

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MARCH 10, 1969

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

City Administrator Pridgen
 Deputy City Clerk Levine
 Corporation Counsel Gingerich
 Assistant Corporation Counsel Culpepper
 Chief LaScola
 Chief Foster
 Director of Public Works Rhodes
 Building Inspector Wollner
 Director of Recreation Ziegler

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland at 8:10 P.M. on March 10, 1969.

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 of February 24, 1969. Councilman Kennedy moved that the Minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Mayor Miller stated that on behalf of the Police and Firemen's Association, he would at this time like to present a Resolution of commendation to Lieutenant James E. Jarboe of the Takoma Park Fire Department for his heroic efforts in connection with the shooting incident which occurred at Piney-Branch Road and University Boulevard on October 28, 1969 and which involved the Silver Spring Fire Department personnel and ambulance. Captain Kearns, President of the Association, presented Lieutenant Jarboe with a plaque in recognition of his valor. Councilman Kennedy presented Lieutenant Jarboe with a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond and stated that the goodwill of every member of the Police and Firemen's Association goes with that Award.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Mr. William T. McDonald, Asst. Director Bureau of Training, U.S. Civil Service Commission: Regarding Intergovernmental Cooperation Act inviting the City to send employees for training courses by U.S. Civil Service Commission. (Committee Chairmen)
2. Hon. C. Beverly Briley, President National League of Cities: Notice of Annual Congressional City Conference March 30-April 1, 1969, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. (Refer to all Councilmen)
3. Mr. Jim Reid, Director, Community Development, Prince George's County: Regarding county's community renewal program.
4. Mr. Alan Ray, Chief Zoning Inspector Prince George's Community: Report of zoning enforcement division activities within the City (Public Welfare Committee and Civic Improvements Committee)
5. Mrs. Jean M. Schmuhl, Clerk to County Commissioners, Prince George's County: Refers to the Public Hearing March 19 on SE #1940 Ann E. Fogarty, owner, 1011 University Boulevard East for limited professional use. Lot 28, Block 14 NHG subdivision, 7,200 sq. ft. R-18. (Civic Improvements Committee)

- 6. Hon. Idamae Garrott, Montgomery County Council: Transmittal of her position concerning the North Central Freeway. (Refer to Council Files)
- 7. Peter A. Menedis, President Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Inc.: Expression of appreciation for Council appropriation for coffee maker. (Fire Protection Committee)
- 8. Schuyler F. Best, Vice-President Wheaton Rescue Squad Inc.: Request for approval of fund solicitation program within the City.(Fire Protection Committee)
- 9. F. Lisle Widman, President Emergency Homes, Inc.: Requesting response to his previous letters. (Refer to the Public Welfare Committee)

City Administrator Pridgen read the Financial Statement of Bank Balances as of February 28, 1969 (see last page of Minutes)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS: Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the first meeting for March and advised that the next meeting will be held on March 24, 1969.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. V.H. Rodes, 1101 Lancaster Road, Takoma Park: (President, Takoma Park Recreation Council) Mr. Rodes stated that at the last meeting of the Recreation Council it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Mayor and Council that three portable swimming pools be considered as part of the recreation program this year. He submitted an estimated cost of the pools. Mr. Rodes also advised that the Third Annual Recreation Council Conference will be held on March 15, at Roger B. Taney Junior High School, Camp Springs. He added that the general session will deal with the Allen Report on "Parks and Recreation--An Inventory and Evaluation." Mr. Rodes stated that the recommendations of this report are rather far-reaching and that the Recreation Council plans no action without further guidance from the Mayor and Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting:

- 1. 6611 COCKERILLE AVENUE: Councilman Geib reported that the owner of this property has advised that he wishes to withdraw his request as he now plans to sell the property. Councilman Geib added that some time ago we notified Montgomery County that the City would permit the County to lease ten houses for public housing and that the Council would consider Prince George's County at a later date. He requested that this item be included on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting for possible consideration.
- 2. ANNEXATION OF LAND - COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE: Nothing to report on this item.
- 3. 1111 SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: Councilman Geib reported that Corporation Counsel Gingerich continues to check on this property to see that the owner complies with the Court Order.
- 4. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Corporation Counsel Gingerich advised that a conference with the owners of this property was held on March 6, 1969 at which time it was agreed that either the property be put in condition in accordance with the requests of Building Inspector Wollner or otherwise torn down.

5. ZAP F-313 and ZAP F-314: Councilman Geib reported that at the Hearing held on March 3, Mr. Robins' request that his application be withdrawn without prejudice was granted.
6. SP #1940 - 1011 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD: Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that the Prince George's County Commissioners be advised that the Mayor and Council have no objection to this special exception. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.
7. 7125 SYCAMORE AVENUE: Councilman Geib reported that it appears that a furniture repair service and reupholstering business is being carried on in these premises. He added that the owner has been advised of zoning violation by the Montgomery County Zoning Inspector and that notice has been given of violation of the Fire Code by the Fire Department. Councilman Geib requested that this item be added to the Agenda.
8. 7000 POPLAR AVENUE: Councilman Geib reported that Corporation Counsel Gingerich had filed suit against the owner of this property for a zoning violation. He requested that this be added to the Agenda.
9. REVISION OF EXISTING HOUSING REGISTRATION FEES: Councilman Geib reported that City Administrator Pridgen has obtained the figures of the registration fees charged for apartments in the municipalities surrounding Takoma Park. He has compared our figures with those of College Park and found their charges are much higher than those of Takoma Park. He added that the registration fees have not been adjusted since 1953 and requested that this item be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting:

1. FURNITURE - LIBRARY: Councilman Jones proposed a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2050

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, the Municipal Library is in need of various items of office furniture and equipment including card catalogues, office desks, chairs, file cabinets, lounge chairs and table, newspaper rack, dictionary stand and a typewriter, AND

SECTION 2. THAT various firms were invited to submit bids for these items, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE that the sum of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS (\$2,124.83) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 19.103 for purchase of furniture and equipment from the following firms:

Remington Rand	\$ 483.70
Young and Watson (Art Metal)	55.96
Chas. G. Stott & Co. Inc.	87.15
Manson Office Machines Co. Ind.	442.60
N. Frank & Son	1,055.42
Total	<u>\$2,124.83</u>

The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and the Ordinance adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Hutmire, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nays: None. Excused: None.

2. CEILING DIFFUSERS: Councilman Jones reported that the original library building had a different ventilation and heating distribution system and in planning the new addition the new style ceiling diffusers in the older section were overlooked by the architect. Motion was proposed to authorize an extra contract in the amount of \$340.00 for the installation of the 17 proper style ceiling diffusers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting:

1. TELEPHONE - GYMNASIUM: Councilman Jones proposed a motion authorizing the installation of a telephone in the gymnasium at a cost of \$9.70 per month plus \$12.00 installation fee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

2. CUSTODIAN - GYMNASIUM: Councilman Jones stated the gymnasium requires to be cleaned approximately 15-20 hours per week and proposed a motion authorizing the appointment of Mr. Gwen Horten as a part-time custodian at the rate of \$2.23 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

3. SWINGS - HEFFNER PARK: As the present swing set is dangerous, Councilman Jones proposed a motion authorizing the purchase of a 10ft. high, 6 seated, 3 sections, candy striped swing set from Gametime, Inc. at a cost of \$251.00 to be transferred from Reserve Fund to Account No. 19.203. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

4. SEE-SAW - SPRING PARK: As Spring Park has no see-saw, Councilman Jones proposed a motion authorizing the purchase of a Miracle All-Steel See-Saw from Miracle Equipment Co. at a cost of \$133.00 plus freight to be transferred from Reserve Fund to Account No. 19.203. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting:

1. PERSONNEL: Councilman Turner proposed a motion accepting, with regrets, the resignation of Harry E. Altman as a Special Police Officer, effective February 20, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

2. SALE OF CITY PROPERTY: Councilman Turner proposed a motion authorizing the sale of one male german shepherd dog named King and used as a K-9 dog by the Police Department for the amount of \$1.00 and other valuable consideration, to Clifford R. Stitely, formerly of the Takoma Park Police Department, and now a member of the Pennsylvania State Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

Councilman Turner referred to the transmittal from Hon. Idamae Garrott of the Montgomery County Council and requested that City Administrator Pridgen write Mrs. Garrott thanking her very much for this very strong statement against the path of the freeway and that consideration be given to a meeting between the Montgomery County Council and the City Officials with regard to the North Central Freeway.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman Hutmire reporting:

1. BOCA: Councilman Hutmire proposed a motion authorizing City Administrator Pridgen to insert the following Notice of Public Hearing in the local newspapers as soon as possible:

"The Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland will conduct a Public Hearing at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 2, 1969, in the Fire House Gymnasium (Carroll and Philadelphia Avenues) to consider the adoption of a Comprehensive Housing Code, similar to the BOCA Basic Housing Code. Participation by interested persons is invited. Copies of the BOCA Basic Housing Code are available in the City Office, 8 Columbia Avenue, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday: 9-5), upon payment of a refundable deposit of \$2.00 per copy. Copies are available for reading at the City Library, 101 Philadelphia Avenue."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire reported that the one currently overcrowded apartment in this building will shortly be corrected after the elimination of one minor health problem of the mother of this family.
3. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Councilman Hutmire proposed a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2051

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

SECTION 1. THAT there be established the position classification of Code Enforcement Officer in the Pay Scale of the Merit Plan, AND,

SECTION 2. THAT the Section relating to the Public Works Department of Ordinance No. 2006, adopted June 10, 1968 be amended by insertion of the following:

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

<u>Start</u>	<u>6 Mo.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
8,120	8,360	8,410	8,620	8,856	9,093	9,355, AND,

SECTION 3. THAT persons appointed to the position of Code Enforcement Officer shall be assigned to the Protective Inspection Division under the supervision of the Director of Public Works and Inspections, AND

SECTION 4. THAT a Code Enforcement Officer is hereby empowered to enforce Housing Regulations of the Municipal Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, and all appropriate references in such Code to the term "Inspector of Buildings" or "Building Inspector" shall be construed to include the term "Code Enforcement Officer."

SECTION 5. THAT this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and the Ordinance adopted by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Forshee, Geib, Hutmire, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nays: None. Excused: None.

4. PERSONNEL: In connection with the above Ordinance Councilman Hutmire proposed a motion appointing Frank E. Wollner and Thomas Thorogood as Code Enforcement Officers within the Protective Inspection Division under the supervision of the Director of Public Works and Inspections commencing at a salary of \$8,620 per annum (step 3 on the Merit Plan) plus the standard car allowance of \$30.00 per month, effective April 1, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

Councilman Hutmire reported a community meeting conducted by the program directors of the Montgomery County Health Department to be held on Thursday March 13. The topic will be: "The Housing Code Enforcement Program." Councilman Hutmire requested that Mr. Wollner attend this meeting and report at the next regular Public Welfare Meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting:

1. WESTMORELAND AVENUE: Councilman Roth requested that each member of the Committee go down and inspect this right of way crossing before the problem is discussed further.
2. SPRUCE AVENUE: Councilman Roth reported that the Public Works Department has completed the storm drainage repair on Spruce Avenue and are now engaged in repairing the sidewalks and driveways which had to be cut in making this storm drain improvement. The ditch over the parking area will also be landscaped.
3. LIBRARY ADDITION: Councilman Roth stated that the Library is now open and everyone is very impressed with the changes that have taken place and urged all citizens who have not visited the Library since the re-opening to do so and see the improvements that have been made.
4. MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIBRARY: Councilman Roth reported a memorandum from Mrs. Robinson making suggestions regarding the maintenance of the Library. These suggestions will be reviewed before a decision is finally made.
5. VACUUM CLEANER - LIBRARY: As the Library is need of proper equipment to clean the wall-to-wall carpeting that has been installed, Councilman Roth proposed a motion authorizing the purchase of a Genie 13" - Kent Heavy Duty commercial upright vacuum with a complete set of tools from Blanchard Company at a cost of \$274.00 to be transferred from the Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
6. LANGLEY-PARK COMMUNITY CENTER: Councilman Roth requested that City Administrator Pridgen follow up on the letter which was written to the Prince George's County members of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission requesting that the Center be called the Takoma-Langley Community Center.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS: Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion granting official leave for Chief S.J. LaScola and Training Officer K.F. Kearns from Saturday March 15 through Saturday March 22, 1969 to attend the forty-first Annual Fire Department Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Funds for this request are to be taken from Account No. 11.212N-1 and 11.212N-4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
2. AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE NO. 2047: Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion amending Ordinance No. 2047, adopted February 10, 1969 by insertion of the words Takoma Park in front of the words Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. in the last sentence of Section 3, Article 4 under Section 1 of said Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and the amendment to Ordinance No. 2047 adopted by a roll call vote with all members voting Aye. Nays: None. Excused: None.
3. MAILING CAMPAIGN - WHEATON RESCUE SQUAD: This matter will be brought up at the next Fire Protection Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the members of the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. to reconvene on Monday March 24, 1969 at 8:00 P.M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCES
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1969

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of January 31, 1969	23,586.80	
* February Cash Receipts	<u>117,153.20</u>	140,740.00
February Disbursements		<u>104,635.45</u>
Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>36,104.55</u>

* includes bonds sold and matured - \$49,952.67

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of January 31, 1969	12,283.63	
Transfer from General Funds	<u>60,169.25</u>	72,452.88
January Cash Disbursement		<u>59,112.16</u>
Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>13,340.72</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of January 31, 1969	139.12	
No transactions during February	-	139.12
Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>139.12</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance as of January 31, 1969	1,766.15	
February Cash Receipts	<u>110.21</u>	1,876.36
No disbursements during February		-
Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>1,876.36</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of January 31, 1969	442.21	
No Transactions during February	-	442.21
Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>442.21</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS A/C TP63

Balance as of January 31, 1969	1,407.62	
No transactions during February	-	1,407.62
Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>1,407.62</u>

PETTY CASH

Balance as of February 28, 1969		<u>200.00</u>
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U.S. TREASURY BILLS

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	" " "	5/21/69	19,284.58	20,000.00
"	10/18/68	" " "	6/30/69	<u>48,072.89</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
				<u>\$193,275.10</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>

APPROVED: George M. Miles
Mayor

ATTEST: Benny Levine
City Administrator
Deputy City Clerk
Clerk Treasurer

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

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

Dr. Stephen S. Hiten rendered the Invocation.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 1969. Councilman Geib moved that the Minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting:

1. Letters from members of the Maryland House of Delegates, acknowledging Mayor Miller's letter of March 18 regarding H.B. 29 (Open Space Program):
 Hon. Leonard S. Blondes, Chairman, Montgomery County Delegation
 Hon. H.K. Whalen, Co-Chairman, Montgomery County Delegation
 Hon. Charles A. Docter, Dist. 2, Montgomery County Delegation
 Hon. Arthur Dorman, Vice-Chairman, Prince Georges Delegation
 Hon. Arthur A. King, Dist. 2, Prince Georges Delegation
 Hon. Eric I. Weile, Dist. 2, Prince Georges Delegation
 (Refer to Council Files)
2. Anthony C. Kanz, Chief, Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Montgomery County: Suggestion for stop control for northwest bound traffic on New York Avenue at Chicago Avenue. (Law Enforcement Committee)
3. John M. Riecks, Asst. Supt. Board of Education, Prince Georges County: Reporting that there is little chance that any part of J. Enos Ray School property can be used for City park purposes. (Parks and Recreation Committee)
4. Board of Appeals, Prince Georges County, Notice of Hearing on Appeal No. 2473 for permission to erect an addition on Lot 19, Block 8, G.H.F. Sec. 1 (1106 Kingwood Drive) Takoma Park by variance of zoning ordinances. (Civic Improvements Committee)
5. W.C. Dutton, Jr. Chairman, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Acknowledging Mayor Miller's letter requesting that the recreation project name be changed to "Takoma-Langley Community Center."

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6. M's Becky Combs, Principal, Takoma Park Elementary School: Appreciation for cooperation of City for load of gravel on driveway on the upper field. (Public Works Committee)
7. Mrs. Geraldine R. Anderson, Teacher, Our Lady of Sorrows School, City: Expression of appreciation for educational programs of both the Fire and Police Departments.
8. Thomas B. Allen, Executive Director, P.O.M.C.O.: Statement of operation of organization and offer to meet with Mayor and Council. (Public Welfare Committee)
9. Irwin A. Fern, Vice-President, American Telecable Services, Inc. Silver Spring, Maryland: Request for issuance of a permit or an ordinance to construct and operate a CATV system in the City. (Council as a Whole)
10. Mrs. Mildred Butts, Expression in behalf of neighbors and herself for the additional street light in 800 block of Elm Avenue. (Council Files)
11. Mrs. James H. Menefee, President, Takoma Park Women's Club: Expression of support of Civic Center development and request for use of meeting rooms. (Council as a Whole)
12. M's Doris A. Clapp, 202 Hodges Lane, City: Request that property at Grant and Chestnut Avenues be cleaned up. (Public Welfare Committee)
13. Charles H. Howe, Jr. 7013 Poplar Avenue, City: Request that lot on Columbia Avenue between Poplar and Sycamore Avenues be cleaned up. (Public Welfare Committee)
14. M's Nila C. Schroeder, 700 Chaney Drive #1, City: Request for Ordinance and "No Parking between Signs" on Chaney Drive. (Law Enforcement Committee)
15. Ken Nishimoto, Chairman, Takoma Park Community Action Forum: Notice of Meeting on April 29 concerning BOCA Code vs. improved enforcement of existing codes. (Public Welfare Committee and Civic Improvements Committee)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the last Council Meeting for the month of March and stated that the next Council Meeting will be held on April 14, 1969. He added that March 25th was Maryland Day, commemorating the day on which Maryland became a colony with the arrival of the Ark and the Dove. He also mentioned that March 27th was an historic day for Columbia Union College. He added that for several years an expansion program has been going on there and the College has always been a wonderful asset in the City. Mayor Miller said that Dr. Hiten would be giving more information regarding the commemoration ceremonies on Thursday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Simpson advised that the next meeting of the Citizens Advisory and Review Board will be held on March 27, 1969 and also wished to call the Council members attention to the meeting of April 17. The speaker will be Mr. Maynard who won an award in the Paint-Up Clean-Up Campaign in College Park. Mrs. Simpson expressed her hope that some of the Council members would be able to attend this meeting.

- 2. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park: Dr. Hiten advised that on Thursday, Old North Hall will be levelled. There will be a ceremony at 12 noon at which the Mayor will give a speech and driving a bulldozer, will commence tearing-down the building. He added his appreciation of the Mayor's willingness to come to this commemoration ceremony and stated that any citizen who wished to attend would be very welcome. Other items mentioned by Dr. Hiten were: (1) WGTS has just added another 50 feet to the tower and will be back in operation on March 25 at 3 p.m. He added that this station is at the service of the City to publicize any activities or business in the City. (2) In spite of the efforts of the City the city streets are still littered and he enquired regarding the purchase of a vacuum cleaner similar to the one used in the District of Columbia. (3) Need for a shopping center. The burned out building on Laurel Avenue would make an ideal site for a shop. (4) An alternative to the fire siren.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting:

- 1. SIREN: Councilman Kennedy advised that the Fire Protection Committee did not meet due to the Fire Department Instructors' Conference last week. He added that the delay in resolving this problem has been that Chief LaScola has not received all of the competitive prices on different types of home alarm receivers. However, this will be brought up at the Committee meeting to be held on March 25th.
- 2. WHEATON RESCUE SQUAD: This will be brought up at the next meeting.
- 3. 7401 FLOWER AVENUE: Councilman Kennedy read a memorandum from Mr. I.T. Williams, Inspector-Investigator of the Takoma Park Fire Department which advised that this property was found to be in violation of the City Fire Code and subsequently boarded up on Wednesday, March 19, 1969 to eliminate this fire hazard. Accompanying photographs were exhibited showing the extent to which this property was boarded up. Questions were asked as to how long this property will remain in this condition. Chief LaScola replied that there is a direction in the Fire Code giving a certain amount of time to eliminate the deplorable conditions of the building and if the owner fails to remove it, the Fire Department will and the charges assessed to the owner's tax account. He added 6 months is given to the owner to have the building removed.
- 4. ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET: Councilman Kennedy advised that the Annual Awards Banquet will be held on March 27 and all members of the Council have been invited to attend. If anyone has not indicated that they plan to attend, please see Chief LaScola.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting:

- 1. 1106 KINGWOOD DRIVE: With regard to the Notice of Hearing on Appeal No. 2473 for permission to erect an addition on Lot 19, Block 8, G.H.F. Sec. 1, Councilman Geib proposed a motion that the City go on record as having no objection to this special exception. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
- 2. 7125 SYCAMORE AVENUE: Councilman Geib reported that the Montgomery County Zoning Inspector had given the owner of this property a period of time to cease operating a furniture repair service and reupholstering business on these premises. Chief LaScola advised that an inspection made of that property revealed a fire code violation. Operations of the business have ceased and the owner has been advised what has to be done to legally operate the business in that zone.

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3. 7000 POPLAR AVENUE: Councilman Geib reported that the zoning violation on this property is being handled by Corporation Counsel.
4. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Councilman Geib advised that Corporation Counsel had advised the owners of this property that violations have to be corrected, otherwise the building will be torn down.
5. 1111 SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: Periodic inspections are being made of this property to ensure compliance with the Court Order.
6. OUTSIDE ARENA: Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that the Public Works Director Parks and Recreation Director and City Administrator Pridgen look into the possibility of constructing an outside arena on the lot behind the Takoma Park Junior High School off Travis Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire and duly carried.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

Councilman Jones advised that the art metal stacks will not be available from the factory until July and until they are received the Library will be working under a handicap. He added that the ventilation problem is being corrected.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LECTURE: Councilman Jones advised that March 25, Mr. R.J. Johnson will give a lecture at 8 Columbia Avenue on "The Restoration of Antiques." This lecture is sponsored by the Takoma Park Antique Seminar Group.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Councilman Forshee reporting:

1. PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET: Councilman Forshee proposed a motion requesting that a Public Hearing be held on May 13 at the Fire House Gymnasium to discuss the Budget for the coming fiscal year and that appropriate advertisements be placed in the newspapers and notice included in the Takoma Park City Services Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting:

1. PERSONNEL: Councilman Turner proposed a motion appointing Corporal Thomas Thorowgood as a member of the Special Police Force effective April 16, 1969 following his transferral from the Police Department to another City Department on April 15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and duly carried.
2. MOTORCYCLE RADIOS: Councilman Turner proposed a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2052

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

- SECTION 1. WHEREAS, the Police Department recently took delivery of two 1969 Harley-Davidson motorcycles, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT these new motorcycles require a rear mounted radio rather than the handlebar type used previously, AND
- SECTION 3. THAT it will be necessary to replace one of the present radios which is obsolete and cannot be mounted on the new motorcycles, AND
- SECTION 4. THAT a bid of \$938.00 (NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS) was received from RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICE, INC. of Washington, D.C. for the purchase and installation of a new Model T41DDN1100 Dispatcher FM Radio.
- SECTION 5. THEREFORE that the sum of NINE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS be transferred from the RESERVE FUND to Account No. 11.113 for the purchase of the above.

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

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman Hutmire reporting:

1. EMERGENCY HOMES: Councilman Hutmire requested that this item be removed from the Agenda as an appropriate reply has been made to their recent letter. He suggested that Building Inspector Wollner forward to Mr. Widman, President of Emergency Homes, Inc. suitable excerpts from our Municipal Code with regard to housing.
2. BOCA: Councilman Hutmire reminded those present that the forthcoming Public Hearing on the BOCA Code will be held on April 2 in the Fire House Gymnasium. He also referred to a letter from Dr. Nishimoto, Chairman of the Community Action Forum, expressing interest in the Public Hearing and stated that the City would be most interested in any comments made by the organization and that a suitable time would elapse before a final decision is made on the Code.
3. 122 PARK AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire advised that a letter had been received from the owner of this property today and action for the owner's correction of the violations on this property are continuing.
4. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Nothing to report.
5. STREET-CLEANING: Councilman Hutmire requested that this item be placed on the Agenda. Mr. Rhodes stated that the vacuum leaf cleaner is also being used to pick up debris from the City streets and it was stressed that it is the duty of each citizen to keep the area in front of his property free of litter. Councilman Jones suggested that an item be placed in the next Newsletter reminding the citizens of their responsibility.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting:

1. HEFFNER PARK: Councilman Roth reported that Public Works Department have finished installing acoustic tile on the ceiling and all walls and the ceiling have been painted.
2. HEATHER AVENUE SERVICE DRIVE: As approval from all concerned property owners along Heather Avenue Service Drive to grant any necessary rights-of-way have been received, Councilman Roth proposed a motion requesting that PEPCO be advised to proceed with the project of obtaining necessary rights-of-way, installing the pole line and street lights along Heather Avenue Service Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
3. RITCHIE AVENUE: Director of Public Works Rhodes reported that he had met with the Ritchie Avenue Citizens Association and stated that they are very interested in having a sidewalk constructed and plan to get together and submit a petition to have a sidewalk built. Mr. Rhodes stated that this group is very anxious to improve their neighborhood and that he spent a very enjoyable evening with them.
4. WESTMORELAND AVENUE: This request is being discussed further.
5. PARK AVENUE: Councilman Roth reported that work on the curb and gutter on Park Avenue has been commenced.
6. STREET-CLEANING: The street department has been concentrating on cleaning all of the streets in the City with the commencement of the good weather.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. to reconvene at 8 P.M. on April 14, 1969.

APPROVED:

George M Miller
Mayor

ATTEST:

Billy Levine
~~City Administrator~~

~~Clerk-Treasurer~~

Deputy City
Clerk