngsters of our City.

Mayor Miller stated that he wished to express his appreciation to all the citizens who had written letters to the delegates to the Maryland Constitutional Convention especially the Committee on local government. Felt the Committee did an outstanding job; since the old Constitution was at least a hundred years old, felt the new one was long overdue.

Presentation. Mayor Miller presented Mr. George MacFarlane with an Honorary Citizens Certificate in view of his interest in and support of the Takoma Park Library. Mr. MacFarlane thanked Mayor Miller for inviting him to the Council meeting and offered his services to the Community. Presented Mayor Miller with a copy of the 1967 U. S. Department of Agriculture Yearbook "Outdoors USA" to present to the Library, if he so wished.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

1. Dr. Stephen Hiten, President, B. F. Gilberts Citizen's Association, 7 Hickory Avenue, City.

(a) Spoke concerning plans to discuss public opinion on Radio Station WGTS especially in view of coming elections. Stated he has been working on a Program Guide and plans to give half an hour every Sunday (from 8:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.) to this program. Invited the Mayor and Council to participate in radio interviews and discussions from time to time. Felt this would do much towards letting the Community of Takoma Park know what the City government is doing.

(b) Stated that at the last meeting of the B. F. Gilberts Citizen's Association they had discussed the excellent work that has been done by the City, such as the police work, zoning, fire house and public works. Stated the Association has only the highest praise for what the Mayor and City Council have done in behalf of our Community and that they sincerely beseeched the Mayor and Council to make themselves available for another term of office.

Mayor Miller's Comments. Thanked Dr. Hiten and the B. F. Gilbert's Citizens Association for their kind words of appreciation. Remarked that the work is non-partisan and in the history of the City there has never been political graft or greed on the part of any member elected to office.

2. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, City. Wishes to "second the emotion" expressed by Dr. Hiten that the Mayor and Council run for re-election. Stated they have her full support.

3. Mrs. Margaret Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue, City. Stated she was in agreement with Mrs. Ferry's comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. Suggested Changes in Fire Department Rules and Regulations. Stated this matter will be reviewed at the next Executive meeting.

2. New Equipment. In going over the needs of equipment of the Fire Department, it was noted that there is a great need for a new portable pump. During the winter months, when there is an accumulation of rain and snow, many basements in the older homes in Takoma Park fill with water and owners telephone the Fire Department for assistance in pumping out this water. The present pump is limited to 50 gallons of water per minute whereas a new Homelite Portable Pump will deliver 125 gallons per minute. In addition, the new pump can be operated by one man, thus saving many man hours. Further, it does not need priming. Councilman Forshee made the motion that the City purchase a new Homelite Portable Pump, Model No. LSP 2-115/1-1 at a cost of \$399. and a 25-foot section of 2-inch hose, making a total cost of \$426.29, funds to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 11.213. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

3. Annual Fire Prevention Contest. Each year the Fire Prevention Committee of the National Fire Prevention Association holds a contest to encourage interest in fire prevention activities. This year a total of 1,608 entries were received from contestants throughout the United States and Canada as well as military bases overseas. Takoma Park received an award of second place and Takoma Park will again receive the T. W. Venemann Trophy which is awarded each year by the Maryland State Fireman's Association to one of its member departments throughout the state of Maryland, having the highest rating in the Fire Prevention Contest. Much time and effort went into the preparation of the scrapbook and the Fire Department was most appreciative of contributions made by Privates Robert D. Jarboe and Gibson E. McKenzie, Jr. of the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. Pvt. Jarboe worked diligently on the layout of pictures for the scrapbook and did the special lettering of all titles. Pvt. McKenzie, Jr. portrayed Sad Sam the Clown at various Fire Prevention engagements such as schools, parades, TV appearances, etc. Sad Sam gets his name from the fact that he is distressed over the great number of fires and the fact that people get killed in fires.

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Mayor Miller commended the Fire Department on doing a fine job on the Rules and Regulations and commended the Fire Prevention Committee on the scrapbook. Felt they both deserve a big vote of applause.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. Possible high rise apartment for low income families on Carroll Avenue. On Monday evening, January 15, 1968, the Mayor and Council met with Mr. Wolfe, concerning his plans for a high rise apartment building on Carroll Avenue for low income families. It was pointed out to Mr. Wolfe that before his project can be considered, he will have to file for rezoning.

2. Request for Open Space Land to Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Pointed out that although our request for transfer of title to certain lands in Sligo Creek Park Unit 1 had been disapproved by the Montgomery County Planning Board, there exists the possibility of presenting a development plan which, if acceptable to the Commission, would permit the City of Takoma Park to proceed with recreational improvements of this land. However, it is not considered feasible from a financial standpoint to develop the entire area. Therefore, Councilman Geib moved that the City Administrator, Mr. Pridgen, write a letter to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission saying that the City has decided that at this time only the Triangle area between Carroll Avenue and Old Carroll Avenue should be developed. It was further suggested that a plan for the development of the Triangle Area be submitted at the same time as the letter. Councilman Kennedy seconded this motion which was duly carried.

3. Improvement of Park Area. Councilman Geib moved that we request the Park and Planning Commission to improve the park area in Takoma Park the same as they did in Silver Spring. This would include cleaning out the underbrush and extending the foot path to New Hampshire Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

4. Federal Grant and Beautification Program. Stated that the forms are on hand and the Committee is at the point of justifying the funds and will meet with Mr. Pridgen on the funds and then should be in a position to present a program to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

5. Building Permit. Announced that the county had issued a building permit for the proposed Nursing Home on Old Carroll Road.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. Recreational Council Meeting. Announced there will be a Recreational Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 1968, and that representatives from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission will be present.

2. Recreation Council Meeting. Mayor Miller urged all Councilmen to attend the Recreation Council Meeting, stating it was an important meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Councilman Forshee reporting

No report at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Mobile Radio Unit. Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1987

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Police Department is in need of a Mobile Radio Unit, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Police Chief be authorized to purchase one (1) model U51-LHT-1100 Motrac Mobile Unit with all accessories from Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. in the net amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTS (\$770.75), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 2. of this Ordinance be transferred from the accounts in the Police Department budget, to be determined by the Police Chief and the City Administrator, to Account 11.113.

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. Sight/Sound Training Program. Stated that the Office of Law Enforcement Assistance of the U. S. Justice Department, in cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police is offering a Sight/Sound Training Program to law enforcement agencies. Since our police force has less than 100 full-time employees, this \$820.00 program is being offered to the Takoma Park Police Department for only \$260.00. Felt that in view of the recent crime wave and riots, this training would be quite helpful in maintaining our present standard as well as proving beneficial to people in Takoma Park, Councilman Kennedy moved the Police Chief be authorized to purchase the Sight/Sound Training Program for \$260.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

3. Personnel. Reported that Officer Laurie R. Cofske has been an Officer First Class with the Takoma Park Police Force since January 1961. He has been assigned as Acting Corporal since July of 1967 when Corporal Dalrymple was transferred to the Detective Bureau. Councilman Kennedy moved that Officer Cofske be promoted to the rank of Corporal effective February 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

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4. Personnel. Remarked that Officer Thomas Thorowgood has been an Officer First Class with the Takoma Park Police Force since May 1963. Since the resignation of Officer Ray D. Williams in April 1967, he has been performing the duties of Motor Officer and School Safety Patrol Coordinator. Officer Thorowgood has performed these duties in a highly satisfactory manner and has received several commendations. In addition, Councilman Kennedy noted that Officer Thorowgood has given talks in the local schools on safety as well as counseling students in school. Several schools have commended him for this as well as his ability to keep children under control. Councilman Kennedy moved that Officer Thorowgood be promoted to the rank of Corporal effective February 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilmen Jones and Geib and duly carried. Councilman Geib stated that he had also received many favorable comments about Officer Thorowgood, not only as a patrol officer but as a counselor. Commented that on July 4th Officers Thorowgood and Olson were doing an unusually good job and Mr. Dutton of the Park and Planning Commission, who was nearby commented that he had never seen a more efficient and more courteous Police Department than the Takoma Park force. Councilman Geib felt that this compliment was generated by Officers Thorowgood and Olson's excellent performance of duty. Councilman Turner commended Officer Thorowgood for the outstanding manner in which he conducted the Safety Patrol Christmas Party and Chief Foster commended him for doing an outstanding job as Motor Maintenance Officer.

5. Personnel. Reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Special Officer John Lauro effective January 16, 1968, stating that due to pressing duties of personal business, he was unable to remain on the special force. Moved that the resignation be accepted with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman McKenzie reporting

- 1. Grassmere Place. Concerning the proposed abandonment as suggested by an abutting property owner, the City Administrator is investigating the probability of participation of other property owners and will report at a subsequent date.
- 2. Montgomery County Taxicab Ordinance. Request this item be removed from the agenda as the matter has been temporarily solved.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting

- 1. Parking Meter Study. Reported that a survey is being made and hopes to have a report within the next 6 to 8 weeks. Feels this item should come under Law Enforcement, therefore, requested the item be transferred to Law Enforcement agenda.
- 2. Street Lights for 14th Avenue and Elson Place. Reported that PEPCO had recommended installation of three additional 2500 lumen lights at locations requested by the local citizens. Moved that the City Administrator be authorized to accept PEPCO's proposal to install three additional 2500 lumen lights on 14th Avenue and Elson Place at a net cost of \$82.62 per year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
- 3. Plumbing and Heating - Gymnasium. Stated that plans and specifications have been prepared stipulating that work be started May 15th and finished by July 1st 1968. It is planned that the old boiler be replaced by a gas furnace, new copper water lines be installed along with pressure type flush fixtures, restoring floor and wall tile and a larger water service line from street. Councilman Roth moved plans and specifications be released for bids and that bids be opened on February 15, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

4. Announced the new salt spreader was installed and tested out today.

Mayor Miller greeted Veteran of Foreign Wars member Cmdr. William Thompson.

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 February 12, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Rodney L. Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

George M. Mace
Mayor