

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 9, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem 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 September 9, 1968 at 8.10 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee said that Mayor Miller would not be present tonight because his brother had suddenly passed away. The Mayor and his family are preparing to leave for Florida tomorrow for the funeral.

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on August 12, 1968. Councilman Geib moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion for the dispensing with the reading of the minutes was seconded by Councilman Hutnir and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Rodney L. Smith, Deputy Clerk Treasurer: Letter of resignation from the position of Deputy Clerk Treasurer to become effective August 30, 1968. (City Files)
2. Geo. N. Lewis, Jr. Asst. Chief Engineer-Traffic, State Roads Commission, Baltimore, Md.: Letter concerning modification of the "No Parking at any time" zone along New Hampshire Avenue. (Law Enforcement)
3. W.D. Wampler, President, Alabama-Mississippi Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists: Letter of complaint re parking violation. (Law Enforcement)
4. Petition, Louise M. Terry, et al., 1109 Lancaster Road Takoma Park: Letter regarding change in lighting on that street. (Public Works)
5. Petition, Mildred Butts, et al., 800 block of Elm Avenue, Takoma Park: Letter regarding the need of an additional street light (Public Works)
6. Dr. Wallace W. Culver, Chairman, Dept. of Sociology, Montgomery Junior College: Invitation for Mayor Miller to appear on the program of the College Workshop on September 4th, 1968. (Council files)

7. Lewis Elston, Planning Engineer, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Technical staff report recommending the denial of petition F-196 (Civic Improvement)
8. J.C. Kordella, Director of Public Works, Montgomery County, Maryland: Report on conditions of Juniper Street Bridge (Public Works)

Councilman Hutmire noted recent newspaper reports with regard to the Prince Georges tax assessments. He inquired whether this had any effect in the City Office. City Administrator Pridgen stated that the Prince Georges County tax bills were not received until late in August and were mailed on the 28th. Some mistakes were being found as a result of the bills being computerized.

Councilman Geib referred to a letter which was not on the Agenda from some of the residents of Valley View Avenue suggesting that this street be made one-way. Councilman Turner said that he had a copy of this letter and that it was under discussion with Major Foster.

MAYOR PRO-TEM FORSHEE'S COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee welcomed those present to the first meeting during the month of September. The next council meeting will be held on the 4th Monday in September. Councilman Turner was requested to speak regarding one of our citizens who recently passed away.

Councilman Turner reporting on the death of Dr. Burton G. Queen over the weekend said that Dr. Queen had served Takoma Park for thirty years and that most every member of the City official family had come under his care at some time during their lives and his death is a great loss to Takoma Park. The City has sent flowers and the funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. In accordance with the wishes of Mayor Miller, Councilman Turner suggested that the City Administrator prepare a resolution expressing deepest sympathy to Dr. Queen's family.

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee asked that City Administrator Pridgen draft a resolution to forward to the family expressing the sympathy of the City of Takoma Park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, 8 Valley View Avenue, Takoma Park spoke as representatives of a petition from the residents of that street. They emphasized the serious traffic hazards that exist on Valley View and Willow Avenues and wish to see if these streets could be made one-way, going south into Maple Avenue. There was considerable discussion as to the whereabouts of the original letter as it was not on the Agenda but the petitioners were informed that copies were in the hands of the Councilmen concerned. To their claims that the petition was being blocked by someone, Councilman Turner said that he had talked with the Police Department concerning this petition and some ideas were being discussed about the matter.

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee said after investigation of the matter a recommendation will be made and voted on by the Council. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Elliott for bringing it before the Committee and said they would be advised of the recommendations of the Mayor and Council.

- 2. Mrs. Amelia Burroughs, 7218 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park: Referring to the tax deduction for persons over age 65 years and earning not more than \$5,000, Mrs. Burroughs thought the same requirements that apply for State and County should also apply for City Taxes. She further stated that she thought there should
 - * be no minimum earnings and all property owners over 65 years should receive the deduction.

* see corrections page 141

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee referred the question to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Turner reporting

- 1. Personnel: Councilman Turner read a letter from Chief Foster advising that David L. Clair will be unable to accept his appointment as an Officer with the Police Department due to a recent injury in an accident. Councilman Turner presented a motion that Officer Clair's name be removed from the records. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
- 2. Purchase of Firearms: Councilman Turner referred to a memo from Major Foster wherein the purchase of 13 Smith & Wesson 6" service revolvers and 13 Audley holsters for the revolvers was requested. Councilman Turner presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Police Department is in need of 13 service revolvers and 13 Audley holsters, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of the following equipment is hereby approved: Thirteen (13) Smith & Wesson 6" service revolvers from the George F. Cake Co. in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY NINE CENTS (\$746.59) and thirteen (13) Audley holsters for the Smith and Wesson revolvers from the Joseph Phillips Company in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$195.00).

SECTION 3. FURTHER the sum stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 11.113.

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

- 3. Bids for two Police Cruisers: After discussion with Major Foster, Councilman Turner presented a motion authorizing the obtaining of bids for two cruisers for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

Councilman Turner referred to the letter from W.D. Wampler, President of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference regarding a parking violation. Councilman Turner said that the investigation had not been completed and there had been statements made that require clarification and further study before reporting.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

- 1. Park Avenue curbstone problem: Councilman Hutmire reported that the Public Works Department is handling this problem.
- 2. Winchester-Takoma: Councilman Hutmire referred to a memo from the Director of Public Works which reported that the installation of No. 2 boiler is progressing and general cleaning up of the area as deteriorating conditions are noted. The new manager of the building is continuing to strive for lower weeds and better trash pick up.
- 3. Retaining wall - 7010 Westmorland Avenue: Councilman Hutmire reported that the retaining wall at 7010 Westmorland Avenue has been reconstructed. He noted that the wall could be more attractive, however it is quite solid and secure.
- 4. Purchase of Burlap Squares for trash removal: Councilman Hutmire presented a motion to authorize the purchase of burlap squares by the adoption of an Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR PRO-TEM 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 \$1136.10 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 ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$1136.10) 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 Kennedy and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Councilman Geib, Hutmire, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Excused Councilman Jones.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

- 1. Renewal of curb on Park Avenue: Councilman Roth requested that a letter be written to Mr. Bartels advising him that this curb will be renewed some time during the Fall improvement program. This curb is built as part of the gutter and it is quite a difficult job to raise that gutter. We are in the process of obtaining a method by which the curb can be built up and plan to do the necessary work as soon as possible.

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Sanitation Department is in

- 2. Heather Avenue: Councilman Roth reported that the Public Works Committee is awaiting additional information from the study made by PEPCO regarding the lighting on Heather Avenue before making recommendations.

3. Ritchie Avenue: Councilman Roth suggested that the problem is, where the money is going to come from and who is going to be charged for the reconstruction of the street. We have had paving plans on Ritchie Avenue since before the local problems came up. Councilman Roth requested that Captain Rhodes be requested to prepare a listing of properties to be assessed. After the Public Works Committee study re financing a Public Hearing will be scheduled so that property owners may express their opinions.

4. Renovations to the Fire Department Gymnasium: Director of Public Works Rhodes gave information regarding the renovations being done in the gymnasium. As additional plastering is required on portion of the rough stone wall in the gymnasium and as a quotation has been received for Three hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) from Mr. Zook to complete the job, Councilman Roth presented a motion authorizing the sum of \$350.00 for plastering the walls to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.813. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

5. Insulation of Steam Pipes: As the insulation on the overhead steam pipes is in need of repairs in the Fire House Gymnasium and a quotation has been received from the Asbestos Covering and Roofing Company in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$375.00), Councilman Roth presented a motion authorizing the sum of \$375.00 for insulation repairs to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.813. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire and duly carried.

6. Ceiling in the Fire House Gymnasium:

Councilman Roth presented a motion to authorize the painting of the gymnasium ceiling by the adoption of an Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS Ordinance No. 2014 was adopted to authorize the Apex Decorating Company to paint the gymnasium walls, AND

SECTION 2. FURTHER that the Apex Decorating Company be further authorized to fasten all loose ceiling tiles and paint the ceiling of the Fire House Gymnasium, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum of such contract work in the amount of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,150.00) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.813.

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

To Councilman Turner's question as to the cost of the gymnasium renovations to date * Councilman Kennedy replied that approximately half the cost of the \$32,000 was the new heating system for the Fire House. It was also pointed out that the Public Works Department was absorbing the cost of enclosing the balcony with plywood and also the laying of plywood on the balcony floor.

*see corrections page 141

7. 105 Philadelphia Avenue - re-roofing: It has been determined that the house on Philadelphia Avenue which is owned by the City is in need of a new shingle roof, and as a quotation of Four hundred and Forty Dollars (\$440.00) has been received from Mr. James Ferguson to complete the job, Councilman Roth presented a motion authorizing the sum of \$440.00 for repairing the shingle roof to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.813. The motion was seconded by Councilman

Geib and the motion duly carried.

8. Requests for additional street lighting: There was a brief report on the lighting on Lancaster Avenue and the installation of additional lighting down to Glenside Drive is a probability. A request for additional lighting on Elm Road will be looked into and a report made at the next Council Meeting.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. Purchase of equipment: Councilman Kennedy referred to a memo from Fire Chief LaScola wherein the purchase of two typewriters was requested for the Fire Department. Councilman Kennedy presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Fire Department is in need of two typewriters, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of the following machines is hereby approved: one (1) Royal Model 550, Electric Typewriter, 13", at the Government Price of THREE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTS (\$312.75), and one (1) Royal Model 440, Manual Typewriter, at a cost of TWO HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$202.80), from the Silver Spring Business Machine Company.

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance be transferred from Reserve Fund to Account No. 11.213.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Geib, Hutmire, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nay: None. Councilman Jones abstained from voting, due to the fact that he had not arrived until after most of the discussion was completed.

2. Purchase of two Portable Radios: Councilman Kennedy referred to a memo from Fire Chief LaScola wherein the purchase of two portable radios was requested by the Fire Department. Councilman Kennedy presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Fire Department is in need of two (2) portable radios, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the purchase of the following portable radios is hereby approved: two (2) H23DEN-1130, two frequency H. T. Portable Radios with P.L. feature, at a cost of SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS (794.00) each for a total cost of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,588.00) from Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc.

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance be transferred from Reserve Fund to Account No. 11.312.

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

3. Donation to Wheaton Rescue Squad: Councilman Kennedy referred to a memo from Fire Chief LaScola recommending that the City donate \$500.00 to the Wheaton Rescue Squad for their dedicated service rendered to the Citizens of Takoma Park. Councilman Hutmire thought that \$500.00 was the minimum that the City should donate and perhaps that consideration should be given to, if not this year perhaps in the future, an increase in the \$500.00 donation. Councilman Kennedy presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS the Wheaton Rescue Squad has continually served residents of the City in rendering emergency first aid and transporting patients to hospitals beyond City boundaries,

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND and paid to the WHEATON RESCUE SQUAD in consideration of its service.

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

* 4. Official Leave from City requested by Fire Chief LaScola: Councilman Kennedy presented a memo from Fire Chief LaScola requesting official permission to attend the 95th Annual Conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs to be held in Louisville, Kentucky starting September 29 through October 3, 1968. Councilman Kennedy presented a motion to authorize the official leave and the motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

5. Article 4 of the City Code: Proposed Ordinance to amend Article 4, First Reading, see attached memorandum dated September 4, 1968.

6. Insurance Coverage: A letter dated August 9, 1968 to the City Administrator by Mr. Broadbent, Agent for the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, assured that the City, its firemen and apparatus is provided the same coverage for mutual aid service in the District of Columbia as are the operations in the City.

7. Special classes for fire fighting training: Councilman Kennedy reported that Takoma Park had been one of the Cities selected to participate in the emergency fire fighting training to selected citizens. Fire Chief LaScola reported that a copy of the letter had been sent to all citizen associations but only three favorable replies had been received. As at least 25 citizens are required in accordance with the University of Maryland requirements it is not feasible with only three. Councilman Kennedy suggested that a copy of this letter be given to members of the Council. He said that the course itself is one that would be most helpful.

8. Emergency Fire House Lighting: Councilman Hutmire raised a question concerning the fire house emergency lighting for occasions such as the blackout which occurred three weeks ago. Chief LaScola said that the Fire Department is making plans for emergency lighting at this time.
9. Personnel: R.T. Hirsch: Councilman Kennedy presented a letter from Fire Chief LaScola recommending that Private R.T. Hirsch be advanced to Private First Class, effective retro-active to September 1, 1968. Councilman Kennedy presented a motion for approval of this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. Proposed Ordinance: Councilman Geib referred to a memo from Mr. Culpepper of the Corporation Counsel's Office, wherein he stated that State Law would prevent the City from adopting an ordinance regulating building materials used in the construction of business houses.
2. 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway: Councilman Geib requested that a letter be written to the Prince Georges County Commissioner requesting that the City be notified near the date for license renewal for operating the business at this location. Councilman Geib stated that the City would like to present views as there are serious reservations as to the management of this business.
3. Zoning Amendment F-196: Councilman Geib presented a Technical Staff Report from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission which advised their recommendation of a denial of the R-20 zoning for Application No. F-196. Councilman Geib also stated that the Montgomery County Council has given the applicants the privilege of withdrawing their application without prejudice until the study of the Master Plan has been completed.
4. Consideration of Housing for Senior Citizens: Councilman Geib referred to the Montgomery County Council Minutes approving the proposed Senior Citizens Housing Project sponsored by the Revenue Authority and agreeing with the five points of agreement as set forth by the City of Takoma Park.
5. Results of Hearing - Special Exception No. 1720: Councilman Geib reported that zoning application No. 1720 had been approved.
6. Report on Federal Grant for beautification Program: Councilman Geib reported that Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington have priority on all beautification funds. In referring to a call made to the Council of Governments last week Councilman Geib said that the situation has changed and beautification funds are difficult to obtain. He requested that letters be written to Senators Tydings and Brewster and Representatives Gude, Machen and Mathias setting forth the problems that we are having with our beautification program and asking if they could exert any pressure on our behalf.
7. Notice of Hearing of Special Exception No. 1829: Councilman Geib read a memo from the City Administrator advising of a Hearing to be held in Upper Marlboro for permission to use for the purpose of a print shop the premises now known as 1361 Holton Lane. As no objection to the print shop was raised, Councilman Geib moved that Prince Georges County be notified that the Mayor Pro-Tem and Council have no objection to this print shop being established. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

8. Zoning Applications Nos. F-75 and F-76: Councilman Geib read Resolution No. 6-1509 from the Montgomery County Council Minutes, August 27, 1968 wherein the request of C. Woodrow Miller and A. Jackson Cory, both of Piney Branch Road to withdraw their applications without prejudice was brought to the Council's attention. However, upon motion of Councilman Keeney, the applications were withdrawn with prejudice. The Council further stated that the applicants should be informed by the County attorney that they may request the Council to allow them to file their application out of the regular May-November filing period should the occasion present itself.

9. Zoning Petition No. A7489: Councilman Geib presented a letter from Corporation Counsel Gingerich which approved the rezoning from C-1 to C-2 of land at the intersection of New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Avenues.

Councilman Geib read a letter from Mr. Wolfe, Chairman of the Joint Board-Congress Committee for Senior Citizens Housing inviting the Councilmen and their wives to join the senior citizens when they visited Bethany House. Anyone interested should call Mrs. Ziegler.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting:

Councilman Jones presented a letter received from Corporation Counsel Gingerich which stated that he was preparing proposed Articles of Incorporation to be filed with the State organizing a non-profit tax-exempt corporation and suggested that an Ordinance be adopted transferring \$1,000 from Reserve Fund to the Recreation Department for the Takoma Park Community Singers, Inc., the funds to be used in such manner as may be approved by the Recreation Director. Councilman Jones presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Takoma Park Community Singers, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is the cultural and musical development of the community, AND

SECTION 2. THAT membership in the Takoma Park Community Singers, Inc. is available to all residents of the City, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the Takoma Park Community Singers, Inc. has a need for funds for the obtaining of music, supplies and other items essential for the proper organization and operation of the organization, AND

SECTION 4. THAT the Takoma Park Community Singers, Inc. desires to become a part of the Recreation Department of the City of Takoma Park, which will be beneficial to the cultural development of the City, AND

SECTION 5. THAT the sum of \$1,000 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 19.202-J, AND

SECTION 6. THAT the Takoma Park Community Singers, Inc. may draw upon this account for music, supplies, equipment and related items upon the approval of the Director of Recreation.

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

At this point Councilman Hutmire brought to the attention of the Council the fact that neither the Recreation Department nor the Municipal Library had been made "official" departments of the City and that an amendment to the Municipal Code should be drafted to rectify the situation.

2. Fall Programs: Councilman Jones reporting a memorandum from Recreation Director Ziegler advised that the Recreation Council will be meeting on Tuesday September 17 to make plans for the annual Halloween Party. Councilman Jones requested that the following scheduled programs be included in the Minutes:

- Sunday, September 15 - Antiques Show & Sale - 12 N - 6 p.m. - Library Grounds
- Sunday, September 22 - Band Concert (Marine Corps Base Band) 2 p.m. - Jequie Park
- Sunday, September 29 - Craftsman's Show (sponsored by Art Assoc.) 12N - 4 p.m. - Library Grounds

After School Sports Program - Start Sept. 16 - 10 weeks program - 4 to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday - Forest Park. Dates not set for the Takoma Park Recreation Center Program.

Baton Lessons - Registration Monday, Sept. 30, 4 p.m. Hodges Field - Location for practices to be determined.

Slimnastics - Registration Thursday, October 3, 7.30 p.m. - Trinity United Church of Christ.

Dance Classes - A first for us, we are taking over the program sponsored by the SSI PTA. Classes will begin Monday, October 7 - 15 lessons - ages 5 thru 7, 3.30-4.30 p.m.; age 8 on up 4.30-5.30 p.m., Takoma Park Recreation Center.

Art Classes - Plans underway for adult classes - should start Monday October 7 - 10 classes - 7.30-9.30 p.m. Hope to hold classes at Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Church.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

Councilman Jones presented a letter dated September 5, 1968 from Philip W. Mason enclosing a resume of bids for the additions to the Takoma Park Library. Councilman Jones noted that the bids ranged from \$66,380.00 to \$90,000.00 with Mr. Lester Malcolm the lowest bidder. As Mr. Mason recommended the acceptance of this bid Councilman Jones presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1981 adopted by the Mayor and Council on November 27, 1967 authorized the acceptance of a standard form of agreement between the City of Takoma Park and Philip W. Mason, Architect, to effect additions and remodeling of the library building, AND

SECTION 2. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council authorized advertising for bids as per plans and specifications submitted by the Architect, AND,

- SECTION 3. THAT, after having been duly advertised in accordance with law, bids have been received and publicly opened on the Addition to the Library building on September 6, 1968, AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the low bid of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$66,380.00) from Mr. Lester L. Malcolm be accepted, AND
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the City be authorized to enter into contractual agreement with Mr. Lester L. Malcolm for said Addition to the Library Building, AND
- SECTION 6. THAT Alternate #1 for the enclosure of the air-conditioning equipment be also awarded to Mr. Lester L. Malcolm in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIX DOLLARS (\$1,426.00).

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

Councilman Roth stated that when the Library was constructed approximately fifteen years ago, the Council was very proud of the facilities being provided. He noted that during this short span of time the City of Takoma Park has grown and the needs of the people increased to such a degree that this expansion is necessary. Councilman Roth stated that he would like for the record to show that the present Mayor and Council are very proud of the development of the Library and are very sensitive to the kind of tribute this is to the progressive, interested community of Takoma Park. Councilman Roth further stated that he felt certain that Mrs. Pratt, the former Librarian, will be very pleased with the progress that has been made.

Councilman Turner stated that he is familiar with a number of people who continue to return to the Takoma Park Library long after relocating and pay the special fee in order to be able to borrow books.

Councilman Jones stated that work has begun in the preparation of a brochure in connection with the municipal buildings with the assistance of Philip Mason, the architect. He noted that reduced copies of the plans have been obtained and facts and figures are being incorporated into an interesting and informative public relations document.

At this time Mayor Pro-tem Forshee asked Councilman Jones to temporarily chair the meeting while he, Mayor Pro-tem Forshee, gave the Finance Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Personnel: Councilman Forshee referred to a memorandum from the City Administrator Pridgen wherein the appointment of a secretary was recommended. Councilman Forshee moved that the probationary appointment of Mrs. Merle A.F. Byerlee as a secretary under the Merit Plan on an hourly rate basis be effective as from August 13, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Before adjourning Mayor Pro-tem Forshee suggested that Mr. Pridgen send a Resolution of condolences to the Mayor's family. The Council was in unanimous agreement and the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 11:07p.m. to reconvene on September 23rd, 1968.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCES

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968	\$72,493.31	
August Cash Receipts	<u>91,146.07</u>	\$163,639.38
August Cash Disbursements		<u>104,363.41</u>
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		<u>\$ 59,275.97</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968	\$ 9,111.99	
Transfer from General Funds	<u>63,521.57</u>	\$ 72,633.56
August Cash Disbursements		<u>66,194.20</u>
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		<u>\$ 6,439.36</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968	\$ 501.96	
August Cash Receipts	<u>71.61</u>	\$ 573.57
No August Disbursements		-
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		<u>\$ 573.57</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		\$ 1,616.15
No transactions during August		-
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,616.15</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968		\$ 93.54
No transactions during August		-
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		<u>\$ 93.54</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT TP-63

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1968	\$ 1,303.27	
August Cash deposits	<u>78.35</u>	\$ 1,381.62
No August disbursements		-
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,381.62</u>

PETTY CASH

BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1968		\$ 200.00
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APPROVED

George M. Miller

Mayor

ATTEST:

Haynes M. Ridge

Clerk-Treasurer

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

SEPTEMBER 23, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Geib	Fire Chief LaScola
Councilman Hutmire	Police Chief Foster
Councilman Jones	Director of Public Works Rhodes
Councilman Kennedy	Asst. Bldg. Inspector Wollner
Councilman Roth	Director of Recreation Zeigler

EXCUSED

Councilman Turner

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 September 23, 1968 at 8:06 p.m.

The Rev. John B. Paterson of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church rendered the invocation.

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

Mayor Miller called for corrections and additions to the Minutes of the last Meeting held on September 9, 1968. Councilman Kennedy requested the Minutes to be corrected as follows:

Page 3, under 2 of PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, minimum earnings should be corrected to read maximum earnings.

Page 5, under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, the last paragraph of 6 should read as follows:

To Councilman Turner's question as to the cost of the gymnasium renovations to date Mayor Pro-tem Forshee replied that approximately half the cost of the \$32,000 was the new heating system for the Fire House.

Page 7, under FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, 4 should read as follows:

4. Official Leave from City requested by Fire Chief LaScola: Councilman Kennedy presented a memo from Fire Chief LaScola requesting official permission to attend the 95th Annual Conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Fire Administration Institute's 7th Annual Fire Service Management Seminar to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Therefore Councilman Kennedy presented a motion requesting official leave for Chief LaScola from the City starting September 27, 1968 through October 6, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

Mayor Miller introduced Mr. David Gratz, Chief of the Silver Spring Fire Department and thanked him on behalf of the City for the assistance and mutual cooperation which exists between the Silver Spring Fire Department and the City of Takoma Park.

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Chief Gratz said that Takoma Park is a small City but has a fine reputation for fire prevention work. He stated that it seems hard to believe that in this 20th century with progress as it is that we have not been able to harness the threat of fires. He went on to say that he feels certain that there are homes standing and people alive that would not be here today had it not been for the Fire Department's fire prevention program. Chief Gratz presented the International Association of Fire Chief's Commendation Award to Chief LaScola for the City of Takoma Park's Fire Department's outstanding efforts in fire prevention.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Hilda C. Lastner: Acknowledgement of expression of sympathy. (Council files)
2. Ruth W. Dodd, 7203 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.: Letter expressing thanks for Resolution sent after the death of Mr. J. Wilson Dodd. (Council files)
3. Terrill M. Wertz, Chairman, Prince Georges County Municipal Association, College Park, Maryland: Notification of first meeting of the Prince George's Municipal Association at 8:00 p.m., September 26, 1968. (Attention of all Councilmen)
4. Art Association, Takoma Park: Notification of Takoma Park Art Association's First Annual Crafts Show to be held Sunday, September 29 at the Takoma Park Library. (Council files)
5. Mrs. B. Combs, Principal, Takoma Park Elementary School: Requesting a fence be placed around the play area next to the Takoma Park Elementary School and also repairs to road on the upper field. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
6. Mrs. Evelyn Manoff, 506 Boston Avenue, Takoma Park: Enclosing copy of letter which was sent to Senator Brewster with reference to restoring bus service to the Montgomery Blair High School for students living in the area of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue. (Public Welfare Committee)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the second council meeting during the month of September and noted that the next Council Meeting will be held on the second Monday in October.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park: Referring to a petition signed by some residents of Willow Avenue to make that street one-way, Mrs. Bozarth said she was opposed to any change being made as she thought cars would speed even more if a one-way street. When questioned about Valley View Avenue Mrs. Bozarth said she had no objections to that street being one-way as she thought it was a very dangerous street. Mrs. Bozarth also brought up the problem of open burning and thought that with the excellent trash pick-up service in this City there was no need for any resident to burn his own trash as it is very dangerous as well as an air pollution problem.

2. Mrs. Cornwell, Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Cornwell said it was often very difficult to hear what was being said at the Council Meetings and suggested that the purchase of a public address system be considered.
3. Dr. Stephen Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park: Dr. Hiten spoke with concern about the littered streets of Takoma Park. He said that since his return from abroad he noticed a lot more children in Takoma Park and that children are the cause of a lot of this litter. He suggested that more street sweepers be employed and that perhaps we needed another mechanical sweeper and a street washer to spray the street with disinfectant. He also thought that the deterioration which he had noticed on his return would continue unless positive steps were taken to correct the situation. He mentioned houses with paint peeling and in a general run down condition. He said that it seemed as if Takoma Park was attracting the wrong class of people and more hippies seem to live in this City than in Washington, D.C. He mentioned the burnt-out shop on Carroll Avenue and suggested that it be pulled down and at least a decent vacant lot made of it. With the approval of the Senior Citizens Housing Project and the Rapid Transit Station, Dr. Hiten thought that a new shopping center was most important as the present Safeway was inadequate and people had to go to Langley Park to do most of their shopping. He also mentioned that the Takoma Park Post Office had improved but more improvement was necessary. Dr. Hiten stated that the City Council should take a more positive action to improve conditions in Takoma Park otherwise the same thing that happened in Washington will happen here in this City.
4. Mr. William Kaufman, Lee Avenue, Takoma Park: Mr. Kaufman said that young people were also thinking about moving from Takoma Park. He said it seems as if the District of Columbia is spilling over into this City. He thought that wire trash cans should be placed on the streets so that children could put their trash in them instead of throwing it on the streets. He commented on the attractive gardens around the Library and thought that perhaps some grass could be sown in the vacant lot next to Safeway.
5. Mrs. Bozarth: Mrs. Bozarth thought that perhaps the City could employ a Social Worker to help any underprivileged people acclimate to their environment.

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Miller commented that the City Council of Takoma Park had spent a great deal of money with the cooperation of a number of people who are experts in making studies in beautification and that serious attempts have been made to keep the streets free of litter. He said that he would like to see the parents of children take an interest in training them not to litter the streets. He also approved the idea of more street cleaners and an additional mechanical sweeper. He also stated that some parents take the attitude that the City and the tax payer are the baby sitters and the supervisors of their children. The Recreation Program established in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Committee is one of the finest in the area but there are times when we have to call on volunteers to relieve the paid personnel. Some parents send their children down to the Recreation Center at 9 a.m., pick them up at 6 p.m. and then send them back at night.

Mayor Miller went on to say that he wished to assure Dr. Hiten that efforts are being made and a lot of work has been done to beautify our parks through the cooperation of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Azalea Committee. As far as the type of tenant coming into Takoma Park and some areas that seem to be going down, Mayor Miller said that this City is not the only City in

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION continued

the metropolitan area experiencing this problem, but the Council is working on these problems. He said that the City certainly hoped to attract the kind of people who spoke here tonight to Takoma Park. Mayor Miller concluded by saying that these problems will be brought up at future Council meetings to try to improve some of the conditions.

Councilman Kennedy thought that a lot of litter came not only from the people of this City. He said that Philadelphia Avenue has a tremendous amount of beer cans and paper bags full of paper napkins which have been thrown out of passing cars. Councilman Jones said that Ethan Allen also catches a lot of refuse, beer cans, bottles and trash.

Dr. Hiten: Dr. Hiten said that was all the more reason why the City cannot leave it like that. He said he would like to see someone paid to clean it up even if it meant an increase in tax.

Dr. Hiten concluded by saying that some cities make the citizens responsible for cleaning the street outside their homes, just as we are responsible for snow removal on our sidewalks. Dr. Hiten thanked the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Forshee presented a Resolution to Mayor Miller, expressing the Council's sympathy at the passing of the Mayor's brother, Edward B. Miller. He also mentioned that the Mayor's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Miller had passed away last week also and expressed the Council's sympathy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

- 1. TAX EXEMPTION - OVER-AGE 65: Councilman Forshee said that it is too late to do anything for this tax year and suggested that this be removed from the Agenda at this time until possibly earlier next year.
- 2. PURCHASE OF LOT: Councilman Forshee suggested that this be taken from the Finance Committee as it is now with the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- 3. STATE SHARED FUNDS: Councilman Forshee said that many plans are being proposed and still in process of working out some of these. No further need for study at this time and suggested that this be removed from Agenda.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib, Vice-chairman reporting

- 1. VALLEY VIEW: Regarding the petition to have Valley View Avenue designated as a one-way street and upon a recommendation by Chief Foster as outlined in his memorandum of September 9, 1968, Councilman Geib presented a motion for the approval of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 2027

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

SECTION 1. THAT Valley View Avenue be designated as One-Way for vehicular traffic (direction of travel northwest) from Willow Avenue to Maple Avenue.

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs in accordance with Section 1 of this Ordinance

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

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

2. GUN-CONTROL: Councilman Geib suggested that this be removed from the Agenda.

3. PERSONNEL: JAY R. CRIDER: Councilman Geib reported a memorandum from Major Foster stating that as Officer Jay R. Crider, who has been temporarily assigned to the Detective Bureau since April 8, 1968 has performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner that he be appointed to the Detective Bureau of the Takoma Park Police Department, effective October 1, 1968. Councilman Geib moved that the appointment of Officer Jay R. Crider to the Detective Bureau of the Takoma Park Police Department be made effective as from October 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

4. ARTICLE 26, SECTION 1. Councilman Geib referred to Section 1 of Article 26 which says in part that: No person shall throw, cast, deposit, drop, scatter or leave, or cause to be thrown, cast, laid, deposited, scattered, or left, upon any street, avenue, alley, highway, footway, sidewalk, parking, or other public place in the City, any dirt, mud, ashes, gravel, tin cans, bottles and broken glass, offal, vegetable matter, garbage, trees, cinders, paper, or refuse or any kind, or any dead animal or putrescible matter of any sort, or kindle or set on fire any combustibles upon any paved sidewalk or roadway: Under this Article there is a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each and every violation, and in default of the payment of any such fine by imprisonment for not more than thirty days. There was considerable discussion with regards to a stiffer fine but it was agreed that penalty clause remain as enacted. Councilman Geib recommended that the Police Department be alert to enforcement of this and all City Ordinances. Councilman Geib proposed a motion authorizing Public Works Department to post signs on the main thoroughfares. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire reported that another Public Works Department inspection of this property revealed that the installation of the boilers had reached 90% level and is proceeding well and will be ready for the oncoming winter season. He also reported that the grounds and shrubs have been cleaned and trimmed to the extent that they had not been previously and the property looks much better.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. GYMNASIUM LIGHTING - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Roth presented a memorandum from Director of Public Works Rhodes submitting a proposal from Mr. Ridgeway for the lighting system for the balconies, the lights over the doors and flood

lights outside the gymnasium entrances. As this lighting should be completed before the opening of the gymnasium, Councilman Roth moved the adoption of an Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2028

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Fire Department Gymnasium is in need of lighting for the balconies, lights over the doors and flood lights outside the gymnasium entrances and that a proposal has been received from Mr. Walter F. Ridgeway in the amount of \$2,854.00, AND

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT Walter F. Ridgeway be authorized to install the lighting system for the balconies, the lights over the doors and flood lights outside the gymnasium entrances, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the sum of such work in the amount of TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$2,854.00) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 10.813.

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

2. HEATHER AVENUE: Councilman Roth reported from a memorandum from Director of Public Works Rhodes which advised receiving the revised proposal from PEPCO for the installation of street lights on Heather Avenue Service Drive. Councilman Roth proposed that a letter be addressed to each property owner bordering on this drive to explain that it is the basic policy of the City to put street lights where there are poles. However, where poles have to be installed the cost of installing the pole and wire line is borne by all property owners whose lots border on Heather Avenue Service Drive which is, in this case, \$29.00 per lot. He also pointed out that in order for this street light project to be approved it will be necessary for each owner along Heather Avenue Service Drive to grant an easement where required for the PEPCO poles and electric wires and also authorize the necessary trimming of trees.

3. LANCASTER ROAD: Regarding the complaints from the residents of this Road that the City had reduced the street lighting, Councilman Roth reported that he had visited the area a number of times and proposed a plan to use this area as a pilot study using a different street lighting which might be extended more generally through to East-West Highway. Councilman Roth requested that PEPCO be asked to install 4,000 mercury vapor lights on a pilot installation on Kingwood Drive, Merwood Drive, Haverford Road and Lancaster Road. Councilman Roth moved that Captain Rhodes be authorized to work with PEPCO to submit a plan along those lines and also refit one additional light on Lancaster Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

Councilman Hutmire asked whether any scientific measurements could be taken before and after so that a final evaluation could be made. Director of Public Works Rhodes said that he would request that PEPCO make an engineering survey of the area.

4. ELM AVENUE: Councilman Roth reported that a survey of Elm Avenue revealed that (1) a considerable amount of tree trimming was indicated and the residents on that block should be informed that some trees are going to be trimmed and (2) additional street lighting opposite 806 Elm Avenue was necessary. Councilman Roth proposed a motion authorizing PEPCO to look at the need for additional street light near 806 Elm Avenue. The motion was seconded and duly carried.
5. GRASSMERE PLACE: Councilman Roth requested that this item be removed from the Agenda until such time as PEPCO completes their new transformer sub-station and the Nursing Home now under construction is completed.
6. RITCHIE AVENUE: Councilman Roth reported a memorandum from Director of Public Works Rhodes which estimated the cost of reconstructing Ritchie Avenue to be approximately \$46,890.00. Mr. Rhodes has been requested to work out a distribution of such costs for public hearing purposes in anticipation of starting the project, probably next Spring.
7. FOREST PARK: Councilman Roth reported some vandalism to the flood-lighting at Forest Park and that he would have something to propose on this at the next meeting. Councilman Jones said that the landscaping work at Forest Park has worked out very well and hoped that the residents are pleased with the way it is progressing.
8. LEAF COLLECTION: Councilman Roth reported that in anticipation of a huge leaf collection this Fall the Public Works Department had converted a trash truck into a leaf collection truck.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Councilman Kennedy reported a memorandum from Chief LaScola advising the observation of National Fire Prevention Week October 6, through 12, 1968. This memo reported plans for Open House for the public on Sunday October 6, 1968 and an invitation was cordially extended to the Mayor and all Councilmen to visit the Department this Sunday to participate in the activities. Councilman Kennedy moved for the acceptance of a Resolution which read as follows:

WHEREAS, the week beginning October 6, 1968, has been proclaimed Fire Prevention Week by Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, AND

WHEREAS, the purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to promote programs for the prevention and control of fire and assist in the National effort to reduce the loss of life and property resulting from fires;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby heartily endorse the principles of Fire Prevention Week, AND

THEREFORE, call upon the Citizens and Municipal Departments of the City of Takoma Park to cooperate with the National effort and the Fire Department of the City, in the observance of Fire Prevention Week.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and the Resolution was duly adopted.

2. EMERGENCY GENERATOR - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Kennedy presented a memorandum from Chief LaScola giving some idea of the serious problems caused by not having electricity during power failures and outlined a few of the needs that the Fire Department cannot do without when the power fails. It has been ascertained that the cost of the generator and installation will cost approximately \$7,000.00. Councilman Kennedy proposed an Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2029

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City Administator be authorized to issue a Purchase Order not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,500.00) for the purchase of one (1) Generator for use by the Fire Department, AND

SECTION 2. THAT such purchase be from the BOSTON METALS COMPANY, Baltimore, Maryland for equipment described as follows:

One (1) - Diesel generator, Ford, 6 cylinder industrial engine, radiator cooled, 12 volt electric start powering Onan AC alternator, standby 45 KW, 56.25 KVA, continuous 40 KW, 156 Amp., 120/208 volts, 60 cycles, 3 phase, .8 PF, 1800 RPM, serial # 97C979047 complete with saddle mounted switchboard having volt-meter, voltage regulator, circuit breaker, rheostat and engine operating panel, also an automatic transfer panel for power failure is to be provided, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the funds required for the purchase of this generator be taken from Reserve Fund and placed in Account No. 10.813.

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

Councilman Kennedy also proposed a motion to ascertain the cost of installation of this generator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

3. Article 4 of the City Code: Councilman Kennedy presented a memorandum from City Administrator Pridgen wherein he proposed certain sections in the Code be corrected. Councilman Kennedy proposed the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2030

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

SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS Ordinance No. 1943 adopted March 27, 1967 provided new wording and new Section designations for Article 4 titled "THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" of the Municipal Code (1961) of the City of Takoma Park, AND

SECTION 2. WHEREAS Ordinance 1758 adopted September 9, 1963 added Section 21 titled "INVESTIGATION OF FIRES" to the then existing Article 4 such Section 21 reading as follows:

"Section 21. If the circumstances of any fire indicate the possibility of an incendiary origin, the Fire Chief or the Deputy Fire Chief shall report this fact to the State Insurance Commissioner or his regional Deputy. In any such case the Fire Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief shall have the powers of a regular member of the Takoma Park Police Department in making arrests or in enforcing the laws of the City, County and the State of Maryland." AND

SECTION 3. WHEREAS inadvertently the provisions of Section 21 were not contained in Ordinance No. 1943 amending and adopting the new Article 4, AND

SECTION 4. WHEREAS Article 4 as amended by Ordinance No. 1943 Section 16 (b) (1) provides

"(1) Any area outside of the City may apply for fire protection by the City Fire Department. Upon approval of said application by the Council, and payment to the City of a sum of money amounting to at least seventeen cents (17¢) per annum for each hundred dollars assessed valuation within the area, the City will furnish the services of its Fire Department."

SECTION 5. NOW THEREFORE be it ordained that Article 4 titled "THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" be amended to read as follows:

Section 16 (b) (1). Any area outside the City may apply for fire protection by the City Fire Department. Upon approval of said application by the governing body of the respective county with its agreement to levy and collect a special fire tax within the area for the City, and acceptance of such application and agreement by the City Council, the City will furnish the services of its Fire Department. Such levy, within the designated area, shall be requested by the City Council annually and be based on a specified fire tax rate per hundred dollars assessed valuation on all properties within the area, subject only to the limitation provision in the respective county codes.

Section 18. If the circumstances of any fire indicate the possibility of an incendiary origin, the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief and duly appointed Fire Inspectors shall report this fact to the State Fire Marshal. In any such case the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief and duly appointed Fire Inspectors shall have the powers of a regular member of the Takoma Park Police Department in making arrests or in enforcing the laws of the City, County and the State of Maryland.

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 and Roth. Nay: None. Excused: Councilman Turner.

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CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting: Councilman Geib proposed a motion that Corporation Counsel Gingerich and City Administrator Pridgen look into the possibility of the City of Takoma Park establishing a Housing Authority in the City. He said Dr. Hiten has mentioned the fact that many cities do have a Housing Authority. Councilman Geib said he would be interested to know what authority they have and the legal and financial involvement. He mentioned the fact that the Council is considering a \$50,000 Revolving Fund for privately owned property improvement and thought that everyone feels that we do have a problem in the City of Takoma Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT: Councilman Geib reported a memorandum from City Administrator Pridgen advising that the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County acting in its capacity as the District Council for the Maryland Washington Regional District, has proposed an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 1968 at 10 a.m. Councilman Geib proposed a motion that the City be represented at this Hearing in order to oppose any such amendment to the zoning ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

3. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Councilman Geib read a memorandum from Building Inspector Wollner wherein he detailed his observations as a result of a re-inspection of the premises known as 114 Grant Avenue. Councilman Geib proposed a motion that immediate steps be taken under Article 13 of the City Code to hold a Hearing to consider whether the property is a nuisance and should be rehabilitated or condemned for human habitation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting. Councilman Jones commented on the very successful Band Concert held on September 22nd 1968.

1. TYPEWRITER - RECREATION DEPARTMENT: As there is only one typewriter now at the Recreation Department and there is need for two, Councilman Jones proposed a motion authorizing the City Administrator to purchase one (1) IBM Typewriter from the General Conference for the sum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) including repairs to the typewriter and that this amount be taken from Reserve Fund and placed in Account No. 19.203. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting: With regard to the Additions to the Library Councilman Jones reported that the contractor wished to start the project immediately and proposed to put up a plywood dust proof wall. Moving of the book racks and shelves has already started. Councilman Jones requested that the City Administrator write to the Montgomery Board of Education and the Principal of the Takoma Park Elementary School advising that construction at the Library will be started immediately and that the children should be cautioned to stay away from the construction site. Councilman Jones also mentioned that there will be no parking immediately behind the Library while the construction is in progress and requested that the Public Works Department and the Police Department work out the parking problem with street parking and emergency parking on the Library lawn.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m. to reconvene on October 14, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward B. Miller had distinguished himself over the years as a public servant, both in federal and local service, AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward B. Miller passed from this life on September 9, 1968 at the attained age of sixty-eight years while actively engaged in his beloved public service as Chief Clerk in the Small Claims Court, Dade County, Florida, AND

WHEREAS, Members of the City Council of Takoma Park wish to express sincere condolences to Mayor George M. Miller upon the passing of his brother, Edward B. Miller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council in behalf of the officials and employees of the City of Takoma Park, as well as the citizens of this community, do hereby extend to the members of his family, this expression of heartfelt sympathy, AND

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

ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that the Mayor and City Council learned of the passing on September 7, 1968, of Dr. Greenville Burton Queen, the beloved husband of Helen Klevan Queen and father of Marine Lt. G. B. Queen, Jr., AND,

WHEREAS, Dr. Queen was a graduate of Stanford University and Rush Medical College and served during World War II as Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy and was with the original landing party in Sicily, AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Queen practiced medicine in the City of Takoma Park for many years, serving the Official Family as well as many employees of the City, AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Queen was actively interested in the welfare and interests of this community which he displayed by his civic, charitable and religious service, AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Queen was distinguished in his field as former Chief of the General Practice Section of the Washington Hospital Center,

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

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

ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT

APPROVED

George M. Miller
Mayor

ATTEST:

Haynes M. Ridge
Clerk-Treasurer