

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

February 8, 1971

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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| Mayor Miller | City Administrator Pridgen |
| Councilman Eppes | Corporation Counsel Gingerich |
| Councilman Forshee | City Treasurer Turner |
| Councilman Hutmire | Fire Chief LaScola |
| Councilman Nishimoto | Dep. Fire Chief Fickes |
| Councilman Roth | Captain West |
| Councilman Sidell | Police Captain Porter |
| Councilman Webb | Director of Public Works Rhodes |
| | Dep. Dir. Public Works Barile |
| | Director of Recreation Ziegler |

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland convened in Executive Session at 8:05 PM, February 8, 1971, in the Municipal Gymnasium, 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, after which he announced he would deviate from the agenda to make a special award.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Miller presented Mrs. Dorothy Salisbury with a plaque inscribed as follows:

City of Takoma Park, Maryland, presented to Dorothy Cleveland Salisbury in recognition of her contribution as a conservationist, amateur botanist, ornithologist and upon recent publication of her work, The Plants of Sligo Creek Park. Mayor and City Council, February 1971.

He spoke briefly of her long-time residency in the City, the many contributions she and her husband, Dr. Elon Salisbury (a former City Councilman), have made to the community, making particular reference to the recent publication of the above-mentioned booklet by the Park and Planning Commission. Mrs. Salisbury responded by thanking the Council for the recognition given her and noted that the pamphlet represents 15 years' work with some seven years intensive study.

Mrs. Margaret Zea, on behalf of the Antique Club, presented to the Mayor a copy of American Heritage Foundation's A History of Colonial Antiques which is to be placed in the Library as an expression of appreciation for their help in putting on the Club's annual antique seminar.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to waive reading of the minutes of the last meeting, if there were no corrections or additions. Motion was made by Councilman Eppes, seconded by Councilman Roth and carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Robert L. Turner, Associate Executive Director, Maryland Municipal League, Annapolis Notice of Budgeting Conference Workshop, February 27, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Prince George's Community College, Largo, Md. Finance Committee; circulate to Council

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2. Response to Mayor Miller's letter of January 29, requesting support of the MML's 1971 legislative program: Delegates Arthur Dorman, James J. Lombardi, Charles A. Docter, Charles Joseph Sullivan, Jr. Council Files
3. John T. Bonifant, Secretary, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Hyattsville. Notice of public hearing on proposed storm drain in Wildwood Drive, February 24, 3:00 PM, 4017 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville. Public Works Committee
4. Joseph G. Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City. Proposed use of Public Works Alley Cat truck in July Fourth parade.
5. Mrs. Wharton Nichols, Corresponding Secretary, Takoma Park Women's Club, City. Letter of transmittal for \$200 check for purchase of playground equipment to be used at Colby and Cherry Avenue playground. Parks and Recreation Committee

With reference to the letters just read from members of the Maryland House of Delegates [item 2, above], Mayor Miller stated that the City, through the Maryland Municipal League, is attempting to get some legislation passed during this session of the General Assembly which would help alleviate the financial plight of the cities through the vehicle of state income tax revenue sharing at the city level. He went on to explain that some years ago, legislation was enacted which provided for an increased share of state revenues for counties, but no such provision was made for cities and that municipalities seek equalization of revenues in proportion to services rendered to citizens.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS OF 1-31-71: City Treasurer Turner reporting

SUBURBAN TRUST CO.--GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1970	35,337.85	
January receipts*	<u>155,240.16</u>	190,578.01
January disbursements		<u>163,238.88</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1971		<u>27,339.13</u>

*Includes two treasury bills

SUBURBAN TRUST--PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of December 31, 1970	15,095.52	
Transfers from General Funds	<u>82,860.41</u>	97,955.93
January disbursements		<u>82,597.91</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1971		<u>15,358.02</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1970	211.31	
No transactions during January	--	<u>211.31</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1971		<u>211.31</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--SPEC. ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1970	448.69	
No transactions during January	--	<u>448.69</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1971		<u>448.69</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, continued February 8, 1971

CITIZENS BANK OF MD.--PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1970	50,088.94
No receipts during January	50,088.94
January disbursements	13,696.70
Balance as of January 31, 1971	36,392.24

CITIZENS BANK OF MD.--SAVINGS A/C TP-63

Balance as of December 31, 1970	149.46
No transactions during January	149.46
Balance as of January 31, 1971	149.46

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK--GENERAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1970	17,005.29
No receipts during January	17,005.29
January disbursements	16,505.29
Balance as of January 31, 1971	500.00

PETTY CASH

Balance as of December 31, 1970	48.88
No transactions during January	48.88
Balance as of January 31, 1971	48.88

U. S. TREASURY BILLS

	Cost	Maturity Value
Purchased: 10-1-70	48,732.92	50,000.00
9-16-70	48,085.00	50,000.00
9-23-70	48,196.53	50,000.00
9-23-70	95,795.83	100,000.00
10-22-70	95,778.89	100,000.00
	<u>336,578.17</u>	<u>350,000.00</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND

Certificates of Deposit @ 5.25% interest	700,000.00
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MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience to the first meeting of February and invited them to attend the next meeting on Monday, February 22. He then spoke of the Sister City program and announced that new members are being sought (fee \$1.00 per year), and explained the operation of the program: The Takoma Park program is carried on by the Sister City Corp., an independent organization, not subsidized by the City, and part of a program initiated by President Eisenhower which has been continued through all succeeding administrations. Our particular affiliation is with Jequie, Brazil and involves exchange visits of students and others, the interchange of cultural programs, books, etc., in an effort to build "a world of friendship." The goal of the program is to stimulate contact and understanding between individuals of different countries; by excluding active participation of national governments one deterrent to friendship--diverse political philosophies--can be eliminated to some degree. The Mayor stated that one of the things learned by participation in the program is that all peoples of the world--even those of iron curtain countries--have the same basic needs, aspirations, hopes, etc., as our own. Each year there is a contest in which any student resident between the ages of 17 and 21 may apply through the schools for the fellowship. Applicants are selected by the Sister City group on the basis of potential contribution to the program. The Sister City Corporation pays for all expenses except clothing and pocket

money, and housing is provided by a Brazilian family. Mayor Miller announced that Miss Delores Ziegler has been selected as this year's exchange student and will be in Brazil through August. The student from Jequie, Brazil, Miss Maria Vilani Maia Lima, will arrive here on February 16.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Alan T. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, City. Mrs. Marsh cited a newspaper article which stated a low-income housing project will be built at Blair Road and Eastern Avenue, and inquired as to the exact location and whether or not the City would oppose it. She expressed her own opposition to the project by supporting the recent trend of scattering low-income housing units throughout a city rather than concentrating them in one location. It was determined that the location of the proposed building is outside the City and in Montgomery County, adjacent to the D.C. line. Mrs. Marsh passed on the information she had to Councilman Hutmire, who agreed to look into the matter.

2. Mr. Clarence Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue, City. Mr. Boatman related an incident which occurred on February 6 in which a 7600 V. power line fell on his car and destroyed it, after which the current entered his house via a gas pipe, located four feet underground, and started a fire. In addition, another line fell a block below his home on Ritchie Avenue on February 7. He stated that the PEPCO repairman had told him the wires fell, not because of ice and snow, but as the result of a defective insulator. In view of these facts, Mr. Boatman felt the installation of the power lines four or five years ago must have been faulty, and asked if Council would seek some explanation and correction from PEPCO. Mayor Miller requested that Mr. Rhodes undertake this. Mr. Boatman expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department for their help with the fire.

3. Mrs. Fred Lindsey, 7301 Maple Avenue, City. Mrs. Lindsey commended the City for the excellent protection provided by the Police and Fire Departments, as well as for the many other services rendered.

4. Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Chairman, Community Improvement Board, City. Mrs. Simpson inquired about a reported METRO meeting scheduled for February 24. The City Administrator replied that he knew of no meeting on that date, but two other meetings are scheduled: a hearing in the District on March 9, and a meeting in Takoma Park on March 23.

Mrs. Simpson reported that three Community Improvement Board members have submitted resignations to be effective in March, and stated she is preparing a list of appointments for these slots for presentation to Council on February 22. She noted that Mr. Boatman's resignation was among the three submitted and pointed out that he has served on the Board since its creation in 1966. Mayor Miller thanked Mr. Boatman for his long service and expressed regret that he could no longer continue. Councilman Nishimoto suggested that some type of formal recognition, such as a certificate, might be in order for outstanding service, and it was agreed that this should be investigated.

5. Mr. Clarence Boatman asked what the possibility is of disposing of items 3b and 3c on Council as a Whole agenda during 1971. Mayor Miller referred this to Mr. Gingerich who reported he has the items under study.

Mayor Miller inquired about the status of the NIMLO code revision, to which Mr. Gingerich replied that it is going much slower than anticipated, but should be completed in the not too distant future. The Mayor asked him to check on reasons for delay.

COMMITTEE REPORTSPARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

1. Donation for playground equipment. Councilman Webb, on behalf of the Committee and the Department, thanked the Takoma Park Women's Club for their generous contribution and stated the Committee will meet shortly to discuss plans for purchases to be made.

2. Sister City program. Councilman Webb congratulated Miss Delores Ziegler and Miss Maria Vilani Maia Lima on having been chosen as representatives of their respective cities for the Sister City program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Merit plan. Councilman Forshee stated that work on revision of the merit plan has been in progress for some time; that he has two proposed changes to make which represent part of an over-all report he will make later. The first of these, he stated, is a revision of the holiday schedule as contained in Section 13 of Article 6. He read the ordinance below and moved that it be adopted, noting that the changes are the provision for a full day on Veterans' Day, instead of half a day, and the portion underlined in (a), which pertains to departments on a seven day work week, such as the Fire and Police Departments:

ORDINANCE NO. 2143

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

SECTION 1. THAT Section 13 of Article 6 of the Municipal Code (1961) be amended to read as follows:

Section 13. The following holidays shall be recognized as such for City Employees:

New Years Day, January 1
 Presidential Inauguration Day
 Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February
 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May
 Independence Day, July 4
 Labor Day, the first Monday in September
 Veterans Day, the fourth Monday in October
 Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November
 Christmas Day, December 25

(a) If any of the holidays noted in Section 13 fall on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be recognized as the legal holiday. When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as the holiday. City employees whose basic work week is other than Monday through Friday shall be granted compensatory time for the holiday when said holiday falls on employee's day off.

(b) Half-holidays shall be granted for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, except when said days fall on Saturday or Sunday.

(c) Permanent or regular, probationary, or temporary employees required to be on duty any of the foregoing holidays shall receive compensatory time off. An hourly employee required to be on duty on any of the foregoing holidays shall receive time-and-one-half pay for the hours worked in accordance with his hourly rate. AND

SECTION 2. THAT this Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto and adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows:
 Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none.
 Excused: none.

Councilman Forshee proposed adoption of the following ordinance which sets up the position of Associate Librarian under the merit plan:

ORDINANCE NO. 2144

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance 2101, adopted June 8, 1970, be amended by the insertion of the following position and pay scale under the Library Department:

	<u>Start</u>	<u>6 Mos.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Assoc. Librarian	\$6735	\$6853	\$7070	\$7305	\$7540	\$7775	\$8010

AND

SECTION 2. THAT this amendment become effective February 1, 1971.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto and adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows:
 Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none.
 Excused: none.

2. Municipal building. Councilman Forshee reported that ten contractors have indicated interest in bidding on the contract thus far; and that bid opening is scheduled for February 18.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

Councilman Nishimoto thanked Mrs. Lindsey for her kind remarks about the Police Department, noting that people are often all too quick to comment on mistakes, but rarely voice their approval.

1. Request for NO PARKING sign at 7305 Baltimore Avenue. The Department has recommended that this request not be granted, Councilman Nishimoto stated; they have been in contact with person making request who has agreed to an arrangement whereby Police Department will ticket cars blocking his driveway.

2. Height of traffic signs located near sidewalks. Councilman Nishimoto stated that some time ago a Public Works Department survey revealed that many signs do not conform to the standard height of 7 feet; they have, however, been correcting this as time permits. He asked that item be transferred to the Public Works Committee agenda.

3. Requested legislation to provide special parking privileges for handicapped persons. Councilman Nishimoto stated that the intent of this request is not entirely clear and proposed deferring action pending clarification by COG, initiator of the request. He asked that it be removed from the agenda until this is received.

4. Proposed pushbutton traffic light on Maple near Sherman Avenue.

5. Improvement of safety for Silver Spring Intermediate School children. Since these problems and the impact created by the opening of the Middle School are interrelated, Councilman Nishimoto asked that the items be removed from the agenda until that time, after which the whole situation will be studied.

6. Traffic hazard at Piney Branch Road, Eastern and Takoma Avenues. Councilman Nishimoto reported that the State Roads Commission has responded to our request for an investigation of this hazard and hopefully it may be resolved soon.

7. Personnel--Additional crossing guards. The present arrangement for assignment of crossing guards is somewhat inequitable for the guard assigned to Philadelphia and Maple Avenues, Councilman Nishimoto stated, since she is required to work longer hours for the same pay. He proposed that this be corrected by hiring another guard to split the shifts with present one and asked for Council authorization. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and unanimously carried.

8. Storage fees for impounded cars. Councilman Nishimoto proposed adoption of the ordinance below, which increases the daily storage fee to \$1.00 and provides for a \$3.00 per day service charge:

ORDINANCE NO. 2145

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

SECTION 1. THAT the fees for storage of impounded vehicles has remained at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) per day since 1961 and in view of this and other relevant conditions

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT Section 44, Article 10, Municipal Code of Takoma Park, Maryland (1961) be amended to read as follows:

Section 44. Automobiles, trucks, wagons, or other moving conveyances, which the Police Department shall find necessary to take custody of, or impound, shall be stored at an appropriate place or places selected by the Chief Police Officer, until such time as they are redeemed by the owner of title, or otherwise disposed of according to law, and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per day (24 hours) shall be imposed as a charge for the storage of such vehicles. In addition to such daily storage fee there shall be an assessment levied against each vehicle of three dollars (\$3.00) service charge as compensation for paper work and record keeping. Such fees and assessment shall be in addition to the reimbursement for the actual cost of towing and/or physical handling of any such vehicle, AND

SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective on March 1, 1971 and shall apply to all vehicles taken into custody or impounded on and after that date.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire, who inquired about fees for unclaimed vehicles; Captain Porter replied that sometimes these fees can be collected from auction sales, other times they must be forfeited. Ordinance was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: none.

9. Regulations on use of guns by policemen. Councilman Nishimoto noted that both Montgomery and Prince George's County police departments have recently issued instructions regulating the use of fire arms. He requested that Captain Porter, after consultation with the County departments, develop a standing order for the City Police Department delineating in specific terms when the use of guns is permitted or prohibited. He felt that, although the Department has fortunately never had any problem in this area, the incorporation of such a standing order into police regulations will remove some of the margin for error.

10. Commendations. Councilman Nishimoto requested the following commendations be noted in the official record of the meeting and placed in each officer's personnel file: Sgt. Walter has received a departmental commendation for his apprehension of a suspect in a recent robbery. A Member of the Executive Detective Service has commended Officer Gamble for his exemplary courtesy and efficiency in issuing a warning ticket. The Business Education Department, Columbia Union College, cited a recent lecture given by Det. Sgt. Crider as being outstanding.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE; Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. Conditions at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Councilman Hutmire reported that Committee feels that the earlier instructions given to the Corporation Counsel should remain in force in order to ensure that property is maintained in accordance with code regulations. He asked that Mr. Roberts be notified that Committee decision is that it cannot rescind the legal action at this time.

2. Resignation of Code Enforcement Officer. The Committee has agreed that Mr. Thorowgood's resignation should be accepted as the final action, Councilman Hutmire reported, and the Code Enforcement Division will seek a replacement if Council has no objection.

3. Appointment of TESS Citizens Advisory Council representative. This item can be removed from the agenda, since Mrs. Simpson has agreed to continue for the time being as the City representative, Councilman Hutmire stated.

4. Proposed hardsurface parking requirement at commercial establishments. Councilman Hutmire stated this is still under study and a request has been made for further legal advice in terms of what can and cannot be incorporated in the code.

5. Information booklet for new residents. Councilman Hutmire said he will meet with the City Administrator on the 17th to firm up some of the details; the City office has done most of the preliminary work, including arrangements for printing; all that remains to be done is a firm and final editing.

6. CATV system. The Committee is continuing its evaluation of proposals submitted, Councilman Hutmire reported, and has discovered that, though they all contain many common features, there are also some important variations which need purusal by an expert in the field. For this reason, and since there is no deadline to meet, the help of a consultant will be sought so that the best available system may be decided on.

7. Division of Licenses and Inspections. Councilman Hutmire stated that the head of the Division, Mr. Barile, has been filling in as Code Enforcement Officer so that a backlog will not accumulate prior to filling the slot vacated by Mr. Thorowgood.

8. Renewal of Animal Warden's contract. Councilman Hutmire moved that Council approve extending the Animal Warden's activities an additional four months by adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2146

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

SECTION I. WHEREAS Mr. William Jarboe was appointed animal warden by Ordinance 2117 to enforce control over dogs as provided in Ordinance 2113, AND

SECTION 2. WHEREAS his appointment has been limited to two periods of three months each, and it has been determined that his services have been effective and are still needed, AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Ordinance 2117 be extended for an additional four months, AND

SECTION 4. THAT funds to provide for the additional four months period in the amount of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800) be transferred from the Emergency Fund, AND

SECTION 5. THAT this ordinance shall become effective March 1, 1971.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell, after which there ensued a lengthy dialogue among Councilmen which focussed on such things as value of service in proportion to expenditure of money, number of dogs caught, number retrieved by owner, cost per dog captured, etc. Councilman Hutmire stated that the program could not really be judged in quantitative terms, that it had not been set up as a self-supporting operation; instead, it was initiated to rid the community of a nuisance (a nuisance which still exists to some degree, as borne out by the fact that many complaints are still being received). He also pointed out the deterrent value of Mr. Jarboe's practice of warning dog owners and distributing copies of the ordinance. Councilman Hutmire stated that the Committee will certainly entertain any alternative suggestions that are made. It was agreed that the next period of authorization should be preceded by a close look at the entire operation in terms of money spent and extent to which problem has been alleviated. The ordinance was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: none.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Prince George's County realignment of school boundaries. Councilman Roth stated he attended a meeting of the Board of Education on January 29, with a group of some 200 citizens who were protesting the realignment of school boundaries and its implications for their children. He felt that the large turnout was instrumental in the Board's decision to send the plan back to staff for further study.

2. Request to reopen/petition to abandon north end of Hammond Avenue. Councilman Roth reported that some additional signatures have been added to the petition for abandonment.

3. Proposed use of plastic bags in garbage containers. The experimental use of these bags is continuing, Councilman Roth stated.

4. Storm drain overflow near 1402 Erskine Avenue. A verbal offer has been made by a County public works officer to construct a catch basin in this area, if the City will provide the materials, Councilman Roth reported; hopefully a written confirmation of this will be forthcoming shortly.

5. Consideration for engineering and surveying services. The firm involved has notified the Committee that, due to an increased workload, they are no longer in a position to take on new assignments, Councilman Roth stated.

6. Anne Street sidewalks--public hearing. Councilman Roth stated Committee has decided to go ahead with this hearing and moved that Council approve the following ordinance which delineates the procedure:

ORDINANCE NO. 2147

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

SECTION 1. THAT in the interest of public safety, health and welfare, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the improvement of the East side of Anne Street between Carroll Avenue and Kennewick Avenue, by the construction of concrete sidewalk, four inches (4") thick on a prepared compacted subgrade, four feet (4') wide, parallel to the public right of way line for the entire length of the project approximately seven hundred ninety-three feet (793'), the cost of which is estimated to be approximately THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$3,965.58) AND

SECTION 2. THAT it is proposed the total cost of the project, including advertising, inspection and clerical work and other miscellaneous expenses in connection with said project, be assessed against the property to be specially benefited thereby according to the lineal frontage as below listed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GARDENS SUBDIVISION:

Block	Lot	Address	Assessable Feet	Approximate Cost
10	18	811 Anne Street	103.17	\$ 619.02
10	17	813 Anne Street	79.48	476.88
18	11	7907 Glenside Drive	37.15	222.90
18	12	903 Anne Street	53.03	318.18
18	13	7906 Cole Avenue	29.76	178.56
19	14	7907 Cole Avenue	26.87	161.22
19	13	909 Anne Street	64.08	384.48
19	12	7908 Wildwood Drive	40.86	245.16
20	16	7911 Wildwood Drive	33.66	201.96
20	15	1003 Anne Street	64.93	389.58
20	14	7912 Lockney Avenue	32.86	197.16
21	10	7907 Lockney Avenue	45.63	273.78
21	11	7908 Kennewick Avenue	49.45	296.70
			660.93	\$3,965.58

SECTION 3. THAT March 29, 1971, 7:30 PM, Municipal Gymnasium, at Fire House, 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, has been set as the time and place for a Public Hearing before the Mayor and Council when owners of the properties proposed to be assessed may express their opinions concerning the proposed project AND

SECTION 4. THAT notices of this proposal and Public Hearing be mailed to each property owner at their last known post office address of record and a summary of this ordinance be published two times in the Prince George's Post, the last publication of which to be not less than three days prior to March 29, 1971.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GARDENS SUBDIVISION:

Motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto and ordinance was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Eppes. Nay: none. Excused: none.

Block	Lot	Address	Assessable Feet	Approximate Cost
18	11	7907 Glenside Drive	37.15	222.90
18	12	903 Anne Street	53.03	318.18
18	13	7906 Cole Avenue	29.76	178.56
19	14	7907 Cole Avenue	26.87	161.22
19	13	909 Anne Street	64.08	384.48
19	12	7908 Wildwood Drive	40.86	245.16

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7. Paving of Carroll Avenue. Councilman Roth stated that it is probable that the State Roads Commission will repave Carroll Avenue in the near future. In this connection, he requested that a letter be sent over the Mayor's signature asking them to repave curbs at the same time.

8. Other Items: Councilman Roth reported that the Public Works Department has used two truckloads of asphalt in filling potholes on City streets. He also reported a broken transmission on one of the sanitation trucks after four years of service, with a replacement cost of \$1,019. He noted that this is one of the penalties for the long-distance system of trash disposal the City must use.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Eppes reporting

Councilman Eppes thanked Mrs. Lindsey for her earlier remarks about fire protection in the City.

1. Fire at #1 Montgomery Avenue. Councilman Eppes stated that the person who initiated the request for an investigation failed to follow through by filing a written complaint or request for further information. He asked that item be removed from the agenda.

2. Equipment. Councilman Eppes reported the need for folding tables and chairs, as requested by Chief LaScola and approved by the Committee, and proposed a motion for the purchase of six folding tables and eighteen folding chairs at a total cost of \$302.52, to be charged to A/C 11.213E by the following transfer of funds: \$300 to be transferred from A/C 11.212, and \$2.52 from A/C 11.212P. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and unanimously passed.

3. Official leave. Councilman Eppes proposed that Council approve official leave for Lt. Jarboe, the Department's acting training officer, to attend the annual Fire Department Instructors' Conference in Kansas City, from 8:00 AM, March 29 to 8:00 AM April 3. He indicated that funds have been allocated in the budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and carried.

4. Personnel. Councilman Eppes moved that Council approve permanent appointment of Raymond E. Carter, machinery superintendent, to be effective February 1, 1971. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and passed.

5. Fire Department award. Councilman Eppes stated he wished to bring to the attention of the Mayor and Council an award received by the Department for its entry in the national fire prevention contest. The Department was awarded First Honorable Mention in Maryland and is the fifteenth award received in this contest (Honorable Mention, 11 years; Second Place Winner, 4 years). Councilman Eppes went on to say that this continued achievement speaks to the professional standing of the Fire Department and its staff, particularly Asst. Fire Marshal Williams and Captain West who, under the direction of Chief LaScola, prepared the contest entry.

6. Commendation. Councilman Eppes commended Lieutenants Jarboe and Fiske, Sergeant Gina, and Private R. P. Green for completion of a Montgomery County Civil Defense agency radiology monitoring course. He stated that the fact that they enrolled on their own initiative and took the course on their own time is a true demonstration of commitment.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

1. Langley Professional Building sign. Councilman Sidell stated that members of this group have been invited to meet with the Committee on February 10 at 7:30 (8 Sherman Avenue), and invited Council to attend.
2. Open space at Elm, Heather, Larch and New Hampshire Avenues. Councilman Sidell reported that a reply to our request for a feasibility study has been received from the Park and Planning Commission: they have agreed to make the study, but cannot promise a report for four to six weeks.
3. Master Plan. The revision of the Master Plan should be completed sometime during the spring, Councilman Sidell stated.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

Personnel. Councilman Forshee moved that Council approve the probationary appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Barclay to the full-time position of Associate Librarian at the annual rate of \$6735, effective February 1, 1971. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and unanimously carried.

Microfilming of Takoma News and Takoma Journal. Councilman Forshee stated that a few months ago Mr. and Mrs. John Coffman presented to the City bound volumes of these papers dating back to 1923; that, since newsprint deteriorates rather quickly, the Committee has agreed to have them microfilmed. He moved that Council approve the microfilming by adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2148

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

- SECTION 1. THAT whereas in 1970, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coffman donated thirteen bound volumes of the Takoma News and the Takoma Journal to the City for use in the Public Library, AND
- SECTION 2. THAT whereas the volumes consist of approximately eight thousand, five hundred pages of newsprint dating from 1923 to 1955, it is essential that such record be preserved for posterity and historical value,
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT THE Xerox Reproduction Center be hereby authorized to microfilm the individual pages for the sum of ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED, THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,238) in accordance with price quoted, AND
- SECTION 4. THAT FUNDS in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$738) be transferred from the Emergency Fund; TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$270) be transferred from Library A/C 19.103B; and TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$230) be transferred from Library A/C 19.103A; all transferred funds to be credited to Library A/C 19.103C to cover this expenditure.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth, who stated that the Librarian, after considerable work, managed to squeeze \$500 from her current budget for this unanticipated expenditure. The ordinance was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: none.

Mayor Miller inquired of Counsel Gingerich as to the status of items 3a and 3b under the Council as a Whole agenda. Mr. Gingerich stated he is awaiting some Supreme Court decisions before responding to the inquiries.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, motion was made by Councilman Eppes to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM to reconvene on February 22, 1971, at 8:00 PM, in the Municipal Gymnasium.

ATTEST: *Haynes M. Pridgen*
City Administrator

APPROVED: *George M. Miller*
Mayor

February 8, 1971

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Sidewalk, 1000 Block University Boulevard (SW Side)
February 18, 1971

Present at the hearing were: Mayor Miller, Councilmen Forshee, Roth, Sidell and Webb; Messrs. Pridgen, Rhodes and Barile; and Mr. Irving Hoffman, 9703 Merwood Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mayor Miller called the hearing to order at 7:35 PM, after which he asked Councilman Roth, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, to preside. Councilman Roth reviewed the plans for the sidewalk as contained in Ordinance 2140, and stated the purpose of the hearing: to give property owners who will be subject to special assessment an opportunity to be heard. He invited Mr. Irving Hoffman, the only property owner present, to speak.

Mr. Hoffman (owner of Lots 14 and 25, Block 14, New Hampshire Gardens Subdivision--1001, 1003 and 1005 University Boulevard) stated he had two questions to raise, the first of which was the possibility of laying the sidewalk immediately adjacent to the curblin, rather than in the center of the grass plot as proposed. He felt foot traffic over the grass would create an unnecessary maintenance problem for property owners. Mr. Rhodes, in response to a question on the exact proposed location, stated that it is one foot from the property line and approximately ten and a half feet from the curb. It was the consensus of those present that Mr. Hoffman's suggestion had merit and that, insofar as Council could determine at that moment, the sidewalk should be constructed adjacent to the curb as requested. Mr. Rhodes was instructed to redesign the sidewalk plan accordingly.

Mr. Hoffman then posed his second question: How long does one have to pay off the special assessment and to whom is the bill directed? City Administrator Pridgen gave the following response: The property owners are billed after all the expenses are tallied; the special assessment is not necessarily included in tax bill; and the assessment, according to decision of Council, may be deferred over a period of years--generally five--to which interest will be added.

The hearing adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Approved: George M. Miller
Mayor

Attest: Haynes M. Pridgen
City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 1971

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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| Mayor Miller | City Administrator Pridgen |
| Councilman Eppes | Corporation Counsel Gingerich |
| Councilman Forshee | Asst. Corp. Counsel Culpepper |
| Councilman Hutmire | City Treasurer Turner |
| Councilman Nishimoto | Deputy Fire Chief Fickes |
| Councilman Roth | Captain West |
| Councilman Sidell | Police Captain Porter |
| Councilman Webb | Director of Public Works Rhodes |
| | Dep. Dir. Public Works Barile |
| | Director of Recreation Ziegler |

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland convened in Regular Session at 8:05 PM, February 22, 1971, in the Municipal Gymnasium, 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Elder Glenn S. Sharman, Takoma Park Seventh Day Adventist Church, gave the invocation, after which Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and stated he would deviate from the agenda to issue the following proclamation:

A proclamation designating April 19-24 as Lion's Club WHITE CANE WEEK, and calling on citizens to take an active part in this annual drive for funds to support sight conservation programs.

The Mayor presented the proclamation to Lion President Raymond E. Turner and White Cane Week Co-Chairmen Verne Engebart and Charles Ford. He then spoke briefly of the work of the Lion's Club in the area of human services, particularly those related to sight conservation, and noted that each year they hold only two major fund-raising drives to support all their good work.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting if there were no corrections or additions. Motion was made and seconded, after which Councilman Forshee requested that a correction be made as follows: page 11, item 2, correct "eighteen folding chairs" to read "twenty-four folding chairs." A motion was made by Councilman Roth to approve the minutes as corrected; it was seconded by Councilman Eppes and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Catherine Simmons, Director, Takoma Park Day Care Center, Montgomery County Social Services, 310 Tulip Avenue, City. Request for assistance in finding emergency shelter for children and teachers in the event the need arises. Parks and Recreation Committee
2. M. Zolnerzak, P. O. Box 1254, Merced, California. Expression of appreciation to Mayor Miller for comments made at the Washington Sanitarium Auxiliary banquet. Council Files.

Council to consider the lot at the corner of Jackson and Central Avenues. Motion was seconded.

3. John B. Hammond, Chairman, Takoma Park Community Action Forum, City. Request for Mayor and Council's reaction to a proposed annual Founder's Day weekend Parks and Recreation Committee. The program is designed to honor the people living in the area and to provide a valid reason for the report last received in 1971.

4. J. G. Walter, President, Police and Fireman's Association, City. Request to meet with Council to review Merit Plan Revision, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection and Finance Committees.

5. Petition from seven residents of Hodges Lane, Holly and Grant Avenues, to improve Hodges Field; contains specific recommendations and alternatives. Public Works Committee.

6. Parke and Recreation Committee.

February 22, 1971

Correspondence, continued

Mr. Ferrer thanked the Mayor and Council for considering his proposal. He then pointed out that the Council had been in the fourth of July parade. He then pointed out that the Council had been in the fourth of July parade.

1. Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Chairman, Community Improvement Board, City. Mrs. Simpson stated she has submitted to the Council a list of proposed new appointments to the Board and indicated that their terms will begin in March. She also stated that there are four members, in addition to Mr. Boatman, who have served on the Board for five years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Simpson noted that in the process of touring the City, many members of the CIB have reported on the inadequacy of the trash disposal system. She cited the work of the USDI Metallurgy Research Center in College Park in the area of recycling of waste and urged Council to keep abreast of developments. Mayor Miller noted that the Public Works Deputy Director attended a recent COG meeting at which this topic was discussed; that it is a metropolitan area problem which, hopefully, can be satisfactorily resolved through cooperative efforts of local governments.

2. John E. Hammond, Chairman, Takoma Park Community Action Forum, City. Mr. Hammond spoke on the proposed annual Founder's Day celebration [item 5, Correspondence] and requested that Mayor and Council give him some idea of their feeling on the proposal as soon as possible, so that a detailed presentation can be submitted. In response to Councilman Nishimoto's question as to the number of this particular anniversary, Mr. Hammond stated that the date which appears on the City Seal (1890) would be used, and that the actual celebration date could be a weekend in early spring or fall. He added that the 1890 date would offer an ideal theme for a celebration. Mayor Miller stated that the Mayor and Council will probably be in touch with him within the next ten days. Councilman Nishimoto suggested that the City and/or the CAF might also begin planning for the national bicentennial celebration in 1976.

3. Joseph Ferrer, 7413 Maple Avenue, City. Mr. Ferrer referred to a letter from the City Administrator in which it was stated that action on the proposed pushbutton light on Maple at Sherman Avenue will be deferred until the Middle school is in operation, and asked how long that will be. He pointed out that the problem will continue to exist during the interim period and suggested that something might be done before children must face this hazard. Councilman Nishimoto responded by saying that the decision to defer action until the school opens (presently scheduled for September) should not be construed as an act of procrastination; instead, during the next few months the Committee and the Police Department will address themselves to working out a comprehensive safety program for the complementary needs of Maple Avenue and the Silver Spring Intermediate School area. This will be done in cooperation with school administrators and will include all facets of safety--school patrol, crossing guards, traffic signals, etc.

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Mr. Ferrier thanked the Mayor and Council for considering his proposal for use of a Public Works Department Alley Cat truck in the Fourth of July parade. He then pointed out that, as a result of the WSSC work, the rain has begun to undermine the driveway in front of 7416 Maple Avenue, and asked if Council would request some temporary and permanent remedies to the situation. Mayor Miller noted that the work referred to is a new catch basin, and requested that Mr. Rhodes contact WSSC about the driveway.

4. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, City. Mr. Vogel expressed his concern about Council's seeming inaction on the matter of the State Open Space Program and the use of funds made available through it. Upon inquiry by Mr. Vogel, Councilmen Webb and Sidell stated that the proposed space at Elm, Heather, Larch and New Hampshire Avenues had been investigated by both the Parks and Recreation and the Planning and Zoning Committees, who made the initial decision not to pursue it further because of the cost and the fact that it is in such close proximity to the Sligo Creek Park area; however, they later agreed to request that a study on the feasibility of City acquisition be made by the Park and Planning Commission. The Commission has agreed to do the study, but results will not be available for several weeks. Mr. Vogel then asked how long the funds will be available, to which the City Administrator replied through June 1972, and pointed out that funds applied for under this program must be matched with City funds. Mr. Vogel spoke of the relative shortage of open space still available in Prince George's County section of the City and asked Council to consider the lot at the corner of Jackson and Central Avenues.

Mr. Vogel requested that the collection of cars and debris at the BP Gas Station (7216 New Hampshire Avenue) be investigated, noting that the condition continues to deteriorate unabated. Councilman Hutmire requested Mr. Rhodes and Captain Porter to make an inspection and determine if there is a valid reason for the report just received; if not, appropriate steps will be taken.

Mr. Ferrier thanked the Mayor and Council for considering his proposal for use of a Public Works Department Alley Cat truck in the Fourth of July parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

1. Committee to work with Montgomery College and area residents. Councilman Sidell stated that the Planning and Zoning Committee will act in this capacity and attempt to iron out some of the problems and misunderstandings which have arisen by acting as liaison between the College and the surrounding community.

2. Langley Professional Building sign. A meeting was held with representatives of the building, Councilman Sidell stated, after which it was agreed that the original objection to the sign should be withdrawn. He cited the following reasons for this decision: the proposed sign does not encroach on private property; it meets safety standards; the placement of the sign would be such that it faces commercial property all around; building will be occupied by many professionals (not just medical) who require the type of advertising for which the sign is designed. He moved that the Board of Appeals be notified (with copy of notification to building attorneys) of the decision to withdraw the previous objection, stipulating that sign be in accordance with Drawing L-1869, prepared by the Jack Stone Co. Motion was seconded by Councilman Webb and carried.

3. Investigation of City's eligibility for Model Cities funds. Councilman Sidell stated the Committee does not feel the City qualifies for this program and read from a report made by the City Administrator, as follows: "The program is designed to demonstrate how the living environment and general welfare of the people living in slums and blighted areas can be improved." Councilman Hutmire requested Mr. Rhodes and Captain Porter to make an inspection and determine if there is a valid reason for the report just received; if not, appropriate steps will be taken.

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

neighborhoods can be substantially improved in cities. It calls for a comprehensive attack on social, economic and physical problems in selected slum and blighted areas, through concentration and coordination of Federal, State and local public and private sources." Councilman Sidell stated that the City has filed application for certification under HUD's Workable Program, which is a basic requirement for many other Federal aid programs.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

1. Colby and Cherry Avenue playground. Councilman Webb requested the Public Works Department to prepare the playground so that the recently acquired equipment can be installed and ready for use by the time school is out.

2. Sister City exchange student. Miss Maria Vilani Maia Lima from Jequie, Brazil, was officially welcomed by the Sister City Committee on Saturday evening, Councilman Webb reported; she will attend Northwestern High School, where her major area of study will be English.

3. Meeting announcements.

Fifth Annual Recreation Council Conference, March 13, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Bowie Community Center

Takoma Park Recreation Council, February 23, 8:00 PM
8 Columbia Avenue

4. Emergency shelter for Day Care Center children. In response to the request made by the Center [item 1, Correspondence], Councilman Webb moved that the Takoma Park Day Care Center be permitted to use the Municipal Gymnasium as a temporary shelter for the children in the event of an emergency. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire, who inquired if this were simply a legal requirement. Councilman Webb stated that it is a State regulation. Councilman Roth suggested that in responding to the request, all parties who are likely to become involved (Fire and Police Departments, Day Care Center, etc.) should be made aware of the exact nature and extent of their participation in an emergency situation. The motion was unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Municipal Building construction bids. Councilman Forshee stated that the bids received were much higher than anticipated by Council; that, since it is obvious some adjustments will have to be made, the architect has been instructed to contact the lowest bidders in an attempt to pinpoint those items which have increased the cost. Upon question, he stated that the low bid was approximately \$764,000, to which an estimated \$80,000 must be added for the architect's fee and contingency fund.

3. Meeting announcements.

2. Merit Plan--holidays. Councilman Forshee moved that Section 13(a) of Article 6 be further amended to clarify the work week and compensatory holiday credit as indicated in the underscored sections of the following ordinance:

Takoma Park Recreation Council, February 23, 8:00 PM
8 Columbia Avenue

4. Emergency shelter for Day Care Center children. In response to the request made by the Center [item 1, Correspondence], Councilman Webb moved that the Takoma Park Day Care

Municipal Building construction... FINANCE COMMITTEE, continued... February 22, 1971... ORDINANCE NO. 2149

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

SECTION 1. THAT Subsection (a) of Section 13, Article 6, of the Municipal Code (1961), as amended by Ordinance 2143, adopted February 8, 1971, be further amended to read as follows:

(Section 13) (a) If any of the holidays noted in Section 13 fall on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be recognized as the legal holiday. When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as the legal holiday. City employees whose basic work schedule is other than Monday through Friday, shall be granted compensatory time for the holiday when said holiday falls on employees day off. Compensatory time credited for a holiday shall not exceed the number of hours scheduled for one regular routine shift.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Eppes and, after clarification of a point raised by Councilman Nishimoto, motion was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: none.

4. Merit Plan--Youth Officer. Councilman Forshee moved that the ordinance below be adopted to provide a slot for the Youth Officer in the pay scale. Upon question by Councilman Nishimoto, he stated that the ordinance provides for retroactive payment of the officer's six-months increase.

ORDINANCE NO. 2150

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 2101, adopted June 8, 1970, be amended by the insertion of the following position and pay scale under the Police Department:

	Start	6 mos.	2	3	4	5	6
Youth Officer	\$8526	\$8778	\$8830	\$9051	\$9299	\$9548	\$9823

SECTION 2. THAT this amendment become effective retroactive to July 1, 1970.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto and adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto, Roth, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: none.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

1. Traffic hazard at Piney Branch Road, Eastern and Takoma Avenues. This is a difficult situation in which the State has jurisdiction, Councilman Nishimoto stated; however, the State Roads Commission has agreed to meet with the Police Department on the 24th and hopefully the meeting will materialize (which has not always been the case) and bring forth a solution to this problem of long standing.

2. Personnel. Councilman Nishimoto stated that James R. Fitzgibbons has resigned from the Police force, effective February 20, to accept a position with the Montgomery County Police Department. He noted that the fact that many of our policemen do go on to larger departments reflects the quality of the Police Department's selection and training program; however, it also reflects a lack of motivation to remain with the City, and that some means of encouraging good policemen to stay on the force must be found. He moved that the resignation be accepted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and carried.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. Hardsurface parking at commercial establishments. Councilman Hutmire stated that the Corporation Counsel's opinion has been sought on whether or not the City has the authority to adopt an ordinance requiring hardsurface parking and read the following excerpt from his response:

Generally, the establishment of off street parking facilities for commercial establishments is covered by the zoning ordinances of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The amount of off street parking necessary to be provided is set forth in detail in the ordinances.

In both counties, the enforcement of off street requirements is in the Building Inspector's Office. The enforcement generally is the withholding of a building or occupancy permit until these requirements are met.

Montgomery County ordinance has been amended to require off street parking facilities be provided where none were heretofore provided, by certain dates in the future.

Possibly by effective cooperation with the Building Inspector's Offices in both counties the hard surfacing and maintenance could be obtained for those areas within the City used as off street parking facilities for commercial establishments.

Councilman Hutmire stated that the Public Works Department has already begun to set up a system of cooperation with Montgomery County, as suggested; he added that Mr. Gingerich has suggested some other options if the cooperative venture is not satisfactory.

2. Information booklet for new residents. Councilman Hutmire stated he met with Mrs. Bussey in the City Administrator's Office last week to go over the first draft; that it contains answers to almost any conceivable question; and that the only tasks remaining are to edit and reduce the volume of material. Councilman Nishimoto stated he had loaned his copy of the draft to a student recently, who found it most useful.

3. CATV system. Councilman Hutmire stated that several companies who submitted proposals will be invited to meet with Council. The first of these meetings will be held during the coming week. In this way, the Council will be able to get answers to their many questions from the experts themselves.

4. Resignation from Community Improvement Board. Councilman Hutmire read a letter of resignation from Mr. Thomas Blow and, on behalf of the Committee, regretfully accepted it. He stated that some form of special recognition will be made for Mr. Blow's valuable contribution to the City.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. WSSC public hearing on Wildwood drive storm drain. Councilman Roth noted this hearing is scheduled for February 24, and indicated Mr. Rhodes, Director of Public Works, and the City Administrator, and perhaps he, will attend. He asked Mr. Rhodes to notify the persons who were involved in the genesis of this problem of the hearing date.
2. Proposed abandonment of north end of Hammond Avenue. Councilman Roth stated that some additional signatures have been added to the petition and that the owner of the abutting property is not in disagreement with the proposal.
3. Traffic signs: request to increase height of those near sidewalks. All the new signs have been erected at the requested height, Councilman Roth stated, and the Committee will discuss the question of raising the old signs.
4. Use of plastic bags in garbage containers. Councilman Roth stated the experimental use of the bags is still in progress and that Mr. Rhodes will be in touch with other local municipalities who have instituted this system. Councilman Nishimoto stated he likes the bags well enough to be willing to pay for them.
5. Public hearing on sidewalks in 1000 block of University Boulevard. The hearing was held on February 18, with only one property owner in attendance, Councilman Roth reported. A further report will be made after the exact location of sidewalk is decided on.
6. Storm drain overflow, 1402 Erskine Avenue. Councilman Roth reported that Prince George's County has requested the City to enter into an agreement for the work needed here in which the City would pay for actual cost of construction materials (an estimated \$1300) and they would do the work. He moved that the City Administrator advise the County of Council's willingness to go ahead on this basis. Motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and unanimously approved.
7. Request for City to work for State legislation banning sale of throwaway containers. Councilman Roth stated that COG has been working toward legislation to this effect, with Mayor Miller supporting it. He cited a recent news article which reported on hearings by a State Senate committee, but which gave no indication of chances of successful introduction of legislation. He pointed out that individuals who are interested in this matter can help by writing to their representatives in Annapolis, and that Council will continue to work through COG.

Councilman Roth called attention to the newly refinished gymnasium floor, noting that it had been done at a cost of \$375.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Eppes reporting

Councilman Eppes read a letter from Mr. G. Gurubatham, 7427 Aspen Court, which expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for quick service on a recent ambulance call.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM, to reconvene on March 8, 1971, at 8:00 PM, in the Municipal Gymnasium.

Attest:

Haynes M. Ridgway
City Administrator

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor