

PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 18, 1968

The Public Hearing was convened by Mayor Pro-tem Forshee at 7:37 p.m. on November 18, 1958 in the Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Mayor Pro-tem Forshee stated that the purpose of the Hearing was to hear testimony to determine if 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 under Article 13, Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Municipal Code.

Mr. Ely Weinkranz and Mr. Abraham Goldkind who are co-owners of this property, arrived in response to the notification mailed to them. Mayor Pro-tem Forshee turned the proceedings of the Hearing over to Councilman Geib, Chairman of the Civic Improvements Committee. City Officials present were: Mayor Pro-tem Forshee, Councilmen Hutmire, Geib, Jones, Roth and Turner, City Administrator Pridgen, Corporation Counsel Gingerich, Deputy City Clerk Levine, Director of Public Works Rhodes, Building Inspector Wollner, Deputy Fire Chief Fickes.

Councilman Geib asked Mr. Weinkranz if he would like Building Inspector Wollner to read the Notice of Hearing which listed the violations. Mr. Goldkind said that they had received notification of the Hearing, and it was not necessary to read the Notice as this was an embarrassing situation and they were not going to defend the case. They agreed that the stated violations have to be corrected.

Mr. Goldkind testified that this house was cleaned up and redecorated before it was rented to the present tenant at a rental of \$75.00 per month, and they thought the tenant would take care of the property. He mentioned the difficulty in obtaining good tenants and the fact that most of the previous tenants stayed only a few months and none of them took care of the house. He said that he had contacted the tenant, Mr. Slotnikoff, and he had promised to clean the property.

At this point Mr. Eugene Rosenthal, a member of the audience, addressed the Council and said that he was representing the tenant, Mr. Slotnikoff, who had notified him by long distance telephone that certain things were in disrepair and asked if he would take care of them. Mr. Rosenthal stated that previous tenants had left the debris and that he had hired a truck and carted off the old washing machine, mattress, car parts and other unsightly things. Referring to the list of violations Mr. Rosenthal said that paint had been purchased for the front porch; the garden hose had been removed from the upstairs window; a broken window had been patched until it can be taken care of; the back steps are being repaired; the garage had been cleaned out; rat traps set; the front walk mowed; the two 55 gallon drums removed, new garbage cans purchased and the motorcycle removed from the front porch. He added that screens had not been put up as this was not necessary until summertime. The work accomplished constituted about half the violations listed and the cleaning up was continuing.

Councilman Geib questioned Mr. Rosenthal regarding the guttering. He answered that the guttering had been taken down as it was rotting, but would be taken care of. Questions were raised as to why the tenant of this property was doing the painting and plumbing as it was usually the owners' responsibility, unless some previous agreement had been entered into to. Mr. Goldkind said that they would take care of the guttering.

Questioned by the Councilmen as to why he was doing all this work for Mr. Slotnikoff, Mr. Rosenthal replied that Mr. Slotnikoff was a very valuable employee, an artist,

very talented and not too aware of how his front yard looks and if it is necessary for him to ~~move~~ Mr. Slotnikoff's yard to keep him in his employment, then he would do just that.

Mr. Goldkind was pleased to hear that all this work had been done during the past few days and advised the Council that they would put up the screens and do the outside painting and plumbing as long as the tenant took care of the property. Councilman Geib asked Mr. Goldkind if the work could be completed in thirty days as these violations had been in existence for over a year. Upon Mr. Goldkind's request for information regarding previous violations, Councilman Geib read from Report No. 71 which was mailed to the owners on July 27, 1967 and which listed violations under Ordinance 1946. Mr. Goldkind stated that they would be taken care of now.

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee at the conclusion of the discussion said that a decided improvement had been made to the property and both parties had shown their willingness to go ahead and finish the job. He added that at the next Council Meeting to be held on 25th November, a date will be set for the required completion of the work. No further testimony or comments being requested by those present, the Hearing adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (Complete secretarial notes in file)

APPROVED: Dayton D. Forshee
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST: Bary Levine
~~City Administrator~~ Deputy
~~Clerk Treasurer~~ City Clerk

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The Public Hearing was convened by Mayor Pro-tem Forshee in the Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. This Hearing was originally scheduled for 8:30 p.m., however, as Mr. Smith stated that he had no witnesses appearing on his behalf and that he had no objection to commencing earlier the Hearing commenced at 8:08 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Forshee stated that the purpose of the Hearing was to hear testimony to determine if 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 under Article 13, Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Municipal Code. Mr. Charles P. Smith, the sole remaining survivor of the listed owner, Carrie J. Smith, arrived in response to the notification personally served upon him at this address. Mayor Pro-tem Forshee turned the proceedings of the Hearing over to Councilman Hutmire, Chairman of the Public Welfare Committee. City Officials present were: Mayor Pro-tem Forshee, Councilmen Hutmire, Geib, Jones, Roth and Turner, City City Administrator Pridgen, Corporation Counsel Gingerich, Deputy City Clerk Levine, Director of Public Works Rhodes, Building Inspector Wollner and Deputy Fire Chief Fickes.

Mr. Smith stated that he was of the opinion that an Ordinance had been passed specifically to condemn his property. Councilman Hutmire replied that Article 13 was a long established portion of the City's Municipal Code and was established to set standards in the maintenance of properties in the City. He read Section 6, Article 13 of the Code which referred to condemnation of buildings which are unfit for human habitation.

Councilman Hutmire requested that Mr. Wollner, the Building Inspector, report the findings that caused him to recommend that the building be condemned as unfit for human habitation. Mr. Wollner stated that the conditions that existed on his first inspection on the 18th of April, 1967 were still evident on reinspection on the 3rd of October, 1968. Some of the conditions were - front side and rear yards unkempt, covered with weeds, and poison oak growing wild; accumulation of timbers and creosoted railroad ties, broken sections of concrete paving piled up against the house in the rear yard; second floor window panes broken allowing birds to build their nests in dwelling; one step missing on stairway; downspouts missing; stones and rocks scattered over front porch and roof. Mr. Wollner advised that the water supply, which had been cut off since December, 1961, had been turned on today, the electric bill had been paid up to August 20, 1968 and the gas had been turned off since May, 1958 with the meter being removed June 30, 1960. Mr. Wollner also reported from a letter of April 18, 1961 written by Captain DeKalb of the Fire Department which advised Mr. Smith of fire code violations with regard to his property. Deputy Chief Fickes continued that Mr. DeKalb had served a warrant on Mr. Smith giving him two weeks to correct the violations. At this time Deputy Chief Fickes stated he took over the position of Fire Inspector and on reinspection found the violations not corrected. Five warrants were sworn out for Mr. Smith for failing to comply with Article B under Section 86-78 of the City Fire Code. He was found guilty in Court by Judge Miller, fined, ordered to board up the property and remove all combustible materials. The house was not boarded up until the Spring of 1967. However, it seems that the property is still in violation of the Fire Code, according to Deputy Fire Chief Fickes.

Councilman Hutmire pointed out that from the reports made so far by the Building Inspector and Deputy Fire Chief that the premises on 122 Park Avenue have been listed for quite some time in violation of other Ordinances. The Civic Improvement Council has been concerned for quite some time with regard to this property as it has been one of the residences in the City which has constituted a serious nuisance to the neighborhood. He said that in the previous Hearing this evening there had been considerable agreement between the Council and the owners and that is what is hoped for in this case.

At this point Mr. Smith testified in defense of his position under the charges. He discussed the fire which had taken place in 1958, damaging the inside of the house. The Insurance Adjustor recommended a builder who did an entirely unsatisfactory job, replacing the floor at a cost between \$1,000-\$1,5000. As a result of Court action a judgment was entered against Mr. Smith. However, Mr. Smith said he is trying to have this judgment set aside through the Appeals Court. He added that he does not have any money to spend on the property and that until recently, he has had to live in a hotel or apartment. He stated, after questions were asked with regard to the heating of the house, that there was no furnace but he had installed an electric heater in the room he was occupying.

Councilman Hutmire noted the fact that Mr. Smith had the water connected after such a long period of time, indicating that he planned to return to the house as a full time occupant and that it would be in his best interest to restore the house and eliminate the many violations.

On being questioned about taxes Mr. Smith said that he had paid the City taxes but could not afford to pay the inheritance tax and consequently the house was not in his name. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that as Mr. Smith was the only child of the sole survivor he had title but that the title was under a cloud as the inheritance tax was not paid and suggested that Mr. Smith should clear this up as soon as possible.

Mr. Smith asked the Council members what they had done to help him to which Councilman Hutmire replied that he had to accept the responsibility of maintaining his house himself and take the steps necessary to correct the deficiencies, otherwise the Council could take action whereby the house would be placarded as unfit for human habitation. He suggested that Mr. Smith clear up the cloud that Corporation Counsel Gingerich mentioned, and work regularly at eliminating those obvious defects which have made this house a blight on the neighborhood.

Referring to the rocks scattered over the porch, Mr. Smith pointed out that neighborhood children had broken all the windows and had broken into the basement. He said he had returned to live on the premises to prevent the house from being set on fire. He added that he had tried to sell the property but potential buyers were not interested upon learning that there had been a fire and that there was no furnace.

As no cooperation seemed to be forthcoming from Mr. Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Forshee asked him what he expected the City to do about the property. Mr. Smith replied that he would like an outright grant of \$1,200, similar to the loan which the City of Philadelphia will make to a citizen in need, and also police protection to stop the neighborhood children from tearing up the house. Corporation Counsel Gingerich inquired how much was the judgment on the house. Mr. Smith replied

that the judgment had been paid but was still on the books. After discussion Mr. Smith was advised to procure the record of payment of judgment or the cancelled check and have the judgment cleared, pay the inheritance tax and clear the title.

Councilman Hutmire suggested that when these two things were done Mr. Smith would be able to apply for credit which would enable him to start fixing up some of the violations on the house. It was also suggested that Mr. Smith do some of the work himself, such as taking down the boards on the windows, painting the house and cleaning up the yard. To this Mr. Smith replied that children had stolen all his tools but now that the water was restored he intended to wash down the outside of the house.

Councilman Geib said that Mr. Smith had given the Council absolutely no encouragement and at the next Council Meeting 30-60 days would be set for the restoration of the property. Councilman Hutmire added that there was no venom in this Hearing and the Council is trying to have this property fixed up and not have it a blight on the community. He hoped that Mr. Smith also felt this way and would try to restore it to its proper condition.

Councilman Hutmire suggested that Mr. Smith work out a schedule stating what he thought was reasonable and obtainable by him, and that the Council would look with some sympathy on his plans. He asked that Mr. Smith contact the Council by writing on a copy of the Hearing Notice with week by week intentions as guidelines to getting this property back into shape. He added that this would show that he had thought about it.

Mayor Pro-tem Forshee thanked Mr. Smith for coming and said that anything that he could do to show his willingness will be favorably considered and hoped that Mr. Smith would give the Council a list of what he could accomplish. He added that the Council will consider the outcome of this Hearing at a later date and that he would be advised of the action.

There being no further questions, testimony or comments the Hearing adjourned at 9:07 p.m. (Complete secretarial notes in file)

APPROVED: Clayton Forshee

Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST: Dorothy Kerne~~City Administrator~~~~Clerk Treasurer~~Deputy
City Clerk

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

NOVEMBER 25, 1968

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller
 Councilman Forshee
 Councilman Geib
 Councilman Hutmire
 Councilman Jones
 Councilman Kennedy
 Councilman Roth

City Administrator Pridgen
 Deputy City Clerk Levine
 Corporation Counsel Gingerich
 Fire Chief LaScola
 Lieutenant Porter
 Director Public Works Rhodes
 Director of Recreation Ziegler

Councilman Turner Excused

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 November 25, 1968 at 8:10 p.m.

Councilman Forshee rendered the invocation.

Mayor Miller called for corrections and additions to the Minutes of the last Meeting held on October 28, 1968. Councilman Hutmire requested that it be recorded that Mrs. Ann McGuire presented a book entitled "American Heritage - History of American Antiques" to Mayor Miller to be presented to the Library on behalf of the Co-Chairman and members of the Antique Seminar Group, in appreciation of the success of the Annual Antique Show recently held at the Takoma Park Library grounds.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Mr. George N. Lewis, Jr. Asst. Chief Engineer, Traffic Operations, to Mr. C.E. Raith, Acting District Engineer: Authorizing erection of "Do not throw litter" signs. (Public Welfare and Public Works Committees)
2. Mr. M. S. Soward, Chief, Division of Zoning, Permits and Licenses, Montgomery County, regarding phasing out of billboards on Carroll Avenue under new sign ordinance in two years. (Public Welfare and Civic Improvements Committee)
3. Mr. Alan Ray, Chief Zoning Inspector, Prince George's County, Notice of Public Hearing on Friday, December 6, 1968 at 10:30 a.m. - County Service Building, Hyattsville, concerning Ordinance to provide controls over outdoor displays of merchandise for sale or rent in the C-1 zone. (Civic Improvements Committee)
4. Mr. Syd Tymeson, Chairman, Dept. of Business Administration, Columbia Union College, Request for "No Parking-Loading Zone" in front of the Girls Dormitory, Halycon Hall. (Law Enforcement and Public Works Committees)
5. Mr. Henry Scoggins, Asst. Administrator, Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Further information concerning proposed helistop. (Public Welfare Committee)

6. Mrs. Joseph B. Simpson, Chairman, Citizens Advisory and Review Board:
Recommendation that City purchase part of or entire Lot 4B, Block 62, B.F.G.
(Finance Committee)
7. Mrs. Becky Combs, Principal, Takoma Park Elementary School: Commendation of
Officer (Corporal) Thomas Thorowgood. (Law Enforcement Committee, Chief
Foster and personnel file)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the first Council meeting for the month of November and stated that the next Council meeting will be held on December 9, 1968 the second Monday of that month.

On behalf of members of the City Council and employees, Mayor Miller wished all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Mayor Miller said that the renovations to the gymnasium in the Fire House were nearly completed and a tentative date of December 18 had been arranged for an informal opening. He hoped all citizens would attend and was sure that they would be surprised and delighted at the improvements that had been accomplished.

Mayor Miller requested that Corporation Counsel Gingerich prepare a legal study on what Takoma Park can do to control the use of land in the community. He said that the City needed a program whereby a public housing committee would be incorporated and empowered by its Charter to buy land which was not being developed in keeping with a prepared Master Plan adopted by the City. He added that this corporation would be a separate entity set up and empowered by law to carry out these things and would not be subject to political whims but would act in the best interests of the community.

Mayor Miller presented prizes to the following winners of the slogan contest held during Fire Prevention Week:

Tony Amundson, 10 years old, 21 Philadelphia Avenue: His slogan was "Every minute, every day, live the fire prevention way." Tony received a bicycle as his award.

Janet Fankhauser, 11 years old, 1306 Dilston Place, Silver Spring: Her slogan was "A fire drill in your home--may save a life--not yours alone." Her award was a portable AM-FM radio.

Jerome Colleli, 9 years old, 959 East-West Highway: His slogan was "Carelessness causes fire--carefulness prevents fires." He received a bicycle as his award.

Ronald Linford, 8 years old, 5727 29th Avenue: His slogan was "I work all night, I work all day, just to keep the fire away." His award was an AM-FM radio.

Photographs were taken of the children, Mayor Miller and Deputy Fire Chief Fickes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park. Advised that the Citizens Advisory and Review Board would not be meeting until February and that a representative of the Board would attend Council meetings during that time.

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2. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park. Dr. Hiten stated that WGTS was now able to extend its activities to be of greater interest and concern to the citizens of Takoma Park. He requested that the Council be represented on the governing board which was now being formed and which would include personnel from Columbia Union College and other leading citizens.

Dr. Hiten expressed concern at the reported closing of the Safeway store on Ethan Allen Avenue and requested that the Mayor and Council appeal to the Manager to keep the store open until such time as another facility can be organized in this area.

Dr. Hiten referred to his previous request to have some other means to summons the volunteer fire crew as the siren was a source of annoyance. Chief LaScola said that the Fire Department hoped to obtain a permit to have a radio receiver placed in each volunteer's home.

3. Mr. J. Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park: Referring to the proposed lighting on Heather Avenue Service Drive, Mr. Hash said that the residents concerned thought the poles could be spaced to better advantage. He added that they would be glad to meet with the Mayor and Council to give their views on where the poles should be placed.

Mr. Hash stated that the lights on Sligo Creek Parkway were inadequate and a number of houses had been robbed, and license plates stolen from cars parked in that area. He said another area where more lighting was needed was Lincoln Avenue. He stated that the candle power should be increased and a light put on every pole. Mr. Hash added that there had been increased vandalism in this area and suggested that the police force be increased to permit more patrolling of the streets of the City.

4. Mrs. Josephine Russell, 915 Sligo Creek Parkway: Mrs. Russell said that her house had been burglarized recently and stated that this was due to lack of lighting on Sligo Creek Parkway. She added that as property owners were willing to pay for the poles on Heather Avenue Service Drive she thought they should contribute their ideas as to where the poles should be placed so as to give equal lighting on the service drive.

5. Mrs. Waechter, 911 Sligo Creek Parkway, Takoma Park: Mrs. Waechter said that she and her neighbors had been robbed and many others have had their houses ransacked. She added that one of the poles would be going up in the middle of a hedge and requested that consideration be given to placing this pole in another position. Mr. Waechter commended the City on its fine trash pick-up service.

6. Mrs. Vera Hash, 424 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Hash stated that more policemen were needed in the City as there had been considerable vandalism during Halloween night and newly laid sod on her front lawn had been ripped up three times. She also requested that more lights be placed on Lincoln Avenue as the poles were one hundred feet apart and there was only a light on every other pole.

Councilman Roth said that the Mayor and Council were concerned with the problems of the residents and were working on the whole problem of street lighting with PEPCO and hoped to get some plans in progress.

Mrs. Hash requested that the building contractors working on construction sites at Old Carroll Road and Flower Avenue be required to clear up the mud which exists in those areas.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. POWER STEERING - CAR 22: Councilman Kennedy reported that this item was discussed by the Fire Protection Committee which feels that it is in the best interest of the Fire Department that this car be equipped with power steering so that it can negotiate turns safely and pull into the curb. Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion authorizing the Fire Department to have power steering installed in the 1968 Ford assigned to the Department at a cost of approximately \$120.00, to be charged to Account 11.212D6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 16 (FIRE DEPARTMENT, RULES AND REGULATIONS): A report was made of the Committee meeting of October 30 concerning proposed changes to Article 16 of the Fire Department's Rules and Regulations calling attention to a transmittal to all Council members by Chief LaScola on November 12, 1968 of a copy of the Article as proposed along with a copy of the Article as now in effect. Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion which was duly seconded by Councilman Geib that Article 16 be amended to read in accordance with the proposal as submitted. Upon discussion Councilman Roth proposed an amendment to the motion that the word "may" in Section 3, e. be changed to "will". The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried. Question was called upon the motion to adopt Article 16 as changed and amended in the preceeding action and upon a voice vote was carried unanimously.

Councilman Kennedy read copy of a letter that Chief LaScola wrote to Mr. Passmore, Acting County Manager of Montgomery County, reporting that the City Fire Service did not participate in the recent activity relating to Bill No. 1.

Mayor Miller proposed a motion requesting that permission be granted to the Police and Firemen's Association to sell Christmas trees on the corner of Maple and Grant Avenues from December 14th in aid of their Widows and Orphans Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. 7420 BUFFALO AVENUE: Corporation Counsel Gingerich appeared before the Montgomery County Board of Appeals on the petition of Charles E. Howe and Melvin L. Haas in which they requested a Special Exception to permit the continued operation of a care home for five patients at 7420 Buffalo Avenue and voiced the position of the Mayor and Council that the petition either be denied or be postponed until the necessary corrections have been made to the building to comply with the State Fire Marshal's and/or County requirements.

2. 7402 FLOWER AVENUE: Corporation Counsel appeared before the Prince Georges County Commissioners on November 20, 1968 on the petition of Salvatore V. Battiata for Special Exception for conversion of dwelling to additional dwelling units. This petition was denied as the dwelling was considered only suitable for single family use.

3. HELIPORT - WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL: Councilman Geib proposed a motion seconded by Councilman Roth that the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital be advised that the Mayor and Council have no objection to the construction of a heliport on the grounds of the Hospital. Councilman Jones recommended that the heliport be approved and also that the Mayor and Council commend the Hospital authorities for their progressive planning.* The motion as amended was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

*see correction page 187

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4. ANNEXATION OF LAND - COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE: City Administrator Pridgen reported that a preliminary meeting had been arranged and progress on this matter was very satisfactory.
5. 103 SHERIDAN AVENUE: Corporation Counsel Gingerich advised that correspondence with the owner of this property have failed to clear up the violations and he was in the process of obtaining a court order.
6. 1111 SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: Corporation Counsel Gingerich reported that the owner of this property had been given until December 13th to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt. Hearing has been set before Judge Brown on December 17th provided service is made upon the owner by December 5th.
7. HOUSING AUTHORITY: Councilman Geib stated that housing and zoning problems have become a very serious problem in the City. He stated that Director of Public Works Rhodes is in the process of hiring a Deputy Director to replace Mr. Harvey Williams who died last week. He added that the burdens of the Public Works Department and the Building Inspector have become so great that it seems necessary to make the position of Building Inspector a full time one. Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that an ordinance be drawn up for presentation at the next council meeting, establishing a Building Inspector or a Building Commissioner as a separate entity under the authority of the Public Welfare and Civic Improvements Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.
8. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Councilman Geib proposed a motion giving the owners of 114 Grant Avenue thirty (30) days to correct the violations which they have on their property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.
9. 12 JEFFERSON AVENUE: Councilman Geib inquired as to the status of this property, Corporation Counsel Gingerich replied that trial has been scheduled for February 19th, 1969 and that a memorandum is in the mail concerning this.

Mayor Miller spoke concerning the death of Mr. Harvey Williams and that a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Council has been prepared.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LIBRARY EXPANSION: Councilman Jones reported that the construction of the library is progressing quite rapidly and that two walls have been completed. He stated that the contractor is ahead of time and hopes to have the roof completed before snow flies.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LOT - CHERRY AND COLBY AVENUES: Councilman Jones stated that an agreement has been reached on the purchase of this property and that Corporation Counsel Gingerich will have a title search made for this property.

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2. FENCES - HODGES FIELD: Councilman Jones stated that requests have been received from organizations to erect fences on Hodges Field to stop balls rolling off the field and also to separate the playground equipment from the ball field. Inspections of the field have been made previously and a memorandum has been received from the Director of Public Works advising that quotations have been received from the Suburban Fence Company for the erection of a 4 foot and a 6 foot fence. Councilman Jones therefore proposed a motion recommending that the Council authorize the acceptance of the Suburban Fence Company's proposal to supply and erect a 4 foot fence on Hodges Field (one 40 foot section northeast of the field and 244 feet along the south side of the field at a total cost of \$575 to be taken out of the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

3. IMPROVEMENTS TO HEFFNER RECREATION CENTER: Councilman Jones presented a motion for the approval of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2033

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

SECTION 1. THAT the City has been requested to improve Heffner Recreation Center by lowering the ceiling, installing a tile floor, providing hot water for washing, painting and redecorating, and improving the lighting, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the City Public Works Department will do most of the necessary work, AND

SECTION 3. THAT the AAA Carpet and Linoleum Company will furnish and install first grade vinyl asbestos tile for the sum of FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (\$515.00) AND

SECTION 4. THAT the approximate cost of other improvements will be TWO THOUSAND AND TEN DOLLARS (\$2,010.00), AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT, the total sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,525.00) be transferred from the RESERVE FUND and placed in Account No. 10.812B, and the AAA CARPET AND LINOLEUM COMPANY be authorized to install the tile floor.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and the Ordinance adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Hutmire Jones, Kennedy and Roth. Excused: Councilman Turner.

4. SOUND SYSTEM FOR GYMNASIUM: Councilman Jones reported that as it will be necessary to provide a suitable public address system for the various meetings and functions which will be held there, Director of Public Works Rhodes was requested to obtain quotations from companies which specialize in sound equipment. Of the quotations received Mr. Rhodes recommended that the quotation in the amount of \$4,832.00 received from Shrader Sound, Inc. be accepted.

Councilman Forshee expressed his displeasure at the expenditure of \$4,832.00 for a sound system and suggested that a suitable system could be purchased for a lesser amount of money. After much discussion Councilman Jones proposed a motion for the approval of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2034

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

SECTION 1. THAT it is necessary to provide a suitable public address system for the various meetings and functions which will be held in the newly decorated Fire Department Gymnasium, AND

SECTION 2. THAT quotations were received from three companies which specialize in sound equipment, AND

SECTION 3. THAT SHRADER SOUND INC. submitted a bid of FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$4,832.00) which includes sound engineering, equipment, material and labor, AND

SECTION 4. THAT SHRADER SOUND, INC. be authorized to install the sound system in the Fire Department Gymnasium

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the funds required for the installation of the sound system be transferred from the Reserve Fund and placed in Account No. 10.813F.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and the above Ordinance adopted by a Roll Call Vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Geib, Hutmire, Jones, Kennedy and Roth. Nay: Councilman Forshee: Excused: Councilman Turner.

5. RECREATION PROGRAMS: Councilman Jones referred to a memorandum from Mrs. Ziegler, the Director of Recreation outlining the following activities:

Christmas Tree Lighting: December 15 - 4.30 p.m. - The traditional tree lighting ceremony at the Municipal Library grounds. "Santa is coming to town."

Christmas Cantata: December 18 - 8 p.m. - The Takoma Park Community Singers will present the Cantata "Noel, Noel" at the Fire House Gymnasium.

Christmas Workshop: - Two more sessions are scheduled - December 3rd and 10th from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

Slimnastic Classes: The present classes will end the middle of December and new classes will begin January 15 in the mornings at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and evening classes January 16 at the Trinity United Church of Christ.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting:

Councilman Forshee stated that there were no reports to be made by the Finance Committee.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib Co-Chairman reporting

1. STOP SIGNS - PRINCE GEORGES AND ELM AVENUES: Councilman Geib on the recommendation of Chief Foster proposed a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2035

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

SECTION 1. THAT all motor vehicles shall be brought to a complete stop before entering the intersection of Prince George's Avenue and Elm Avenue when traveling in any direction on either of the two Avenues, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to erect one stop sign on the North side of Prince George's Avenue to control southbound traffic and one stop sign on the South side of Prince George's Avenue to control northbound traffic, AND

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

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

2. PURCHASE OF POLICE BADGES: On the recommendation of Chief **Foster**, Councilman Geib proposed a motion for the approval of the purchase of ten sets (hat and chest) chrome badges from Lamb, Seal and Stencil Company at a cost of \$155.00, this amount to be allocated from the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy. Councilman Forshee suggested that this amount be taken from the Police Contingent Fund. Councilman Geib withdrew his original motion and proposed an amended motion that the \$155.00 be allocated from the Police Contingent Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. ANTI-LITTER SIGNS: Councilman Hutmire noted that anti-litter signs had been erected by the State Roads Commission on Carroll and New Hampshire Avenues and Piney Branch Road.

2. LITTER RECEPTACLES: Councilman Hutmire, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, proposed a motion for the purchase of five (5) Lawson No. 2701 Litter Receptacles from Daycon Products Company, Inc. for the amount of \$260.00 to be allocated from the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

3. 122 PARK AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire stated that he had received a written report from the owner of this property indicating that he intended to take steps to eliminate some of the violations which have existed on this property. Councilman Hutmire requested that the owner be given two weeks to make further improvements and that Building Inspector Wollner inspect the premises between now and the next Public Welfare Committee meeting. He added that the final action on this property will be postponed until the next Council meeting.

4. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire reported that the heating plants in this building are in working order and that the Manager has been able to correct the overcrowding in one of the apartments.

5. BUS SERVICE - PINEY BRANCH ROAD: Councilman Hutmire requested, as it seems clear that the Montgomery County School Board does not intend to reverse its decision with regard to the discontinuance of bus service to neighborhood children living in this area, that this item be removed from the Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting

On behalf of the Mayor and Council members, Councilman Roth congratulated the Public Works Department employees for the excellent work done on the Fire House Gymnasium.

1. ELM AVENUE: Councilman Roth stated that PEPCO will be reporting on this area.

2. HEATHER AVENUE: Councilman Roth stated that consideration will be given to the requests of the residents in this area and suggested that Mr. Hash confer with PEPCO with regard to the placement of the poles.

Councilman Roth reported that Maple Towers has a new owner who is cleaning up the property with the assistance of the Public Works Department.

3. FLOOD-LIGHTING AT FOREST PARK: Councilman Roth reported that these flood lights have not yet been installed.

4. FOLDING CHAIRS - GYMNASIUM: Councilman Roth on the recommendation of Director of Public Works Rhodes proposed a motion authorizing the purchase of 100 folding chairs from Adirondack for the sum of \$336.00 plus approximately \$50.00 for freight, to be transferred from the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib. Mayor Miller requested that consideration be given to the purchase of contour chairs and requested that the Director of Public Works obtain quotations on this type of chair. Councilman Roth withdrew the original motion.

5. SECRETARIAL DESKS: Councilman Roth reported that the Public Works Department is in need of two secretarial desks and stated that additional quotations are being obtained for these desks.

Councilman Roth stated that he would like the record to show that the Mayor and Council are terribly sorry about the loss of Mr. Harvey Williams.

Councilman Roth proposed a motion authorizing the recruitment of a Deputy Director of Public Works to replace Mr. Williams. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Councilman Roth stated that Prince Georges County is erecting a building on New Hampshire Avenue called Langley-Park Recreation Center. He added that this location is within the City limits and proposed a motion requesting that a letter be written to the Prince Georges County Commissioners persuasively insisting that they consider changing the name to Takoma-Langley Recreation Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried. Councilman Geib stated that he has several times brought up the possibility of erecting signs in that area showing that you are entering or leaving Takoma Park. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that the residents in that area should be advised of the fact that unless they list

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Takoma Park as their mailing address the City will not receive the State tax rebate. City Administrator Pridgen stated that a letter has been sent in the past few years to each of the residents reminding them of this fact.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Meeting on December 9th, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that the Mayor and City Council learned of the passing on November 15, 1968 of Deputy Director of Public Works and Chief City Building Inspector Harvey D. Williams, the beloved husband of Ruth M. Williams and father of Ronald R. Williams, AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was employed as a mining engineer for more than twenty-five years with The Glen Alden Corporation coal mining firm, AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was appointed Chief City Building Inspector in 1958 and Deputy Director of Public Works in 1959, AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams had a sincere interest in improving his knowledge and ability by attending training programs sponsored by The International City Managers' Association, The Maryland Municipal League, and The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams maintained an active interest in the affairs of, and membership affiliation with The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, and The Association of Montgomery County Administrators, AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a Director of The Takoma Park Independence Day Committee,

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 Mrs. Ruth M. Williams, wife of the late Harvey D. Williams.

ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCE

as of September 30, 1968

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of September 30, 1968	\$ 206,445.32	
October Cash Receipts	\$ 190,560.64	\$ 397,005.96
Less: Claims Receivable - Returned Check		36.00
October Disbursements		297,597.04
Balance as of October 31, 1968		<u>\$ 99,372.92</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of September 30, 1968	\$ 15,525.18	
Transfer from General Funds	59,458.47	\$ 74,983.65
October Cash Disbursements		64,176.26
Balance as of October 30, 1968		<u>\$ 10,807.39</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of September 30, 1968	\$ 5,139.12	
October - No transactions	-	\$ 5,139.12
Balance as of October 31, 1968		<u>\$ 5,139.12</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance as of September 30, 1968	\$ 1,616.15	
No transactions during October	-	\$ 1,616.15
Balance as of October 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,616.15</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUND

Balance as of September 30, 1968	\$ 19,277.87	
October Cash Receipts	164.34	\$ 19,442.21
October Service Charge - to be adjusted		8.55
Balance as of October 31, 1968		<u>\$ 19,433.66</u>

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

Balance as of September 30, 1968	\$ 1,381.62	
Interest to September 30, 1968	13.00	\$ 1,394.62
Balance as of October 31, 1968		<u>\$ 1,394.62</u>

PETTY CASH

Balance as of October 31, 1968		\$ 200.00
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U.S. TREASURY BILLS

				<u>COST</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>
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	" " "	3/24/68	\$ 48,697.50	\$ 50,000.00
"	9/26/68	" " "	5/31/69	\$ 19,284.58	\$ 20,000.00
"	10/2/68	" " "	12/26/68	\$ 49,393.19	\$ 50,000.00
"	10/2/68	" " "	1/30/69	\$ 49,136.67	\$ 50,000.00
"	10/2/68	" " "	2/27/69	\$ 48,920.83	\$ 50,000.00
"	10/19/68	" " "	6/30/69	\$ 48,072.89	\$ 50,000.00
				<u>\$340,725.79</u>	<u>\$ 350,000.00</u>

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Administrator
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Clerk Treasurer

APPROVED:

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Mayor