

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

OCTOBER 14, 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 (arrived late)	Director of Recreation Zeigler
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 October 14, 1968 at 8:07 p.m.

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

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 23, 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 Forshee and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting:

1. National League of Cities, Washington, D.C.: Notice of Annual Meeting of members to be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, from Saturday, December 7, 1968 through Wednesday, December 11, 1968. (Refer to the Finance Committee)
2. Prince George's County Municipal Association, College Park, Md.: Memorandum advising the October meeting of the Prince George's Municipal Association will be held in the Forest Heights Municipal Building, October 17, 8:30p.m. (Refer to Council as a whole)
3. George N. Lewis, State Roads Commission, Baltimore, Md.: Letter advising that supplementary signs will be attached to the "No Parking at any time" signs along New Hampshire Avenue to permit parking on Sunday morning from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Refer to Law Enforcement and advise people concerned)
4. Donald W. Clifford, Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland: Letter advising the Housing Authority will begin leasing units in the City in the near future for low income housing. (Refer to the Public Welfare Committee)
5. Board of Education of Prince George's County, Upper Marlboro, Md.: Letter concerning proposal to use a portion of the J. Enos Ray Elementary School for City purposes. (Refer to the Parks and Recreation Committee)
6. Homer O. Elseroad, Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Md.: Copy of letter sent to Mrs. Evelyn Manoff advising that pupils of the Montgomery Blair High School residing in her neighborhood are not eligible for bus transportation. (Refer to the Public Welfare Committee)

7. Mrs. Laura Manly, President, Home Study Incorporated-Adult Education; Mrs. Sylvia Cutler, Director Heffner Park Nursery and Roland Dawes, President, Ritchie Citizens Association: Request to consider appropriating funds for improvements at the Heffner Park Recreation Center Building. (Refer to the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Public Works Committee) *see addition to be added page 160
8. Martha A. Carafelli, Chairman, Buildings & Grounds, Takoma Park Elementary School P.T.A.: Letter regarding playground equipment to be erected on Hodges Field. (Refer to the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Public Works Committee)
9. Petition from residents of Manor Circle: Petition from 37 residents of Manor Circle regarding speeding and general scoffing of law on Manor Circle: (Refer to the Law Enforcement Committee)
10. L.R. Humbert, Potomac Electric Power Company, Washington, D.C.: Letter regarding light intensity on Lancaster Road and Wildwood Drive. (Refer to Public Works Committee)
11. Ward & Simmons, 1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.: Letter from the attorney for Columbia Union College enclosing copies of a petition for annexation of land owned by petitioners. (Refer to Civic Improvements Committee)
12. K.F. Kearns, President, Police and Firemens Association, Takoma Park, Md.: Letter inviting the Mayor and Council members to attend the official incorporation of the Police and Firemens Association on October 16, 1968. (Circulate to Council Members)

The City Administrator, Mr. Pridgen, read the Financial Statement for the Month of September, 1968.

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the first meeting of the City Council for the month of October and noted that the next meeting will be held on the 4th Monday in October.

Mayor Miller said that he wished to present citations to four distinguished citizens not only on behalf of the Mayor and City Council but also on behalf of the citizens of Takoma Park. He stated that this is a decade of turbulence and revolution and the press gives so much of what is fact and often what is not fact. However that these four journalists have faithfully supported grass roots government and the community; reported factually and supported local government as a true form of constitutional government. Mayor Miller then presented citations to the following citizens: Betty McDevitt who writes for the Prince George's Post, the Maryland News and other area papers; John Brawner, Sports Editor for the Suburban Record; John Benedict, News Editor for the Record and John Coffman, Editor of the City Newsletter.

Mayor Miller also mentioned enlargement of the Library and stated that sometime soon there will be an Open House at the Municipal Gymnasium and citizens of Takoma Park will be invited to see the result of the renovations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: Mrs. Marsh stated that some time ago she had written a letter to the City complaining about the speeding on Maple Avenue. Since then her child had been injured in a traffic accident on that street. She requested that more drastic action be taken regarding the speeding on Maple Avenue. She also inquired if the sign ordinance recently passed by the Montgomery County Council applies to Takoma Park.

2. Martha Carrafelli, 7205 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park: With regard to the playground equipment to be installed on Hodges Field, Mrs. Carrafelli clarified two points - (1) the playground equipment will become city property and (2) the fence should be placed between the ball field and playground equipment. Mrs. Carrafelli requested a meeting with the two committees at their convenience.

3. Mrs. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Simpson referred to an item on the Agenda under the Finance Committee and concurred with the suggestion that consideration be given to a \$50,000 Revolving Fund for privately owned property improvement.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LONGER HOURS - LIBRARY: With reference to a request that the Library be opened on Saturday and Sunday, Councilman Jones stated that the Library is opened on Saturday and does not know any Library that is opened on Sunday. He also stated that the hours of the Library cannot be changed at this time.

2. LIBRARY ADDITIONS: Councilman Jones reported that the additions to the Library are progressing quite rapidly, the foundations have been put in and the cinder blocks are going up. The work has been well done and there has been little disturbance in the Library during construction.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. COLBY AVENUE: Councilman Jones referred to the possible purchase by the City of a lot on Colby Avenue for recreational purposes and stated that this purchase will be considered at the next Committee meeting.

2. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND: Councilman Jones stated that the Committee will work with the City Administrator on this item.

3. FENCE - HODGES FIELD: This item will be brought up at the next Committee meeting.

4. SPECIAL RECREATION ACCOUNT: Councilman Jones presented a motion that the Recreation Department be authorized to set up a special checking account to cover all income and expenditures covering self supporting program funds and donations. The checks are to be signed by the Director of Recreation or the City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried. The Bank handling the account is to be designated by the City Administrator.

5. HALLOWEEN: Councilman Jones reported on the Annual Halloween Party to be held Thursday, October 31 on the black top behind the Junior High School. He stated that donations are coming in much faster than expected. Councilman Turner has agreed to MC the party and the many volunteers are doing great work.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Councilman Forshee presented a motion for the approval of expenditures for the month of August, 1968 in the amount of \$104,363.41 and for the month of September, 1968 in the amount of \$239,297.15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Councilman Forshee noted that the higher expenditure is due to the renovation of the Fire House Gymnasium and the purchase of U.S. Treasury Securities.

Councilman Forshee also noted that City Administrator Pridgen will be attending the Annual Meeting of the International City Managers' Association to be held in Detroit from 21st to 24th October, 1968.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the approval of the appointment of Denny R. Yakas, Joseph McKenney and Lawrence Frank Bonofiglio as special police officers, effective November 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. PERSONNEL: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the appointment of Michael Earl Pitt to the position of police officer, effective November 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Councilman Turner, referring to the increase in crime and armed robberies, displayed a sheet which has been given to merchants in the area by the Police Department enabling them to describe more accurately the criminal involved.

3. POLICE CRUISERS: Councilman Turner moved adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2031

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 Wednesday, October 9, 1968, for two new Police cruisers, to replace Car #8, a 1966 Ford sedan, and Car #6, a 1967 Ford sedan, AND

SECTION 2. THAT A LOW NET BID has been submitted by Monroe Ford Company, Inc. of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY NINE CENTS (\$2,298.79), (\$2,898.79 less trade-in allowance of \$600.00) and tax exemption for Car #6 to meet all specifications for use as a Police Cruiser, AND

SECTION 3. THAT A LOW NET BID has been submitted by Monroe Ford Company Inc. of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY NINE CENTS (\$2,448.79), (\$2,898.79 less trade-in allowance of \$450.00) and tax exemption for Car #8 to meet all specifications for use as a Police Cruiser, AND

SECTION 4. THEREFORE the contract for purchase is hereby awarded to Monroe Ford Company Inc., in the net sum of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY EIGHT CENTS (\$4,747.58) for the replacement of the two Police Cruisers, AND

SECTION 5. THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be hereby authorized to assign to Monroe Ford Company Inc., the title of a 1966 Ford Sedan bearing Serial No. 6E54C-195493 and the title of a 1967 Ford sedan bearing Serial No. 7E51C-170588, AND

SECTION 6. THEREFORE the funds as specified in SECTION 4 of this Ordinance be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Budget Account No. 11.113 for this appropriation.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire reported that conditions, particularly the appearance of the grounds of Winchester-Takoma, are progressing satisfactorily.
2. BUS TRANSPORTATION: Councilman Hutmire referred to Mrs. Manoff's letter regarding bussing neighborhood children to Montgomery Blair High School and suggested that the City Administrator write a letter to the Montgomery County School Board requesting that consideration be given to relaxing the rules, taking into consideration the fact that the bus passes Piney-Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue and also it appears that this bus is usually only half occupied.
3. TRASH BASKETS: Referring to a request that more trash baskets on posts be installed in the City, Councilman Hutmire reported that this type of basket is generally very unsatisfactory and the large green top with white base type is more suitable. Councilman Hutmire suggested that in an effort to curb the trash problem the City Ordinance governing litter should be strongly enforced. He said that signs advising people of the penalty are in the preparation stage; that more street sweeping is needed and citizens should be encouraged to keep their own streets clean.
4. 122 PARK AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire moved that the Mayor and Council hold a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, on November 18, 1968 at 8:30 p.m. pursuant to Article 13, Sections 6, 7 8 and 9 of the municipal Code, 1961 Edition, City of Takoma Park, Maryland, to determine whether the building located on Lot 11, Block 1, Hillcrest Subdivision, also known as 122 Park Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, should be condemned as unfit for human habitation. Councilman Hutmire requested that the owner and residents of this property be notified of the public hearing as required by law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting:

1. HEATHER AVENUE: Councilman Roth advised that a letter has been drafted to be sent to all property owners bordering on Heather Avenue Service Drive.
2. FOREST PARK: Councilman Roth referred to a memorandum from the Director of Public Works regarding additional lights to be installed at Spring Park and Forest Park. He stated that for several years the City has maintained small flood lights. However, twice this summer, vandals have broken the electric meter, broken into the electric box and stole all the fuses, fuse holders and the time clock at Spring Park. A PEPCO representative has recommended the installation of additional poles and 7,000 Lumen mercury vapor "Dusk to Dawn" lights. Councilman Roth moved that PEPCO be asked to install three poles and lights. The motion was seconded and duly carried.
3. GENERATOR - FIRE HOUSE: The Public Works Department will be able to lay the required heavy reinforced concrete foundation and erect an expanded metal enclosure for the emergency generator.
4. LEAF COLLECTION: Councilman Roth reported that the new large vacuum leaf collector has now been received, which makes a total of two, with two converted trash trucks also available for the Fall leaf collection.

5. RENOVATIONS - FIRE HOUSE GYMNASIUM: Councilman Roth reported the following progress regarding the renovations to the gymnasium: the new furnace has been tested thoroughly and is satisfactory; the "Granwood" floor is ready for sanding and finishing; plastering is complete; the pipe insulation has been repaired and recovered and the lights and wiring is nearing completion. It is estimated that the gymnasium will be ready for use by the middle of November.

Councilman Roth also reported that the Public Works Department has completed tarring and chipping a number of streets in the City and that an Azalea Sale will be held at Hodges Field on Sunday, October 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. He also stated that the Public Works Department has put up a snow fence on the Library grounds with a sign authorizing parking during construction work. As it is difficult to get in and out of this parking lot additional parking above the bungalow is being considered.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. PERSONNEL: On the recommendation of Chief LaScola, Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion approving the permanent appointment of Pvt. D.R. Willey, retroactive to October 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

Councilman Kennedy referred to the Official Incorporation of the Police and Firemen's Association to be held on October 16, 1968 and stated that the members of the Police and Fire Departments will be most appreciative if the members of the Council are able to attend this meeting.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: Councilman Geib reporting

1. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Regarding the property located on 114 Grant Avenue, Councilman Geib moved that the Mayor and Council hold a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting room, on November 18, 1968 at 7.30 p.m. pursuant to Article 13, Sections 6, 7 8 and of the Municipal Code, 1961 Edition, City of Takoma Park, Maryland, to determine whether the building located on P2, S. S. Carroll's subdivision, also known as 114 Grant Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, should be condemned as unfit for human habitation. Councilman Geib requested that the owners and residents of this property be notified of the public hearing as required by law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

2. E-631 ZONING: Councilman Geib referred to a memorandum from Corporation Counsel Gingerich which advised that the Hearing Examiner's report recommending the approval of zoning application E-631 has been received. The Montgomery County Council has now to approve or disapprove the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner.

3. 103 SHERIDAN AVENUE: Regarding these premises which are allegedly being occupied by two families in violation of the zoning ordinance, Councilman Geib moved that Mr. Gingerich obtain an injunction against the owners of the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

4. 1111 SLIGO AVENUE: Councilman Geib noted that Mr. Roberts has until November 11, 1968 to comply with the Court Order of October 7, 1968.

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5. SIGN REMOVAL - CARROLL AVENUE: Councilman Geib proposed a motion that the City Administrator write to the Montgomery County Council inquiring whether the signs on the vacant lot next to Safeway on Carroll Avenue could be removed under the new County Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on October 28, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCES

as of September 30, 1968

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1968	\$ 59,275.97	
September Cash Receipts	\$ 386,460.50	\$ 445,736.47
* September Disbursements		239,291.15
Balance as of September 30, 1968		<u>\$ 206,445.32</u>

* Includes purchase of treasury bills to be reported below

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of August 31, 1968	\$ 6,439.36	
Transfer from General Funds	60,462.36	\$ 66,901.72
September Cash Disbursements		51,376.54
Balance as of September 30, 1968		<u>\$ 15,525.18</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1968	\$ 573.57	
September Cash Receipts	4,565.55	\$ 5,139.12
No September Disbursements		-
Balance as of September 30, 1968		<u>\$ 5,139.12</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1968	\$ 1,616.15	
No transactions during September	-	\$ 1,616.15
Balance as of September 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,616.15</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of August 31, 1968	\$ 93.54	
September Cash Receipts	19,184.33	\$ 19,277.87
No September Disbursements		-
Balance as of September 30, 1968		<u>\$ 19,277.87</u>

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

Balance as of August 31, 1968	\$ 1,381.62	
No transactions during September	-	\$ 1,381.62
Balance as of September 30, 1968		<u>\$ 1,381.62</u>

PETTY CASH

Balance as of September 30, 1968		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
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U.S. TREASURY BILLS

				COST	MATURITY VALUE
Purchased	9/10/68	Due to Mature	4/22/69	\$ 48,363.56	\$ 50,000.00
"	9/11/68	" " "	5/31/69	\$ 28,856.57	\$ 30,000.00
"	9/25/68	" " "	3/24/69	\$ 48,697.50	\$ 50,000.00
"	9/26/68	" " "	5/31/69	\$ 19,284.58	\$ 20,000.00
				<u>\$ 145,202.21</u>	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>

APPROVED

George M. Miller
Mayor

ATTEST:

Haynes M. Pidgeon
Clerk-Treasurer

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

OCTOBER 28, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller

Councilman Forshee

Councilman Geib

Councilman Hutmire

Councilman Jones

Councilman Kennedy

Councilman Roth

Councilman Turner

City Administrator Pridgen

Corporation Counsel Gingerich

Fire Chief LaScola

Police Chief Foster

Director of Public Works Rhodes

Director of Recreation Ziegler

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 October 28, 1968 at 8:05 p.m.

Rev. Henry J. Ferry rendered the invocation.

Mayor Miller called for corrections and additions to the Minutes of the last meeting held on October 14, 1968. Mayor Miller requested, with reference to the improvements to Heffner Recreation Center, for the record to show that Councilman Turner stated that this was a worthwhile cause not only for the particular use that the building is put to regularly, but particularly for the program of the Home Study Group. He added that these dedicated people work with City youngsters who are experiencing some difficulty at school and have had wonderful results. The motion to approve the Minutes as corrected was seconded by Councilman Geib.

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. John R. Benedict, Editor, The Record, Silver Spring, Maryland: Appreciation for the honorary citizenship bestowed on him. (Council files)
2. M. M. Brodsky, State Roads Commission: Allocation 1969 Urban Federal Aid of which \$33,582 is Takoma Park's share. (Public Works Committee)
3. County Board of Appeals, Montgomery County: Case No. 2496, Public Hearing 9:30 a.m. November 14, 1968, Hearing Room (7th floor) County Office Building, Rockville, Md. - Petition of Carl E. Howe and Melvin L. Haas for Special Exception to continue operation of care home for five patients - 7420 Buffalo Avenue.
4. Jean M. Schmuhl, Clerk Prince George's County: Case No. 1847 - Public Hearing 1:30 p.m. November 20, 1968 Hearing Room, Court House, Upper Marlboro, Md. Petition of Salvatore V. Battiota, owner, for Special Exception for conversion of dwelling (one-family detached) to additional dwelling units - 7401 Flower Avenue.
5. Philip W. Mason, Potomac Valley Chapter, A.I.A., Silver Spring, Md.: Offering assistance from the Chapter to any housing authority established in connection with a public housing project. (Public Welfare Committee and Civic Improvements Committee)

6. Russell W. Shipley, De Blasis & Kahler, Washington, D.C.: Letter of thanks to ~~Mayor~~ and City Council for their cooperation regarding zoning application of their client, The Langley Professional Joint Venture. (Council files and copy of letter to Councilman Roth and Corporation Counsel Gingerich)
7. Henry Scroggins, Assistant Administrator, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Takoma Park, Md.: Soliciting aid in the establishment of a heliport on the grounds of the hospital. (Civic Improvements Committee)
8. Captain Kenneth H. White, Takoma-Langley Squadron Civil Air Patrol: Letter advising removal of property from the firehouse and requesting consideration to use the facilities when the renovations are completed. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
9. Eugene Novogrodsky, 8510 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.: Requesting stop lights at Flower and Domer and also at Carroll and Flower Avenues. (Law Enforcement Committee)
10. Mrs. Joseph B. Simpson, Chairman Citizens Advisory and Review Board: Letter listing ten properties and requesting the City Council enforce under Ordinance 1946. (Public Welfare Committee)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the last Council Meeting during the month of October and stated that there would not be a Council Meeting on November 11, as this is Veterans' Day. The next Council Meeting will be held on November 25th, the 4th Monday.

Mayor Miller congratulated Chief LaScola who has been selected as the representative of all Fire Departments in Montgomery County for the Council of Governments Committee of Fire Chiefs in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Mayor Miller reminded those present that the Annual Halloween Party will be held on Thursday, October 31 at the Takoma Park Junior High School. He said that this party is held under the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Recreation Council, Takoma Park Lion's Club, V.F.W. and other civic and business organizations. There will be prizes, dancing and the usual goodies and he hoped that everyone would attend. He commented that with this program the Police records show that there is very little vandalism on Halloween Night and hopes that the record will continue and that the Recreation Council works hard to make this night a success. Councilman Turner will be Master of Ceremonies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONECIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. E-631 ZONING APPLICATION: Councilman Geib reported that Montgomery County Council had approved the application of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital.
2. 103 SHERIDAN AVENUE: Councilman Geib requested that Corporation Counsel Gingerich give the owners of this property a notice for compliance within ten days to the zoning ordinance.
3. 1111 SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: Councilman Geib stated that no improvements seemed to have been started on this property and the owner has until November 11 to comply with the Court Order of October 7, 1968. Corporation Counsel Gingerich said that pictures are being taken almost weekly to show that no effort is being made to comply with the Order and also two letters have been written to Mr. Roberts' attorney.

4. HOUSING - SENIOR CITIZENS: Councilman Geib reported that Mr. Wolfe was working with the Greenbelt Consumers Association and the Montgomery County Housing Authority and will be writing a paper for presentation to the Council, possibly in a few weeks.
5. FOOTPATH IN SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: Councilman Geib requested that this item be removed from the Agenda until next Spring.
6. 7401 FLOWER AVENUE: Councilman Geib requested that the Police and Fire Departments investigate this property to ascertain whether it is suitable for multiple family use.
7. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Councilman Geib noted that a Public Hearing will be held on November 18, 1968 with regard to this property.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LIBRARY ADDITION: Councilman Jones said that the progress of the Library addition has been rapid up to the present time. The installation of the electrical conduit is about to commence, so the progress will not be as spectacular as it has been. However, the work is coming along very well and appears to be a very satisfactory job.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Jones reporting

1. ERECTION OF FENCE ON HODGES FIELD: Councilman Jones reported he met with the Principal of the Takoma Park Elementary School, Mrs. Combs, and also with the Athletic Director and it would appear that a 40' by 6' high fence that extends at right angles to the existing one would be sufficient. He requested that the Public Works Director investigate the cost of erecting this fence. It was noted that this fence would stop any balls from the baseball field and would not create a parking problem. It was also noted that the playground equipment, donated by the P.T.A., will be erected and maintained by the City.
2. IMPROVEMENTS TO HEFFNER RECREATION CENTER: Councilman Jones said that the building is a general meeting place for many committees and many functions and the recommendation of the Committee is that the ceiling be lowered to conserve heat; a hot water heater be installed and a tile floor be installed. He requested that Public Works Director look into the possibility of accomplishing these three improvements and obtain bids for such work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried. Councilman Hutmire suggested that perhaps improvements to the interior walls might also be considered.
3. HALLOWEEN PARTY: Councilman Jones thanked Mayor Miller for speaking about the Halloween Party earlier in the evening and added that last year he made an inspection of the business district at midnight and found that no vandalism had occurred.
4. SISTER CITY DAY: Councilman Jones mentioned that last Sunday was Sister City Day and although it was very cold, citizens who attended enjoyed the program. The Brazilian exchange student, Henry Zimbrunes Da Costa, who is residing with Mr. and Mrs. George Dye, 334 Lincoln Avenue, spoke at this function and Ladonna Troutman of 7800 Lockney Avenue, Takoma Park was introduced as the next exchange student to go from this City to Jeque under this program.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE - Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Councilman Forshee presented a motion authorizing the attendance of Corporation Counsel Gingerich at the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers' Meeting to be held at Kansas City from 10-13 November, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
2. Councilman Forshee presented a motion authorizing the attendance of Mayor Miller at the Congress of the National League of Cities to be held in New Orleans December 7-11, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
3. PERSONNEL - BARRY S. LEVINE: Councilman Forshee presented a motion for the appointment of Barry S. Levine as Deputy City Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator at a salary of \$7,000 per annum, effective September 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried. Before presenting the motion Councilman Forshee said that Mr. Levine has been working in the City Office since the middle of June and continued working there subsequent to the resignation of Mr. Rodney L. Smith as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Mr. Levine received his B.A. degree with honors in history from Long Island University, Brocklyn, New York in 1966, he is also an M.A. degree candidate in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland's Graduate School and is presently a second year evening student at Georgetown University's Law Center, studying toward his J.D. (Juris Doctorate) degree. Councilman Forshee concluded by saying that he felt certain Mr. Levine would prove to be a very valuable addition to the City Office staff.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. SPEED-READING COURSE: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the allocation of \$200.00 from the Training Fund to enable Major Foster and Lieutenant Porter attend a speed-reading course sponsored by the Council of Governments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib. After considerable discussion regarding the necessity to send two from this Department, Councilman Forshee presented an amendment to this motion to allow only one person from each Department to attend this course, but it failed for the lack of a second. The original motion as presented was duly carried.
2. OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the purchase of one (1) Sears electric adding machine from Sears, Roebuck and Company at a cost of \$69.88 and one (1) Underwood Touchmaster standard typewriter from Suburban Office Machine Company at a cost of \$185.00 for the Police Department. The total cost of these machines is to be taken from Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones.

Councilman Forshee requested that consideration be given to the purchase of a more durable machine and after discussion it was agreed that the type of adding machine to be purchased would be decided upon by Councilman Forshee and the City Administrator. The motion to purchase one Underwood Touchmaster Standard Typewriter and one Electric Adding Machine (selection to be made as stated above) was duly carried.
3. MAPLE AVENUE: Councilman Turner referred to a memorandum from Chief Foster which gave statistics of traffic arrests and warnings issued to motorists on Maple Avenue. The memo also advised of increased patrol in this area in an effort to curtail speeding. Councilman Turner requested that Chief Foster ask Officer Phillips to write to Mrs. Marsh, who had complained of speeding on this Avenue, and advise her of these statistics. Councilman Turner stated that this item can now be removed from the Agenda.

Councilman Hutmire suggested that stricter enforcement of the speed limits throughout the City, together with a lot of publicity may discourage motorists from continuing to exceed the speed limit.

4. MANOR CIRCLE: Councilman Turner referred to a memorandum from Major Foster which recorded statistics of accidents occurring on Manor Circle. He stated that this matter will be discussed at the next Committee meeting and reported on further.

5. PERSONNEL: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the promotion of Officer Grant A. Starkey to the position of Officer First Class effective November 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

6. PERSONNEL: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the promotion of Officer John P. Morgan to the position of Officer First Class effective November 1, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

7. WESTMORELAND AND SECOND AVENUES: Councilman Turner presented a motion for the approval of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2032

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

SECTION 1. THAT one stop sign be erected on the Northwest corner of Westmoreland Avenue to control Southeast-bound traffic

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate sign 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 Geib and the Ordinance was adopted by a Roll Call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilman Geib, Hutmire, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nay: Councilman Forshee. Excused: None.

Councilman Jones said that owing to the increase in traffic coming down Prince Georges Avenue, a four-way stop sign on Elm and Prince Georges Avenue should be considered.

City Administrator Pridgen suggested that the words "four way" be added to the four-way stop signs in the City, particularly the stop signs at the intersection of Carroll and Flower Avenues.

In response to Mayor Miller's question as to whether or not the Police Department assigns a special police officer outside the Sligo Church on Saturdays, Chief Foster said one should be there every Saturday and he would check to see that they are in fact going there. Chief Foster stated, however, that often the special police officer must respond to another call such as a traffic accident and leave his post at the Sligo Church.

October 28, 1968

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman Hutmire reporting:

1. 122 PARK AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire noted that a Public Hearing will be held on November 18, 1968 at 8:30 with regard to this property.
2. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire reported that the heating system with a new firing plant is in operation again after a temporary shutdown recently and will be operating fully for the winter season.

Councilman Hutmire also referred to over-crowding in one of the apartments and reported that a letter had been written by Building Inspector Wollner to the operators of Winchester-Takoma to correct these conditions by November 2nd.

3. BUS TRANSPORTATION: Councilman Hutmire reported that a letter had been written to the Montgomery County School Board requesting that further study may be justified with regard to the discontinuance of bus service for pupils living in the Piney Branch Road, Philadelphia Avenue area.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting

1. ADDITIONAL LIGHTING - HEATHER AVENUE SERVICE DRIVE: Councilman Roth said that a letter has been written to each of the property owners bordering on Heather Avenue Service Drive. Replies have been received from nine owners, eight of which are favorable.
2. RITCHIE AVENUE: Councilman Roth reported that he has a break-down on costs per lot but no action to place before the Council tonight.
3. FLOOD-LIGHTING - FOREST PARK: Councilman Roth reported that PEPCO has advised that the poles to be installed in Forest Park for the flood-lighting will require two anchors at an additional cost of \$54.50 per anchor. Councilman Roth presented a motion for an expenditure of \$109.00 for these anchors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
4. GENERATOR - FIRE HOUSE: Councilman Roth said that the Public Works Department has installed the concrete slab on which the generator will be placed. He added that the work, with Councilman Jones as consultant, is progressing satisfactorily. Also, Mr. Ridgeway has been working with Councilman Jones, Chief LaScola and Director of Public Works Rhodes in separating the circuits that are to operate on the emergency generator.
5. GYMNASIUM - FIRE HOUSE: Councilman Roth said that Captain Rhodes has reported that the gymnasium renovations are coming along very well; the painters have painted the ceiling and most of the walls and the flooring contractor will have a crew in very soon to finish the floors.

Councilman Roth presented a motion to install two Westinghouse water coolers at a total cost of \$370.00 to provide drinking water at the gymnasium. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly passed.

Councilman Roth reported a leak in one of the old heating lines. He said that the cost of installing a new line was paid for out of Public Works funds.

Councilman Roth said that as an added protection metal guards will be installed on the windows when the gymnasium is completed. Councilman Kennedy suggested that the two broken windows in the gymnasium at the present time be replaced to prevent the weather coming in and possibly damaging inside. Captain Rhodes said that the material to be used on the windows in the gymnasium is made of a plastic-like material and is more rock resistant than glass.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. SIREN - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Kennedy referring to a memorandum from Chief LaScola moved that "Sterling Siren, Model #186291, Serial #2139, 1 horse power," now carried on the Fire Department's inventory records be surveyed from the inventory as it is no longer in service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried. Councilman Kennedy said that a request from Chief Victor Hilbert of the Shenandoah Valley Academy Volunteer Fire Department had been received to donate the old siren to them for their use. Councilman Kennedy moved that the aforesaid siren be sold to the Shenandoah Valley Academy Volunteer Fire Department for the sum of one dollar and other valuable considerations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried. Councilman Kennedy added that Chief Hilbert and his crew will come to Takoma Park and remove the siren from the pole at Flower Avenue and Hudson Avenue.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE:

Councilman Jones asked what was the status of the erection of anti-litter signs in the City. Captain Rhodes said that the State Roads Commission has "no littering" signs on New Hampshire Avenue with a \$250 fine stated as the penalty for violation. He added that it is possible we could ask the State Roads Commission to erect signs on other State roads in Takoma Park, such as Piney Branch Road. He stated that most of the streets requiring these signs are State roads.

Councilman Hutmire asked if authority to fine as much as \$250 would apply to roads in the City. Captain Rhodes said that the City could arrest violators and charge them for the violation of the City law. He said that this would be a minor fine and it might be easier to prosecute. Councilman Hutmire noted that new signs had gone up on New Hampshire Avenue. Mayor Miller requested that the City Administrator write to the State Roads Commission asking for their cooperation in erecting such anti-littering signs on State roads within the City. Councilman Roth said that anti-litter signs should also be placed on Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues. Chief Foster concluded the discussion by saying that three juveniles were going to Court for a violation of the litter Ordinance.

Mr. Pridgen introduced Mr. Barry S. Levine to the Mayor and Council Members and also Miss Barbara Gordin who had been employed in the City Office during the summer months and was now attending American University.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Meeting on November 25th, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED: George M. Miller

Mayor

ATTEST: Harold M. Pridgen Clerk-Treasurer