

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

APRIL 8, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on April 8, 1968 at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Miller led those present 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 March 25, 1968. Councilman Roth requested that the Minutes be corrected under the Public Welfare Committee Report wherein the dates for the Special Trash Pick-Up should be corrected to read: April 17, 26, (rather than 24), May 1 and 8. The motion was presented, seconded and duly carried for the approval of the Minutes as corrected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

See last page of Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

1. Mr. John A. Derr, President, Maryland Municipal League, Box 276, College Park, Md.: Invitation to sit as member of Task Force on County-Municipal Relationships to explore statewide aspects of County-Municipal intergovernmental relations. (Notify that Mayor Miller will serve)
2. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edwards, 5 Lee Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Complaint on two lots needing cleaning up and pot holes in street after Gas Company repair work. (Building Inspector) (Law Enforcement Committee)
3. Miss Jean M. Schmuhl, Clerk, Prince George's County Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Md.: Notice of Hearing on Special Exception No. 1720, Wednesday, April 17, 1968 at 1:30 p.m. Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
4. Reed A. Robinson, Rita N. Robinson, 7533 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Copy of letter sent to Montgomery County Board of Appeals, 108 South Perry Street, Rockville, Maryland: Statement of opposition to reduction of number of parking spaces from that required in previous Special Exception for Case No. 2033 (Gerald Williams T/A Sligo Gardens Nursing Homes, Inc.) (Civic Improvements Committee)
5. Mrs. Dollie H. Kyte, Clerk to the Board, Montgomery County Board of Appeals, 108 South Perry Street, Rockville, Maryland: Notice of Public Hearing to be held for Special Exception to reduce number of required parking spaces, Case No. 2371. (Civic Improvements Committee)

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6. Mr. Edward F. Grune, 8110 Hammond Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Complaint of conditions at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway, Takoma Park, Maryland. (Civic Improvements)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller stated that an Oath of Office will be taken by the Council at this meeting. Remarked that some old business would be discussed before the Oath is taken and the new Councilman sworn in. Noted that after the Oath is given, another Roll Call will be taken and the new meeting will begin.

Mayor Miller expressed his appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for their dedication and the wonderful job done during the past weekend due to the civil disturbances. Stated that everyone is shocked and astounded by the events that have taken place and feels that it is time for citizens to learn that law enforcement applies to all people regardless of race, color or creed. Mayor Miller stated that it is time for elected officials to stand up and be counted and show some intestinal fortitude. Further noted that a new attitude needs to be shown not only by elected officials but the courts also.

Mayor Miller remarked on the wonderful work being done by the coaches and other public spirited persons in connection with the Takoma Park Boy's Club. He noted that Mr. Harry Wickline, Andy Buzik, Warren Magner and Lee Jordan are all very active in the Club with Mr. Wickline as President. Mayor Miller read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the activities of Boy's Clubs throughout our Nation and the entire world are recognized as a massive force toward the development of moral character and physical well being in our youth today, AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Boy's Club with the assistance and guidance of many dedicated adults have continuously provided programs of great interest and participation by the young people of our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George M. Miller, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park Maryland, proclaim April 21 through May 21, 1968 as

TAKOMA PARK BOY'S CLUB DAYS

in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, and hereby call upon all of our citizens to cooperate and support the Takoma Park Boy's Club by welcoming them at your door and donating \$2.00 to this worthwhile cause for a Boy's Club Tag in an effort to bring about well rounded recreation programs to the youth of Takoma Park.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Takoma Park to be affixed this eighth day of April, 1968.

After reading the above Proclamation, Mayor Miller donated \$2.00 to the Club and received the tag which is to be placed on automobile license plates to signify support of the Club.

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS continued:

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Mayor Miller introduced Anamaria Bonfim Magalhaes, the Exchange Student from Jequie, Brazil who is presently living in Takoma Park and attending Montgomery Blair High School. Mayor Miller noted that Anamaria is a very talented piano and accordian player and sings as well. He further noted that she will be presenting a play in June featuring songs and dances from Brazil and urged everyone to attend. In referring to his visit to Jequie, Mayor Miller stated that he had attended a Council Meeting and was pleased to observe that Democratic procedure was followed.

Anamaria stated that she liked Takoma Park very much and would miss the City upon her return to Jequie in July. She invited Takoma Park residents to come visit her home in Brazil.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Mrs. Ferry noted that many inquiries have been received regarding the low cost housing for senior citizens and housing for low-income families to be located on Carroll Avenue. Inquired as to the number of persons which may be permitted per family in the senior citizens apartments. Councilman Geib remarked that the inquiries for both types of housing appear to be originating from the same group of interested persons. Recommended that Items 1 and 5 under the Civic Improvements Committee be combined on the Agenda. Further stated that according to the proposed developer of the apartments, the senior citizen apartments would be limited to occupancy by couples only.

Mrs. Ferry also inquired into the findings of the Corporation Counsel regarding the front foot benefit charges imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Noted that the information she had received indicated that after the expiration of the fifty year charge, the Commission had the privilege of placing another assessment on the property. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that this appeared to be a possibility.

2. Mr. Jack Sapienza, 7605 Hammond Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Inquired as to the position of the Council regarding the Special Exception applied for to permit parking on the property at New Hampshire Avenue between Hammond and Kirklynn Avenues which has been partially zoned C-0 to permit construction of a Medical Center. Stated that he and Mr. Sidotti, another adjoining property owner, are definitely opposed to the parking lot use of this property and would recommend that the R-55 Zoning be retained for the construction of private homes.

Councilman Geib stated that the Council would discuss the subject Special Exception during the Civic Improvements Committee report at which time a vote would be taken.

There being no further old business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Miller stated that the Council members would at this time take the Oath of Office for their two year terms beginning at this meeting. Mayor Miller administered the Oath and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith called the Roll. Councilmen present included: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Hutmire, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Excused: None.

Mayor Miller noted that he had taken his Oath of Office in Montgomery County as well as Prince George's County although the City Charter required that this only be done in one County.

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Mayor Miller stated that on December 20, 1968, Officer Grant A. Starkey of the Police Department had applied artificial resuscitation to an infant and presented a Certificate of Award which read as follows:

C E R T I F I C A T E O F A W A R D

THIS CERTIFIES THAT:

Officer Grant A. Starkey of the Takoma Park Police Department did, through his personal initiative, on December 20, 1967, revive a stricken infant whose breathing had ceased, and is hereby sincerely commended for his exemplary humanitarian action and his timely and efficient application of his Police training in an emergency.

Presented this 8th day of April, 1968
 City of Takoma Park, Maryland
 /s/ George M. Miller, Mayor
 /s/ Haynes M. Pridgen, City Clerk

Mayor Miller noted that Officer Starkey has also been recognized by the Prince George's County Police Association for his action. Stated that Officer Starkey was also involved in the apprehension of suspects during the break-in at the High's Store at 7300 Carroll Avenue on January 29, 1968 and the recovery of money stolen.

Mayor Miller stated that in 1954 a very spirited election was held in Takoma Park, at which time he was elected Mayor and Gibson E. McKenzie elected as a Councilman. Noted that Councilman McKenzie had not sought re-election for this term as he is anticipating retirement from the newspaper business and looking forward to some leisure time. Mayor Miller presented Councilman McKenzie with a plaque inscribed as follows:

C I T Y O F T A K O M A P A R K , M A R Y L A N D

AWARDED TO:

GIBSON E. MCKENZIE

In recognition of his faithful service as
 City Councilman and Chairman of the Law and
 Ordinances Committee and Public Welfare
 Committee.

April 12, 1954 - April 8, 1968

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Miller read the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Council.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the many years of association with Councilman McKenzie are cause for reflection upon the accomplishments and records of the Offices he held within the Council while serving as Chairman of the Law and Ordinances Committee and the Public Welfare Committee, and

WHEREAS, during Gibson E. McKenzie's service as Councilman, he faithfully and effectively discharged the arduous duties of that office and carries with him the affectionate goodwill of those who have served with him, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park wish to pay tribute to Gibson E. McKenzie who has served as Councilman for the City of Takoma Park for fourteen years, from April 12, 1954 to April 8, 1968, and has voluntarily retired from that office, and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Councilman Gibson E. McKenzie and that this record be spread in full upon the official minutes of the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Adopted this 8th Day of April, Nineteen hundred and sixty eight

/s/ Mayor and members of the Council
City Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth, Vice-Chairman reporting

Nothing pending to be reported on at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Repair of pot holes: Referred to the request from the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church for repairs to be made on the Service Drive on New Hampshire Avenue. Stated that this work has been completed.
2. Maintenance of Longbranch Park: Stated that the request from Mr. George Wolfe for maintenance work on Longbranch Park between Piney Branch Road and New Hampshire Avenue should be referred to the Park and Planning Commission as it is under their jurisdiction.
3. Request for Street Lights: Presented a motion that the Public Works Department be authorized to request PEPCO to make a survey of the area of the dead end at Barclay Avenue in respect to street lighting. The Motion was seconded and duly carried.
4. Miscellaneous Projects: Stated that the Public Works Department is presently picking up leaves which were left last Fall as a result of inclement weather. Remarked that the Public Works Department has installed the new posts for the double-header parking meters which are to be delivered and installed in the near future. Storm drains are being cleaned out in anticipation of the Spring rains to alleviate flooding.
5. Pot-holes, Lee Avenue: Stated that in reference to the letter received regarding the Gas company's digging up places in Lee Avenue and pot-holes resulting, temporary repairs are usually made by the Company until the street settles. At that time, final repairs are made. Requested that the resident be so informed.

Councilman Geib remarked that the Park Ritchie Apartments have been improved greatly by the planting of grass and is proving to be an attractive area. Councilman Turner stated that he had received a request to inquire into the possibility of the City doing something to improve the appearance of the City-owned strip of ground in front of the Winchester-Takoma Apartments. Councilman Geib replied that the City and the owners of the apartments are presently negotiating the transfer of ownership on the property but perhaps something still could be done to improve the appearance. Councilman Forshee noted that he had observed that the parking lot at the Sylvan Terrace Apartments is in need of cleaning up. Mayor Miller stated that there is an Ordinance governing this matter and that the proper Department should take care of it.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Report on Fire Department activities during recent Civil Disturbance: Added his personal thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their outstanding work during the past week-end disturbances and read a letter from the Fire Chief outlining the various operations during the civil disturbance. A summary of the operations is as follows: Total time in the District of Columbia on all fires: 20 hours, 4 minutes: Total men needed for changing crews every four hours: 16 men; Total man hours in District of Columbia: 321 hours and 4 minutes.

Councilman Roth requested that the Council go on record in expressing the thanks of the Mayor and Council for the outstanding work done by the Police and Fire Departments during the emergency in the District of Columbia. Councilman Roth presented a motion for the approval of such an expression of appreciation, the motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Councilman Turner noted that the Fire Department's efficiency and use of canopies had been commented on by Montgomery County Council President Greenhalgh. Chief LaScola noted that the canopies had cost a total of \$82.20 for materials as the work had been done by Lt. Kearns and his men and the painting done by the Takoma Auto, Inc.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Items 1 and 5 on Agenda: Noted that the two items pertaining to consideration of an apartment building on Carroll Avenue, one for senior citizens and one for low-income families, are related, and requested that in the future be shown as one item on the Agenda. Noted that he had spoken with Mr. Wolfe who advised him of a pending meeting with HUD during which he was hopeful that financing could be arranged. Stated that the Bill governing housing for Senior Citizens has been passed by the House of Delegates and is now awaiting the signature of Governor Agnew. Stated that Mr. Wolfe has spoken with Montgomery County regarding the City in respect to tax loss. Councilman Geib stated that the City cannot do anything more at this point until pending legislation and other matters are completed.

2. Z.A.P. E-631, Results of hearing held on 11/29/67: Stated that no information has been received as of this date regarding the results of this hearing. Requested that a letter be written in order to obtain these results.

3. McLeod Property - Flower Avenue: Stated that the original condemnation order issued on this property stipulated that owners had 30 days to clean up including the garage. At the time of the demolition due to the order not being complied with, the garage was not included in the proceedings. Due to the undesirable as well as dangerous condition of this structure, Councilman Geib presented a motion for the approval of an order that the property must be cleaned up and the garage either restored or dismantled within 30 days or the City will be forced to institute condemnation proceedings. There was some discussion regarding the original orders and Councilman Geib pointed out that the owner was aware of the fact that the garage was included in this order and that it was an oversight on the part of the City in not including the garage at the time of demolition. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

4. 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway: Upon inquiry by Councilman Geib, Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that a meeting was held today with the Prince George's County Health Department and it was stated unofficially that the furniture and other articles could be a harbor for rats. Stated that pictures are to be taken in the morning. Stated that Mr. and Mrs. Preston, adjoining property owners, are to join the City in filing a complaint with the Court.

5. Special Exception No. 1720: There was considerable discussion between the Council and Mr. Jack Sapienza, an adjoining property owner, regarding the Special Exception to permit the use of several lots for a parking area for the proposed Medical Center. The subject property is Lots 8 through 12 and Lot 20 of Block 4, New Hampshire Gardens Subdivision, located on the Westerly side of New Hampshire Avenue bounded on the north by Kirklynn Avenue and on the west by Hammond Avenue, containing 33,000 (approximate) square feet and is presently zoned R-55. Mr. Sapienza recommended that the Council disapprove the Special Exception for parking as the property should be used for private homes. Stated that the parking lot will lower the value of his home and create a nuisance. Councilman Geib noted that certain provisions will be complied with such as the installation of a buffer strip and fence and that a parking lot will certainly be an improvement over the littered vacant lot as it now is. Councilman Geib presented a motion that the Mayor and Council go on record as recommending approval of the subject Special Exception. Upon being informed by Mr. Sapienza that he and Mr. Sidotti would appeal the decision if approved, as property owners that would be adversely affected, Councilman Geib recommended that Corporation Counsel Gingerich represent the City if such an appeal is granted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried with Councilman Turner voting negative and Councilman Roth abstaining.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Request that azaleas be made available for bloodmobile visit on April 22, 1968: Stated that this item should be removed from the Agenda as it has been taken care of by the Azalea Committee.

2. Lease of Park Land: Noted that a letter has been written to the Prince George's County Board of Education but that no further information has been received as of this date.

3. Planned Recreation Activities: Councilman Jones noted the following activities:

April 27, 28	Azalea Show	Takoma Park Junior High School Cafeteria
May 2	Antique Seminar Mtg.	8 Columbia Avenue
May 11	Plant Sale	Hodges Field
May 19	Art Fair	Takoma Park Library
June 25	Navy Band	Jequie Park
July 23	Army Field Band	Jequie Park

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Library Expansion: Upon Inquiry, Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that the request for a Special Exception has been filed and a Hearing will be held on May 9th. Noted that necessary documentation and plans have been presented by the architect and there should be no problem.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Councilman Forshee said necessary provisions will be made to cover the overtime hours put in by the Police and Fire Departments immediately. Councilman Forshee commended the two departments for their loyalty and diligence in working these extra hours.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Request for crossing guard service: Stated that in the past, requests for crossing guards have been left to the discretion of the Police Chief. Noted that the service is provided by Special Police Officers who donate their time and barring any unforeseen conditions, they will be in position to provide this service to the members of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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2. Police Department Overtime: Commended the Police Department for their foresightedness in being prepared for any emergency during the civil disturbance and referred to a memo from Chief Foster outlining the number of extra hours put in by the Police Officers. Stated that the payment for these hours would be taken care of by the Finance Committee immediately. Councilman Kennedy reiterated the sentiments expressed by other Councilmen in requesting that the appreciation of the Mayor and Council be conveyed to the Police and Fire Departments.

3. Personnel: Referred to a memorandum from Chief Foster and presented a motion for the appointment of Henry M. Wortman, Sr., as a Special Police Officer to be effective as of April 15, 1968. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

4. WALES Project: Councilman Kennedy presented a motion for the approval of \$134.00 per month for May and June to be allocated from the Police Department budget accounts to facilitate installation of the necessary equipment by May 1, 1968. Councilman Kennedy noted that this is a Council of Governments operation in which 14 jurisdictions are already participating with Takoma Park being the last to initiate such service. Chief Foster noted that it is estimated that in 3 to 5 years the teletype will be obsolete and this new computer system will up-date law enforcement. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

Councilman Roth inquired as to the health of Building Inspector Harvey Williams and noted that he had recently been ill. Mr. Rhodes stated that he has returned to work on a half-time basis and his experience and background is most beneficial to the Public Works Department.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on April 22, 1968.

APPROVED: _____

George M. Meled

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Rodney L. Smith

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCES
as of March 31, 1968

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of February 29, 1968	\$ 35,487.24	
March Cash Receipts	* <u>91,608.66</u>	\$127,095.90
March Cash Disbursements		83,914.59
Plus J/E 107 to adjust for #791 voided		<u>25.00</u>
Balance as of March 31, 1968		<u>\$ 43,206.31</u>

*Includes maturity of \$50,000.00 in Treasury Bills

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of February 29, 1968	\$ 10,653.78	
Transfers from General Fund	<u>59,071.34</u>	\$ 69,725.12
March Cash Disbursements		<u>56,125.91</u>
Balance as of March 31, 1968		<u>\$ 13,599.21</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

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

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FUND

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

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS ACCT. TP-63

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

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

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

PETTY CASH

Balance as of March 31, 1968		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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U.S. TREASURY BILLS

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
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>\$154,367.44</u>	<u>\$160,000.00</u>

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

APRIL 22, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith
Councilman Geib	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Hutmire	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Jones	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Kennedy	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Roth	Director of Recreation Zeigler
Councilman Turner, Excused	Asst. Bldg. 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 April 22, 1968 at 8:08 p.m.

The Invocation was rendered by Mr. Campaigne, Assistant Pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland.

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

Mayor Miller noted that some members of Boy Scout Troop 33 were present and working to receive their Citizenship Badge. Mayor Miller commended the Scouts for their interest and introduced each member of the Council and explained their assigned duties and responsibilities as related to the residents of the City and the individual Departments.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 8th. The motion was presented by Councilman Forshee, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Smith reporting

1. J. & K. Valet, Maple Delicatessen, Maple Barber Shop, 7607 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park: Request for one-hour parking signs in vicinity of businesses. (Law Enforcement)
2. Stephen J. LaScola, Municipal Fire Chief, Takoma Park Fire Department, Takoma Park: Letter of commendation and appreciation to members of the Fire Department for their participation in the fire fighting during the recent civil disturbance. (Council Files)
3. Mr. Peter A. Menedis, President, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Takoma Park: Letter of congratulation to Mayor and City Council upon recent election. (Council Files)
4. Mr. Henry B. Packard, Business Manager, Montgomery Junior College, Takoma Park: Request for information concerning band-stand and request that Takoma Avenue between New York and Albany Avenues be temporarily closed during planned program. (Law Enforcement) (Public Works Department)
5. Mr. Henry Marschalk, Past Pres. City Fire Board, 415 Browning Court, Takoma Park: Letter of commendation regarding the Fire Department's performance in assisting fire fighting activities in Washington, D.C. recently. (Council Files)
6. Mr. Lewis Sasser, 116 Lee Avenue, Takoma Park; Mrs. Edith Welch, 908 Anne Street, Takoma Park; Mrs. Loretta Reilly, 7429 Carroll Avenue; Mrs. Mildred McGinley, 908 Anne Street, Takoma Park, Mrs. Maggie Carlson, 7513 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park: Request for consideration of apartment for Senior Citizens. (Civic Improvements)

- 7. Maryland- National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Reg. Office, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland: Request for recommendation on reclassification of property on Southeasterly side of City limits (New Hampshire Avenue and Eastern Avenue) from C-1 to C-2. (Civic Improvements)
- 8. Governor Spiro T. Agnew, Executive Department, Annapolis, Maryland: Invitation to attend the 17th Annual Governor's Conference on Recreation and Parks. (Parks & Recreation)
- 9. Mr. John H. Hewins, Governmental Relations Coordinator, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland: Notice of appointment to new position and offer of assistance. (Council Files)
- 10. Mr. Clyde Unglesbee, Chairman, Middle Income Housing Seminar Committee, Office of the County Manager, Community Services Section, County Office Building, Rockville, Md.: Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend community-wide conference on housing for middle income families. (Civic Improvements)
- 11. Mr. John F. Vredenburgh, Valmy, Inc., 7610 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Request that Council consider recommending negotiations with Montgomery County Housing Authority for purchase of apartment building. (Civic Improvements)
- 12. Prince George's County Municipal Association, Box 276, College Park, Maryland: Notice of April meeting in Colmar Manor Municipal Center.
- 13. Mr. H. Eugene Walker, Chairman, Board of Directors, Takoma Park Sister City Corp., 7503 Glenside Drive, Takoma Park, Maryland: Request that City consider financing trip to Jequie for Mayor Miller in August. (Finance Committee)

Mayor Miller stated that the Annual Azalea and Flower Show will be held at the Takoma Park Junior High School on April 27th and 28th and invited everyone to attend. Further noted that former Councilman, Mr. Robert Collison, has invited interested persons to visit his garden at 7112 Sycamore Avenue during the next few weeks.

Mayor Miller noted that Councilman Turner's absence at the meeting was due to the death of Mrs. Turner's sister and moved that a Resolution be sent to Councilman Turner and his family expressing the sympathy of the Council. Councilman Forshee seconded the motion and the Resolution was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, wish to express their sincere condolences to Councilman and Mrs. Edwin S. Turner at the passing of Mrs. Turner's sister, Mary Stout Slaughter, AND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the Mayor and Council and other Officials and employees of the City of Takoma Park, be spread in full upon the Official Minutes of the City and a copy be sent to Councilman and Mrs. Edwin S. Turner and Family.

1. Mr. James Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Spoke regarding the street lighting at Heather Avenue Service Drive. Presented a petition signed by residents of the area requesting additional lighting to supplement that already authorized by the Mayor and Council. Noted that the lighting at each end of the Service Drive is very much appreciated, however, is not adequate.

2. Mr. Claude Curlin, 909 Sligo Creek Parkway, Takoma Park, Maryland: Spoke in support of the increased lighting on the Heather Avenue Service Drive. Registered a complaint regarding the conditions at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway where the used furniture store is in operation. Stated that this operation is a blight on the neighborhood and requested that the Mayor and Council give consideration to requesting that the County Commissioners adopt an Ordinance or Resolution to enable them to correct this situation and prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Councilman Roth stated that he concurred with Mr. Curlin's feelings and stated that he would be pleased to present a motion for the recommendation to be made to the Prince George's County Commissioners. There was considerable discussion regarding the various undesirable aspects of this business and Corporation Counsel Gingerich informed the Council and Mr. Curlin that suit has been filed as of this date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE, Councilman Kennedy, Vice-Chairman, reporting

1. Personnel: Presented a motion for the approval of a permanent appointment for Officer William J. Glenn to be retroactive to April 16, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. Compensatory Time: Councilman Kennedy referred to a memorandum from Chief Foster wherein it was stated that twenty officers were placed on standby for two days and therefore eligible for 8 hours compensatory pay. The stand-by duty was to prevent any large scale outbreak during the demonstration in Washington, D.C. on October 20th and 21st, 1967. Mayor Miller referred the matter of payment to the Finance Committee.

3. Parking Meters: Councilman Kennedy stated that there has been considerable discussion in the past regarding the replacement and re-location of parking meters. Noted that the new meters have been received and installed and that the adoption of an Ordinance is necessary to establish the locations and the penalties for overtime parking as well as the charge for parking at such meters as there have been considerable changes.

Councilman Kennedy presented a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2000

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

SECTION 1. THAT Section 2 of Article 11, titled "Parking Meters" of the Municipal Code (1961) of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

Section 2. Adjacent to each parking meter the parking zone for which such meter is to be used shall be plainly marked out and painted on the surface of the street or avenue, and any vehicle parked alongside of or next to any such parking meter shall park within the lines or markings so established. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Article to park any vehicle across or straddling any such line or marking or to park such vehicle in such position that the same shall not be entirely within the area so designated by such lines or markings. The lines or markings of such parking spaces shall be so established as to clearly indicate whether parking shall be parallel or angle. When any vehicle shall be parked in any parking space, headed into, alongside of or next to which a parking meter is located as here-inbefore provided, the operator of such vehicle shall upon entering said parking space immediately deposit or cause to be deposited one or more one cent (1¢) or five cent (5¢) or ten cent (10¢) coins of the United States in such parking meter, and the said parking space may then be lawfully occupied by such vehicle for the period indicated upon said parking meter, but no longer. If such vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the period so paid for by the deposit of such coin or coins, the parking meter shall display a sign or signal by a mechanical device and appropriate marking showing the expiration of the time for which deposit was made, and in such event such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the legal parking time, which shall constitute a violation of this Article and shall be punished as hereinafter provided. The said parking meters shall plainly indicate by appropriate language thereon the hours of the day during which the said parking meters shall be operative to vehicles using the parking meter zones. The said parking meters shall be operative during such hours so indicated on every day of the year except Sundays and Holidays. The continuous use or occupancy by any vehicle of any parking meter zone or space for a period of time in excess of two (2) hours is prohibited.

SECTION 2. THAT Section 7 of Article 11, titled "Parking Meters" of the Municipal Code (1961) of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

Section 7. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to prohibit commercial vehicles from using such parking meter zones as herein provided, when such commercial vehicles are actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise to commercial business houses in front of which parking meters are located, at such times as such parking meter zones are not otherwise lawfully occupied, provided, however, that such commercial vehicles do not use such parking meter zones for any longer period of time than is actually necessary for such loading or unloading, and provided further, that in such cases such commercial vehicles shall not be required to make any deposit of coins in such parking meters. Commercial vehicles are hereby prohibited from occupying such parking meter zones or spaces at night, Sundays or Holidays, before or after the hours specified on the face of such parking meter, except when such commercial vehicles are actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise to commercial business houses in front of which such parking meters are located.

SECTION 3. THAT Section 9 of Article 11, titled "Parking Meters" of the Municipal Code (1961) of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

Section 9. Each police officer or other City employee, as in this Article provided, shall attach a notice on such vehicle to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of a provision or provisions of this Article, and instructing such owner or operator to report to the City Police Station or to the City Clerk-Treasurer in regard to such violation or violations. Each such owner or operator so notified may within forty eight (48) hours of the time when such notice was so attached to such vehicle, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, pay at the said Police Station to the police officer in charge thereof at the time of such payment, or to the City Clerk-Treasurer, as a penalty and in full satisfaction of such violation the sum of two dollars (\$2.00). The failure of such owner or operator to make such payment as in this section provided shall render such owner or operator subject to the penalties hereinafter provided for violation of the provisions of this Article. The report and notice as in Section 8 of this Article provided shall bear corresponding serial numbers and all reports issued hereunder shall be accounted for by the respective police officers or other City employees as in Section 8 of this Article provided in the same manner as other traffic violations are now or may hereafter be required.

SECTION 4. THAT all previously adopted Ordinances establishing parking meter zones are hereby repealed, AND

SECTION 5. THAT parking meter zones are hereby established as follows:

I. ONE (1) HOUR LIMIT METERS - ONE (1) NICKEL (5¢) PER HALF (1/2) HOUR. TWO (2) NICKELS (10¢) OR ONE DIME (10¢) FOR ONE (1) HOUR - FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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| (a) Laurel Ave., East curb, Eastern Ave. to Carroll Ave. | 17 meters |
| (b) Carroll Ave., West curb, Tulip Ave. to 7012 Carroll Ave. | 15 meters |
| (c) Carroll Ave., West curb, Laurel Ave. to driveway entrance | 3 meters |
| (d) Carroll Ave., West curb, Willow Ave. to D.C. Line | 3 meters |
| (e) Maple Ave., East curb, North of D.C. Line | 2 meters |
| (f) Carroll Ave., West curb, Grant Ave. to Lee Ave. | 8 meters |
| (g) Grant Ave., North curb, Carroll Ave., to driveway entrance | 3 meters |

II. TWO (2) HOUR LIMIT METERS, ONE (1) NICKEL (5¢) FOR ONE (1) HOUR, TWO (2) NICKELS (10¢) OR ONE DIME (10¢) FOR TWO (2) HOURS - FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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| (a) Carroll Ave., East curb, Laurel Ave. to Eastern Ave. | 8 meters |
| (b) Laurel Ave., West curb, Carroll Ave. to Eastern Ave. | 3 meters |
| (c) Willow Ave., East curb, Carroll Ave. to driveway entrance | 4 meters |
| (d) Westmoreland Ave., South curb, Carroll Ave. to driveway entrance | 4 meters |
| (e) Maple Ave., East curb, between entrance to 7611 Maple Ave. | 4 meters |

III. THIRTY (30) MINUTE LIMIT METERS, ONE (1) CENT (1¢) FOR SIX (6) MINUTES OR MULTIPLES THEREOF OR ONE (1) NICKEL (5¢) FOR ONE HALF (1/2) HOUR - FROM 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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| (a) Maple Ave., East curb, directly in front of Post Office Bldg. | 2 meters |
| (b) Maple Ave., East curb, from Post Office driveway, Southward toward D.C. Line | 2 meters |

- (c) Maple Ave., East curb, directly in front of 7123 Maple Ave. 1 meter
- (d) Holton Lane, South curb, directly in front of Post Office Bldg. 4 meters

SECTION 6. FURTHER THAT this Ordinance shall become effective in it's entirety at 7:00 A.M., April 23, 1968.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. Sidewalks: Stated that the area along Grant Avenue from Takoma Park Junior High School to the proposed Civic Center is being considered for cul-de-sac treatment. Requested that item be placed on the Public Works Committee agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Barclay Avenue Lighting: Stated that PEPCO has been requested to make a study of the area and that a report will most likely be received in four to five weeks.

2. Winchester-Takoma Conditions: Stated that the apartment has a new Resident Manager and that the general appearance is cleaner. Noted that this item would apply more to the Public Welfare Committee and recommended that it be placed on that Committee's Agenda for further study.

3. Councilman Roth stated that ground will be broken soon for the new Nursing Home.

4. Right of Way Dedication: Stated that the property owners are to come to some sort of agreement regarding the land by April 30, 1968.

5. Azaleas: Councilman Roth spoke regarding the beautiful azaleas now blooming and noted the amount of work involved in this project. There was some discussion regarding the particular points of beauty created by the planting of azaleas in the City.

6. Fire Department Gymnasium Renovation: Upon inquiry, Chief LaScola stated that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has begun installation of the new water service.

7. Montgomery Junior College request: Stated that the Committee would recommend that the College attempt to acquire the portable bandstand for their program from the Park and Planning Commission. Noted that the stand used for the Independence Day Celebration is constructed each year and is rather costly.

8. Heather Avenue Service Drive: Noted that the lighting that has been requested would involve the installation of new poles and seven poles would cost approximately \$1,000.00. Councilman Jones stated that possibly the residents would consider a Special Assessment to cover the cost of these poles. Councilman Roth noted that if such an installation is made, it would be the first time that already existing PEPCO poles have not been the only location for lights and that an undesirable precedent may be set which would involve a large outlay of money.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Personnel: Presented a motion for the acceptance of the resignation with regrets from Charles F. Hartung, effective April 14, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. Personnel: Presented a motion for the appointment of Francis A. Gaegler for the probationary period of one year retroactive to April 15, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Special Exception 1720: Stated that due to a technicality, hearing has been moved to May 15th.

2. Special Exception 2371: Stated that this application has been approved and requested removal from the Agenda.

3. Carroll and Old Carroll Avenues: Stated that the improvement of the triangle at this location will be reported on when action is completed. Requested removal from Agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Army Band: Stated that the Army Band will be appearing at the Montgomery Junior College campus on April 30th and urged everyone to attend and hear this World famous group.

2. Playground activities: Noted that the Spring playground sessions have been set up and will include basketball, soccer, tether ball, baseball, etc. The supervised activities will begin April 22nd and end on May 29th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Fire Tax: Councilman Forshee presented a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO 2001

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

SECTION 1. THAT a tax rate of TWENTY CENTS (\$.20) per one hundred assessable base within the Special Fire Tax Area within the 22nd precinct of the 13th Election District of Montgomery County be set for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1968 for the continuation of Fire Protection to this area outside the Corporate Limits of the City by the Takoma Park Fire Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Montgomery County Council be requested to levy, collect and remit to the City of Takoma Park, the special tax as provided in Section 1 of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 42-1, Montgomery County Code (1965) as amended.

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

2. Proposed Budget: Stated that the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 1968-1969 is scheduled for May 21. Further noted that it may be possible to adopt the new budget at the time of the first meeting in June. Mayor Miller stated that hearing no objections, it would be so ordered, and the Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for May 21.

April 22, 1968

Councilman Roth presented a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution as discussed during the Public Participation portion of the meeting regarding the conditions at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway and requested that the Resolution be addressed to Mrs. Gladys Spellman, Chairman of the Prince George's County Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the used furniture shop on Sligo Creek Parkway is a public disgrace, AND
WHEREAS, this public disgrace is in clear conflict with the purpose to which Sligo Creek Parkway is dedicated, AND
WHEREAS, citizens have complained continually for months on this disgrace, AND
WHEREAS, efforts to mitigate this disgrace under present laws have been a dismal failure, AND
WHEREAS, such public disgrace is in conflict with public policy dedicated to improvement of the environment for all citizens of this great Nation,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council calls on the County Commissioners to initiate new legislation that will prevent this public disgrace and all similar to it.

The motion for the adoption of the Resolution was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

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 May 13, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

George M. Miller
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Lodney L. Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer