

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AUGUST 12, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

The Mayor and City Council for the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, convened in Regular Session in the Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, on August 12, 1968 at 8.06 p.m.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on July 22, 1968. Councilman Forshee moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion for the dispensing with the reading of the minutes was seconded by Councilman Hutmire and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Deputy Clerk Treasurer Smith reporting

1. Mayor Achilles M. Tuchtan, City of Rockville, 111 South Perry Street Rockville, Md.: Letter recruiting two ball players from Takoma Park for the Montgomery County Council Slo-Pitch Softball Spectacular. (Council Files)
2. James H.J. Tate, President, National League of Cities, 1612 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.: Letter appointing Mayor Miller as a member of the Committee on International Municipal Cooperation of the National League of Cities. (Finance)
3. Mr. Georg Bartels, 220 Park Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter of complaint regarding curbstones outside his property. (Public Welfare and Public Works)
4. Mr. Peter A. Menedis, President, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter advising the results of the Annual Election held by the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated on July 10, 1968. (Fire Protection).
5. Mr. DeWane N. Bills, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland: Letter enclosing copy of Zoning Application No. F-196 for an appropriate recommendation. (Civic Improvement)
6. Mr. Donald W. Clifford, Executive Director, Montgomery County Maryland, Rockville, Maryland: Letter from Housing Authority re participation in the Leased Housing Program. (Public Welfare)

7. Mr. Robert C. Oelhaf, 7122 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter regarding the traffic problem on Maple Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
8. Mrs. Lucille J. Oosterhous, 904 Glaizewood Court, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter expressing thanks and appreciation for Resolution sent after the death of Mr. Oosterhous. (Council Files)
9. Mr. Walter A. Scheiber, Executive Director, Council of Governments, 1225 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.: Letter requesting support of the Council of Governments submitting an application to the Solid Wastes Program of the United State Public Health Service for the award of a Demonstration Grant for the development of a regional system for solid waste management. (Public Welfare)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the first meeting during the month of August. Mayor Miller noted that due to vacations the second Council Meeting for the month will be cancelled and the next meeting will be held the second Monday in September.

Mayor Miller presented a certificate from the State of Maryland Police Training Commission to Lieutenant Porter which certifies that the City of Takoma Park Police Department meets the standards prescribed by the Commission for conducting training programs. Mayor Miller noted that only ten jurisdictions in the State of Maryland are qualified to train. He stated that three members of the City Police Department attended the recent school and one member, Detective Jay Crider, attained the highest marks. Mayor Miller also noted that Captain Heliadora Rosa of the Brazilian State Police attended the school through the City.

Mayor Miller also presented certificates awarded to Chief Foster and Lieutenant Porter by the Police Training Commission which state that the two recipients are qualified to teach general police training courses in commission approved schools. Councilman Turner participated in the presentation of the awards as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee.

Mayor Miller noted that the City Council is honored by the presence of Montgomery County Councilwoman, and former member of the Board of Education, Rose Kramer.

The presence of members of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority was noted by Mayor Miller. He stated that a request was made for time to speak regarding the proposed senior citizens housing project on Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park. Mayor Miller introduced Mr. Frank M. Keenan, Chairman, and William B. McKinney, Executive Director, of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority. Mr. Keenan stated that Project No. 202 is a self sustaining operation which does not require tax dollars or any subsistence. He noted that the project as proposed for Carroll Avenue had a location which everyone feels is ideal, and would be a project that Takoma Park would be proud of. Mr. Keenan stated that the building would consist of eleven stories and would be architecturally designed to blend with the surrounding area. Mr. Keenan stated that the purpose for the appearance of the Authority tonight is to attempt to gain approval of the Council in order that they might proceed with the project.

Mr. Ernest Wolfe stated that he has taken a petition before groups of elderly persons and has obtained the signatures of approximately one hundred persons favouring the proposed project.

Mr. Keenan again requested the approval of the City Council and noted that Takoma Park would be represented by a screening committee which is proposed. Councilman

Geib noted that five desirable points of agreement have been provided for the Revenue Authority's consideration. Councilman Turner requested that Mr. McKinney briefly state the intent and purpose of the proposed housing project.

It was pointed out by Mr. McKinney that Takoma Park has a large number of persons over sixty-two and many with restricted income. He noted that the project is to be a self-sustaining program with construction to be financed over a fifty year period at an interest rate of 3%. He further noted that occupancy would be restricted to elderly persons with income limitations. Mr. Keenan in referring to the desirability points of agreement stated that the items contained provisions that the Revenue Authority has already agreed to. He pointed out, however, that the project will be also sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and questions may be raised regarding the 4% payment in lieu of taxes. Mayor Miller stated that the provisions are to be submitted to the Revenue Authority and the Montgomery County Council for approval before the City Council makes a formal decision.

Councilman Geib requested that Mr. Keenan consider the points of agreement and forward a letter to the City Council on the decision. Councilwoman Kramer commented on the three senior citizens housing projects in operation in Montgomery County. She noted that Councilman Keeney of the Montgomery County Council has been appointed liaison for the project and stated that the County Council does not want to thrust this on Takoma Park, but feels that the location would be ideal and pleased to see that serious consideration is being given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. Roanoke Avenue: Councilman Hutmire reported that he had spoken with the complainant regarding excessive noise and disturbances on Roanoke Avenue. He stated that she seemed satisfied that the matter had been cleared up and apparently the Police Department had spoken to the persons involved.
2. Winchester-Takoma: Councilman Hutmire referred to a memo from the Director of Public Works Rhodes which stated that the property is under new management and plans are being made for the improvement of parking areas and general landscaping.
3. Purchase of Refuse Truck: Councilman Hutmire presented a motion to authorize the purchase of a refuse truck by the adoption of an Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on August 1, 1968 for a 25 cu. yd. Refuse Collection Truck to be used by the Public Works Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by the International Harvester Co., 5000 Tuxedo Road, Tuxedo, Maryland for one Heil Mark III, 25 cu. yd. Refuse packer body mounted on an International Truck Chassis meets the specifications set forth in Public Works Job No. 68-1, AND

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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ORDINANCE NO. 2015 continued

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to the International Harvester Co. in the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY NINE CENTS (\$18,432.69) AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER that the sum stated in Section 3 of this Ordinance be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 13.403.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Purchase of Vacuum Leaf Collector: Councilman Roth moved the adopted of the following Ordinance to authorize the purchase of a vacuum leaf collector.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on August 7, 1968 for a Vacuum Leaf Collector to be used by the Public Works Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the low bid submitted by the McClung-Logan Equipment Co., 4601 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland for one Tarrant Model TTL-1, Type 62W, "Big-T-Vac" vacuum leaf collector meets all specifications for Public Works Job 68-2, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the contract be awarded to the McClung-Logan Equipment Co. in the amount of THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (3,370.00), AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER that the sum stated in Section 3 of this Ordinance be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 13.303.

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

2. Fire House Gymnasium Renovation:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017

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

SECTION 1. THAT due to the fact that one of the contractors authorized by Ordinance No. 2014 for plastering of the Fire Department Gymnasium walls is unable to perform Ordinance No. 2014 is hereby repealed in its entirety, AND

- SECTION 2. THAT it has been determined that the walls in the Fire House Gymnasium are in need of plastering and painting in connection with the renovation of the facility, AND
- SECTION 3. THAT a quotation has been received for plastering of the walls in the amount of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,285.00) from Mr. Howard Zook, AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the contract for painting shall be awarded to the Apex Decorating Co. in the amount of ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,734.00).
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the total sum of the two quotations for plastering and painting, FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$4,019.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 10.813
- SECTION 6. FURTHER THAT, the sum stated in Sections 3 and 4 of this Ordinance shall be payment for installing metal lath, plastering and painting of the rough stone walls at the end of the gym and two side stone walls next to wood balconies.

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

3. Ritchie Avenue: Councilman Roth stated that negotiations are nearing completion for the Ritchie Avenue right-of-way. Noted that the Public Works Department will have considerable work to do on the improvement of Ritchie Avenue and that the financing may present a problem as ownership is divided among the church, the City and private property-owners.

4. Heather Avenue: The results of one study by Pepco regarding the lighting on Heather Avenue have been received. However, another is being conducted which will be reported on at a later date.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. Report on Winchester-Takoma Conditions: Councilman Kennedy stated that he has not had an opportunity to discuss further developments with Fire Chief LaScola. He noted, however, that the report presented by Councilman Hutmire seemed very promising.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. Zoning Amendment No. F196: Councilman Geib stated that a zoning amendment petition has been filed to rezone property on Ritchie Avenue from R-60 to R-20. Councilman Geib noted that this particular area is presently reaching the saturation point due to the number of large apartment buildings that have been constructed in recent years. He stated, however, he would like for the Council to go on record as being opposed to any further rezoning on Ritchie Avenue. He pointed out that the property for which rezoning is requested contains a house which is not in use and another dwelling recently destroyed by fire. Councilman Geib noted that he is concerned over further rezoning due to the fact that many lots in this area are developed with well constructed brick homes and that

it would be undesirable to permit further rezoning which may affect the investment that property owners have made over a period of years.

Councilman Geib moved that Montgomery County be informed that the Council has no objection to the rezoning of this property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

2. Housing for Senior Citizens: Councilman Geib referred to the presentation at the beginning of the meeting by representatives of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority. He presented a motion to adopt the five points of agreement with the Revenue Authority and that such be submitted formally for their consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried. Councilman Geib observed that Item No. 3 under the points of agreement regarding a payment to the City in lieu of taxes is a very essential portion of the total thought and that the Department of Housing and Urban Development should approve this point prior to any formal endorsement and support by the Mayor and Council for the project.

3. Request for Footpath in Sligo Creek Park: Councilman Geib noted that a letter was written to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission requesting that a footpath be installed in Sligo Creek Park from Piney Branch Road to New Hampshire Avenue. He requested that another letter be written inquiring as to the status of this request and that a further request be made for cleaning up of this area.

4. Proposed Ordinance: There was considerable discussion regarding the possibility of adopting an ordinance restricting the type of materials used for construction of commercial business houses. Councilman Geib requested that Corporation Counsel Gingerich look into this matter and make recommendations. Councilman Geib moved that an ordinance be considered which would require certain types of construction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried with Councilman Turner voting Nay.

5. 6917 New Hampshire Avenue: Councilman Geib referred to a memorandum from Corporation Counsel Gingerich which recommended that no further action be taken regarding the rezoning of the property at 6917 New Hampshire Avenue. Councilman Geib moved that the C-0 zoning be accepted and requested that Mr. Wollner re-inspect regularly to see that trucks are not being parked there. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

6. New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Avenue: Councilman Geib noted that a Hearing will be held August 16 at 1.30 p.m. on the re-zoning of the property at New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Avenues for construction of a funeral home.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Takoma Park Community Singers: Noted that a meeting is to be held in order that the problems might be discussed.

2. Personnel: Councilman Jones stated that the two summer recreation employees, Gail Lang and Alon Thormeyer will be returning to College soon and additional help will be needed. He referred to a memorandum from the Director of Recreation wherein the appointment of a clerk typist was recommended. Councilman Jones moved that the appointment of Mrs. Shirlee Hutmire as a half-time clerk typist in the Recreation Department effective August 24, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

3. Summer Activities: Councilman Jones noted the following:

August 28, 1968: Music Festival - 7.30 p.m. Jequie Park (in case of rain Takoma Park Junior High Gymnasium)
(Takoma Park Community Singers - Salofi Sotoa South Sea Islanders - Scott Morgan)

Sept. 22, 1968: Band Concert - 3.00 p.m. Jequie Park (in case of rain Columbia Union College Gymnasium)
(Marine Band from Quantico)

Councilman Jones noted that the Senior Citizens Group will have a picnic at Lake Needwood on August 21st, 1968.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. Councilman Jones moved the approval of advertising for bids for the library addition after a meeting between the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and the architect for the purpose of ascertaining the bidding date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Approval of Expenditures: Council Forshee presented a motion for the approval of expenditures for the month of June in the amount of \$93,776.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Councilman Jones inquired as to the status of the Prince George's County tax bills City Administrator Pridgen stated that he spoke with the data processing department today and learned that the bills will be mailed the later part of August.

2. Purchase of Equipment: Councilman Forshee referred to a memo from Deputy Clerk Treasurer Smith wherein the purchase of new machines for the City Office was requested. Councilman Forshee presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined ~~that the~~ City Office is in need of three office machines, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of the following machines is hereby approved: One (1) Olivetti Calculator, Suburban Office Machines, Inc. in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$499.00); One (1) Olivetti M-20, Wheaton Typewriter Co. in the amount of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS (\$266.00); and One (1) Remington #41012, Wheaton Typewriter in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$240.00).

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance be transferred from Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.443

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

1. Personnel: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the approval of a one-year probationary appointment for Mr. David Lee Clair as an Officer with the Police Department to be effective September 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
2. Roanoke Avenue: Councilman Turner stated that the item regarding excessive noise has been reported on by the Public Welfare Committee and should be removed from the Agenda.
3. Commendation: Councilman Turner referred to a Memorandum from Chief Foster wherein Detective Jay R. Crider was commended for his excellent performance of duties in thwarting a robbery and charging the suspects with conspiracy and carrying concealed weapons.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE:SEE NEXT PAGE

AUGUST 12, 1968

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

1. The following Resolution was adopted by a voice vote supporting the efforts of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to develop an operable mechanism for the long-range, pollution-free disposal of the solid wastes of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland that it may accrue to the advantage of Takoma Park as well as to all other jurisdictions of the Washington Metropolitan Area to find a means of bringing about the safe, economical, and efficient disposal, on a regional basis, of solid wastes generated throughout the region, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is seeking to undertake a study to find means, technologically effective and publicly acceptable, to permit such safe, economical, and efficient disposal, on a regional basis, of solid wastes generated throughout the region, and

WHEREAS, this Mayor and Council believes that such a study is necessary, and that the opportunity to review the results of that study will be beneficial to Takoma Park in formulating future plans and procedures for the disposal of solid wastes generated in Takoma Park

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland support the concept that the regional disposal of solid wastes generated within the Washington Metropolitan Area may be beneficial to all jurisdictions in the area individually and collectively.

2. That the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland approve of the proposed study to be made by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to find means, technologically effective and publicly acceptable, for the regional disposal of solid wastes.

3. That the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park, Maryland will carefully consider the results of such a study, if made by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, in formulating plans and programs for the disposal of solid wastes in this region.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9.52 p.m. to reconvene on September 10, 1968.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCES
AS OF JULY 31, 1968

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1968	\$112,544.60	
July Cash Receipts	<u>43,989.92</u>	\$156,534.52
July Cash Disbursements		<u>84,041.21</u>
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 72,493.31</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1968	\$ 6,972.89	
Transfers from General Fund	<u>62,764.42</u>	\$ 69,737.31
July Cash Disbursements		<u>60,625.32</u>
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 9,111.99</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1968		\$ 410.44
July Cash Receipts		<u>91.52</u>
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 501.96</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FUND

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1968		\$ 507.60
July Cash Receipts		<u>1,108.55</u>
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,616.15</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 31, 1968		\$ 93.54
July - No Transactions		<u>0</u>
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 93.54</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT TP-63

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1968		\$ 1,303.27
July - No Transactions		<u>0</u>
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,303.27</u>

PETTY CASH

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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ATTEST

Haynes M. Pidgeon
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Henry M. Miller
Mayor