

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 1973

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Roth
Councilman Burgess
Councilman Faulkner
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Nishimoto
Councilman Sidell
Councilman Webb

City Administrator Pridgen
Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Asst. Corp. Counsel Culpepper
Fire Chief LaScola
Deputy Fire Chief Fickes
Police Chief Porter
Director of Public Works Barile
Code Enforcement Officer Olson
Director of Recreation Ziegler

Excused: Councilman Ricks

The Mayor and City Council met in executive session at 8:00 PM, January 8, 1973, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge of allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and dispense with the reading was made, duly seconded and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

- 1. F. Harris Allen, Development Division, Park & Planning Commission, 6600 Kenilworth Ave.
2. William W. Gullet, Prince George's County Executive, Upper Marlboro.
3. John R. Himes, Jr., Supt., Public Protection Department, Insurance Services Office of Maryland, Baltimore.
4. Board of Liquor License Commissioners, Prince George's County.

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1972: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY--GENERAL FUNDS

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Rows include Balance as of November 30, 1972, December receipts, December disbursements, and Balance as of December 31, 1972.

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SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY--PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance as of November 30, 1972	42,137.17	
December transfers from General Funds	<u>90,332.88</u>	132,470.05
December disbursements		<u>115,160.08</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1972		<u>17,309.97</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--GENERAL FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1972	11,709.71	11,709.71
Transfer to Sub. Trust General Funds		<u>11,209.71</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1972		<u>500.00</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1972	4,613.10	
No December transactions	<u>--</u>	4,613.10
Balance as of December 31, 1972		<u>4,613.10</u>

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND--PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance as of November 30, 1972	39,004.22	
No December receipts	<u>--</u>	39,004.22
December disbursements		<u>34,664.72</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1972		<u>4,339.50</u>

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

Balance as of November 30, 1972	161.61	
Interest for 4th quarter 1972	<u>1.81</u>	163.42
Balance as of December 31, 1972		<u>163.42</u>

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK--GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of November 30, 1972	2,508.96	
No December transactions	<u>--</u>	2,508.96
Balance as of December 31, 1972		<u>2,508.96</u>

PETTY CASH

200.00

U. S. TREASURY BILLS

Purchased:	9-12-72	Maturity:	6-30-73	Cost:	95,973.33	Value:	100,000.00
	9-21-72		5-31-73		96,410.00		100,000.00
	9-28-72		4-30-73		96,953.61		100,000.00
	9-28-72		3-29-73		97,406.33		100,000.00
	10-18-72		2-28-73		98,204.72		100,000.00
	10-18-72		1-31-73		<u>98,658.75</u>		<u>100,000.00</u>
					<u>583,606.74</u>		<u>600,000.00</u>

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Roth urged everyone to attend the public hearing and express their views on the proposed Takoma Park Transit Impact Plan (8:00 PM, January 10 at the Middle School). He spoke of the plan as having been developed by a committee headed by Mr. Abbott and his daughter, Mrs. Young. When Councilman Nishimoto took exception to the inference that there had been no input by other members of the Committee, of which he had been one, Mayor Roth said he had been speaking figuratively--that they represented the alpha and omega, in that Mr. Abbott's name headed the list of members and Mrs. Young's name closed it. He reiterated a previous statement that Councilman Nishimoto was the only representative of the City government on that committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue. Mr. Cangialosi spoke about the following: He thanked Council for the letter received concerning problems in the Spring Park area but said that, despite efforts made there are still problems, particularly with minibikes. He suggested the possibility of posting a warning in Spring Park to deter uninformed young citizens. He also indicated he had recently seen a motorcycle in the Park. In response to Councilman Nishimoto's request that he inform the Police Department of such infractions of the law, Mr. Cangialosi said that he had, and that the response had generally been good. He also said that he had not been informed of the meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee with residents of his area; Councilman Nishimoto responded by saying that the initiative had been made by members of the Spring Park Citizens Association. Mr. Cangialosi then requested that something be done about the unsightly lots at Carroll and Westmoreland Avenues, as well as the display of merchandise on the sidewalk at 7040 Carroll Avenue. Mayor Roth assigned the latter to the Police Department and the former to the the Planning and Zoning Committee to see if anything could be done within the framework of City laws, perhaps through the Police Department, and, if not, through the County zoning office.

2. Aurel LeMay, 704 Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. LeMay wished the Mayor and Council a happy new year and said that, though there are no problems with minibikes in his area, there are speeding trucks.

3. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue. Mr. Ferrier also wished the Mayor and Council a healthy and productive new year, and thanked them for their greeting to Chapter 357, NARFE. He expressed pleasure with the plaque in memory of Mayor Miller; thanked Council for the opportunity to express himself publicly; said the decrease in the City insurance rate is the result of the efficiency of the Fire Department, noting that citizens have always held the Department in high esteem; thanked the Police Department for responding to requests for help in making the streets safer for senior citizens. In connection with the reference to the family relationship of Mr. Abbott and Mrs. Young and their service on the Citizens Advisory Committee, Mr. Ferrier said that similar relationships exist on the public payroll, but he felt the City was better served by not severing them, since it would reduce the effectiveness of the excellent service rendered by the staff of the Library, each of whom has special talents. He pointed out that Mr. Abbott and Mrs. Young represented two distinctly different groups, with Mrs. Young having served a unique role in that she represented the interests of renters, as opposed to homeowners who were represented by most of the other members. Mr. Ferrier commended Councilmen Nishimoto and Burgess and the Mayor for attending the December 9 State Highway Administration meeting on their proposed 5-year plan (Montgomery County), but pointed out that, contrary to an earlier report, the Mayor had been the only spokesman. He said he felt of the Mayor and Council in connection with proposed road widenings in the City had been reflected in Mr. Gleason's statement, as well as Del. Docter's interest.

Councilman Nishimoto reported on a conversation with Sen. Schweinhaut concerning proposals for providing minibus service to senior citizens and a possible pilot program which would extend this service to other groups. He indicated that planning would be coordinated with the County Commission on Aging and said he hoped Mr. Ferrier would be able to participate in that. Mr. Ferrier expressed pleasure with the minibus plan for the elderly and said he would be happy to take an active role in promoting it.

4. Dorothy Porter, 7305 Maple Avenue. Mrs. Porter, after inquiring about the status of the proposed tree ordinance, requested that a citizens committee be set up to assist Council in developing such an ordinance. Councilman Burgess responded by saying that at the initial meeting with citizens, it was generally agreed that such an ordinance should be coupled with a positive side, such as a replacement program, possibly using trees supplied by a State nursery. Upon investigation, however, it was learned that the State would prohibit the resale of trees to private citizens. He said he had also obtained a model ordinance from the Shade Tree Conference, which had been of little use. Mr. Burgess went on to say that he has some ideas of

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his own, but that he is only one member of the Public Works Committee, and perhaps some special efforts on his part were in order. Mrs. Porter then urged Council to oppose the widening of some of the City streets (Cedar, Holly, etc.), as was proposed in the original Impact Plan, but apparently not included in the new plan. Mayor Roth assured her that the Council had never advocated the widening of City streets, and Councilman Nishimoto said that Council's position on the Planning Board's Citizens Advisory Committee had been one of unequivocal opposition to widening of any streets; that they had urged use of minibuses, rather than standard buses, to help eliminate the need for widening of streets; the possibility of using midibuses, dial-a-bus, and other devices had also been discussed with County Councilwoman Garrott by both men, and would further obviate the need for street widenings. Councilman Nishimoto said that he had discussed with Councilman Sher the need for early planning for buses to avoid having WMATA make decisions on type, etc., and Mayor Roth said that he had asked WMATA to consult with the City Council prior to setting up bus routes in the City.

5. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue. Mrs. Marsh asked Councilman Nishimoto to clarify his position on the first Metro Impact plan, saying she had heard it rumored that he had still supported the original plan at a meeting during the previous week. Councilman Nishimoto said that at no time had he advocated the original plan, with its high rise development and road widenings. Instead, he said his position has been that there should be some development next to the Metro stop, such as R-30 garden-type apartments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

8. Proposed study of traffic problems by traffic safety engineer. Councilman Nishimoto announced that a meeting has been scheduled with a safety engineer at 8:00 PM, January 17, to which the public is invited.

99. No left turn from South side of Philadelphia (Old Phila.) to Maple Avenue. Councilman Nishimoto said that, even though there had been some objections to this ordinance, it was the consensus of the Committee that it should be enacted. Upon his motion, duly seconded by Councilman Sidell, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Forshee, Nishimoto, Sidell and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: Councilman Ricks. Prior to adoption of the ordinance Councilman Sidell said that Old Philadelphia has been used as a means of beating the light at Maple and Philadelphia, and has caused some problems for motorists travelling on Maple Avenue. Councilman Nishimoto indicated there were also problems at the intersection of Birch and Old Philadelphia.

ORDINANCE NO. 2245

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

SECTION 1. THAT left turns shall be prohibited from Old Philadelphia Avenue onto Maple Avenue; AND

SECTION 2. THAT signs be erected by the Public Works Department to effect this prohibition; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Section 1-17 of the City of Takoma Park Code, 1972.

Personnel. Upon motion by Councilman Nishimoto, duly seconded, Council approved the promotion of Cpl. Gary Sherman to Detective Cpl., effective January 13, and the permanent appointment of Clerk/Typist Dawn Howard, effective January 1.

Transfer of funds. Upon motion by Councilman Nishimoto, seconded by Councilman Forshee, Council approved the ordinance below authorizing the transfer of funds from the reserve account,

to A/C 11.192B4, Abandoned Auto Account. The roll call vote was recorded as follows: Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Forshee, Nishimoto, Sidell, and Webb. Nay: none. Excused: Councilman Ricks. Councilman Nishimoto said that the fact that the budgeted funds have been expended was an indication of the extent of activity in this area, saying also that the counties have begun similar operations.

ORDINANCE NO. 2246

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

SECTION 1. THAT funds budgeted for the Abandoned Automobile Account have been expended; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the sum of \$1,000 is hereby authorized to be transferred from the Reserve Fund to A/C 11.192B4.

Prior to adoption of the ordinance, Mayor Roth suggested that attempts be made to persuade Prince George's County to remove some of the abandoned cars in the City as part of their over-all drive. While recognizing the difficulties involved, he felt that attempts should be made to get this service from the County and save money for the City. Councilman Nishimoto agreed to try.

[Councilman Nishimoto was excused at this point to attend another meeting.]

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Vice-Chairman, reporting

119. Code violations at 239 Park Avenue. Councilman Sidell reported that an inspection was made on December 18, with January 30 set as the date for compliance; he also reported that Fire Department inspection revealed 12 deficiencies which were to have been corrected by January 5. Chief LaScola indicated a reinspection had been scheduled for the week of Jan. 8.

101. Tree at 7209 Cedar Avenue. The owner still plans to cut the tree, though the weather has prevented it thus far, Councilman Sidell said, indicating that the Committee will follow up on it.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Burgess reporting

24. Request to improve access to Langley Professional Building. Councilman Burgess reviewed the history of this problem, saying that there have been numerous solutions proposed, none of which were entirely satisfactory. The State Highway Administration submitted other proposals several weeks ago but they, too, leave much to be desired. The Mayor is now awaiting a response to his request for a meeting with SHA representatives on their proposals.

102. Request for sidewalk on South side of Lee Avenue. Councilman Burgess reported that the owner of the largest apartment building was contacted re helping to underwrite the cost of sidewalks, but was opposed to the construction on the grounds that it interfered with the ingress and egress at his parking area; however, other abutting property owners will be contacted before a decision is made.

120. Request to tar and gravel Wabash Avenue. The Department has agreed to add some additional gravel to this street, Councilman Burgess said. He indicated that it is an unimproved dirt road serving two homes, and suggested that the Committee and Council would have to look at the situation with a view to a more permanent solution. There was also some discussion of abandoning that portion of the right-of-way which leads to the Parkway. Mayor Roth expressed the opinion that, if the residents served by the street want it properly improved, it should be done as an assessable expense, as is done in similar situations. Councilman Burgess said the cost of paving could run in excess of \$1,000.

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22. Proposed pick-up of recyclable materials. Councilman Burgess asked that this be removed from the agenda, with no further action to be taken at the present time. His reasons for this action were as follows: the belief that, though many citizens would cooperate, the majority would not willingly separate their trash into glass, metal, newspapers and garbage, as would be required; some citizens have already been quite vocal in their opposition to such a plan. Results of studies done for the Environmental Protection Agency in 12 large cities (200,000 and up) where the separation process was used, showed an average net cost of \$16-\$18 per ton. A person contacted at EPA by Councilman Burgess questioned the economic and technical feasibility of such an operation for a city the size of Takoma Park. Councilman Burgess said that it was his hope that Montgomery County's plan for turning solid waste over to Pepco for fuel would materialize; that even though it is at least three years away, it does offer a solution to part of the problem. Mayor Roth said that the Montgomery County-Pepco plan would require some kind of recycling within the County prior to delivery of material to the plant; he requested that Mr. Barile keep abreast of the development of the program. Mr. Sidell urged anyone interested in recycling to volunteer as a helper at either the Takoma Recycling Center or the one on Brookville Road, where a wider variety of materials is accepted, but they are handicapped by a shortage of manpower.

23. Ordinance to require packaging of trash. Councilman Burgess also asked that this item be deleted from the agenda, saying that the request applied to garbage and wet materials, the packaging of which is already required by Public Works; that this, along with other regulations, will be contained in an insert in the forthcoming Newsletter. He said that the deletion of this item and the one above did not preclude his interest in the bagging of trash, and asked that this be added to the Committee agenda. There followed a discussion on the merits and problems of this plan, with general agreement that it should be pursued. Mayor Roth suggested that it be tried on an experimental basis in one section of the City prior to making a final decision.

89. Requests to screen, resurface and lower lights on Montgomery College parking lot. Councilman Burgess said he would ask that this be deleted from the agenda, since there is little else the City can do, but requesting that Mr. Barile make one more call to the Business Manager to ask that the lights be more effectively screened. He repeated an earlier statement that the surfacing material is in compliance with County regulations.

115. Suggested use of portion of PW grounds for tree seedling nursery. Councilman Burgess reiterated remarks made at the last Council meeting and asked that the item be deleted from the agenda, but asked that the concept of a tree seedling nursery be added to the tree ordinance proposal (agenda item #78), saying also that he is still interested in suggestions on where such a nursery might be located. In connection with this, Mayor Roth suggested that the Horticultural Club might survey its members for possible sites.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

Councilman Sidell said the Committee had not met to discuss the items on the agenda. He commended Chief LaScola on the new City fire insurance rate, but suggested that the poor response of the Volunteers referred to in the letter read earlier (correspondence item #3) was perhaps a bit exaggerated; saying that it had been poor at times, but on the whole had been good enough to warrant the new classification. He said they are hopeful that the new radio equipment, expected about the middle of January, will help to alleviate the problem.

Mutual aid agreement. Upon motion by Councilman Sidell, duly seconded by Councilman Forshee, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by Council:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the provision of fire and/or rescue or ambulance service across jurisdictional lines in emergencies will increase the ability to preserve the safety and welfare of the entire area; AND

WHEREAS, legislation in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia authorizes the local governments to establish and carry into effect a plan to provide mutual fire aid; AND

WHEREAS, an agreement has been developed through the Fire Chiefs' Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and approved by the COG Board of Directors which formalizes the existing working arrangements which have developed among fire and emergency services in the metropolitan area; AND

WHEREAS, arrangements have been made for governing officials to sign the historic Mutual Assistance Agreement on February 2, 1973.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Takoma Park, as an important member of the regional community, desires to continue participation in the mutual aid concept and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Fire Mutual Assistance Agreement on behalf of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland.

Mayor Roth commended the Fire Chief for his role in working out the agreement, which included chairing the group who formulated the plan.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Faulkner reporting

116. Special Exception 2749: use of property at SE corner of N.H. and Ethan Allen for a men's social service center (Salvation Army, applicant). Councilman Faulkner said the Planning and Zoning Committee would hold an open meeting at 7:30 PM, January 30, in the Council Chamber for the purpose of receiving comments from Takoma Park citizens. The Salvation Army will be contacted, he said, and asked to be present at the meeting or supply information on their plans for the property. He said the County has not scheduled a public hearing and Park and Planning has not yet begun work on the case.

117. Car repair operation on lot at Carroll and Westmoreland Avenue. The persons involved in this operation at first indicated they would vacate and clean up the lot by the previous week, Councilman Faulkner said; they now indicate they will vacate by January 12 or 13. He asked that the item be retained on the agenda for follow-up.

State Highway Administration's 5-Year Plan for Prince George's County. Councilman Faulkner reported that he and Mayor Roth had attended a presentation of this plan the previous week with the intention of testifying in opposition to the widening of Route 410 in the City, but had had to leave before that part of the plan was discussed. However, he said, they communicated their thoughts to Senators Emanuel and Hull and Mrs. Hull later told him she had spoken on their behalf. Councilman Faulkner said it seemed clear that the SHA intends to widen Route 410 between Riggs Road and New Hampshire Avenue, noting that there had been no opposition to that portion of the plan. Mayor Roth requested the City Administrator to write the County Delegation office and ask to be informed of the date of the public hearing.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

35. Merit plan revisions. Councilman Forshee asked that Ordinance 2242, adopted 12-11-72, be further clarified by changing the word "granted" to "earned" in Sec. 2-58 (a)(2). Upon his motion, duly seconded, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote, as follows: Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Forshee, Sidell and Webb. Nay: None. Excused: Councilmen Ricks and Nishimoto.

ORDINANCE NO. 2247

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

SECTION 1. THAT paragraph (a)(2) of Section 2-58, "Sick Leave; amount and accumulation," Article 5, shall be amended to read as follows:

(2) Earned sick leave not used within the calendar year may be accumulated to a maximum of forty-five (45) work days over and above the fifteen (15) work days earned annually. Employees may not be credited at the beginning of a calendar year with more than forty-five (45) work days of previously accumulated sick leave.

Councilman Forshee asked that this item remain on the action agenda.

105. Revenue-sharing funds: proposed uses; proposed hearing. Councilman Forshee said that at the next meeting of the Council he would propose that \$70,000 of the first 1972 payment be used to pay off the building loan principal due on December 1, 1985, thus saving the City some \$40,000 in interest during the intervening 13 years. He emphasized that this proposal applied only to the first payment received for 1972, and that the Committee would continue to entertain suggestions for the remainder of the funds. Mayor Roth said that a list of suggestions drawn up by Mr. Turner was available at the City Office, and contained, among other things, reduction in taxes, reduction of building fund debt, purchase of a second ambulance, loans to persons of low income for house renovation. Mr. Ferrier suggested that reduction of City taxes be eliminated, since it would only serve to reduce the funds received. Mayor Roth said that citizens would have an opportunity to express an opinion on the above proposal during the public participation portion of the next Council meeting. It was also noted that funds received in the future will be dependent upon yearly appropriations by Congress.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

123. Request for ball field in Prince George's section of the City. Councilman Webb said that this had not been discussed thoroughly in Committee as yet. He said that Spring and Forest Parks have ballfields, but suggested that perhaps they are not adequate for the needs of all residents of the Prince George's section of the City.

Activities. Councilman Webb announced the following: The Independence Day Committee has changed their meeting date from the first Monday of each month to the second Tuesday, with the next meeting scheduled for the following night. The Recreation Council is scheduled to meet on January 23 at 8:00 PM, 7500 Maple Avenue. New classes will begin in early February, and include Art, Advanced Cake Decorating, Drawing and Painting for Children, Guitar I and II, Slimastics, Reuphostering, Standard Red Cross First Aid, CPR Course in Lifesaving Techniques. A young people's drama group is also being formed.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

Personnel. Upon motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Forshee, Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Betty Barclay to the position of Municipal Librarian at the annual salary of \$10,500, effective January 1. Mayor Roth noted that the City had participated in Mrs. Barclay's training by sharing the tuition cost of her Master's degree in Library Science, and that it had turned out to be a worthwhile investment.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:00 PM, to reconvene at 8:00 PM, January 22, 1973, in the Municipal Building.

ATTEST:

Haynes M. Pidgeon
City Administrator

APPROVED:

John D. Roth
Mayor

T H E C I T Y O F T A K O M A P A R K, M A R Y L A N D

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
January 22, 1973

City Officials Present

Mayor Roth
Councilman Burgess
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Nishimoto
Councilman Ricks
Councilman Sidell
Councilman Webb

City Administrator Pridgen
Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Fire Chief LaScola
Deputy Fire Chief Fickes
Fire Captain West
Police Chief Porter
Director of Public Works Barile
Code Enforcement Officer Olson
Director of Recreation Ziegler

Excused: Councilman Faulkner

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session at 8:00 PM, January 22, 1973, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The invocation was given by Rev. Theron Snyder, Trinity United Church of Christ, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance. A motion to approve the minutes and dispense with the reading was made, seconded, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Dollie H. Kyte, Clerk, Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Rockville. Notice of hearing on resolution amending Special Exception S-165 (Boys Home of Montgomery County) for use of 00 Hudson Avenue and adjacent property as a child care home. (1:00 PM, 2-8-73, County Council Hearing Room, Rockville). (Planning and Zoning Committee)
2. Peter A. Menedis, President, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Proposals for upgrading emergency rescue services through use of revenue-sharing funds or grants. (Fire Protection Committee; Finance Committee)
3. Elaine C. LaVaute, 240 Park Avenue. Letter concerning lack of action on previous complaint re 239 Park Avenue; also notes insufficient number of garbage cans for tenants. (H&CEC)
4. O. N. Garrison, Jr., 36 Philadelphia Avenue. Letter commending Code Enforcement Officer Olson for his helpfulness. (Personnel files)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Roth spoke of the death of City Treasurer Turner on January 13 as the loss of a stalwart friend of the City, who will be greatly missed. He said that, in thinking of him, the thing he remembered most vividly was the way in which Mr. Turner always put the City's interests ahead of his own, saying that this had been true during all the years he had known him. City Administrator Pridgen read the resolution below, which was unanimously adopted after the Mayor asked all members of the Council to join with him in subscribing to the sentiments expressed.

RESOLUTION

HEREAS, citizens of Takoma Park, the Mayor and City Council, City officials and employees were deeply shocked and sadly grieved by the untimely passing of Edwin S. Turner on January 13, 1973; AND

WHEREAS, Edwin S. Turner served Takoma Park as City Treasurer for three years, from January 13, 1970 to the date of his death; AND

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WHEREAS, Edwin S. Turner served Takoma Park as City Councilman for nearly twelve years, from April 1958 to the date of his taking office as City Treasurer; AND

WHEREAS, Edwin S. Turner served the United States Government for thirty-seven years, in the Post Office Department and the U.S. Army overseas during World War II; AND

WHEREAS, Edwin S. Turner served many community organizations, including Post 350, VFW; Takoma Park Lions Club; Takoma Park Sister City Committee; Takoma Park Boys Club; and past president of the Takoma Park Elementary School P.T.A.; AND

WHEREAS, Edwin S. Turner will be sorely missed by his many friends and associates for his warm friendliness and sage wisdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and City Council, in behalf of the officials and employees of the City of Takoma Park, and all of the citizens of this community, do hereby extend to Mrs. Edwin S. Turner and the family, this expression of heartfelt sympathy in the sorrowful and untimely loss that they, in common with the community which he served so faithfully, have suffered by the passing of Edwin S. Turner; AND

THAT this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City and a suitable copy be prepared and forwarded to Mrs. Turner.

Mayor Roth also reported the following: Washington Sanitarium and Hospital has changed its name to Washington Adventist Hospital. On January 5, the Mayor and Councilman Faulkner attended a SHA briefing on road plans for the next five years before the Prince George's County Delegation and the County Council, at which it was proposed that Route 410 be widened from Riggs Road to the Montgomery County line. Both men explained the views of Takoma Park citizens concerning the widening to Del. Hull and Sen. Emanuel, both of whom agreed to request that the proposal be deferred or taken off the schedule. Mrs. Hull has since indicated to the Mayor that she believes the SHA will defer to their request and discontinue the widening at New Hampshire Avenue. However, it will be necessary to give testimony at the public hearing to defend the City's position. Councilman Nishimoto and the Mayor attended a public hearing on Montgomery County roads on January 16, at which Mr. Caltrider of the SHA said he was aware of opposition in the City to the widening of Route 410 and, consequently, was not particularly asking for it. He did indicate that it would be necessary to rebuild the bridge over the B&O tracks and asked the County delegation for its support. They appeared to give this support and the weight of the testimony was not in opposition to it. The Mayor said that, though he could understand that there might be some opposition to this within the City, he understood the necessity in terms of widening the Metro roadbed, and felt it would occur. Councilman Nishimoto said that Mr. Caltrider's unwillingness to face the consequences of the destruction of some 40 Takoma Park homes along route 410 apparently influenced his thinking. He pointed out the necessity for future vigilance to prevent the eventual widening of this road in the City, since it will be widened to the borders in both Counties. Another announcement concerned a series of community workshops dealing with alternative modes of transportation in the Prince George's County corridor between the Beltway and D.C. They are scheduled as follows: January 23, at Parkdale High School; January 26, Rollingercrest School; January 31, Highpoint High School; January 27, Northwestern High School. The first three are scheduled for 7:30 PM, the latter in the afternoon. Some of the alternatives being discussed are commuter rail, more transit, roads, and busways. Mayor Roth judged the proposals which would most affect Takoma Park to be the use of the Pepco transmission line for a busway or road, and a busway on New Hampshire Avenue. He also commented on the two Transit Impact hearings, the last of which is scheduled for January (8:00 PM, Middle School), saying the first two had been both interesting and informative, and conducted in such a way as to elicit a civil exchange of diverse points of view.

At this point, the City Administrator read a proclamation naming the week of February 3 as International Clergy Week. The proclamation called upon citizens to join with the Civitan Club in their commemoration of the role of the clergy in our culture.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Nishimoto made the following proposal for use of a portion of the revenue-sharing funds (agenda item #105): He recounted the efforts of the Community Action Forum, of which he had been a founder, to persuade the City Council to secure a HUD Workable Program certification under which a low-interest loan fund could be set up for the improvement of homes in the City. Unfortunately, passage of the Revenue-Sharing Bill has resulted in the loss of funding of some of the programs, including the loan fund. The County has a loan program, but it is not designed for use when minor repairs--painting, etc.--are involved. Councilman Nishimoto proposed that a revolving loan fund be set up to close this gap, saying he felt the City should make a concerted effort to improve the housing stock, otherwise it will continue to deteriorate. He also said such a fund would help in the implementation of Ordinance 1946, which was designed to curb and reverse the trend toward deterioration. He indicated that there is a general feeling among citizens, as well as real estate people, that the City has passed a crucial point; that they are now beginning to realize that there is quality housing in Takoma Park, and he felt the City government should ride the crest of that tide of sentiment. Councilman Nishimoto said that he fully concurred with Councilman Forshee's proposal for retirement of a part of the building debt, and proposed using additional revenue-sharing funds for the above. He said that a comment made at the last Metro hearing sticks in his mind--that the homes in Takoma Park are beginning to look tired and care worn--and that he felt it is time to do something to help change that image.

Mayor Roth also made proposals for use of part of the revenue-sharing funds: (1) A program to be known as "Operation Face-Lift," which would commit a sum of some \$75-\$100,000 over the next two or three years for low interest-loans to low-income people to rehabilitate homes in instances where County assistance cannot be obtained. (2) That the City seek both financial and legal means of dealing with the problem of boarded-up houses, of which there are seven, suggesting the possibility of the City's purchasing, renovating and selling them at a small loss, if necessary. Such purchases would not go above appraisals made by two independent appraisers. (3) Explore the legality and feasibility, probably with the help of a consultant, of the City's taking on the responsibility for upkeep or renovation of houses, when owners cannot or will not do so. (4) Setting up a committee of experts to advise young people who want to renovate homes, using their own labor. He called upon the Council and citizens to recommend persons with expertise who would be willing to volunteer their service on such a committee. He expressed a particular interest in being put in touch with professionals from HUD, should any reside in the City. Mayor Roth said that Mr. Womack of the Community Improvement Board had made suggestions along these lines in a report prepared for the Council some months ago, but at that time there had been no funds for their implementation.

Councilman Ricks said that his own ideas had been covered in the foregoing proposals. He indicated that Mrs. Simpson had also expressed interest in such projects and suggested that members of the Community Improvement Board may possess some knowledge of persons with the needed skills. Councilman Nishimoto expressed pleasure in the apparent concurrence with his own ideas, and said he felt there was a general agreement among Councilmembers that something must be done about the City's housing.

Councilman Burgess proposed the initiation of "Project Life-Saver" as an alternative to "Project Face-Lift," saying that he judged saving lives to be more important than lifting faces. The project envisioned would incorporate those points proposed by Mr. Menedis in Correspondence Item #2: to upgrade the emergency rescue services through the use of a larger ambulance, equipped with life-saving gear and manned by men with special (paramedical) training to replace the present rescue operation, which Councilman Burgess characterized as a horizontal taxi service. He explained that he used this term to denote the fact that the capability of the service is limited to transporting patients, since all the life-saving operations must take place outside the ambulance due to lack of space, equipment, and trained men. That is not to say that the present ambulance service and the men who operate it are not deservedly highly respected throughout the community, Councilman Burgess said, but that the service rendered could be better attuned to the sophisticated life-saving equipment and training now available and in use. Councilman Burgess also proposed that part of the funds be used to erect sheds to

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protect the expensive Public Works equipment, such as \$23,000 garbage trucks. He suggested sheds with three sides and an overhang on the front. Councilman Nishimoto commended Councilman Burgess for his courage in presenting counter-proposals, saying that he hoped Council would continue to have this type dialogue for the benefit of the general public, who oftentimes have no way of knowing the views of individual councilmen.

Councilman Sidell suggested that some of the funds be used to improve the fire house facilities, along the lines of proposals made by the Chief and the Volunteer Fire Department. He generally approved the proposals for rehabilitation of homes, but objected to Mr. Burgess' reference to the ambulance service as a horizontal taxi service, without adequate patient care. He pointed out that all the men are well trained in first aid, saying that, though he realized a paramedical-type operation would eventually have to be set up, he viewed it as a new concept and something for the future, and one which is not being used in this area as yet. Councilman Burgess responded by saying that three volunteers have been trained in the paramedical field--4 hours a night for sixteen weeks, including riding the Heartmobile--and are preparing to take qualifying examinations. He suggested that the Department not wait until forced into introducing this type service, but take the initiative now. In response to Councilman Sidell's question on whether the Department could handle such an operation, Chief LaScola said that it could not be undertaken with the present facilities, equipment and manpower.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Paul Davis, 12 Grant Avenue. Mr. Davis suggested that Council consider the possibility of placing a bounty on dogs in lieu of hiring a full-time animal warden. He also requested, and received assurance from Mayor Roth that it would be complied with, that a new-type red sign be posted on Grant Avenue at the entrance to that portion designated as one way. In connection with the first suggestion, Councilman Ricks said the Animal Control Committee has devised some innovative ordinances which will be presented to Council after review by the Corporation Counsel. Mr. Davis confirmed Councilman Burgess' statements regarding the use of paramedics and urged Council to move ahead with such a program. He said that three Volunteer Firemen have completed over 180 hours training and are among the 52 persons in Montgomery County eligible to take the State certifying examinations in March. He indicated that they hope to enroll two or three other persons in the next training program, beginning next month. Mr. Davis also said that some time ago, the Governor signed Bill 899 authorizing paramedics to practice under the supervision of a physician, utilizing radio and telemetry rather than on-the-scene supervision. He described the services rendered by a paramedic as ranging from administering drugs to defibrillation.

2. Kathryn Simpson, Chairman, Community Improvement Board. Mrs. Simpson expressed pleasure in having Councilman Nishimoto propose the rehabilitation fund, and asked that it be given serious thought. She said the need exists and she felt it to be a responsibility of the government to provide funds for those needing help when it is not available through other channels. She described the various programs investigated by the Community Improvement Board--federal, state and county--and indicated that, while all offered something, none met all the needs of the community. Mrs. Simpson said the Board has been reluctant to press for improvements in many instances, where it was known the homeowner did not have the means to make them. Following Councilman Forshee's inquiry as to how a rehabilitation program would be administered, Councilman Nishimoto said that it would have to be administered by a very small staff, using funds other than those received under the Revenue-Sharing Bill, since operational expenses are disallowed. Mayor Roth suggested the possibility of setting up a committee of Councilmen and citizens with experience in this area, to develop criteria under which grants would be made. Councilman Forshee said he thought it would be helpful if members of the CIB worked with Council in setting up a program. Mrs. Simpson announced that the annual CIB ride-arounds would begin January 27, ending around March 1. Councilman Ricks asked to be included on some of the tours, as his schedule permits.

3. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue. In connection with the proposals for use of the revenue-sharing funds, Mr. Cangialosi said all those proposed appear to be very worthwhile, but inferred that payment of the building debt was a less desirable use of the money; that, in his

pinion, it should not be used simply to save the City money. Mr. Cangialosi also suggested that the Library copy of the Charter and City Code be brought up to date, referring specifically to the now invalid property ownership provision which is still contained in the Charter. Mayor Roth indicated that it is planned to have amendments printed at an early date. Other matters mentioned by Mr. Cangialosi included: the continuing car repair operation at Carroll and Westmoreland; the merchandise still on display in front of 7040 Carroll Avenue (the Police Chief said that the operator may use space within his own property line, where the piece of merchandise referred to is placed); thanked Councilman Sidell for clarifying the contradictions contained in the letter from Insurance Services Office of Maryland, which indicated a concurrent decrease in fire insurance rate and a diminution of volunteer response; said the proposed widening of the bridge on Route 410 would only serve to increase the dangers of having the road widened within the City; in connection with the Impact Plan hearings, he suggested that Council heed the desires of citizens rather than institutions, some of whom have said they must have widened streets and other changes. Councilman Nishimoto asked Mr. Cangialosi if he and groups he is associated with would be willing to work to defeat a Montgomery County proposal, which has been introduced in the State Legislature, giving the County authority to develop areas at Metro stations. He said that the Maryland Municipal League has already indicated its opposition to the plan and he is seeking ways of involving citizens and groups in resisting the plan. Mr. Cangialosi said he was opposed to such plans and would be willing to speak or write against it.

4. Evelyn LeMay, 704 Philadelphia Avenue. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Roth expressed his pleasure in learning that Mr. LeMay had been moved from the hospital's intensive care unit. Mrs. LeMay thanked all those who assisted her husband on the night he was stricken, particularly the ambulance crew. She indicated that Mr. LeMay may be discharged later in the week. Mrs. LeMay concluded by pointing out the almost total lack of observance of the "no left turn" sign at Old Philadelphia and Maple Avenues.

5. Clarence Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue. Mr. Boatman spoke of the Community Improvement Board's early interest and efforts in obtaining loan funds for home rehabilitation, and their inability to do so. In connection with finding volunteer experts to advise the City, he suggested that, if none were available, the Council may wish to consider training a retiree who would be willing to work without salary, provided funds may be used for educational purposes. Mayor Roth replied that the length of time involved in training would preclude this possibility and said that the priority need was to find someone who could "train" the City personnel, whether he be volunteer, retiree, or paid consultant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

8. Proposed study of traffic problems by traffic safety engineer. Councilman Nishimoto reported on a meeting with an engineer, who is competent in his field and who participated in a long discussion of the City's problems. He said the Committee is considering using some of his skills, though bearing in mind that a traffic engineer, by nature, is interested in moving large masses of people from one place to another, which is not what is being sought in this instance. He asked that the item remain on the agenda until a decision has been reached.

125. Signing Spring Park to prohibit use of minibikes. It was the consensus of the Committee that the signing not be approved, Councilman Nishimoto said, in the belief that the most effective deterrent would be to have the Police Department notified of violations.

127. Prohibition of parking at Grant Avenue cul-de-sac (200 block). Councilman Nishimoto requested that the ordinance below be included in the record as the first reading of a proposed ordinance. In response to Councilman Forshee's question, he said it would be applicable to parking, but not standing.

FIRST READING OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

- SECTION 1. THAT all parking shall be prohibited in the cul-de-sac in the 200 block of Grant Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT all parking shall be prohibited at the barricade on Grant Avenue designated as dead end; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works is authorized to erect appropriate signs to effect the above directive; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Section 1-17 of the City of Takoma Park Code, 1972.

Personnel. Upon motion by Councilman Nishimoto, seconded by Councilman Burgess, Council approved the following promotions, all effective February 10: Privates Robert A. Holford, Paul C. Leibe, George F. Gamble, and Daniel N. Wortman to the rank of Private First Class; Private First Class Werner P. Winkler to Corporal; Cpl. Laurie N. Cofske to Sergeant. Prior to approval, Councilman Forshee asked how these promotions related to vacant slots in the Department, and was given the following information by Councilman Nishimoto: Privates Holford and Leibe will fill slots formerly held by Officers Gowin and Holmberg; Officers Wortman, Gamble and Cofske are members of the Crime Control Team, which is funded by a LEAA grant, and whose table of organization calls for a sergeant, corporal and private; Officer Winkler, who handles various things in the office, passed the examination with a very high score. Further discussion revealed that the Crime Control Team funding for a second year has been promised, with a good chance of its being extended to a third year.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Ricks reporting

119. Code violations at 239 Park Avenue. Councilman Ricks reported that the owner has been cited for numerous code violations, including the broken stucco, which has now been sealed and replaced with plywood and will be painted. He indicated that January 30 has been set for the date of compliance.

Items of interest. Councilman Ricks said that the Fire Marshal will order 25 Holt Place, 814 and 816 Colby condemned as unfit for human habitation, and boarded up. The Code Enforcement Division also inspected these buildings, he said, and commented on the benefits of the close working relationship between these men and their counterparts in the Fire Department.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Burgess reporting

Councilman Burgess said that of the six items on the Committee agenda, five were discussed at the last meeting, and the sixth is a matter which has necessarily been deferred until spring.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting

Councilman Sidell requested that agenda items 121 and 122 be placed on the Committee working agenda, saying that the proposal for upgrading the ambulance service would be carried as a separate item for discussion at the next Council meeting. He reported on how the mutual aid agreement, approved at the last Council meeting, works in actual practice, using the Falkland shopping center fire as a case in point.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto, Vice-Chairman, reporting

116. Special Exception 2749: use of property at SE corner of N. H. and Ethan Allen Aves. for men's social service center (Salvation Army, applicant). Nearby residents have been notified of the meeting on January 30, 7:30 PM (Council Chamber), Councilman Nishimoto said.

117. Car repair operation on lots at Carroll and Westmoreland Avenues. Councilman Nishimoto read a letter addressed to Code Enforcement Officer Olson from William Kelly of [redacted]toport, Inc., which stated his difficulties in locating a place for storage of vehicles and other materials, and his intention to complete this task by January 24. He also noted his attachment to Takoma Park and expressed disappointment in not having been able to develop a going business.

126. Preliminary resubdivision of property north of Gude and Poplar (outside City). Councilman Nishimoto said the Committee sees no need for concern, since it is simply a situation in which one lot has two houses, and the owner is subdividing the lot. He asked the City Administrator to keep an eye on the property in the event of some unexpected occurrence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting

105. Revenue-sharing funds. Councilman Forshee asked that this remain on the agenda. He said that the Committee would review all the proposals and present Council with some definite proposals in the near future.

35. Merit plan. Councilman Forshee said that the Committee had no recommendations to bring before Council that evening, but are continuing to work on further revisions.

Personnel. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, seconded by Councilman Burgess, Council approved the appointment of Haynes M. Pridgen as City Treasurer. In response to Councilman Ricks' question, Mr. Forshee said that the Council would be actively seeking a permanent Treasurer.

Fidelity bond. Following Councilman Forshee's motion, duly seconded, Council approved placing the fidelity bond issued by Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, on Haynes M. Pridgen in his role as City Treasurer.

Signature authorizations. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded, the resolutions below were unanimously adopted. Prior to their adoption, Councilman Sidell asked if the Mayor would also be covered by a bond. The City Administrator replied that the Charter provides for bonding of the Treasurer only; that the Mayor's name had been included as a person authorized to sign checks as a stand-by measure, in the event of his own incapacitation.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Suburban Trust Company is hereby designated as a depository of this Corporation and that a checking account be opened and maintained in the name of this Corporation with said Bank; that any one (1) of the two (2) following officers and agents of the Corporation: Treasurer and/or Mayor, are hereby authorized on behalf of this Corporation and in its name to sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances or other orders for the payment of money from said account; to indorse checks, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments, owned or held by this Corporation, for deposit in said Account, or for collection or discount by said bank, to accept drafts, acceptances, and other instruments payable at said Bank; to waive demand, protest and notice of protest, or dishonor any check, note, bill, draft, or other instrument made, drawn or indorsed by this Corporation; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Bank be and is hereby authorized to honor, receive, certify or pay all instruments signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution even though drawn or indorsed to the order of any officer signing the same or tendered for cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such officer, or for deposit to his personal account, and said Bank shall not be required, or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issuance or use of any instrument signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, or the application, or disposition of such instrument, or the proceeds thereof; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall certify to said bank the names of the presently duly elected and qualified officers of this Corporation and shall from time to time hereafter as changes in the personnel of said officers are made, immediately certify such changes to the

Bank, and said Bank shall be fully protected in relying on such certifications of the City Clerk and shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any claims, demands, expenses, loss or damage resulting from, or growing out of honoring the signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature not so certified; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said Bank, and that receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by the Bank prior thereto; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify to said Bank the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of this Corporation.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the American National Bank of Maryland, be and is hereby designated a depository of this Corporation and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn upon a check, draft, note or order of the Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all checks, drafts, notes, or orders drawn against said account be signed by either of the following: Haynes M. Pridgen, City Treasurer, and/or John D. Roth, Mayor, whose signatures shall be duly certified to said Bank, and that no checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said Bank shall be valid unless so signed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks, drafts, notes or orders so drawn, whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or any such persons in their individual capacities or not, and whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders are deposited to the individual credit of the person so signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or to the individual credit of any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue in force and said Bank may continue as set forth in the Certificate of the City Clerk, accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Bank or in any subsequent similar certificate until written notice to the contrary is served on said Bank.

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Maryland be, and it is hereby, designated as a depository of this Corporation and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn upon a check, draft, note or order of the Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said account be signed by any one of the following: Haynes M. Pridgen, Treasurer, and/or John D. Roth, Mayor, shall be duly certified to said Bank and that no checks, drafts, notes or other orders, drawn against said Bank shall be valid unless so signed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks, drafts, notes or orders so drawn, whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders be payable to the order of such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or any such persons in their individual capacities or not, and whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders are deposited to the individual credit of the person so signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes of orders, or to the individual credit of any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue in force and said bank may consider the facts concerning the holders of said officers, respectively, and their signatures to be and continue as set forth in the certificate of the City Clerk accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Bank or in any similar subsequent certificate, until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said Bank.

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Personnel. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, seconded by Councilman Nishimoto, Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Sibyl Pusti as Deputy City Clerk, effective February 1, at annual salary of \$8500. Councilman Forshee also moved for Council authorization of the appointment of an additional secretary to the City Administrator's staff. Following Councilman Webb's second, Councilman Burgess inquired if this position had been budgeted. Councilman Webb replied that it had not been, but that the need has existed for some time. He commended the City Administrator and his staff for their performance despite this need. Councilman Forshee said that the duties of the City Administrator continue to mount and that it has been necessary for Mr. Pridgen to put in hours far above a normal work week. The motion carried by unanimous vote, after which the City Administrator thanked Council for the actions taken, and said that some had been proposed prior to Mr. Turner's death, and are the first step in a planned reorganization of the City Office.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

Heffner Recreation Center. Councilman Webb expressed appreciation to the volunteers who helped with the painting of the Center--Messrs. Barclay, Hutmire, Rodes, Daniel and Ziegler; Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Ziegler--using the paint donated by the Takoma Park Women's Club as a part of their beautification program for the Center. He noted that Mrs. Ziegler had not been fully aware of the condition of the Center until that time.

Councilman Webb also announced the following: The next Recreation Council meeting is scheduled for 8:00 PM, January 23. Activities of the Montgomery County Recreation Department, which begin February 5, include the following: Judo for Teens and Adults, Teen Woodworking, Hatha Yoga, Girls Basketball, Baton and Pom-Pom instruction, Teen Club, Drop-in Center, Jam sessions and Boys Basketball--all to be held at the Junior High; at the Elementary School: recreational games, creative dramatics, creative crafts, tumbling, field trips and special events; at Silver Spring Intermediate: Badminton, basketball, games, volley ball, arts and crafts.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting

There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed TESS area library and how its location would affect the City Library. Councilman Nishimoto suggested that the situation be investigated with a view to having the Council make some recommendations on the site. He noted the interest of the TESS Commission in Takoma Park and said he felt the City should begin to make some input into matters concerning the entire TESS area. Mayor Roth concurred with this view and, in connection with the new library site, said he had been unable to get a consensus of views, but would make further efforts.

Councilman Ricks announced that the next TESS Commission meeting would be held on Jan. 30, to which the public is invited. He also commented on the informative article in the Newsletter dealing with fires in high rise buildings and spoke of having been with the Asst. Fire Marshal on an inspection tour, during which they found that a disabled fire alarm system in such a building had been tampered with. He urged parents to instruct their children in the dangers of playing with fire alarm systems.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:00 PM, to reconvene at 8:00 PM, February 12, 1973, in the Council Chamber.

ATTEST:

Haynes M. Pridgen
City Administrator-Clerk

APPROVED:

James P. Roth
Mayor