

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 26, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Geib
Councilman Jones
Councilman Kennedy
Councilman McKenzie
Councilman Roth
Councilman Turner (Excused)

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

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 February 26, 1968 at 8:05 p.m.

The Invocation was rendered by Father Patrick Begley, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

Mayor Miller led 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 February 12, 1968. Councilman Kennedy presented a Motion for the approval of the Minutes as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Smith

1. Mr. John E. Hammond, President, Takoma Park Art Association: Expression of support for the Takoma Park Civic Center as directed by the unanimous vote of the membership. Also, invitation to present awards at the Annual Spring Art Show, May 19, 1968 at 4:00 p.m. (Council Files)
2. Colonel Joel B. Stephens, Director for Community Relations, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.: Notification that Service Bands in the area have been authorized to participate in summer concerts as their schedules permit. (Parks and Recreation)
3. Mr. Victor C. Hilbert, Chief, Fire Training Department, Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Virginia: Expression of appreciation to City and Chief LaScola for their interest in training program at the Academy. (Fire Protection)
4. Mr. Jerome B. Wolff, Chairman-Director, State Roads Commission, 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland: Recommendation for survey of weight limitation and needed improvements on highway bridges in City and offer of assistance in accomplishing same. (Public Works)
5. Mr. William H. McLin, 7425 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter of appreciation for the installation of street lights on New York and Baltimore Avenues. (Public Works)

6. Mrs. Dollie H. Kyte, Clerk to the County Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, 108 South Perry Street, Rockville, Maryland: Notification of Public Hearing to be held on March 7, 1968 at 9:30 a.m. on the Appeal of Gerald Williams, Case No. 2033 regarding an extension of time for Petitioner to begin construction on a nursing home for 100 patients. (Civic Improvements)
7. Miss Betty Ann Pakson, Clerk, Zoning Appeal Section, Department of Licenses and Inspections, Montgomery County Office Building, Rockville, Maryland: Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 7, 1968, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 226 of the County Office Building, Rockville, Maryland on the Petition of Ida E. Frederick for a Special Exception to permit the use of a beauty parlor at 7600 Maple Avenue. (Civic Improvements)
8. Worshipful Master, Cornerstone Lodge #224, A.F. & A.M., 322 Ethan Allen Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Notice of location of Red Cross Bloodmobile at their parking lot on April 22, 1968. (Parks and Recreation and Azalea Committees)
9. Mr. Joseph Schap, Attorney at Law, 11125 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland: Letter of resignation as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City due to time and effort needed for new practice. (Council Files)
10. Mr. Vincent L. Gingerich, Attorney at Law, 7000 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Notice of association of Glenn Edward Culpepper in practice of law. (Council Files)

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the Council Meeting and commented on the display of azaleas noting that there will be approximately 25 plants on display at the National Capital Flower and Garden Show which will be held March 8-17 at the National Guard Armory. Mayor Miller noted that the azaleas were "force bloomed" at the Public Works Department hot-house.

Mayor Miller commented that the Takoma Park Recreation Council will hold their meeting for the election of Officers on February 27, 1968 at 8:00 p.m. at #8 Columbia Avenue. He further noted that Mr. Marschalk will show slides on the proposed Civic Center and invited the public to attend this showing.

The Takoma Park Police Department was commended by Mayor Miller for being one of the ten Departments in the State of Maryland to be certified for their Police Academy for meeting the standards set by the Maryland Police Training Commission. He noted that this certification was the result of the Department's efficiency in offering instruction as prescribed by the Commission.

Mayor Miller commented on the recommendations being made to the General Assembly by the Maryland Municipal League regarding House Bill 410 and Senate Bill 209. Stated that under the proposed Bill, the Police Department would receive State Aid based on population density and the initial cost of local police protection. Noted that in the past, the formula for the distribution of the funds has been based on a more complex standard and has been distributed through the County to Municipalities rather than directly from the State as now proposed.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the State Property Tax Grant portion of the Bills and noted that the counties have been the only recipients and not municipalities although both levy property taxes. Stated that the Maryland Municipal League has recommended that the property tax grant be raised to 11¢ per \$100 and that the equivalent of 5.5¢ per \$100 assessed valuation within municipalities be disbursed to the respective municipalities. Mayor Miller stated that he had reservations about part of the Bill but subscribed to the Bill as a whole.

Mayor Millers comments, continued: -3-

Mayor Miller announced that the Public Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and seven Councilmen will be held on March 12, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Municipal Fire House at Carroll and Philadelphia Avenues. Mayor Miller noted that a candidate for Mayor must be nominated by a City voter, seconded by at least two other voters and must meet the following requirements: at least 30 years of age; must have resided in the City for at least one year preceding the nomination; be a property owner and voter within the City. Each candidate for the office of Councilman after being nominated by one City voter and the motion being seconded by two other City voters must meet the following requirements: must be not less than 25 years of age; a voter and property owner and must have resided in the ward or area from which he is nominated for at least one year preceding his nomination.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Reminded the Council that several months ago she had brought up the question of the expiration of the Front Foot Benefit Charge by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and that the matter was to be checked into.

Mayor Miller stated that he had no additional information on this matter at present and requested that Corporation Counsel Gingerich look into it.

2. Mrs. Katherine Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Presented a verbal report on her attendance at the National Cleanest Town Council meeting held in Washington, D.C. Stated that she attended the meetings designated for Cities from 25,000 to 250,000 in population which she found very interesting and beneficial. Mrs. Simpson stated that some very interesting campaigns are being undertaken in various cities such as the posting of rustic signs at the entrances, and clean-up campaigns being conducted by the city employees. Stated that in Danville, Virginia, the City is divided into 20 sections with a garden club from each section handling the clean-up activities, and another where children had planted 65,000 bulbs. Mrs. Simpson added that this meeting was attended by Secretary of Interior Udall and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Councilman Jones remarked on the meeting to be held by the Takoma Park Recreation Council on February 27, 1968 in the Council Room and stated that Mr. Henry Marschalk, Pres., Takoma Park Historical Society will show slides.

2. Stated that the Antique Seminar Club will hold its meeting at #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, on March 7, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

3. Reported that there will be a Flower Arranging Class sponsored by the Montgomery and Prince Georges County Recreation Departments at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Classes will be held each Monday evening beginning on April 22nd and continuing through June 3rd. The fee for the 7 classes will be \$6.00 and will be instructed by Mrs. Sally Householder from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Ziegler, City Recreation Director.

Parks and Recreation Committee, continued

4. Reported that the Teen Drop In Center has been very successful. Stated that a pool table had been donated by the Wheaton Youth Center and delivered to the Takoma Park Center by the Public Works Department. Noted that the Takoma Park Women's Club had donated \$25.00 for new equipment and supplies. Stated that he hoped the new Center to be located on New Hampshire Avenue would be as successful as the present one located at the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

5. Commented on the various projects that are being completed at the City's playgrounds in preparation for Spring such as fences being repaired and the dumping of fill dirt.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

Personnel:

1. Presented a Motion for the appointment of Mrs. Thelma Jeanne Kramer as Secretary in the City Office, retroactive to February 13, 1968 for the one year probationary period under the Merit Plan at the starting salary of \$5,000 per annum. Noted that Mrs. Kramer formerly worked in the City Office as Secretary during 1963 and is familiar with the work routine, etc. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Finances:

2. Stated that dues for membership in the Maryland Municipal League has been increased and was not provided for in the Budget as the action had not been taken at that time. Moved that the \$633.40 increase in dues be appropriated from the Reserve Fund by means of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1989

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS the City of Takoma Park has been a member of the Maryland Municipal League for a number of years and the purpose of the activities of the League is to perpetuate and develop more efficient municipal administration within the State of Maryland, AND

SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League has been inadequately financed for several years and at the Annual Convention in November, the general membership voted an increase in the Leagues dues structure, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE, THAT the sum of SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$633.40) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 10.1022, Association Dues, to provide for the increased assessment in accordance with Section 2 of this Ordinance.

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

Committee Reports, continued

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Request for Stop Signs: Reported that a study has been made of the intersection of Merwood and Wildwood Drives and a recommendation has been made by Chief Foster for the erection of two stop signs. Stated that Chief Foster had noted in his memo that this location is a school bus stop and that there is a tendency for motorists to speed on Wildwood Drive. Moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1990

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

SECTION 1. THAT all motor vehicles shall be brought to a complete stop before entering the intersection of Merwood Drive and Wildwood Drive when traveling either Northbound or Southbound on Wildwood Drive, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect "Stop Signs" at appropriate locations on Wildwood Drive at Merwood Drive, 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 Roth and adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Jones, Kennedy, McKenzie, and Roth. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Turner.

2. 240 Manor Circle: Reported that he and Councilman McKenzie had surveyed the public alley behind 240 Manor Circle and that he is in agreement with the recommendations made by Councilman McKenzie. Moved for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1991

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 1906, adopted June 27, 1967, be repealed in its entirety, AND

SECTION 2. THAT parking be prohibited at any time in the public alley at the rear of Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Block 40, F.L.G. Subdivision, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect "No Parking Between Signs" to mark a distance of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE FEET TEN INCHES (135' 10") beginning at the line dividing Lots 16 and 17 of Block 40, F.L.G. and running thence Northwest for such distance, AND

Law Enforcement Committee
Ordinance No. 1991, continued

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by the Municipal Code (1961) governing traffic violations in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

3. Cedar and Tulip Avenues: Stated that he did not want the residents to feel that their request had been overlooked but that the problem needed an in-depth study.

4. Personnel: Moved that upon the recommendation of Chief Foster the status of Officer Chester P. Lutman be changed from probationary to a permanent appointment due to the completion of the one-year probationary period. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried, to be retroactive to February 15, 1968.

5. Personnel: Moved that the permanent appointment of Officer Gary L. Carroll be approved as the one-year probationary period has been completed. The appointment is to be retroactive to February 15, 1968. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Councilman Kennedy noted that the effectiveness of the Police Department is largely determined by the careful screening given each applicant before his probationary appointment and then again at the time of his permanent appointment by Chief Foster and his screening Board.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Grant Avenue: Noted that a survey of property owners is to be taken by Councilman Turner to determine the need for a sidewalk along this street.

2. Grassmere Place: Stated that a request has been received from one of the property owners adjacent to Grassmere Place for the City to hold up on the abandonment as property is up for sale. Requested that agenda item be moved to the Civic Improvements Committee.

3. Complaint of air pollution due to leaf burning: Requested that item be moved to the Civic Improvements Committee agenda. There was some discussion as to the practice of burning leaves in Takoma Park and the applicability of Montgomery and Prince Georges County Ordinances in the City. Chief LaScola pointed out that these Ordinances generally do not apply to the City, however in the case of particularly dry spells when a notice is put out by the counties, the Takoma Park Fire Department adheres to and enforces same.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Sligo Creek Parkway: Stated that the Park and Planning Commission has promised to do more maintenance in the Park.

2. Grassmere Place: Stated that as Councilman McKenzie reported, this is a long-term project and will remain on the agenda until taken care of.

Public Works Committee, continued:

3. Snowplow complaint: Stated that the City has communicated with Mr. Tymeson and that he had made a suggestion as to how the problem of the snowplows depositing snow on previously shoveled sidewalks might be alleviated. Stated that the Public Works Department will try his idea to see if it might be of help.

3. Fire Department plumbing and heating renovation bids: Reported that three bids were received and that the bids ranged from \$15,700 to \$41,500. Stated that the bids have been examined by J. B. Wyble & Associates and that it is felt that the low bid submitted by Atchison & Keller, Inc. is sufficient to satisfactorily complete the job and allow a good percentage of profit for their firm. Presented a Motion, upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works Rhodes, for the acceptance of the low bid of \$15,700 submitted by Atchison & Keller.

ORDINANCE NO. 1992

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the plumbing and heating systems in the Fire Department building are in need of renovation, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT, plans and specifications have been prepared by J.B. Wyble and Associates for said renovation, AND,

SECTION 3. THAT, the low bid submitted by Atchison and Keller, Inc., 1246 Taylor Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. has been approved by the Consultant and the Director of Public Works as meeting the requirements of said specifications, AND

SECTION 4. THAT the contract be awarded to Atchison and Keller, Inc., in the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$15,700.00), * AND,

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT, the sum stated in Section 4. of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 10.813.

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

4. Parking Meters: Councilman Roth commented on the interest shown by Councilman Jones and the hard work done by City Administrator Pridgen in completing and tabulating the results of the survey taken by Chief Foster, Director of Public Works Rhodes and himself. Commented on the memorandum regarding this survey submitted by Mr. Pridgen wherein it is recommended that the push-button type meters be replaced by the manual type. Further noted that a tentative agreement is being considered whereby if the purchase of new meters is subsequently approved, that payment for same may be done by applying one-half of each months meter collections as the monthly payment. Motion presented for the authorization for Mr. Pridgen to negotiate an agreement with the Koontz Equipment Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a sufficient number of Model No. 60 Duncan Manual Type Parking Meters to replace existing automatic push-button type meters. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

* see page 13 for Corrections

Public Works Committee, continued:

Councilman Roth further pointed out that Mr. Pridgen's memorandum had recommended an increase in the parking meter charge from a one-cent minimum to a five cent minimum with the exception of Post Office locations, doubling the charge at most locations, and reducing the maximum time limit. In addition he proposed an increase in the fine for overtime parking from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel: Motion presented for the acceptance of resignation submitted by Private George M. Martin, Jr. with regrets, to be effective February 29, 1968. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
2. Personnel: Moved that the permanent appointment of Private I. Thomas Williams be approved to become effective March 1, 1968. It was noted that in the recommendation from Chief LaScola, Private Williams was cited as doing his work well above average and that he is a man with excellent retention ability. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
3. Personnel: Motion presented for the approval of a Probationary Appointment for James Patrick McCauley to be effective March 16, 1968 to fill the vacancy in the paid force due to the resignation read tonight. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Carroll Avenue: Reported on the meeting held with Mr. Wolfe and stated that the Council is concerned with who will occupy the building for low-income families as proposed. Added that there seems to be some difficulty with financing this project at this time.
2. New Hampshire Avenue: Appeal - Z.A.P. A-7317, 6917 New Hampshire Avenue, for re-zoning from R-55 to C-0 zone. Councilman Geib reported that the County Commissioners will attempt to get this through and that it probably will be rezoned.
3. Beautification Grant: Reported that Mrs. Geib is presently working on the justification program for the Federal Grant.
4. Special Exception: Moved that the petition of Gerald Williams for an extension of time to begin construction on the 100 patient nursing home be recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
5. Special Exception: Moved that the Petition of Ida E. Frederick, Case No. 291 for the operation of a beauty parlor at 7600 Maple Avenue be recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.
6. Councilman Geib stated that the Council had voted on October 23, 1967 to turn three violations of Ordinance 1946 over to Corporation Counsel Gingerich for legal action. Requested a report on the standing of these violations.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that all of them are being considered and that in one case it must be determined who owns the property.

Civic Improvements Committee, continued:

6. Sligo Creek Parkway: Requested that the Corporation Counsel make a report on the progress being made in the legal proceedings against the owner of 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Mr. Gingerich stated that his new associate, Mr. Glenn Culpepper has been doing research to fortify our position so that when we go to court we will be in a position to justify the charges.

7. Winchester-Takoma Apartments: Councilman Geib stated that during a fire call to these apartments, he decided to check into them and was escorted by Chief LaScola. Stated that the condition of these apartments is dirty and vulgar and that he would not be able to sleep if these conditions are left uncorrected. Noted that there were 12 fire calls in one week to these buildings and that each call costs the City \$100.00. Presented a motion that the Fire Department, Police Department and the Public Works Department get together with the Corporation Council and come up with some means of correcting the situation. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKenzie and duly carried.

Mrs. Ferry of 24 Hickory Avenue spoke in regards to the appalling condition of the Winchester Takoma Apartments and stated that the citizens fear that the same thing might occur on Carroll Avenue. Mrs. Ferry expressed her appreciation to the City for additional lighting in her neighborhood and for making it safe for people to walk. In closing she stated that she did not feel that the newspapers were showing Takoma Park in proper perspective but rather playing up the bad things that occur and picturing the worst areas.

Chief LaScola stated that in regards to the story in the Sentinel, that the owners have been given until the 15th of March to take action on this or legal proceedings will be undertaken.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to reconvene in Executive Session on March 11, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Rodney L. Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

George M. Miller
Mayor

CAUCUS
FIRE HOUSE
March 12, 1968

Mr. Haynes M. Pridgen, City Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Takoma Park, called the Meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. *hml*

Mr. S. W. Tymeson of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, rendered the Invocation.

Mr. Pridgen explained the purpose of the Citizens Meeting which is called in accordance with the City Charter for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Mayor and seven Councilmen. Candidates are to be elected on March 26, 1968 and are to take office on April 8, 1968 to serve for a period of two years. Mr. Pridgen noted that the "Notice of Caucus" had been published in the Prince George's Post and the Suburban Record for a period of two weeks as prescribed by the Takoma Park City Charter.

Mr. Pridgen further noted that the Caucus is non-partisan, and that it is not necessary to be affiliated with any political party, Citizen's Association, group, race, creed or color in order to participate in the nominations. He stated that the only requirement for participation is that the person is a resident of the City, and a registered voter certified by the Board of Election Supervisors of his respective County. Mr. Pridgen explained how the Ward designations had been reached with respect to the County Precincts and gave a brief resume of the procedure to be followed in making the nominations, qualifications required of both the Nominee and the person making the nomination, qualifications required of the persons seconding the nomination. He then requested that a nomination be made for the appointment of a secretary to take the minutes of the meeting and stated that the Charter provides that a member of the audience be elected for this duty. A motion was presented for the appointment of Mrs. Betty Cook and upon receiving two seconds, Mrs. Cook was elected as Secretary.

The following candidates for election were nominated in the order stated:

Nomination for Mayor:

Mr. Sidney W. Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, **nominated**
Mr. George M. Miller, 7505 Hancock Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland for the Office of Mayor.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Truman Hendryx, 107 Sheridan Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Larry Oosterhaus, 904 Glazewood Court, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Robert W. Collison, 7112 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Ken Nishimoto, 7409 Holly Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

There being no further nominations for the office of Mayor, a Motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Nominations for two Councilmen from 1st and 2nd Wards:

Mr. E. J. Coulson, 7617 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. George B. Kennedy, 7715 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Ernestt Simonsen, 7713 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Randolph Shackelford, 7223 Central Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Mrs. Adeline Gooch, 7422 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. Edwin S. Turner, 226 Grant Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Dwight Perkins, 7313 Holly Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Robert Swarthout, 7409 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Andrew Buzik, 216 Grant Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mrs. Vera Lindsay, 7301 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, 109 Sheridan Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

There being no further nominations, a Motion was made and seconded for the closing of nominations.

Nominations of two Councilmen from the 3rd and 4th Wards:

Mr. Stuart Sweeney, 11 Sherman Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. Lester M. Geib, 7509 Hancock Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. James Barkley, 7414 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mrs. Melvin Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. Edward W. Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. William Hoffman, 227 Park Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Melvin Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Melvin Harris, 7403 Baltimore Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Stuart Sweeney, 11 Sherman Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Nomination of one Councilman from the 5th Ward:

Mr. Sidney Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. Clayton D. Forshee, 722 Kennebec Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Joseph H. Reed, 7501 Central Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Gibson McKenzie, 7401 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland
Mr. Paul Hottel, 7427 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

There being no further nominations, a Motion was made and seconded to close the nominations.

Nominations for two Councilmen from Wards 6 and 7:

Mr. Charles E. Johnson, 1100 Kingwood Drive, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. John D. Roth, 7608 Hammond Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Lawrence Oosterhaus, 904 Glaizewood Court, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Ralph Sidell, 703 Boston Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. William Hoffman, 227 Park Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Mr. Lawrence Oosterhaus, 904 Glaizewood Court, Takoma Park, Maryland nominated
Mr. Russell B. Jones, 409 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The following seconds were made:

Mr. Robert Collison, 7112 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Arthur Phipps, 209 Spring Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. James Hash, 434 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.
Mr. V. H. Rodes, 1101 Lancaster Road, Takoma Park, Maryland.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations.

At this time, Mayor Miller spoke for the purpose of expressing appreciation to the many citizens present for their attendance at the Caucus and noted that many former Council members were also present.

City Administrator, Mr. Pridgen, made several announcements regarding special registration dates and locations which will enable residents to register before the City Election is to be held on March 26th.

Dr. Stephen S. Hiten spoke regarding Radio Station WGTS (91.1FM) and noted that citizens should either write in questions or call the station in order that the Councilmen might answer any questions over the air, next Sunday, March 17, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, spoke regarding the civic-mindedness of so many citizens in the City and stated that this support should be maintained.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

George M. Miller
George M. Miller, Mayor

Mrs. Betty Cook
Mrs. Betty Cook, Secretary

Haynes M. Pridgen
Mr. Haynes M. Pridgen,
City Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer

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Councilman McKenzie	Lt. Porter, Police Dept.
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Councilman Turner	Asst. Building Inspector Wollner
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The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Brownie Troop 1467.

Mayor Miller called for a Motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 1968. Councilman Forshee stated that the Minutes should be corrected under Ordinance 1992 wherein it reads that \$15,700.00 for the renovation of the Fire House Gymnasium shall be transferred from the Reserve Account. Stated that the amount should read \$10,000.00 to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.813. Councilman Forshee presented a Motion for the approval of the Minutes as corrected. Councilman Kennedy seconded the Motion and it was duly carried.

Mayor Miller spoke regarding the Brownies and their leaders from Troop 1467 and explained the duties of the Council Committees and their Chairman. The Brownies presented Mayor Miller a cake in honor of the Girl Scout Birthday Commemoration and noted that the Girl Scouts have been organized since 1912. The Troop also presented the Mayor and Council with a "Happy Pill" for each of them. Upon opening the capsules, the Mayor and Councilmen read their messages from inside the pills which were original ideas composed by the girls such as "I will always obey the law" etc.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Smith

1. Lt. C. C. Owens, U.S.N., Acting Head, Music Branch, Special Services Division Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.: Stating that the U. S. Navy Band is scheduled to present a Concert in Jequie Park at 7:30 p.m. on June 25th. (Parks and Recreation)
2. Mr. James H. J. Tate, President, National League of Cities, 1612 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.: Notice of Fourth Annual Congressional City Conference to be held April 7-9, 1968 at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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3. Mr. Farrand E. Curtis, 216 Philadelphia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland
Mr. William S. Sheets, 5 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland
Miss Audrey Wimsett, 32 Lee Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland
Mrs. Rose Beam, 1312 Erskine Street, Takoma Park, Maryland
Mrs. William H. Bland, 6407 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland
Mrs. Alice Poore, 6426 Knollbrook Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland
Mrs. Myrle A. Chace, no return address: Requests for consideration of an apartment building for Senior Citizens in the City. (Civic Improvements)
4. Mrs. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter of opposition to proposed four-way stop signs at Tulip and Cedar Avenues and Tulip and Maple Avenues. Request for improved lighting at dead-end of Barclay Avenue. (Law Enforcement) (Public Works).
5. Mr. John P. Hewitt, Director of Parks, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland: Letter stated that the Park and Planning Commission will begin preventative maintenance action in Sligo Creek Park and will also consider the construction of a footpath. (Parks and Recreation)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Referred to letter read regarding the Congressional-City Conference and urged City Officials to attend and once again voice their opposition to the proposed freeway. Further stated that the trash collection in the City is excellent. Noted that refuse collectors seldom receive any recognition for their efforts, however, they should as the collectors are most courteous and conscientious.
2. Mrs. Francis McLeod, 7700 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Inquired as to the method for determining the amount of the assessment charged against her property for the demolition of her house which had been condemned. Further inquired as to which City agency will pay this assessment as the Court ruled that the City employees were trespassing and the assessment is invalid.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council was not prepared to discuss what legal action had been taken in connection with her property and suggested that she speak with Mr. Gingerich, the Corporation Counsel. Mayor Miller stated that the matter will be looked into further by the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Chairman

NO REPORT AT THIS TIME

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy, Chairman

1. Suggested change in penalty for parking meter violation: Referred to a memo from Chief Foster outlining the penalties for overtime parking levied in other jurisdictions in the area. Recommended that penalty be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00. After considerable discussion, official action was postponed until the installation of the new parking meters.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, continued

2. Parking Meter Agreement Ratification: Councilman Kennedy referred to a memo from the City Administrator, Mr. Pridgen, and presented a Motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1993

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that existing parking meters in use in the City are generally defective and in need of replacement, AND,

SECTION 2. THEREFORE, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation to supply eighty six (86) or more Model 60 Duncan Parking Meters at an agreed value of \$60.50 (Sixty dollars and fifty cents) per meter, plus accessories as required, less \$6.00 (six dollars) for each old meter traded in. Such agreement to stipulate that the City shall pay the Company 50% (fifty percent) of the receipts from said meters each calendar month until the agreed value of the meters are paid or such meters removed, under the provisions of the agreement.

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.

3. Report on Winchester-Takoma Conditions: Councilmen Kennedy noted that a meeting had been held in the Corporation Counsel's office between Chief Foster, Chief LaScola, Mr. Pridgen, Deputy Chief Fickes and Mr. Gingerich for the purpose of discussing the conditions at these apartments. Lt. Porter stated that none of the violations seemed to come under Police Department jurisdiction. Councilman Turner noted that the Fire Department had been checking violations and notifying the owner for some time. Councilman Kennedy stated that the investigation is still under way and that only an initial report was being made at this time.

4. Requests for stop signs: Stated that a study is needed and a report will be made upon completion of same.

5. Letter of commendation: Commented on a letter of commendation from Lt. Jarboe wherein Officer Thorowgood was praised for his work in apprehending a suspect.

6. Personnel: Councilman Kennedy referred to a memo from Chief Foster wherein it was requested that the authorized strength of Special Police Officers for the Police Department be increased to 25 members. Presented a motion for the appointment of 13 additional Special Officers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, Continued:PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE, Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Report on bids: Presented motion for the approval of the purchase of 1500 sheets of burlap from the Grafflin Bag Company, the low bidder.

ORDINANCE NO. 1994

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Sanitation Department is in need of burlap squares for trash removal, bids having been received from three firms specializing in this type of material, with the low bid of approximately \$969.00 for the 1500 lot of squares being submitted by the Grafflin Bag Co. of Baltimore, Maryland, AND,

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT, the purchase of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1500) burlap squares 80" x 80", 10 oz. burlap, unhemmed, is hereby authorized for the approximate total sum of NINE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS (\$969.00) order to be placed with the Grafflin Bag Company of Baltimore, Maryland, in accordance with their low bid, sum to be charged to Account No. 13.402B

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

2. Selection of Election Officials: Councilman McKenzie referred to a memorandum from Mr. Pridgen recommending the adoption of the following Ordinance for the appointment of Election Officials. Presented a Motion for adoption of same.

ORDINANCE NO. 1995 J.K.

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

SECTION 1. THAT the following citizens of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, have been selected to serve as Election Officials for the City Election of the Mayor and Council on March 26, 1968:

Mrs. Betty Cook	7400 Glenside Drive
Mrs. Josephine M. Day	7414 Glenside Drive
Mrs. Estelle L. Milici	7222 Garland Avenue
Mrs. Claire B. Kozel	7804 Wildwood Drive
Mrs. Mathilda Mohr	217 Spring Avenue
Mrs. Evelyn C. Williams	3109 Sligo Creek Parkway
Mr. Herbert D. Smith	11 Pine Avenue
Mrs. Beatrice Gaetano	7012 Sycamore Avenue
Mrs. Mary Gately	7611 Maple Avenue, Apt. 703
Mrs. Adeline R. Gooch	7422 Piney Branch Road
Mrs. Esther R. Coffman	7412 Birch Avenue
Mr. William R. Sheets	5 Hickory Avenue

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Mrs. Julia M. Russo	106 Philadelphia Avenue
Mrs. Emily Monitor	511 Elm Avenue
Mrs. Alice H. Meyers	606 Elm Avenue
Mrs. Margaret E. Zea	422 Ethan Allen Avenue
Mrs. Ruth B. Pratt	7324 Piney Branch Road

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman Roth reporting

1. State Roads Commission request for bridge inspection: Stated that the bridges located within the City were inspected as recently as 1961 and reported to be alright. Stated that another survey is not needed at this time, however, one will be requested at a future date.
2. Sligo Creek Park: Noted that a letter had been received and read at the onset of the Council meeting, wherein it is stated that the Park and Planning Commission will begin preventative maintenance and erosion control in the Park. Letter also stated that consideration will be given the request for a footpath.
3. Fire Department Gymnasium Renovation: Stated that the preliminary work has been completed insofar as the awarding of the contract and the drafting of plans. Referred to a memorandum from the Director of Public Works stating that a bill has been received from the consulting engineers, J.B. Wyble and Associates, for 75% of the fee for preparation of the report and the drafting of plans. Presented a Motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1996

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

- SECTION 1. THAT the Mayor and Council, at their meeting of October 23, 1967, did authorize J.B. Wyble and Associates (Consulting Engineers), Bethesda, Maryland to prepare plans and specifications and assist in obtaining bids for the renovation of the plumbing and heating systems in the Municipal Gymnasium, AND
- SECTION 2. FURTHER THAT, upon the completion of said plans and specifications, bids were advertised for and the contract for said renovation was awarded to Atchison and Keller, Inc. by Ordinance No. 1992 adopted on February 26, 1968, AND
- SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT, a statement has been rendered by J.B. Wyble and Associates in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$1,570.00) of which SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT (75%) is now due with an additional fee in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) due for preparing the report, AND

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Continued
ORDINANCE NO. 1996

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT, the sum of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$1,477.50) be hereby authorized for payment to J.B. Wyble and Associates with such sum to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.313.

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

4. Library Expansion: Referred to a memorandum from Director of Public Works Rhodes to Corporation Counsel Gingerich by which he transmitted the plan for the Library extension in relation to Park Avenue. Stated that the plans will facilitate the request to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance. Noted that this is another step toward the realization of the Library expansion.

5. Public Works Projects: Councilman Roth stated that the Public Works Department is presently undertaking several projects such as the preparation of parks and playgrounds for the coming season, cleaning the gymnasium for the Caucus. Further noted that parking spaces are being marked in anticipation of the installation of the new parking meters.

6. Traffic detector on Maple Avenue: Referred to a memorandum from Mr. Rhodes regarding the recommendation of the Hawkins Electric Company that the rubber pad detector on Maple Avenue at Philadelphia Avenue be replaced by a magnetic detector with amplifier. There was considerable discussion as to the traffic flow at this intersection and the need for such a purchase. Councilman Roth suggested that if the present detector should stop functioning, the signal should be put on time control and recommended that the purchase of the new type detector be considered at the next meeting.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, Councilman Turner reporting

1. Report on Winchester-Takoma conditions: Stated that the State Boiler Inspector had checked the apartments and made a lengthy report. Noted that one more report is still pending and upon completion will be forwarded to Mr. Gingerich and a complete report made at the Council meeting. Councilman Turner stated that One of the boilers was leaking oil and presented a fire hazard while the burner is in operation. Fire Chief LaScola noted that the one boiler is not sufficient for supplying hot water for the buildings and that the incinerators are not used in accordance with their design.

2. Request for use of Wire House: Presented motion that permission be granted for the use of the Wire House for the Special Election whereby voters may accept or reject the proposed State Constitution on May 14, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

3. Request for Official Leave: Referred to a memorandum from Chief LaScola and presented a Motion that Official Leave be granted for Lt. Kearns and Chief LaScola for the purpose of attending the 40th Annual Fire Department Instructor's Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Noted that Lt. Kearns has been requested to assist in instructing a special class through his development of a new training

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, continued

aid. The conference will be held from March 19th through the 22nd. The Motion was seconded and duly carried granting Official Leave from Saturday, March 16th through Saturday, March 23rd, 1968 with funds for the request to come from within the Budget under Accounts 11.212 N-4 (Training Officer Schooling) and 11.212 N-1 (Memphis Instructor's Conference). It was also noted that the Volunteer Fire Department is sending Capt. McBride of the Volunteer Officers.

4. Fire Department Project: Councilman Turner presented pictures to the Council showing the protective cab covers the men have constructed for the fire equipment. Chief LaScola noted that the cost of each cover will be approximately \$20.00 and the Takoma Auto Center has offered to spray paint them to match the rest of the equipment.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, Councilman Geib reporting:

1. Air Pollution Complaint: Stated that County, State and Federal Government Agencies are currently working on the problem of air pollution and that any steps the City might take would more than likely be outdated within a short period of time.

2. Proposed apartment building on Carroll Avenue: Stated that the builder of the proposed apartment building for low-income families has been having problems in arranging for the financing and that it will probably be some time before actual construction could begin.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, Councilman Jones reporting:

1. Request for lease of land: Stated that a letter was written to the Board of Education but as of this date no reply has been received.

2. Councilman Jones announced that a program and film concerning L.S.D. will be held at the Takoma Park Junior High School on March 14, 1968. Noted that parent and students are invited to attend and hear a member of the Juvenile Bureau speak on this subject.

3. Sligo Creek Park: Councilman McKenzie stated that considerable work has been done in Sligo Creek Park. Further noted that concrete storage boxes are being constructed. Mr. Rhodes stated that both Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties are using the City's design for theft proof storage centers.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on March 25, 1968.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reportingBANK BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1968SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1968	\$ 40,288.58	
February Cash Receipts	<u>75,223.62</u>	\$ 115,512.20
February Cash Disbursements		<u>80,024.96</u>
Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 35,487.24</u>

*Includes Maturity of One Treasury Bill @ \$50,000.

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of January 31, 1968	\$ 9,709.38	
Transfer from General Fund	<u>54,109.02</u>	\$ 63,818.40
February Cash Disbursements		<u>53,164.62</u>
Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 10,653.78</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1968		\$ 410.44
February - No Transactions		<u>-0-</u>
Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 410.44</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1968		\$ 381.38
February - No Transactions		<u>-0-</u>
Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 381.38</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT TP-63

Balance as of January 31, 1968		\$ 1,378.27
February - No Transactions		<u>-0-</u>
Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 1,378.27</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1968		\$ 93.54
February - No Transactions		<u>-0-</u>
Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 93.54</u>

PETTY CASH FUND

Balance as of February 29, 1968		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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UNITED STATES TREASURY BILLS

	Cost	Maturity Value
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	<u>57,644.80</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$203,100.70</u>	<u>\$ 210,000.00</u>

Attest: Rodney L. Smith
Deputy Clerk-TreasurerAPPROVED: George M. Miller
Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 25, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Smith
Councilman Geib	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Jones	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Kennedy	Deputy Fire Chief Fickes
Councilman McKenzie	Police Lieutenant Porter
Councilman Turner	Director of Public Works Rhodes
	Asst. Bldg. Inspector Wollner
	Recreation Director Ziegler

EXCUSED

Councilman Roth

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 March 25, 1968 at 8:05 p.m.

Councilman Forshee rendered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller stated that before considering the items listed on the Agenda, he would like to formally present the following Proclamation to the President of the Lions Club, Mr. Doran S. Platt and Mr. George G. Talbot, 1st Vice President of the Club for the purpose of proclaiming April 1 - 6 as "White Cane Week".

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of Takoma Park is holding a Fund-Raising Drive to support its sight conservation projects;

WHEREAS, this effort in behalf of an important and worthy cause merits city-wide attention,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George M. Miller, Mayor of Takoma Park do hereby proclaim April 1st - 6th, 1968 as official "White Cane Week", and call upon all citizens to take an active part in this community program to insure its success.

Mayor Miller spoke further regarding the active part that the Takoma Park Lions Club plays in various civic affairs and noted that the Club has donated \$500.00 for the past two years to the Takoma Park Boy's Club. Mayor Miller noted that the Lions Club maintains a school for blind children in addition to many sight conservation programs.

Upon the request of Mayor Miller, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried for the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 11, 1968, as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

1. Reverend Edward R. Bley, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Hampshire Avenue and Kingwood Drive, Takoma Park, Maryland: Request for crossing guard service during particular times on Sundays, and request that maintenance work be done to correct the "Pot holes" on Service Drive. (Law Enforcement) (Public Works)
2. Miss Naomi Holmes, 116 Lee Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland; Mrs. George J. Gately, 7611 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland; Mrs. Helen E. Cross, 11 Montgomery Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland; Mrs. Rose L. Nelson, 8442 12th Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland; Mrs. Elsie M. Hovey, 26 Lee Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Requests that consideration be given to the construction of an apartment building for Senior Citizens. (Civic Imp.)
3. Mr. Robert J. Helfrich, Acting Exec. Secty., Maryland Municipal League, Box 276, College Park, Maryland: Acknowledgement of dues received for League membership and expression of appreciation for support. (Finance)
4. Honorable Gladys N. Spellman, Chairman, Prince George's County Board of Commissioners, County Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Maryland: Invitation to Mayor Miller to participate in discussion with Board of Commissioners and fellow Mayors. (Council Files)
5. Mr. George Wolfe, 7901 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Request that Council contact the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and advise of the condition of Long Branch Park between New Hampshire Avenue and Piney Branch Road. (Parks and Recreation) (Public Works)
6. Mr. C. F. Noble, Principal, Takoma Park Junior High School, Silver Spring, Maryland: Letter of appreciation for Police services during school dance and other occasions. (Law Enforcement)
7. Board of Zoning Appeals, Louis Pohoryles, Esq., Attorney to the Board, Prince Georges County Service Building, Hyattsville, Maryland: Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 26th at 7:00 p.m., Hyattsville, Maryland, re: Woodrow W. Millard property. (Civic Improvements)

Mayor Miller read the following Proclamation for the purpose of proclaiming April 14th through May 11th as the dates for the "Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up" Campaign:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beginning on April 1, 1957, as a result of a Resolution adopted by the Community League of Takoma Park, an active "Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up" campaign was initiated within the City of Takoma Park, AND

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council, Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department supported this program wholeheartedly and have continued such activity each Spring thereafter, AND

WHEREAS, the purpose of this campaign is to beautify the City of Takoma Park, promote fire safety and eliminate conditions that tend to detract from the Community as a desirable residential neighborhood;

THEREFORE, I, GEORGE M. MILLER, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby heartily endorse such a campaign and earnestly solicit the cooperation of our citizenry to participate in this program beginning April 14 thru May 11, 1968.

Upon the request of Mayor Miller, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried unanimously for the approval of the Proclamation as presented.

Mayor Miller stated that it was regretful that the Mayor and Council, with the exception of Councilman McKenzie who declined to run, are unopposed in the election to be held on March 26th. Stated that there are many persons in Takoma Park who have the ability and talent to be Mayor or a member of the Council, and should participate in the City Government. Stated that on the other hand, the fact that members are unopposed could be a vote of confidence rather than a lack of interest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel: Presented a motion for the appointment of Officer J. R. Crider as a permanent Officer at the completion of his one-year probabtionary appointment to be effective April 6, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
2. Commendations: Read several letters of commendation regarding the attempted breaking and entering of the Like-New Shop on Carroll Avenue. Special Officer Kenneth Jones was commended for his assistance given to Officer Strizak as well as Mr. James Barton and Mr. Wayne Matott, two passersby who notified Police of the break-in in progress.
3. Commendation: Referred to the letter from the Principal of the Takoma Park Junior High School thanking the Police Department for their assistance.
4. Councilman Kennedy stated that in reference to a memorandum received from Chief Foster dated February 9th, the matter has been discussed with Councilman Forshee of the Finance Committee and after consideration, action will be taken at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE, Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Clean-Up Campaign: Spoke regarding the Proclamation presented at the start of the meeting and referred to a memorandum from the Director of Public Works which set forth the size and type specifications for discarded objects which the Public Works Department will pick up. Noted that the dates for the Special Trash * Pick-up are April 17, 26, May 1, and 8.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman McKenzie reporting

1. Traffic detectors: Noted that there has been considerable discussion regarding the traffic detectors at Maple Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue at previous meetings. Presented a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1997

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

SECTION 1. THAT the defective detector pad and mechanism controlling the traffic signal at Maple Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue be replaced by a magnetic detector and amplifier to be installed on Maple Avenue South of Philadelphia Avenue, AND

* see corrections page 29

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ORDINANCE NO. 1997, continued

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to order the installation of a Magnetic Detector and Amplifier from the Hawkins Electric Company for the sum of SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$630.00), AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the funds be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to a/c 11.122.

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

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel: Presented a motion for the acceptance of the resignation submitted by Private Donald S. Marshall, effective March 13, 1968, with regrets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. Personnel: Presented a motion for the approval of a probationary appointment for Boyce James Wallace as a Private in the Fire Department to be effective as of April 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE, Councilman Geib reporting

1. Consideration of apartment for Senior Citizens: Stated that a number of letters have been received recommending that consideration be given to such a project, however, no contractor has shown any interest. Noted that since the letters are the only expressions of interest that the City has received, will need to delay any real consideration of this until further information is submitted.

2. Zoning Appeal Z.A.P. A-7317: Noted that a Hearing is to be held on the subject property and recommended that a representative of the City be present, and submit a report on the proceedings.

3. Sligo Creek Parkway: Directed question to Corporation Counsel Gingerich as to the status of the property at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Mr. Gingerich stated that his associate, Mr. Culpepper, has been compiling information and pictures and that the case will be ready shortly for submitting to the Court.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, Councilman Jones reporting

1. Antique Seminar: Stated that two meetings have been scheduled by the group for April 4th and May 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 8 Columbia Avenue.

2. Library Expansion: Noted that the plans have been completed with the exception of the elevation of the proposed addition showing the lot, how the building will be situated on the property, and what the actual addition will look like.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, Councilman Forshee reporting

1. January Expenditures: Presented a motion for the approval of expenses for the month of January, 1968 in the amount of \$101,677.61. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried. Councilman Forshee noted that approximately \$60,000.00 of this amount was paid out in salaries and \$14,000.00 for insurance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued

2. February Expenditures: Presented a Motion for the approval of expenditures for the month of February in the amount of \$80,024.41. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and carried. Councilman Forshee noted that the largest amount in the February expenditures was again for salaries.

3. Transfer of Funds: Stated that \$40,000.00 had been previously approved for the resurfacing of certain streets. Inasmuch as the appropriated amount has been found to be deficient, presented a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance for the purpose of amending Ordinance No. 1967.

ORDINANCE NO. 1998

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1967, Section 2, authorized an amount not to exceed FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) for resurfacing certain streets payable to the A. H. Smith Co. of Branchville, the low bidder, AND

SECTION 2. THAT due to the immediate attention required by two additional streets, an increase of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$4,714.70) is hereby authorized, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT Section 4 be hereby added to and to become a part of Ordinance No. 1967 authorizing the transfer of additional funds in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$4,714.70) from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 12.203A.

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

4. Transfer of Funds: Councilman Forshee presented a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1999

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1963 adopted July 24, 1967, by Section 4, authorized the City Clerk-Treasurer to pay to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for adjusting necessary facilities in connection with the street resurfacing program for 1967 one-half of all costs incident thereto, such funds to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 12.203A, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the sum required to be transferred from the RESERVE FUND in accordance with Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1963 is in the amount of ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY SEVEN CENTS (\$1,619.67).

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

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Mrs. Frances McLeod of 7700 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland requested the permission of Mayor Miller to speak at this time due to her arrival after the public participation part of the meeting was concluded. Mrs. McLeod inquired as to the status of her request that the City pay the Special Assessment against her property for the demolition of her house. Mayor Miller stated that as far as the Council was concerned the case had been closed and if she wished to discuss it further, this should be done between her attorney and Corporation Counsel Gingerich as he would be most familiar with the case. Mrs. McLeod stated that she had received a Special Assessment Bill which was dated January 2nd and that the bill was imprinted "Delinquent after January 1. Noted that the property has been listed on the delinquent tax records in Montgomery County in error and suggested that Mr. Pridgen be removed from the office of City Administrator for making a false certification that the tax was already delinquent. Inquired as to whether or not the Council had directed Mr. Pridgen to turn her assessment over to the County. Mayor Miller stated that the City Administrator was not instructed by the Council and that if she wished to discuss it further he again suggested that she speak with the Corporation Counsel.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that the original Court action was on the complaint of Assault and Battery stemming from her actions at the time the wreckers were attempting to follow their instructions and that no testimony was taken. Stated that the case was dismissed on a technicality. Mr. Gingerich noted that Mrs. McLeod had filed the bill of complaint against the City in proper person and that it could not be completed due to no order being attached and not being filed in proper form. He then inquired as to whether or not she was recording the proceedings and noted that he was repeating only what had been told him by Mrs. McLeod as truth.

Councilman Turner inquired as to Mrs. McLeod's present health after noting that he was under the impression that she had been admitted to Springfield State Hospital at the time of her arrest, by the Judge presiding at the Hearing. Mrs. McLeod stated that she had been "attacked by the police and spirited away to be committed as ill".

Corporation Counsel Gingerich requested that Mrs. McLeod have her attorney speak with him as he felt no useful purpose could be served by speaking with her further. Mayor Miller, upon being advised by Mrs. McLeod that she was representing herself, recommended that she appoint a counsel to advise her in this matter.

Councilman Geib stated that he felt Mrs. McLeod's remarks were out of order and that the City employees and Council members she had slandered would have cause for legal action.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on April 8, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Lodney L. Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: George M. Miller
Mayor

SPECIAL MEETINGELECTION RETURNS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 27, 1968

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m. at 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Those present were: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Jones, Kennedy, and Turner. Excused: Councilmen McKenzie and Roth.

Mayor Miller stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive the results of the election held on March 26, 1968 from the election officials. Mayor Miller requested that Mr. Herbert D. Smith, Chairman of the Judges of Election, to read their report. Mr. Smith reported the election results as follows:

Mayor and Council
City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayor and Council Members:

The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report of the City Election, held the 26th Day of March, 1968, in the Takoma Park Fire Department building.

The Board was organized with the appointment of Herbert D. Smith, Chairman; Betty Cook, Josephine M. Day, Estelle L. Milici, Claire B. Kozel, Mathilda Mohr, Evelyn C. Williams, Beatrice Gaetano, Mary Gately, Adeline R. Gooch, Julia M. Russo, Emily Monitor, Alice H. Meyers, Margaret E. Zea, Ruth B. Pratt, as Judges, after having taken the prescribed Oath of Office before the Mayor. The Polls were opened at the legal hour of 7:00 a.m. and closed at the legal hour of 7:00 p.m.

The following candidate for Mayor received the number of votes set opposite his respective name:

George M. Miller	253
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Candidates for Council Members received the following number of votes:

1 st and 2nd WARDS - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

George B. Kennedy	232
Edwin S. Turner	219

3rd and 4th WARDS - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Lester M. Geib	234
Edward W. Hutmire	225

5th WARD - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Clayton D. Forshee	241
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6th and 7th WARDS - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Russell B. Jones	227
John D. Roth	230

SPECIAL MEETING - ELECTION RETURNS, March 27, 1968

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidate for Mayor received the highest number of votes, and was duly elected Mayor for a period of two years from the second Monday in April, 1968:

George M. Miller

It appears from the ballots cast that the following candidates for Council members received the largest number of votes in their respective Wards and were duly elected Council Members for a period of two years from the second Monday in April, 1968.

1st and 2nd WARDS - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

George B. Kennedy
Edwin S. Turner

3rd and 4th WARDS - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Lester M. Geib
Edward W. Hutmire

5th WARD - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Clayton D. Forshee

6th and 7th WARD - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Russell B. Jones
John D. Roth

The results of the tabulation of the election indicates 270 registered voters cast their votes.

Certificates of Election in accordance with the results as stated have been prepared and are tendered herewith.

Respectfully,

JUDGES OF ELECTION

S/ HERBERT D. SMITH
Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Adeline R. Gooch	/s/ Mary Gately
/s/ Ruth B. Pratt	/s/ Betty Cook
/s/ Emily P. Monitor	
/s/ Beatrice C. Gaetano	

Mayor Miller expressed the appreciation of the Mayor and Council to the Election Officials who served during the Election. Mayor Miller noted that he would take the Oath of Office in Rockville as well as Upper Marlboro although the Charter only required that this be done in one County.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor

George M. Miller

Attest:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Herbert D. Smith