

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
February 14, 1972

City Officials Present

Mayor Miller

Councilman Eppes

Councilman Lutmire

Councilman Nishimoto

Councilman Roth

Councilman Sidell

Councilman Webb

Excused: Councilman Forshee

City Administrator Pridgen

Corporation Counsel Gingerich

Asst. Corp. Counsel Culpepper

City Treasurer Turner

Fire Chief LaScola

Police Chief Porter

Director of Public Works Rhodes

Dep. Dir. Public Works Parile

Director of Recreation Ziegler

The Mayor and City Council met in executive session at 3:02 P., February 14, 1972, in the Municipal Gymnasium 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Mayor Miller led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, after which he called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, if there were no corrections or additions. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Eppes, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Robert Moore, Takoma Elementary PTA Safety Committee Chairman, and Trustees Raymond C. Curtis, Beverly Quattlebaum and Allen T. Marsh. Request to extend the recently erected fence to cover entire area from the school driveway to Library parking Lot. Public Works Comm.
2. Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association. Request to reset traffic signal at Maple and Phila. Aves. to relieve back-up of eastbound traffic on Philadelphia Avenue. Law Enforcement Committee
3. Mary Pennifield, 7305 Takoma Avenue, City. Request for ordinance to require packaging of trash and garbage. Public Works Committee
4. Rita K. Marth and William C. Sefekar, Co-Chairmen, Takoma Park Recycling Center. Request for City to begin preparation for assuming responsibility for recycling operations by (1) informing public via Newsletter and PW Department of specific recyclable materials and urging use of the Recycling Center's facilities; (2) sponsoring, or co-sponsoring with the Center, a trial newspaper collection effort in one section of City, accompanied by publicity efforts. Public Works Committee
5. Robert H. Moore, 7314 Willow Avenue, City. Letter setting forth general tone of comments (opposition to widening of roads) made by City citizens at the January 28 hearing on State Highway Administration's five year plan copy of statement made by the writer on behalf of the Save Takoma Park Committee. Public Works Committee
6. Robert J. Sisk, 7327 Takoma Avenue, City. Statement concurring with Council's position on plans for Metro area, but suggesting a garage instead of a parking lot. Planning and Zoning Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS OF 1-31-72: City Treasurer Turner reporting

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY--GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1971	7,591.38	
January receipts	<u>198,908.09</u>	206,499.97
January disbursements		<u>150,569.04</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>55,930.93</u>

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY--PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of December 31, 1971	6,805.02	
January transfers from General Funds	<u>84,003.14</u>	90,808.16
January disbursements		<u>83,520.26</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>7,287.90</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1971	679.14	
January receipts	<u>121.00</u>	800.14
No disbursements during January		--
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>800.14</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance as of December 31, 1971	780.31	
No transactions during January	--	780.31
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>780.31</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Balance as of December 31, 1971	263,106.71	
January receipts	--	263,106.71
January disbursements		<u>45,289.80</u>
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>217,816.91</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--SAVINGS A/C TP-63

Balance as of December 31, 1971	156.28	
No transactions during January	--	156.28
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>156.28</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK--GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1971	500.00	
No transactions during January	--	500.00
Balance as of January 31, 1972		<u>500.00</u>

PETTY CASH

200.00

U. S. Treasury Bills

Purchased:	10-1-71	Due to mature:	3-30-72	Cost:	97,551.39	Value:	100,000.00
	10-1-71		4-30-72		97,158.89		100,000.00
	10-1-71		5-31-72		96,640.00		100,000.00
	10-8-71		3-9-72		98,102.50		100,000.00
	10-12-71		2-24-72		49,191.25		50,000.00
	10-12-71		2-10-72		49,278.75		50,000.00
					<u>487,922.78</u>		<u>500,000.00</u>

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed the audience and urged them to attend the next meeting of the Council on February 28. He stated he wished to make a correction in this month's Newsletter which,

under the caption "Safety Patrols Protection from Rain," incorrectly identified Mr. Edwin S. Turner as representing the City when, in fact, he represented the Lion's Club of Takoma Park as Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee, who each year present rain gear to the school patrol; that Cpl. Gary Sherman represented the City as the School Coordinator.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Jesse O. Gibson, 7807 Wildwood Drive, City. Mr. Gibson spoke of his request of a year ago to reopen Hammond Avenue, when he was told a petition had been submitted to abandon it and that Council would reexamine the situation and notify him of the decision. He stated that he had never been notified and had been unable to determine the number of signatures on the petition. Mr. Gibson then presented a petition signed by 46 persons in the general area of Hammond Avenue which stated that this is a dedicated, public street, and requested that it be reopened at once. He went on to say that he had only two refusals and, had there been time, he could have secured many more signatures. He pointed out that traffic on Wildwood has increased considerably since the Hammond Avenue barricade was erected, saying that City streets should be for the use of residents.

2. George W. Malzone, Co-Director, Regional Addiction Prevention, Inc. (RAP), 1904 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Mr. Malzone stated he was present to dispel some of the fears and rumors about the function of his organization, which hopes to open a residential facility at the Oak Haven Convalescent Home and an adjacent property. He characterized the operation as a re-educational program for persons who have demonstrated a desire and sufficient motivation to seek a different way of life from their previous drug-ridden and/or negative life style. This is achieved, he said, through living in a structured, highly disciplined environment, where there is also a climate of love and trust, and in which the home serves as a model--a microcosm of what a family and a community ought to be. Here the residents learn to cope with their real problems (those which led to the use of drugs) and, eventually to become productive members of the greater society. He went on to say that that the residents will have made the initial contact with RAP through one of their store-front Rap Shops, where they may have spent from a week to several months, moving on to the residential center only after they are absolutely drug free, and remaining there from six months to two years. RAP does not employ the use of Methadone or any other chemicals. It relies, rather, on human interaction. As they progress, the residents begin to contribute to the community--e.g., working in the schools or with individuals or families having problems. Later on they become a member of the staff, return to school, family, career, etc. Mr. Malzone spoke of the cross-section of people who seek their help: not only individuals, but entire families, judges, parents, roving youth leaders, persons affiliated with the court system, etc. He indicated that at present RAP serves 30 persons from Maryland, and 21 from Montgomery County, stating that they wish to increase their service to Maryland. He spoke of the special suitability of the proposed site in Takoma Park, but noting that realization of their plans would possibly increase Takoma Avenue traffic. He said they do not want to force themselves on people, but rather to become a neighbor: that one of their functions is also the re-education of the community to the point of understanding that drug addiction is a "people problem" and not a drug problem. He asked the community to join in the dialogue, stressing that drug problems in Takoma Park can never be solved by the police alone, that the community must do it.

3. Roger W. Titus, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Drug Action Coalition, Inc., 27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville. (Read by a member of DAC) The letter stated that DAC has been designated as the community corporation under the Montgomery County Drug Abuse Control Act that it has individual members as well as groups such as RAP, Second Genises, Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis Clubs. The letter recognized the concern of some of the citizens about RAP's proposed location in the City, but spoke of the organization's reception as a good neighbor in other communities, and supported its efforts to locate in Takoma Park. It was felt that drug abuse has become epidemic in Montgomery County. Mr. Titus urged the Mayor and Council to support RAP in its efforts.

4. Sue Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue, City. In Connection with RAP's proposed location in the City, Mrs. Lerner said she would not speak to the usefulness or non-usefulness of a drug rehabilitation center in her neighborhood, but would address herself to problems relating to her own area of competency. She pointed out the effects on the community of the expansion of Montgomery College and suggested the possibility of some effect on Jeque Park, which is across the street from the proposed site, saying, however, that she didn't feel competent to make a judgment here. Mrs. Lerner said she learned from Mr. Malzone that the facility would accommodate 30-50 persons--about doubling the population in this block of single-family homes, increasing vehicular traffic, and sharply reducing available parking space. In connection with the latter, she reported having recently surveyed that area between Piney Branch and Georgia Avenue during the day, and finding fewer than seven parking spaces. Mrs. Lerner felt the area could not tolerate the present heavy traffic, much less an additional burden.

5. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, City. Mr. Vogel inquired if RAP's plans for the nursing home would require a zoning change; Mr. Malzone replied that he didn't know, but that their lawyers were checking into it.

6. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue, City. Mr. Cangialosi expressed concern over the recommended "4-lane reconstruct" for Carroll Avenue, adding that he viewed this with much apprehension, since his own children would have to cross Carroll on their way to school, and he had just that day observed the difficulties of a resident of Takoma Towers in trying to cross at the grocery store. Mr. Cangialosi referred to the last Council meeting, noting that it had been indicated then that Council had decided on no official position on the roads question. He asked when the position (as stated in the letter prepared for the January 28 hearing on the State Highway Administration's five year plan) had been reached, and how each Councilman stood on the issue. He also requested and received a copy of the position paper. Councilman Roth read that portion of the paper dealing with Carroll Avenue [see attachment for full text of Council's statement prepared for the aforementioned hearing], making particular reference to the fact that Carroll Avenue is not included in the continuing five year program. Mr. Cangialosi stated he stood corrected. He asked what is meant by "move to critical list with priority C" and, in reference to a recent Sentinel article, he asked which Council had been reported as approving the widening of Carroll Avenue. Councilman Roth stated that the latter question would be checked into and, with respect to the first question, the important thing to remember is that both the City Council and Montgomery County Council have assumed the same stance: i.e., that any action would await approval of the Master Plan and coordinated with the State Highway Administration. He stated he personally felt that Carroll Avenue does not need widening to four lanes.

7. James Welu, 7330 Piney Branch Road, City. Mr. Welu stated he was disturbed because Councilman Roth had not stayed to testify at the January 28 hearing on roads. He indicated that the position expressed in the prepared statement is in agreement with the compromises the citizens have worked so hard to bring about, noting that they had, through countless contacts, got the funds allocated for FY-73 delayed to FY-74. With respect to agenda item "Traffic hazard at Piney Branch, Eastern and Takoma Avenues," Mr. Welu stated a number of serious accidents have occurred there recently and made the following proposal for consideration by Council: installation of a 4-way flashing light at the intersection--to flash red in all four directions during non-rush hours (the period during which most accidents occur), and to flash orange during rush hours. Councilman Nishimoto recounted the many efforts made to correct the situation at this intersection and stated that the SHA hasn't identified it as a high priority item among other dangerous intersections. He felt that the terrain might interfere with the visibility of a light, but thought it a worthwhile suggestion. Councilman Nishimoto in response to Mr. Welu's question, stated he would support the proposal if the citizens of Piney Branch Road put it before the State Highway Administration.

WSSC has been pumping water in the vicinity of the 7500 block of Piney Branch Road, resulting in a flow of raw sewage into the street, Mr. Welu said. He stated, and Mr. Rhodes confirmed, that the Health Department has no jurisdiction over the activities of WSSC, if they

are carried out in connection with their duties as defined by State law. Mr. Rhodes stated he would take steps to have the street washed.

Mr. Welu expressed concern over the use of the Citizens Bank of Maryland as a depository of some \$200,000 in City Funds. He pointed out that it was an official of the Riverdale Corporation, of which the bank is an affiliate, who stated at one of the Transit Impact hearings that nothing would be done to improve the Corporation-owned Laurel Avenue shopping center until it is financially feasible. Mr. Welu felt the City should use a bank which serves its citizens rather than its stockholders.

In connection with RAP, Inc., and its planned facility in Takoma Park, Mr. Welu stated he has known Mr. Malzone a number of years and that he feels a series of meetings between RAP representatives and the North Takoma Citizens Association could result in an amicable resolution

8. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, City. Mr. Ferrier commented further on the roads hearing, noting that he regretted that Messrs. Roth and Pridgen had to leave without presenting the statement; that members of the Delegation raised some questions after his own testimony and, had they been there, the position of the citizens would have been reinforced and strengthened, since it was essentially in agreement with Councilman Roth's prepared statement. He stated that the content of that statement was all the citizens could have hoped for. Councilman Roth explained his reasons for not staying as follows: A request was made to speak prior to the some three to four hundred people there to oppose the Rockville Freeway, but it was turned down; that rightly or wrongly, since he had a prepared statement which had been distributed to members of the Delegation, he felt he should not wait. Mr. Ferrier said he would have felt the same way; however, he said, Mr. Vogel was so persuasive in requesting time for Councilman Roth, that he could have been heard earlier in the meeting, though Mr. Roth could not have known that.

9. Robert Mulligan, 7309 Cedar Avenue, City. Mr. Mulligan stated he had also spoken at the February 28 meeting in opposition to road widening, saying he found it appalling that the City government cannot by itself find the time to do what individual citizens do on their own. He particularly regretted that no official City spokesman had made a statement. He pointed out that, under the rules established by the chair, Councilman Roth would have been allotted five minutes, while citizens were given only one minute to testify; that about ten citizens had spoken at two separate times--at about 10:30 and again at 11:30.

10. John B. Paterson, 514 Albany Avenue, Minister, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Octa Winter, 7403 Hancock Avenue, read a statement on behalf of Rev. Paterson, which endorsed the work of RAP, Inc. and supported a facility in Takoma Park, the proposed site of which is located a few hundred yards from his home. The statement set forth some fears prevalent among some members of the community and countered them with facts he had obtained, as follows: (1) It is not a new venture being run by visionary, altruistic persons, but an already established group (with facilities in D.C. and Silver Spring) with two years experience in rehabilitating former drug addicts. The Northwood Presbyterian Church has also provided facilities for part of their group therapy program. (2) The dispensing of drugs is explicitly excluded from the program; it relies wholly on peer-group support and group therapy. (3) Aside from the simple factor of economics, communal life, in this instance, is a vital element in the re-education process and has positive aspects, e.g., mutual support among peers, role models for emulation, etc. Also, this style of life is not new to the neighborhood and no concerted efforts have heretofore been made to banish such groups. Along the same line, a Florida community recently altered its code to permit single, retired persons to reside under the same roof. (4) It is not true that former drug addicts will be introduced into the neighborhood for the first time; drug users are not totally absent from the area. (5) There is no evidence for the contention that the physical presence of a RAP center will result in downgrading the neighborhood. It is a neighborhood which has the potential for being good and friendly neighbors to any newcomers. (6) This particular neighborhood offers much for a facility such as RAP; the physical facilities, for example: one of the houses has five bedrooms and space appropriate for group therapy sessions. There are very few such homes available in a good environment. Rev. Paterson

concluded his statement by saying he understood the fears of some of his neighbors, but felt "the facts, plus an insight into socially redemptive neighborliness constitute a sound basis for positive hopefulness and constructive wisdom."

11. Robert Moore, 7314 Willow Avenue, City. Mr. Moore said the Takoma Elementary PTA is gratified by the prompt action on erecting the fence along Philadelphia Avenue, but felt it to be most inadequate; that, in some respects, it is worse than before, since the children now run down the hill onto an unfenced portion of the sidewalk. Upon question by Councilman Nishimoto, Mr. Moore stated that to his knowledge the school had not been consulted, but that Officer Sherman was in complete agreement with the PTA Safety Committee on the need for extending the fence; that the Committee had assumed the fence would be erected from the school driveway to the Library driveway. Councilman Roth stated he would later move for additional fencing. Both he and Dr. Nishimoto felt there should be a meeting of all concerned to determine whether or not there should be a break at Cedar Avenue.

12. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue, City. Mr. Lerner spoke of the condition of the Juniper Street bridge, saying he walks across it each day and the traffic continues to increase, and the walking space diminishes some each day. The bridge is also crumbling, he said. He stated that each time he crosses the bridge he realizes he is walking across a problem which the Mayor and Council have grappled with and have been unable to solve; that he expects someone will be killed sooner or later.

13. James Jeffas, 7600 Hammond Avenue, City. Mr. Jeffas stated he recalled no mention of number plates for the 200 auditorium seats approved at the last Council meeting, yet they were included in the ordinance. He asked the price of the plates, to which the City Administrator replied, 85¢ each, whereupon Mr. Jeffas requested that this expenditure be stricken from the ordinance as an unnecessary item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

1. Zoning Appeal #3138, operation of print shop at 906 Davis Ave.; Albert E. Cole, petitioner. Councilman Sidell reported that the Corporation Counsel had represented the City at the January 24 hearing and that the petitioner had taken the position that the 1949 zoning ordinance created legal non-conforming uses of all use that had been previously illegal, and that this status obtains in his case. Mr. Cole was given 30 days to submit evidence supporting his position.

2. Request to host hearing on Year 2000 Plan. The Committee will be working with a representative from COG to set up this meeting, Councilman Sidell said.

Mrs. Lerner stated she was disturbed by the mass exodus of members of the audience following the statements dealing with the RAP, Inc. situation, saying she would have been interested in having them remain to witness the Council dealing with the problems of a City they hope to become a part of and one which is a microcosm of the real America. In connection with RAP's proposed move to Takoma Park, she expressed the view that some rational dialogue, as opposed to charitable invocations, should be brought into play, saying that there are factors such as occupancy, traffic, neighbors, etc., to be considered. She also indicated that the question is not exclusively of interest to the North Takoma Citizens Association.

3. Possible location of a RAP, Inc. facility at 517 Albany and 7420 Buffalo Avenues. Councilman Sidell referred to a letter directed to the Mayor and Council from Roderic F. Day, Secretary, North Takoma Citizens Association, which asked for a reply to questions in connection with this matter. He read the responses prepared by the Corporation Counsel which, in sum, were as follows: The City Administrator was informed that a contract to purchase the property

has been executed by the owner and Regional Addiction Prevention, Inc.; the terms of the sale are not known, however. No City license to operate a rehabilitation center is required, though fire and housing code requirements must be met. Although no application for a special exception has been made, it would be required. When application is made, 15 days notice of the hearing will be given to the City and to owners of property which is contiguous to the subject property and ". . . to owners of all properties opposite such property measured at right angles to the intervening street or streets." Citizens and/or the City government may appear at the hearing to testify in opposition to or in favor of the special exception. The Board of Appeals have taken the position that drug rehabilitation centers fall under the category of the care home provisions of the zoning code. Section 111.37 of the Montgomery County Code provides that the Board may grant a special exception for this purpose ". . . upon finding by the Board that such use will not constitute a nuisance because of traffic, noise or number of . . . persons being cared for; . . . that such use will not affect adversely the present character or future development of the surrounding residential community; and that such use can and will be developed in conformity with the . . . minimum area, density, coverage, frontage, setback, access and screening requirements" Mayor Miller stated that Mr. Davis' covering letter had requested that a representative of the City government appear at the next NTCA meeting to present the facts in detail; he directed the City Administrator to arrange for such a meeting, with Mr. Gingerich and a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee or Mr. Pridgen acting as the City representatives.

4. Application for transfer of wine and liquor license, Langley Liquors, 7974 New Hampshire Avenue. Councilman Sidell stated that notice of this application has been received and that it involves a change in ownership of the store. He noted that it has been a good operation, about which no complaints have been received, and moved that the Board of License Commissioners be notified that Council has no objection to the transfer. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Chairman

No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

1. Purchase of playground equipment. Councilman Webb moved for Council approval of the purchase of a prefabricated shelter and a basketball backstop for Spring Park, and a backstop for Jeque Park, as described in the ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2192

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

SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the Recreation Department is in need of the following playground equipment: one prefabricated park shelter and two basketball backstops, AND

SECTION 2. THAT estimates have been received from a number of manufacturers, with low bids meeting specification requirements on both items being received from Miracle Equipment Co., Grinnell, Iowa.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract for purchase of one Miracle 720 Park Shelter at \$680 (SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS) and two Miracle 743 Double Post Fan Shaped Basketball Backstops at \$146 (ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS) each, plus \$84 freight, totalling \$1,056 (ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS), is hereby awarded to Miracle Equipment Company.

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SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the funds for this purchase shall be charged as follows:
 Shelter: A/C 19.203.C, with balance to be transferred from A/C 19.203B.
 Backstops: A/C 19.203.B.

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

2. Hodges Field. (a) Request to improve ball field. Councilman Webb stated that the Department plans to purchase some new equipment and improve the field after the spring thaw. (b) Access of fire truck to school via Hodges Field. Upon question by Councilman Webb, Fire Chief LaScola stated that the Silver Spring Fire Department (who receive first calls for Takoma Elementary School) has special equipment for cutting the chain at the entrance to field.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

1. Proposed cross-walk at Maple and Sherman Avenues. The Committee will look at this proposal again, Councilman Nishimoto said, saying completion of the Middle School is being awaited in order to determine what the total needs will be.
2. Request for report on incident near Hammond Avenue and Holton Lane on January 21. Councilman Nishimoto said he would be glad to discuss this with the initiator of the request after the Council meeting. However, Mr. Jeffas, upon being told by Councilman Nishimoto that the police were not deterred because of the barricade on Hammond Avenue, stated that this adequately responded to his request.
3. Proposed pathway from Maple/Grant Avenues to Takoma Elementary School. This is being studied further, Councilman Nishimoto said, with plans to fully coordinate any action with everyone involved--the PTA Safety Committee, PTA President, the school, the School Coordinator, etc.
4. Request for cross-walk on Carroll at Anne Street. Councilman Nishimoto referred to a recent letter from Mrs. Morton J. Krakow, 8001 Wildwood Drive, which requested action on this matter. He stated that several attempts have been made by the Department to confer with the State Highway Administration, but without success. He requested that a letter be sent over the Mayor's signature asking them to look at the intersection with a view to establishing a crosswalk or other safety device.
5. Speed control on Maple Avenue. Councilman Nishimoto reported that the Police Department recently issued tickets for four moving violations, 20 standing violations and 11 moving violation warnings on Maple Avenue; that they are continuing patrols there. Mr. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, stated that he felt speed warnings were not enough and proposed a stop sign on Maple at Tulip. Councilman Nishimoto stated he had introduced an ordinance to enable this some time ago, but it had been rejected by Council; that it had been called to his attention that there is an axiom which states that stop signs should not be used for speed control. Mr. Marsh said he supports such an ordinance and reiterated a previous statement that the problem here is not speed control, but traffic control; that a method of discouraging the use of Maple Avenue as a thoroughfare is needed. Mrs. Elizabeth Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue, stated that she supports a four-way stop sign at this intersection.
6. Traffic hazard at Piney Branch, Eastern and Takoma Avenues. Councilman Nishimoto said he presumes there is to be some action on this and that he would be glad to participate in any way he can.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. Proposals for improvement of animal warden operation. Councilman Hutmire indicated he was impressed by the thought which went into these proposals, saying they would be carefully considered by the Committee. He recounted the genesis of the operation, noting that it has been quite successful after having begun some two years ago as a pilot program, and is still being renewed on a three-months basis preparatory to instituting a more permanent type of arrangement. He requested that the Public Works Department and the City Administrator, between now and budget time, prepare a report on the operation in terms of numbers of dogs, costs, etc., and to include recommendations. He also indicated that some publicity may be needed.
2. Fence and debris at 7411 Aspen Avenue. The problems here have abated, Councilman Hutmire reported, and requested that the item be removed from the agenda.
3. Housing code violations at the Winchester Takoma. Councilman Hutmire reported on efforts made to set up a meeting with the owner at an early date. The deadline on the third group of violations has past, he said, and the Code Enforcement Division view the action thus far as quite unsatisfactory. If Mr. Shapiro will not meet with the Officers, or if compliance is not achieved, a warrant will be served, he said, even though this is a very lengthy process. He indicated that this type of handling was successful a few years ago and resulted in wide improvement in maintenance of the apartment building.
4. Request to fill vacancy in the Code Enforcement Division. Councilman Hutmire referred to the interest in this item and stated that it would be discussed at the next Committee meeting; that, hopefully, a recommendation would be forthcoming.
5. 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Mr. Roberts' request to the Board of Appeals for an extension of time was turned down, Councilman Hutmire said, and a deadline of February 14 set for discontinuance of the operation of a transportation system. He stated that the storage vans have been removed, but the contents were simply dumped on the ground. Councilman Hutmire indicated that legal action will be taken if Mr. Roberts does not follow through with the Board's directive.
6. Hardsurface parking at multi-family units and commercial properties; required maintenance of commercial places. Councilman Hutmire said these items had been a topic of discussion at the Committee's last meeting, and that the Corporation Counsel is studying the possibility of some enabling legislation.
7. CATV system. The Committee has recently received some new material on CATV, and will be restudying the matter in terms of long-range implications, Councilman Hutmire said.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Roth reporting

1. Position on bills before the State Legislature. Councilman Roth moved that Council back up the position of the Maryland Municipal League by writing directly to members of the General Assembly to indicate support of HB-381 (a bill dealing with property tax differential which would permit counties to levy a lesser tax on properties in municipalities which provide services duplicated by counties), and to oppose HB-417, which requires a referendum prior to annexation by a municipality and would severely handicap cities when there is a need for immediate action. Mr. Vogel inquired if Councilman Roth were proposing that annexation not go to referendum. Mr. Roth responded by saying that this bill requires that annexations be referred to the entire county. Councilman Roth's initial motion carried unanimously after having been seconded by Councilman Nishimoto.

2. Protective fence adjacent to Takoma Elementary on Philadelphia Avenue. A motion was proposed by Councilman Roth to authorize the purchase of an additional 180 feet of fencing to fill the gap left by the previously erected fence. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto, after which Mr. Mulligan requested that the motion not be limited to a specific number of feet. Councilman Roth stated that Council would authorize a quantity needed to complete the fence. He stated also that the Committee and/or the Department will consult the PTA prior to the erection of the fence. Councilman Roth's motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to reopen north end of Hammond Avenue. In light of Mr. Gibson's petition [Public Participation section], the Committee will have a report for presentation at the next meeting, Councilman Roth said.

4. Recycling. Councilman Roth said the Council continues to be grateful to Mrs. Marth and her committee for their continuing work and interest; that in the interest of all the Citizens of the City, they hope to provide some additional support in terms of back-up. Mrs. Marth stated that Mr. Rhodes has expressed an interest in working with her group. [See item 4, Correspondence section.] Mr. Roth stated he had learned that COG has received \$40,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency for a study of solid waste disposal. He requested that the Director of Public Works and the City Administrator look into this, asking that they also determine if it involves recycling and, if not, that COG be requested to reactivate the study of area recycling.

5. Proposed cul-de-sac on Maple Avenue at D. C. line. Councilman Roth stated he felt there was little hope of achieving this.

6. Request to oppose widening of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue. A statement of the position of the Council was prepared, Councilman Roth said, which asked that both be deferred and studied in connection with the Master Plan revision. [See attachment.]

7. Storm drain overflow near 1402 Erskine Avenue. This is being worked on by WSSC and, hopefully, the problem will be solved shortly, Councilman Roth reported.

Mrs. Marth suggested, and Councilman Roth concurred, that agenda item, "Proposed refuse recycling station" be removed from the agenda and that recycling proposals be carried as one agenda item.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Eppes reporting

1. Fire code violations at the Winchester Takoma. Although there are no outstanding violations, Chief LaScola has requested that this item remain on the agenda, Councilman Eppes said.

2. VFD resolution re position of FD Training Officer. Councilman Eppes stated that this is being studied and that he hopes to have a report at the next Council meeting.

3. Revision of Article 4, Municipal Code. Councilman Eppes said that this item had been placed on the agenda some time ago at the request of the Fire Chief, and that he now recommends its removal. In response to Mr. Ferrier's question, Councilman Eppes said that Article 4 is that part of the Municipal Code which sets forth the rules and regulations for the operation of the Fire Department, and covers the dual responsibilities of the paid men and the volunteers. Upon motion by Councilman Eppes, duly seconded by Councilman Nishimoto, Council unanimously approved deletion of the item from the agenda.

4. International Fire Prevention Contest. Councilman Eppes referred to a memo from the Fire Chief stating that the Takoma Park Fire Service has placed third among 1700 entries in the 1971 contest--a contest based on entries of scrapbooks depicting fire prevention activities during each year. Councilman Eppes felt this to be an honor to the Department and paid special tribute to Asst. Fire Marshal. Williams and Captain West, who prepared the entry, with the help of all the men of the Department. Chief LaScola's memo noted that this is the sixteenth consecutive year that the Department has entered the contest and received awards: they include, 11 honorable mentions in the State of Maryland; three second place and two third place winners, State of Maryland.

5. Merit Plan. Councilman Eppes stated that a letter has been received requesting the establishment of guidelines for holiday pay under the Merit plan; that it has been referred by his Committee to the Finance Committee, and its status will be clarified at the next Council meeting.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Chairman

No report.

Councilman Nishimoto moved for Council acceptance of the resignation of Police Dispatcher Ronald K. Duvall, who resigned February 4 to enter the Army. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and carried.

In response to Mr. Moore's question, Mayor Miller stated that Councilman Nishimoto has been named as the Council representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Montgomery County Planning Board.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM, to reconvene at 8:00 PM, February 28, 1972, in the Municipal Gymnasium.

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Montgomery County Delegation
Maryland General Assembly
Rockville, Maryland

Honorable Members:

In view of considerable citizen discussion concerning certain highway projects in Takoma Park proposed in the State Highway Administration's Twenty Year Need Study and the pending Five Year Program, it is incumbent that the position of the Mayor and Council relating to each be stated:

ROUTE #320 (Piney Branch Road) D.C. line to Md. #787 (Flower Avenue)

Position: The need for a 6 lane, divided highway is highly questionable.

This route presently serves considerable commuter traffic to and from the District of Columbia and is basically adequate. It will also, undoubtedly, serve as one of the principal traffic arterials to serve the Takoma (D.C.) Transit Station, be it public or private. There are presently existing traffic problems at the intersection with Eastern Avenue (D.C.) that should be corrected prior to the introduction of transit station traffic. The position of the Montgomery County Council is supported i.e.: "right-of-way acquisition and construction should await approval of Master Plan by Council; S.H.A. assistance is requested in developing Master Plan solution." Consideration should be given to possible alternate one-way traffic patterns in lieu of widening. The Planning Board recommends deletion of the item.

ROUTE #410 (East West Highway) from U.S. 29 to Prince George's County Line

Position: The need for widening to 62 feet is questionable and undesirable.

This route has been planned for widening for nearly fifteen years. The Mayor and Council opposed the plan when first proposed and the position is basically unchanged. There are minor problems at peak hours in both directions, the greater bottleneck being at the intersections with Route #195 (Carroll Avenue). A feasible solution at this point for smoother flow of traffic would probably ease up some not too difficult congestion at other points in the City. Certainly a single lane widening with left turn storage lanes at critical intersections with synchronized signalling would be preferable to the destruction of 118 good residential structures, a commercial building, and two gas stations as originally proposed for a dual-lane highway. The

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position of the Montgomery County Council is again supported: "right-of-way acquisition and construction should await approval of Master Plan by Council; S.H.A. assistance is requested in developing master plan." The Mayor and Council are quite dubious concerning the projected Average Daily Traffic of 58,400 for 1992 as related to the current figure of 12,300. This is a predicted increase of over 450%, which appears entirely unlikely in view of the trend toward reduction in the rate of population growth in Montgomery County as evidenced by school enrollments in the lower grades. Further, the completion of University Boulevard and the Capital Beltway since the original plan for widening of Route #410 has made significant impact upon the traffic situation in Takoma Park. The construction of the Outer Beltway should further serve to relieve the pressure on Route #410. The Planning Board recommended deletion of the item pending completion of the Master Plan Studies.

ROUTE #195 (Carroll Avenue) D.C. line to Md. 193 (University Blvd.)

Position: This item was carried on Line 104 of the Twenty Year Highway Needs Study (September 1971) as "Non-critical" for 4 lane reconstruct. This route presently serves commuter traffic and some congestion develops during peak hours but is adequate otherwise. The route will serve as an important arterial to serve the Takoma (D.C.) Transit Station. The two critical points of congestion occur at the intersections with Route #410 (East-West Highway) and Route #787 (Flower Avenue). Adequate channelization and signalization appear to be the need at Route #410 and signalization appears justifiable at Route #787. Route #195 does not appear in the "Continuing Five-Year Program for Fiscal Years 1973-1977". However, in a Summary of Actions by the Montgomery County Council on Non-Critical Needs in the Twenty Year Highway Needs Study dated November 9, 1971 relating to Line 104 and Maryland Route # 195 there was noted "Move to critical list with priority "C"; right-of-way acquisition and construction should await approval of master plan by Council; S. H. A. assistance is requested in developing master plan solution." The Mayor and City Council support this position taken by the Montgomery County Council.

ROUTE #787 (Flower Avenue) Md. #195 (Carroll Avenue) to Md. #516 (Franklin Avenue)

Position: Only a small portion, approximately 1/6 mile, lies within the Corporate Boundary of the City; however, the City line is parallel to a stretch of approximately 9/10 mile, therefore there is a vested interest in the project. The item is on line 55 of the Critical Needs section of the Twenty Year Needs Study for a four lane urban reconstruct with "C" priority. It is not indicated in the Continuing Five Year Program. In the Montgomery County Council Action listing of November 9, 1971 it is noted: "Change designation from '4 lane reconstruct' to '2 lane urban reconstruct:' delete section from Wayne Avenue to Franklin Avenue." The Mayor and City Council supports the stated position of the County Council with the further recommendation that signalization at the intersection with #195 (Carroll Avenue) be given serious consideration.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. BOTH
Mayor Pro-tem

JDR:tjb

Attest:

Haynes M. Pope
City Administrator

Approved:

George M. Miller
Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

February 28, 1972

City Officials Present

Mayor Miller
 Councilman Eppes
 Councilman Forshee
 Councilman Hutmire
 Councilman Nishimoto
 Councilman Sidell

City Administrator Pridgen
 Corporation Counsel Gingerich
 Asst. Corp. Counsel Culpepper
 Fire Chief LaScola
 Police Chief Porter
 Deputy Dir. of Public Works Barile
 Director of Recreation Ziegler

Excused: Councilman Roth
 Councilman Webb

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session at 8:05 PM, February 28, 1972, in the Municipal Gymnasium, 7201 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The invocation was given by Rev. John B. Paterson, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, after which Mayor Miller led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Miller called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, if there were no corrections or additions. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted and dispense with the reading was made by Councilman Eppes, seconded by Councilman Sidell, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Douglas N. Schneider, Jr., Executive Director, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, 1625 I St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Response to Council resolution on bus fare increase. Council Files
2. Joseph Aloï, 200 Lincoln Ave., City. Report on erosion and pollution of Sligo Creek Park. Request for help in alleviating the conditions present. Public Works Committee
3. Becky Combs, Principal, Takoma Elementary School, City. Expression of appreciation for new fence on Philadelphia Avenue and for other support given the school. Public Works Comm.

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed those present and invited them to attend the next meeting of the Mayor and Council, to be held at 8:00 PM, March 13, 1972. He announced that the City Caucus will be held on the following night, March 14, in the Municipal Gymnasium, at 8:00 PM, explaining that the purpose of the Caucus is to officially nominate those who will run for Mayor and City Councilmen.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, City. Mr. Vogel spoke of several instances where he had called the Code Enforcement Division to report a violation, and was referred to the Police Department, noting that the latter had always responded quickly, but suggesting that a matter

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such as an abandoned stove is properly a Code Enforcement problem. Mr. Barile explained that code violations on public property are a police matter, while those on private property are within the jurisdiction of the Code Enforcement Division; and that the criterion used in making a determination is as follows: if the violation is beyond 12 feet from the curb, it is considered private property. Mr. Vogel stated that he had not been asked for measurements when making his reports. Councilman Sidell pointed out that there is some variance in this rule of thumb, since his own property line lies only six feet from the curb. Councilman Hutmire stated that this might be clarified in the Newsletter, since many fine points of the City Code are not apparent to even the most careful reader. Mr. Vogel urged the two departments to collaborate in cleaning up Maple Avenue, suggesting that perhaps the condition might be attributed to the prevalence of high rise apartments in that area. He had particular praise for Sgt. Walters' help in connection with code enforcement problems. Councilman Nishimoto thanked Mr. Vogel and stated the issue he raised will be clarified.

2. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue, City. Mr. Cangialosi referred to the February 24 Sentinel, noting that his suggestion for inserting a notice of Council meetings had been acted on. He then spoke of an article dealing with plans for an extension of Takoma Tower by Montgomery County Revenue Authority, with construction to begin in December, and asked for information on the plans. Councilman Hutmire responded by saying that the Authority and persons who were instrumental in setting up Takoma Tower have reached informal agreements with owners of the old used car lot and some adjacent property, where they hope to erect a congregate housing facility of some 400 units. He indicated that the article was somewhat premature in that it created an impression of finality where, in fact, only preliminary plans have been laid. Mr. Cangialosi expressed concern about the effects on nearby people whose homes would not be taken.

Mr. Cangialosi stated that the Sentinel had also carried a report that Silver Spring Intermediate school is to acquire five acres for expansion of its athletic facilities, which will bring it into compliance with State standards. He felt that the facilities of the Middle School should be checked into.

3. Robert Mulligan, 7309 Cedar Avenue, City. Mr. Mulligan stated that a D.C. Transit bus stop sign on Ethan Allen near Sycamore partially obscures the stop sign at the intersection of Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues, and requested that the bus sign be relocated. Mr. Mulligan referred to the excessive speeding on Maple Avenue, stating that he had almost been struck down between Tulip and the Post Office as he walked home from work. He asked when a stop sign would be placed at the Tulip Avenue intersection. When Councilman Nishimoto stated that he as an individual favors the stop sign and had proposed an ordinance which had been tabled by the Council, Mr. Mulligan requested that it be reinstated on the agenda.

4. Roderic F. Davis, 703 New York Avenue, City. Mr. Davis reported that there are several garbage cans, with a permanent accumulation of litter scattered about, at a rental property opposite Montgomery College, and requested that it be cleaned up. Mayor Miller directed the Public Works Department to look into the matter.

5. David J. Watcher, 7127 Carroll Avenue, City. Mr. Watcher inquired about the status of agenda item "Constitutionality of property ownership requirement for candidacy" and, upon request by Mayor Miller, Mr. Gingerich responded as follows: In his opinion, the requirement is legal under Maryland law [it neither requires nor prohibits property ownership]. This stipulation is contained in many municipal charters and has always been in the City Charter. It is a matter which rests in the hands of the Mayor and Council, as does any Charter revision. It is too late to go through a Charter revision prior to the March election, since the process requires 45 days to become effective. In response to Mr. Vogel's contention that there has been ample time, since the matter has been on the agenda for some two years, Mr. Gingerich

stated that he would not contest that fact, but that at present there is not time to institute a Charter change and, in any case, a Charter amendment has not been proposed. Mr. Watcher felt the requirement to be unconstitutional from a federal standpoint and, by reference, unconstitutional in Maryland. He stated that it would be in the interest of the City to actively engage non-property owners in City government; that they are now excluded and, consequently, have little interest. Mayor Miller stated that the matter had been discussed, but that Council felt it did not want to amend the Charter for this purpose.

6. James Jeffas, 7600 Hammond Avenue, City. Mr. Jeffas commented on the length of time it takes to clear items off the agenda and stated that, conversely, sometimes items are removed without action having been taken and are only reinstated after pressure from citizens.

7. James Welu, 7330 Piney Branch Road, City. Mr. Welu asked when Council takes up the items on the Council as a Whole agenda, saying he was particularly interested in items 2 and 4. Mayor Miller replied that these are discussed at Council workshop sessions and are reported on by individual Councilmen at public meetings; that, unless a Councilman brings an item to the floor, it is not discussed.

8. Rita Marth, 7308 Cedar Avenue, City. Mrs. Marth requested some discussion on agenda item "Request to fill vacancy in Code Enforcement Division," saying she felt that sex discrimination may be involved. She noted that Mrs. Bussey had applied some time ago and has been endorsed by several persons, yet no action has been taken. Councilman Hutmire assured Mrs. Marth that sex discrimination has not come into play here, but that the majority of the Council have indicated they do not wish to fill the vacancy, contending that the Division is fully staffed. Mrs. Marth asked if Council were unwilling to spend the money, and if Councilman Hutmire planned to drop the item from the agenda. Councilman Hutmire replied in the affirmative to both questions. Mr. Vogel strongly urged that the vacancy be filled, and cited instances where the Division, as presently staffed, has been unable to meet its commitments; e.g., Boyd Avenue, 7512 Jackson Avenue, part of Cedar Avenue, the Winchester Takoma, and the Community Improvement Board items which have been carried on the agenda for over a year. Councilman Hutmire said that he couldn't deny there are some conditions in need of correction; that he had simply reported Council's decision on the matter.

9. Robert Moore, 7314 Willow Avenue, City. Mr. Moore reported what he described as a surface leak in front of 7216 Willow Avenue, stating it has caused quite a lot of water to collect in the street, and asked if it could be repaired. He expressed concern about the absence of discussion during Council meetings of items on the Council as a Whole agenda, and asked what citizens can do to bring these matters up for public discussion. He inquired if a letter to the Mayor and Council would bring this about, and expressed particular interest in items 4 and 6. Mayor Miller stated that Mr. Moore's comments were well taken, that items should not be allowed to remain on this agenda indefinitely; he noted, however, that unless a Councilman has a recommendation or a report on a particular item, it would not be reported on; that this is done only after all the facts have been studied and a conclusion reached. Mr. Moore pointed out that at the last Council meeting he had had to ask the name of the subcommittee to Park and Planning Commission's Citizens Advisory Committee--a Council as a whole agenda item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Eppes reporting

1. Fire code violations at the Winchester Takoma. Councilman Eppes reported that a recent inspection revealed eight violations, and that notice will be served at a meeting with the management, scheduled for February 29.

2. Fire House doors. Councilman Eppes stated that some additional work is necessary in connection with the installation of the new doors, as described in the ordinance below, and moved for Council approval:

ORDINANCE NO. 2193

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

SECTION 1. THAT in connection with the installation of new doors on the Fire House, as authorized by Ordinance no. 2121, adopted August 24, 1970, an extra job has developed to relocate the electric fixtures which were in the way of the new doors.

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the sum of \$386.50 (THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS) is hereby authorized to be paid by the City Treasurer to Construction Services, Inc. in accordance with Change Order One, as recommended by Philip W. Mason, AIA, AND

SECTION 3. THAT such funds be transferred from the Emergency Reserve Fund to A/C 10.813C.

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

3. Results of bids on FD Car No. 23. Councilman Eppes moved for acceptance of the high bid on this car by adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2194

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

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with Ordinance No. 2190, the City Administrator advertised for bids for the sale of Fire Department Car No. 23, AND

SECTION 2. THAT the high bid was submitted by Mr. Carl G. Fiske in the amount of THREE HUNDRED, THREE DOLLARS (\$303).

SECTION 3. THEREFORE the high bid is hereby accepted and the City Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer Title #L-989377 covering 1965 Ford Custom 4-door sedan, Serial #5N54V-169793 to Carl G. Fiske, upon payment to the City Treasurer the sum of THREE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$303).

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

4. Eastern Association of Fire Chiefs appointment. Councilman Eppes announced that Chief LaScola has been named a Director from Maryland by the Board of Officers of the Eastern Association of Fire Chiefs, noting that this is the first time the City or Montgomery County has been so honored.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

1. Regional Addiction Prevention, Inc. Councilman Sidell reported that he and the Corporation Counsel had attended a meeting of the North Takoma Citizens Association, where RAP personnel were also present to discuss their program and plans. He indicated that a report

would be made to the Council at a future meeting. Upon question by Mayor Miller, Councilman Sidell said that no property has changed hands as yet.

2. Juniper Street Bridge deterioration. This bridge has been a problem for many years, Councilman Sidell said; however, it is scheduled to be rebuilt when Metro comes through.

3. Request to host hearing on Year 2000 Plan. Arrangements have been made to hold the hearing on either April 17 or 18, Councilman Sidell said, and moved that COG be invited to appear at the Municipal Gymnasium on one of those dates to make a presentation and answer questions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto and carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

1. Merit plan revision; awards for City employees. In connection with these items, Councilman Forshee said they are more or less considered as one; that, though the merit plan revision has been on the agenda for some time, quite a bit of work has been and continues to be done on it; and that a revision should be available in the not too distant future.

2. Appointment of Election Officials. Councilman Forshee reported that some forty persons had been surveyed to obtain the eighteen persons needed to officiate at the election. He moved for Council approval of this group, as outlined in the ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2195

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

SECTION 1. THAT the following registered voters of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland have been selected to serve as Election Officials for the City election of Mayor and Council on March 28, 1972:

Catherine A. Chaney, 7409 Jackson Ave.
John W. Coffman, 7412 Birch Avenue
Betty C. Cook, 7400 Glenside Drive
George E. Friedrich, 8005 Carroll Avenue
Mary K. Gately, 7520 Maple Avenue
Georgia B. Johnson, 316 Tulip Avenue
Claire B. Kozel, 7804 Wildwood Drive
Alfred L. Lillie, 25 Philadelphia Ave.
Abby J. W. Mandel, 7003 Woodland Ave.

Ellen R. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue
Mary Ann McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue
Gibson E. McKenzie, 7401 Carroll Avenue
Alice Helen Myers, 606 Elm Avenue
Katherine W. Paterson, 514 Albany Avenue
Dorothy M. Porter, 7305 Maple Avenue
Julia M. Russo, 106 Philadelphia Avenue
Herbert D. Smith, 11 Pine Avenue
Onna C. Thornton, 1104 Kingwood Drive

The motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto, after which Mr. Vogel suggested that a new procedure be followed for the next election: That the election officials be chosen from among a broader cross-section of citizens, not a select few, thus giving many more an opportunity to participate. Mr. Vogel also alluded to the fact that these are the persons who count the votes; in response to questions by Councilmen as to what was meant by this allusion, Mr. Vogel stated he had not meant to impugn the integrity of those responsible for the election, or the persons selected; that his comments had been directed at the way they were selected. The ordinance was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Eppes, Forshee, Hutmire, Nishimoto and Sidell. Nay: none. Excused: Councilmen Roth and Webb.

3. Request to omit number plates on auditorium seats. Councilman Forshee moved for adoption of the ordinance below to accommodate this request:

ORDINANCE NO. 2196

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

SECTION 1. THAT Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2191, adopted January 24, 1972, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. THAT a contract is hereby awarded to the American Seating Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for 200 No. 21-220 seats at the unit price of \$47.69 (FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY NINE CENTS), including installation, AND

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire, Vice Chairman, reporting

Councilman Hutmire requested that the improvement of Hodges Field be placed on the agendas of the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Committees until the work is under way. He also made the following announcements: Mr. Kilduff, Park and Planning Commission, will speak on tentative plans for property donated to them at Kansas Lane and Allegheny Avenue at the next meeting (February 29) of the Recreation Council. Mr. Ernest J. Wolfe, who is 81 years old and has been a resident of the City for over 30 years, was recently awarded a Community Service Award for service to senior citizens by the Montgomery County Recreation Board. The following persons were elected as officers of the Sister City Committee on February 17: John Mitton, Chairman; Wayne Martin, Vice Chairman; John Magness, Treasurer; John Perry, Asst. Treasurer; Rhoda Ross, Secretary. A band concert by the Colonel Gray High School Band (65 pieces) from Prince Edward Island, Canada, is tentatively scheduled for April 4 at 8:00 PM, in the Junior High auditorium. The Easter holiday gym program will be in operation from April 3-7 for children aged 5-12 years, and will include hockey, badminton, kickball, volleyball, tumbling, roller skating, films, basketball, etc.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

1. Traffic signal at Philadelphia and Maple Aves.; cross-walk on Carroll at Anne; traffic hazard at Piney Branch, Eastern and Takoma Avenues. A meeting with representatives of the Highway Administration to discuss these matters has been set up for 9:00 PM, March 2, Councilman Nishimoto said. Upon question by Mr. Welu, Chief Porter stated that citizens wishing to attend are welcome.

2. Cross-walk at Maple and Sherman; pathway from Maple/Grant Aves. to Takoma Elementary These items will be considered after the Middle School is completed as part of a total safety program, Councilman Nishimoto said.

3. Speed control on Maple Avenue. Councilman Nishimoto gave the following report covering speed control on Maple Avenue for the period January 15 - February 22: Moving violations, 112; standing violations, 112; repair orders, 8; written warnings, 24. He stated he hoped the method being used would yield a higher incidence of speeding tickets in the future. Mrs. Marth stated she feels there is a need for a reordering of priorities; that issuing parking tickets does not solve the problem of speeding and may actually impede it, since parked cars may necessitate slowing down. Mr. Mulligan stated he fully concurs with Mrs. Marth's statement and pointed out that the last report had shown a similar proportion of parking: speeding violations.

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HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. Code violations at Winchester-Takoma. Councilman Hutmire reported that Mr. Shapiro, owner of the building, has agreed to meet with the following persons on February 29: representatives of the Code Enforcement Division, Fire Department, Corporation Counsel's office, and Montgomery County Environmental Health Service. He stated that a new deadline of March 14 will be issued at that time for total compliance with the code; that if full compliance is not achieved, there will be a strong case for prosecution.
2. 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway. Councilman Hutmire referred to the report given at the last Council meeting and stated that the goods dumped on the ground have been removed; that there are two vans on the lot, but they may be technically in compliance with the County directive since they appear to be used for pick-up and delivery of merchandise. Mr. Hutmire also stated that Mr. Roberts has given some indication he would like to relocate his operation.
3. Request to fill vacancy in Code Enforcement Div. Councilman Hutmire referred to the discussion of this matter earlier in the meeting and requested that it be dropped from the agenda.
4. Petition on control of cats. Councilman Hutmire requested that this item be combined with the animal warden operation proposals.
5. Information booklet. Councilman Hutmire apologized for the delay in completing this booklet, saying it is now completely out of date and requesting that it be deleted from the agenda and work on it suspended until after the election.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Vice Chairman, reporting

1. Recycling. Councilman Forshee read an announcement which will appear in the forthcoming Newsletter, giving details on Public Works' newspaper recycling program. He pointed out that the City will not only earn a small amount from the sale of the newspapers, but will save on the County dumping fee and at the same time relieve the Takoma Recycling Center of this burden. He urged citizen participation. Mrs. Marth stated she was pleased with the City's initiative, but a bit concerned about the loss of revenue for the Center; however, she felt this could be worked out with Mr. Rhodes. Councilman Forshee commended Mrs. Marth for her leadership in this area.
2. Request to reopen north end of Hammond Avenue. Councilman Forshee stated that Mr. Roth is in San Francisco, but had told him a report on this would be given at the next Council meeting.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

1. Leave of absence for Librarian. Councilman Forshee moved for Council approval of two weeks leave of absence (March 13-28) for Mrs. Robinson. The motion was seconded and carried.
2. Microfilming Library shelf list cards. Councilman Forshee stated that this has been requested by the insurance company, and moved that Council approve the expenditure of \$370 for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eppes and unanimously approved.

Councilman Sidell gave a report on agenda item "Right of way dedication--Ritchie, Niagara and Maple Avenues" and, following Corporation Counsel Gingerich's suggestion, moved that it be removed from the agenda pending Council's decision on when Ritchie Avenue is to be widened. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM, to reconvene at 8:00 PM, March 13, 1972, in the Municipal Gymnasium.

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Attest: Hayman Pugh City ClerkApproved: George M. Miller Mayor