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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Budget: FY-1974

May 1, 1973

Present at the hearing were: Mayor Roth; Councilmen Burgess, Forshee, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb; City Administrator-Treasurer Pridgen; Asst. City Administrator Fennell; Police Chief Porter; Fire Chief LaScola; Public Works Director Barile; Recreation Director Ziegler; Librarian Barclay.

Mayor Roth opened the meeting at 8:05 PM, and explained to the audience that the purpose of this meeting was to enable those present to comment on the proposed budget and to offer suggestions for the use of the Revenue Sharing Funds for the consideration of the Council. He then introduced the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councilman Forshee, and turned the meeting over to him.

Councilman Forshee welcomed everyone present on behalf of the Mayor and Council and stated that he hoped everyone had read the letter that was enclosed with the budget. He stated that the City has received additional funds in lieu of services from the County that were not previously available, the Fire Service fund for example, and it is the belief of the Council that additional funds can be secured. He reported that the Council does not expect to increase the City tax rate for two reasons: (1) \$170,000 has been eliminated from the Capital Outlay expenditures (he noted, however, that he hoped a few of the items which had been cut could be reinstated); (2) it is anticipated that \$120,000 will be carried forward from the current budget. Councilman Forshee noted that some of the Capital Outlay items which were deleted should be purchased now, some can be purchased later, and some have already been purchased. He suggested that some of the Capital Outlay items can be covered by, as in the past, transferring funds from the Reserve Account (there is over \$91,000 in the fund), or by using some of the Revenue Sharing Funds. He referred to page 4 of the budget, personal services, and stated that these requirements have increased because of increments in the pay scale, employee longevity, and an increase in pay for all employees (it is expected that this will be a 5% increase across the board). He noted that the operating expenses will remain about the same, and that the Capital Outlay portion is less than it was last year. Councilman Forshee requested comments and suggestions from the audience, and received the following:

Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland. (See comments under the RSF portion)

Edward Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue. He asked if the Neighborhood Youth Program, the day care services, etc., will be continued; he questioned the necessity of the City considering a pick-up of programs that used to come through the County. Mr. Hutmire stated that the day care program and the opportunity to hire young people through the Neighborhood Youth Corps should receive first priority.

At this time, Councilman Forshee introduced Patrick J. Fennell, the new Asst. City Administrator, to the audience.

Walter Smith, 7902 Wildwood Drive. Inquired if the Senior Citizen tax exemption will be raised in line with the County allowance. He stated that Prince George's County allows a \$7,500 exemption and Montgomery County allows \$6,500; he suggested that if the City could not meet the P.G. allowance, the Council might consider splitting the difference and allowing \$7,000. Councilman Forshee stated that this will be studied and a decision made before the final budget is approved.

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He noted that there has been, and will continue to be, some help for the Senior Citizens in the City.

Councilman Ricks referred to the Code Enforcement operating expenses on page 15; noted that he had requested two new cars for the Code Enforcement officers, and questioned why funds were not provided for them in the budget. Councilman Forshee stated that in order to hold the present tax rate, almost all Capital Outlay items had been removed from the budget. Councilman Ricks then inquired if the budget included an increase in car allowance for the C. E. officers; Councilman Forshee replied that it did not. Upon question from the Mayor, Councilman Ricks stated that he thought the funds for the new cars should come from the RSF.

Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland. Mrs. Mandel stated that she did not think that the amount of money budgeted to the Library for books and periodicals is adequate; asked that the allotment for these items be increased. (See additional comments under RSF)

Robert Mandel. Referred to the Federal Aid for Crime Control on page 3; inquired as to whether the use of these funds is specified under the terms of the grant. Councilman Nishimoto explained that the fund is a special grant through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration for a specific program which is reviewed before the funds are granted, and the expenditures must be accounted for in a report to the Federal Government; he noted that this is the third year the City has received funds for the Crime Control Team program. Councilman Nishimoto explained the program, stating that there are special officers assigned to this program who patrol the high crime areas of the City in unmarked cars, and noted that this program has had a great impact on crime in the City. Councilman Nishimoto referred to an article in a past Newsletter which had outlined some of the activities of the CCT. Mr. Mandel referred to item 10.512A on page 6, and inquired how far along this project was. Mr. Pridgen noted that the Code has already been printed up; this appropriation is for the cost of annual recodification to keep the Code up to date.

Mr. Pridgen stated that in order to qualify for the CCT funds, the City had to start a program that was not previously a regular function; the program had to be something innovative, something that is over and beyond the normal operating procedure.

Edward Hutmire. He referred to the Recreation Dept. budget, and stated that the success of the recreational programs depends on adequate funding to cover the services, facilities and supplies. He noted the recreation expenditures made in the City by the Counties; this, plus the volunteer help from many interested citizens contributes to the many year-round indoor and outdoor programs. Mr. Hutmire stated that last year Spring Park was not funded by Montgomery County; as the result of a meeting with the residents in the Spring Park area last year, Montgomery County provided funds for this park. This year, the County has routinely included Spring Park in the budget; Montgomery County has provided two counsellors, Prince George's will provide one. He made reference to item 19.202F on page 21, and requested that the budget be reduced from \$7,000 to a few hundred dollars because the Recreation Dept. spends only a small portion of the fund; most of this allotment is spent by the Public Works Dept., and some is spent by the Police Dept. The PW expenditures cannot be controlled by the Recreation Dept., and yet when the budget is over-expended, the Director of Recreation is expected to account for the expenses. He requested that the major portion of the 4th of July funds be transferred to the PW budget. Councilman Forshee noted that the Council would prefer to have only one budget account for 4th of July expenses, but it does not matter which Department this is listed under. Mayor Roth inquired as to whether the Recreation Council keeps track of what the Counties do in regard to their budget hearings, and if the Council makes suggestions to the Counties. The Mayor stated that this year Prince George's County is

considering allocations for playground equipment; the County will provide \$100 a playground for each playground in the P.G. portion of the City. Mayor Roth emphasized that what the City does in regard to the recreation programs should supplement what the Counties do. (See additional comment under RSF.)

V. H. Rodes, 1101 Lancaster Road. Suggested a supplementary statement to the budget to cover items that are considered necessary but are not contained in the regular budget. Councilman Forshee stated that perhaps when the final budget is approved, something like this will be feasible. Mr. Rodes gave his support to continued funding of the recreational programs; he noted that the salaries are not as high as they could be, and stated that he supports every cent that is allocated to the Recreation Dept.

Robert Mandel. He referred to the insurance on page 22, and noted the value of the new building; he stated that building labor and material costs have gone up, and inquired if the insurance plan had been reviewed so that the City has adequate hazard insurance. Mr. Pridgen noted that he had just met with the insurance representative and had made a careful survey of the building, contents, etc., and the exposure rate has just about doubled. A more realistic appraisal is expected, but this will take a few months; in the meantime, the City is covered for replacement costs in the event of a loss. In answer to questions from Mr. Mandel, Mr. Pridgen noted that the City is covered by an umbrella policy for liability in the amount of one million dollars for both the building and vehicles. Councilman Forshee noted that the City has an advisor from Baltimore to guide the insurance program.

H Al Phipps, 7210 Holly Avenue. Mr. Phipps referred to the budget figure for the parks and stated that he had observed some parks that were badly in need of weeding. Upon question from Mr. Phipps, Mr. Barile noted that no money had been requested for additional help in the parks; this has been a part of the Neighborhood Youth Program. Councilman Ricks inquired if people from the NYC had been used for work in the parks; Mr. Barile replied that last year eight persons worked in the parks from this program and this procedure will continue this year. Councilman Burgess stated that he would not like to see any increase of funds for the azaleas. Mr. Phipps inquired about any outstanding debts the City has; Councilman Forshee noted that the only debt was the new Municipal Building. The present balance is \$690,000; the total amount borrowed was \$750,000, and \$60,000 had been repaid as of December, 1972. (See additional comments under RSF.)

Mayor Roth noted that, according to the budget, the City will be spending \$120,000 more than will be received. This amount will be carried over from the current budget, but in the future, the City will have to look for additional funds from the Counties and the State. He noted that the Counties reassess properties every few years, and this will provide additional revenue for the City. If the Council hopes to keep the current tax rate, this year's expenditures must be kept to a minimum.

Suggestions for possible appropriations for the City's Revenue Sharing Funds included the following:

Councilman Forshee outlined proposed appropriations for the funds (\$147,007 plus \$2,202.10 interest) received in 1972:

- (1) Municipal Building Bond, \$70,000;
- (2) Housing Rehabilitation Fund, \$50,000;
- (3) Street, curb, sidewalk renovation, \$29,209.10

The Community Improvement Board and the Council have discussed a Housing Rehabilitation Program for some time; at this point there is no definite plan, but the fund will probably be used to assist persons with low incomes to make minor improvements, etc. The funds for 1973 are less than those received in 1972; Mr. Pridgen has inquired about this. The proposed appropriations for the funds anticipated for 1973 are:

- (1) Municipal Building Bond, \$70,000;
- (2) Traffic Light at Firehouse, \$5,000;
- (3) Police impounding lot, \$10,000;
- (4) Street, curb, sidewalk renovation, \$25,592.

Councilman Forshee noted that the Firehouse traffic light has been under discussion for some time, and there is a possibility that it will be installed in the fall. He stated that Police Chief Porter has been getting a hard time from everyone in regard to the impounded cars; he stressed that the City needs an impounding lot as soon as possible, and asked for suggestions from the audience concerning this. Councilman Forshee enumerated other suggested uses for portions of the RSF which included pumpers for the Fire Dept., possible remodeling of the Firehouse, a new ambulance; sheds for Public Works equipment, equipment for the parks, new equipment for the Library; he stated that the Police Dept. will need new cars and the Public Works Dept. will need new trucks, but he hoped that these two items could be covered under "operating expenses".

Robert Mandel. Mr. Mandel referred to the cut-back in certain programs by the Federal Government, and the inference that "local communities will take care of these with their RSF." He stated that if the County hospitals should have to cut back on their services to the poor, perhaps some of the City's RSF could be appropriated to the Washington Adventist Hospital to help enable them to provide services to the poor. Mr. Pridgen noted that this service comes under the Health and Social Services Dept. of the Counties. He read a portion of the specific areas designated to be covered by the RSF which included, in general: public safety, environmental protection, public transportation, health, recreation, library, social services for the poor and aged, and Capital Outlay expenditures authorized by law; he noted that it could be possible for a portion of these funds to be used for a health program.

Abby Mandel. Mrs. Mandel stated that she is not in favor of spending RSF to improve roads, but does approve of paying off the Municipal Building Bond. She suggested that the summer youth program be increased. Mr. Pridgen noted that, although details are not certain yet, the City will probably participate in the NYC programs of both Counties. Upon question by Councilman Ricks, Mr. Pridgen stated that about twenty youths from Montgomery County are usually employed during the summer through this program; the City has not participated in the Prince George's program before. Mayor Roth noted the efforts of Mr. Pridgen and Mrs. Pusti in contacting PG County regarding City employment of youths from that County. Mrs. Mandel suggested flexibility in regard to proposed appropriations for the RSF; she questioned the possibility of funding a bus service to County recreational programs for those children who did not have recreational facilities available in their neighborhoods.

Edward Hutmire. Mr. Hutmire requested that the Council consider, under Capital Outlay, the installation of restrooms in Spring, Forest, and Jeque Parks. The estimated cost for these is \$2,000 each; they were proposed previously by the Recreation Council as one practical use for a portion of the RSF.

In regard to the Housing Rehabilitation Fund, Mayor Roth stated that the Council has been waiting until an Asst. City Administrator had been hired to get the program into the form of an ordinance; he noted that Mr. Fennell will give this first

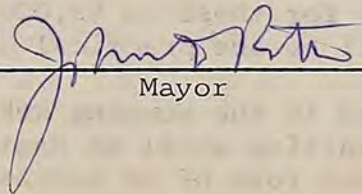
priority. The general concept is to supplement the County programs; Montgomery Co. has a low-interest loan program and Prince George's is proposing one. Montgomery Co. has a capital fund of about \$200,000 for low-income families. The Mayor noted that the proposed \$5,000 is a low figure; according to Montgomery Co., these loans usually average from \$3,000 to \$5,000. The City program will provide help for those who are unable to attain County assistance; the loans will have a 3% interest rate (the same as the County rate), and will be secured by a lien on the property. If the loan is not repaid, the money can be secured upon the sale of the property. Mayor Roth stated that the ideal solution is for the owners to rehabilitate their properties, but if they will not, as a last resort, an additional proposal is to investigate the possibility of the City's buying some of the boarded up properties, rehabilitating them and reselling them. He noted that he hoped Mr. Fennell would: (1) work out a proposal for an ordinance in regard to the Housing Rehabilitation Fund; (2) take a look at each of the boarded up properties and perhaps influence the present owners to repair them. If the owner does not wish to fix the property, it is hoped that he can be persuaded to sell to someone who will. The Mayor mentioned the properties on Grant, Sherman, and Fremont that were boarded up but have since been purchased and repaired; he noted that 25 Holt Place has recently been purchased and the new owners intend to rehabilitate the property and restore it to use as a single family dwelling. The above-mentioned items were the general ideas behind the Council's decision to propose the \$50,000 Housing Rehabilitation Fund. Mayor Roth stated that the City has inquired as to the possibility of having someone from HUD to work on a temporary basis with the City in regard to this.


Mr. Pridgen noted that the Revenue Sharing Office requires a report of planned use of funds by June 20; there is a requirement that the City must advertise a certain number of times before the report is filed, and he suggested that this be done as soon as possible. Mayor Roth stated that he would like to have time for the Council to consider all the requests that have been made before any advertising is done.

Hal Phipps. Mr. Phipps stated that he would like to add his support to the proposed Housing Rehabilitation Fund. Councilman Forshee suggested that the Housing Fund be appropriated from the money received in 1972. Mr. Phipps suggested that a portion of the RSF be used for up-dating some of the equipment in the parks and for additional supplies for the parks. He also inquired about a tree-planting program and suggested that a possible use for a portion of the funds could be for a tree nursery.

Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue. Mr. Ferrier stated that the ambulance presently in use is largely obsolete, and the Fire Department needs a new, improved ambulance to properly utilize the two men who have been trained as special medical technicians. He described some new types of ambulances that the Council might consider. The cost of one of the new ambulances is about \$15,000 and he suggested using \$7,000 or \$8,000 from the RSF for this; he noted that the Seventh-day Adventists have made \$1,000 available as a donation for special equipment, and perhaps additional funds can be had from other sources.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

APPROVED: 
Mayor

ATTEST: 
City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
May 14, 1973City Officials Present

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| Mayor Roth | City Administrator Pridgen |
| Councilman Burgess | Asst. City Admin. Fennell |
| Councilman Faulkner | Fire Chief LaScola |
| Councilman Forshee | Police Chief Porter |
| Councilman Nishimoto | Public Works Director Barile |
| Councilman Ricks | Code Enforcement Officer Olson |
| Councilman Sidell | Recreation Director Ziegler |
| Councilman Webb | Corp. Counsel Gingerich |
| | Asst. Corp. Counsel Culpepper |

The Mayor and City Council met in Executive Session at 8:00 PM, May 14, 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, seconded and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting:

1. Harry R. Hughes, Secretary, Md. Dept. of Transportation, Baltimore. Reply to City letter of 4/13/73 regarding Prince George's County Transportation Alternatives study; assurance that the final result of this study-review process will reflect consideration of the concerns of all involved. (Planning & Zoning, File)
2. James P. Gleason, Montgomery County Executive, COB, Rockville. Reply to City letter of 4/3/73 requesting information regarding RAP houses on Buffalo and Albany Avenues in Takoma Park; referred to letter from T.P. Code Enforcement Office indicating no violations of T.P. Housing Codes. (Housing & Code Enforcement) (Mayor Roth asked the C.E. Officers to verify Mr. Gleason's statement that no more than five persons live in each building.)
3. William Sher, President, Mont. County Council, COB, Rockville. Request for comments or approval of Bill No. 18-73 and possible amendments proposing refund deposit on all beer and soft drink containers sold in Mont. County. (Public Works)
4. John J. Broda, Development Coordinator, MNCPPC, 8787 Georgia Ave., S.S. Proposed subdivision plan (from Lot 36, Block 55, BFG Subdivision to Lots 88 & 89) referred to the City for recommendations and/or comments. (Planning and Zoning)
5. Lois M. Gosnell, Clerk to the Board of Appeals for P. G. County, CSB, Hyattsville. Notification of appeal filed with the Board that the operation of a miniature golf course in the Takoma Park Shopping Center is not an allowed use. (Planning and Zoning)
6. Lois M. Gosnell, Clerk to the Board of Appeals for P.G. County, CSB, Hyatts. Notification of appeal to the Board to validate existing dwelling and erect addition at 610 Elm Avenue; request for variance of one foot on side yard width. (Planning and Zoning)
7. Jean M. Schmuhl, Clerk, County Council of P.G. Co., Court House, Upper Marlboro. Notice that Petition for Reconsideration of disapproval of ZAP A-8646, Chon and Chon, Petitioners, has been denied. (Planning and Zoning, File)

8. Blair G. Ewing, Director, Dept. of Public Safety, Metro. Wash. COG, Wash., D.C. Letter and Narcotics Amendment to Police Mutual Aid Agreement submitted for review and written comments or approval. (Law Enforcement, copy to Mayor Roth)

9. Lowell Litton, 7512 Glenside Dr. Letter indicating general concurrence with proposed ordinance regulating traffic at the intersection of Glenside Drive and Jackson Avenue. (Law Enforcement)

10. Bernard E. Buscher, President, T.P.P.D. Lodge #28, Fraternal Order of Police Letter advising the Mayor and Council of the formation of the T.P.P.D. Lodge #28, summarizing the general purpose of the Lodge and the goals of its members; request for meeting with City Officials to further discuss the organization and its goals. (Law Enforcement)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 1973: City Treasurer Pridgen reporting.

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY-GENERAL FUNDS

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| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | \$262,394.10 | |
| *April receipts | <u>274,273.15</u> | \$536,667.25 |
| April disbursements | | <u>322,486.78</u> |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>214,180.47</u> |
| *Includes matured Treasury Bill - \$100,000.00 | | |

SUBURBAN TRUST-PAYROLL ACCOUNT

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| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | 12,869.28 | |
| April transfers from General Funds | <u>83,642.50</u> | 96,511.78 |
| April disbursements | | <u>81,714.28</u> |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>14,797.50</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND-GENERAL FUNDS

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|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | 500.00 | |
| No transactions during April | <u>- 0 -</u> | 500.00 |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>500.00</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND-SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

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|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | 4,713.10 | |
| No transactions during April | <u>- 0 -</u> | 4,713.10 |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>4,713.10</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

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|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | 3,966.82 | |
| No transactions during April | <u>- 0 -</u> | 3,966.82 |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>3,966.82</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND-SAVINGS ACCOUNT TP 63

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|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | 165.25 | |
| No transactions during April | <u>- 0 -</u> | 165.25 |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>165.25</u> |

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK-GENERAL FUNDS

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|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of March 31, 1973 | 2,508.96 | |
| No transactions during April | <u>- 0 -</u> | 2,508.96 |
| Balance as of April 30, 1973 | | <u>2,508.96</u> |

PETTY CASH

200.00

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S. TREASURY BILLS

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| Purchased 9/12/72 | Due to mature 6/30/73 | \$ 95,973.33 | \$100,000.00 |
| " 9/21/72 | " 5/31/73 | 96,410.00 | 100,000.00 |
| " 4/24/73 | " 7/26/73* | 172,234.69 | 175,000.00 |
| (Purchased with Revenue Sharing Funds) | | <u>\$364,618.02</u> | <u>\$375,000.00</u> |

Mr. Pridgen noted that the disbursements for the month of April are larger than normal; this is because of the purchase of a U.S. Treasury Bill.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Roth commented on some of the events that have recently taken place in the City which included: the Annual Flower Show in which many citizens displayed flowers and arrangements; the first House and Garden Tour which attracted many citizens; the Annual Plant Sale (the Mayor noted that this year more plants were sold than in any previous year). Mayor Roth urged all citizens to attend the display the Art Assn. will have at the Library on Sunday, May 20. He presented Chief Porter with an American Flag donated to the City by the family of former City Treasurer and Councilman Edwin S. Turner, which is to be flown on Memorial Day in Memorial Park. The Mayor, on behalf of the City Officials, presented a gift to Asst. Corp. Counsel Glenn Culpepper and congratulated him on his recent marriage.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilman Sidell requested that authorization for schooling for one of the firemen be discussed during his committee report.

Councilman Webb asked to add authorization for the employment of a new assistant City Librarian to his committee agenda.

Councilman Nishimoto stated that he would like to make reference to a proposed project by the Lion's Club in his report.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS

1. Samuel A. Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue. Mr. Abbott had some posters and charts to illustrate the items he wished to discuss. He mentioned the expansion of the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College into Block 69 and presented his views on this; he emphasized the words "barrier" and "stability" and stated that the racial barrier the expansion is expected to provide is "institutional racism". Showed a chart depicting the projected percentage of black students in Takoma Elementary School (the projection for 4 years from now is a high of 60%, an expected 50%, and a low of 39%), and stated that the reason behind this projection is the Planning Board's report that if the various Metro Impact Master Plans go through, there could be an additional 5,000 apartment units in Takoma Park. Noted that GSA has said that no more Government agencies will be shifted into Montgomery County until more low and moderate income housing is provided; stated that the "fair share" program advocated by James Gleason is unrealistic - the City of Takoma Park has more low and moderate income units than any place else in Montgomery County. Stated that policy decisions are made at the County level and then forced onto the citizens of the City; the County is trying to compensate for its lack of low income housing by pushing for additional units in the City, claiming that Takoma park has easier access to the District, etc. Requested that the City Council oppose further units proposed within the City limits.

Mr. Abbott had five additional points which he presented to the Council:

(1) the City Council must change its position on Block 69; (2) Metro Impact study - the City must fight for down-zoning; (3) the City must get out of TESS; (4) the City must get its zoning powers back - the additional revenue from apartments has not kept pace with the density of population; (5) the Council must oppose Congressional

District gerry-mandering - under the present system, the City has no Congressional impact. The Mayor thanked Mr. Abbott for his comments.

Mayor Roth noted that some representatives of the VFW and Buddy Poppy Queen Marilyn Waggoner were in the audience. He received a poppy from the VFW representative, and informed the audience that donations would be accepted at this time. The Mayor reminded the audience of the VFW ceremony in Memorial Park on May 28 at 2:00 PM.

2. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue. Thanked Mr. Abbott for his presentation, but stated that stability was a desirable thing to strive for. Noted that he had seen James Welu showing a five-unit building to some prospective buyers who were thinking of reconverting it to a single-family dwelling; asked the Council to recognize Mr. Welu's efforts.

Councilman Nishimoto, in response to Mr. Abbott's comments, stated that the City should get the power of zoning back; stated that he did not know how to get the Congressional District back to Takoma Park, but that this is something that should be looked into.

Mayor Roth said that he had supported the efforts of Mr. Welu in his renovation of multi-family dwellings into single-family use; he noted the efforts of Mr. Welu in connection with 25 Holt Place.

3. Ruth Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue. Referring to Councilman Nishimoto's statement regarding Congressional Redistricting, she asked if the City Government knew about this in advance, and why the citizens weren't notified of this proposal. Mayor Roth stated that a committee to study this might be appointed, even though this is a political issue which doesn't ordinarily come under the control of the City Council. He said that he would be glad to set up a discussion session regarding this, and the City will certainly take a position on the redistricting.

Councilman Ricks asked for clarification of the point Mr. Abbott made regarding the Takoma Elementary School. Mr. Abbott noted that there could be a racial increase without, as County officials advocate, building additional apartments in the City.

4. Donald Ramsey, 8300 Flower Avenue. Commented on the budget and noted that the capital outlay figure was about \$23,000 this year as compared with \$61,000 and \$65,000 in prior years. He stated that a tax increase would not be too painful, and questioned the policy of cutting the capital outlay budget and looking to the RSF for additional funds just to avoid a tax increase. Noted that the Municipal Bldg. Bond, the street and sidewalk repair, traffic lights, etc., would ordinarily come from the regular operating budget, and questioned the use of RSF for these items. Asked if the increase in the Code Enforcement Officers salary account meant that another housing inspector is being hired. Mr. Ramsey stated that while it would be significant a tax increase sufficient to overcome the cut in the capital outlay budget would not be an horrendous increase. Mayor Roth noted that some of the capital outlay items might be purchased with Revenue Sharing Funds, and mentioned the 5% Reserve Fund that is also available. Councilman Forshee noted that since the original budget proposal, the City has been notified of additional County funds that will be available, and perhaps some of the capital outlay items that had been deleted could be reinstated in the budget. Mr. Ramsey asked if there were requests from Department heads that were being denied in order to avoid a tax increase, and mentioned the possible loss of service that could result from a budget cut.

5. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple. She stated that the House and Garden Tour had been

great success and had attracted people from the District and some from Virginia; one of the main reasons for having the tour was to obtain publicity for the City. Mrs. Marsh noted that another tour will be planned for next year; she thanked Recreation Director Belle Ziegler and Mary Ann McGuire for their help with the tour, and thanked Mayor and Mrs. Roth for the refreshments they served the Committee. Stated that she is worried about what will happen to the City if any more apartment units are built and that the City does not need any more absentee landlords. Noted that the Congressional Resistricting proposal had appeared in the newspapers many months before it happened, but at the time she could not find anyone who was doing anything to combat it. Councilman Nishimoto stated that he has been watching the House Delegation and House District very closely to make sure that another situation like the Redistricting does not occur.

6. Donald Ramsey, 8300 Flower Avenue. Referred to his earlier question regarding the increase in the budget allotment for salaries for the Code Enforcement officers. Mr. Pridgen noted that at the time the budget was adopted last year, it was not certain that the Public Employment Program (which paid the salary of the second C.E. officer) would be continued. The program has been extended to cover the current year, but next year the funds may be cut off. Mayor Roth stated that these funds come to the City from the Federal Government through Montgomery County, and are part of the funds the President has impounded; since these funds may not be available next year, the additional money was budgeted to insure that the City will have funds to pay the second C.E. officer if the Federal funds are cut off. Mr. Ramsey suggested that an additional person be hired for the Code Enforcement division.

7. Harry Wickline, 7812 Takoma Avenue. Asked what the City is doing about the outdoor automobile repair business that is being operated at 7709 Takoma Avenue. Councilman Nishimoto stated that the Police Dept. will look into this; Councilman Ricks noted that the Code Enforcement officers will also inspect this.

8. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue. Referred to a complaint he made at a previous meeting about trash being left in the streets by the sanitation workers; thanked Councilman Burgess for correcting this situation and stated that it has improved a great deal. Asked if there is a program to clean the streets along the curb line and the City easements (particularly along Carroll, Maple and Philadelphia); Councilman Burgess stated that the street sweeper does this, but due to a shortage of manpower, it is not on a regular basis. He noted certain trouble spots, near some commercial establishments, where Public Works personnel has had to pick litter up by hand. Mr. Vogel mentioned the proposed I-95 route along the Pepco right-of-way, and noted that the projected traffic figures indicate that about 53,600 cars will enter along the East-West Highway interchange. Requested that the City contact the Prince George's County Council and reaffirm the City's opposition to this proposal. Mayor Roth said that a copy of the proposal will be obtained and studied; stated that the City has taken a position opposing this.

9. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue. Thanked Mr. Abbott for his information. Noted that he had been to a Wash. Metro. Area Transit Authority hearing at Coolidge High School and was sorry that no official representatives of the City attended; requested that the Mayor and/or members of the Council appear at meetings, hearings, etc., that will have an impact on the future of the City. The Mayor thanked Mr. Ferrier and asked Mr. Pridgen to see if the City is on the mailing list of Mr. Pfanstiehl for meetings of this kind. Councilman Ricks asked Mr. Ferrier if the Master Plan was discussed at the meeting; Mr. Ferrier replied that it was mentioned, but not in great detail. Councilman Ricks announced that there will be a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board for the TESS area Master Plan on May 15 at 8:00 PM, at the MNCPPC; noted that many civic organizations in the City are represented on the advisory

board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting.

129. Req. for ped. all-direction traffic signal at Phila & Maple.

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Councilman Nishimoto reported that these two items are still under study by the State Roads Commission; stated that he will inform the citizens as soon as any more information is available.

1. First reading of amended ordinance regulating traffic and parking at the Municipal Building.

(see proposed Ordinance attached)

136. First reading of proposed ordinance regulating traffic control on Glenside.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT all traffic on Glenside Drive shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Jackson Avenue; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Public Works Department is hereby requested to erect signs reading "STOP" at the SE and NW corners of Glenside Drive; AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER, that the Public Works Department shall place signs reading "Stop Ahead" 100 feet from the above-mentioned stop signs, to be visible to both North and South-bound traffic on Glenside Drive; 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.

Councilman Nishimoto requested authorization to advertise for bids for a sub-compact Crime Control Team vehicle; bids to be opened May 23, 1973, at 2:00 PM. The funds for this are available through money allocated by the Law Enforcement Assistance Assn. under the CCT grant, effective May 1, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and unanimously carried.

Councilman Nishimoto moved that the resignation of Police Clerk Dawn M. Howard be accepted, effective as of May 11, 1973; the motion was seconded and carried, with regrets expressed. Councilman Nishimoto moved that Police Dispatcher Ann Shepherd be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Miss Howard; the effective date of appointment will be June 1, 1973, at an annual salary of \$6,229. Miss Shepherd's appointment was seconded by Councilman Burgess and unanimously approved. Councilman Nishimoto noted that as a dispatcher, Miss Shepherd's salary is \$5,990, and stated that the salary of the dispatcher should be increased; the dispatcher is the first contact the public has with the Police Department, and in order to get able, qualified persons to fill this job, the pay must be more attractive.

Councilman Nishimoto reported that the Lions Club will honor one policeman and one fireman with an award in June; he asked the Police and Fire Chiefs to set guidelines by which the men will be chosen.

Referring to the budget hearing, Councilman Nishimoto mentioned a comment regarding a cutback on the CCT funds. He stated that the Crime Control Team is funded

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by the Law Enforcement Assistance Assn., and this is a program that cannot be changed; the funds are granted for a specific program. He noted that during the past year, 117 tests were made; there were 960 serious offences committed in the City between July 1, 1971 and April 30, 1973. During a corresponding period of 1972 - 1973 when the CCT was in operation, serious offences dropped by 16%. The rate of serious crime for the period January 1, 1973 to April 30, 1973, has decreased 19% from a corresponding period in 1972. Councilman Nishimoto stated that Police Chief Porter should be commended for developing the CCT program; he congratulated Sgt. Cofske, PFC Gamble and PFC D. Wortman for the fine job they have done. Mayor Roth stated that Chief Porter deserves a great deal of credit for the CCT, and requested that copies of the report on the CCT be given to the Mayor and Council.

In regard to the abandoned automobiles, Councilman Nishimoto reported that during the period of April, 1972 to April, 1973, 246 notices were served to property owners, 175 follow-ups were done, and a total number of 688 vehicles were processed through the Police Department. He noted that he had looked at the Kass Lot, and although the situation has improved there is still some work to be done in that area. Mayor Roth noted that some of the trucks had been removed, but others have parked there.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Ricks reporting.

Councilman Ricks reported that a hearing had been held on a request for waiver on ceiling height violations at 317 and 318 Lincoln Avenue. The recommendation of the H & CE Committee was that the waiver be disapproved; Councilman Ricks moved that the Council deny the request for waiver. The motion was duly seconded. Upon question from Councilman Forshee, Councilman Ricks said that the current minimum ceiling height is 7' 4", and the ceilings in this case had ranged from 6' 4" to 6' 8"; if the property met the height requirement of 7' which was in effect in 1953, there would be no violation but this particular property did not meet the 1953 standards. Code Enforcement officer Olson noted that according to the BOCA Code, 75% of the liveable area must have a ceiling height of 7' 4". The motion to deny waiver was unanimously approved.

154. Req. for waiver of ceiling height violations at 7010 Westmoreland. Councilman Ricks asked Mr. Pridgen if a hearing had been requested regarding this; Mr. Pridgen replied that the letter (Bensinger Bros., minutes of 4/9/73) had requested a hearing but the date had not been set. There being no objection from the Council, Councilman Ricks requested that this item be moved to the working agenda until a hearing date is set.

155. Req. to consider covering of all openings of boarded up houses. Councilman Ricks noted that the BOCA Code did not require that openings in abandoned houses be boarded up; he noted that the authority the City uses to do this is contained in the Fire Code, which requires only that openings up to 12' from the ground be boarded up. Councilman Ricks proposed an amendment to the BOCA Code requiring that all openings on condemned or uninhabitable houses be boarded up. He requested time to get an ordinance worked up and stated that he saw no legal reason why this could not be made a requirement.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Burgess reporting.

Councilman Burgess noted that there are some items on the working agenda, but none on the discussion or action agenda. He stated that the P.W. Department has completed the storm drain project on Poplar Avenue but there is still some work to be done by the WSSC. The Mayor congratulated Councilman Burgess on the completion of this project. Councilman Burgess noted that Montgomery County purchased the old Gude nursery and has offered to give the City some trees; the P.W. Dept. chose 40 trees

about ten feet high that will be planted along Maple Avenue. He noted that by the next meeting, the P.W. Committee hopes to have a report concerning the tree ordinance.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman.

139. Participation in LOSAP. Councilman Sidell stated that there was no report on this item at the present.

Councilman Sidell requested authorization for I.T. Williams to attend arson school at Rutgers University from June 4 to June 8, 1973; he noted that there are funds for this in budget account 11.212N4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess and unanimously approved. Upon question from Councilman Nishimoto, Chief LaScola stated that this is an annual session, and that the complete course covers a period of five years; a different aspect is dealt with at each session (this year the course will cover bombing, etc.).

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Faulkner reporting.

140. Special Exception S-238: addition to hospital (WAH, applicant). Councilman Faulkner moved that the City support this expansion (Councilman Ricks noted that the addition has already been built); the motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks and unanimously approved. Councilman Faulkner noted that there will be a hearing on this at the COB in Rockville on May 17.

141. Special Exception S-243: operation of boarding house at 716 Maplewood (WAH, applicant). Councilman Faulkner moved that the City express no opposition; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. He noted that there will be a hearing on this at the COB in Rockville on May 24.

145. Resubdivision of Lot 10, Block 61, BFG Subdivision (to Lots 36 & 37). Councilman Faulkner noted that in August, 1972, the Council had tentatively approved this; since then, the P & Z Committee has found no objection to this from the residents in the neighborhood - providing the property remains single-family residential. Councilman Faulkner moved that the Council make no objection to this request. He noted that this request is at variance with Section 111-10g of the Montgomery County Zoning Regulations since this subdivision would result in two lots having a frontage of 50' in a block in which the majority of lots have a frontage of 60'; however, the subdivided lots will be in excess of 12,000 square feet each. Upon question from Councilman Nishimoto, Mr. Pridgen stated that if the City offers no objection, but notes the variance, the County Planning Board will probably approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and unanimously approved.

147. Petition for reconsideration of ZAP A-8646, 1021 Univ. Blvd., E. (R-18 to C-0) Councilman Faulkner noted that the District Council has denied this request (see correspondence received) and asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

157. Req. to validate dwelling and erect addition, 610 Elm Avenue (correspondence received). This will require a variance to the zoning law since the existing structure is not the required 6' from the side property line. The Committee has encountered no objection from residents in the neighborhood - providing the proposed addition come no closer to the lot line than the existing structure; Councilman Faulkner moved that the City make no objection to the request for variance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks and unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee reporting.

33. Sale of 8 Columbia Avenue: report on bids. At the last Council meeting the

bid opening was announced and the bids reported. Councilman Forshee stated that the Council wants what is in the best interest of the City as a whole and also what is best for the neighborhood; he reiterated the statement that the Council will not support any request for a change from the present R-60 zoning. Councilman Forshee moved that the following ordinance be adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 2261

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

- SECTION 1. THAT, after having been duly advertised and invitations to bid widely circulated, bids were opened on April 18, 1973, for the sale of City property, known as #8 Columbia Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the sale of Lot #1, Block 19, B.F. Gilberts Subdivision, and appurtenances thereto (#8 Columbia Avenue) be hereby awarded to K.H. McLean, for the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$24,501.00); AND
- SECTION 3. THAT settlement of such sale shall be made in full, less bid deposit, within sixty days of this date, buyer to assume all title and settlement costs; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute necessary documents conveying title to subject property upon settlement as set forth in preceding Sections of this Ordinance; AND
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the City Administrator-Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund all bid deposits now being held in Escrow Account with the exception of the \$2,450.10 bid deposit of the successful bidder as stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Webb. Upon question from Councilman Ricks, Councilman Forshee stated that Mr. McLean intended to live in the building and perhaps have medical offices in the basement. Councilman Nishimoto noted that any stipulations the City placed in the terms of sale would not apply to a second buyer if Mr. McLean resold the property. Councilman Forshee stated that consideration had been given to a bidder who stated his intention to convert the building to a single-family dwelling but this was decided against because of his intention to resell the property. Councilman Nishimoto asked if the buyer was obligated to renovate the property or if he can resell it as is. Councilman Burgess noted that R-60 zoning was specified in the invitation to bid, and stated that at the time Mr. McLean talked with the Council (minutes of April 23, 1973) Councilman Sidell had informed him that the Council would not support any change in zoning; he stated that if Mr. McLean or any subsequent buyer applied for a zoning change, the Council should fight it. The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Forshee, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Nay: none. Mayor Roth asked Mr. Pridgen to make sure that Mr. McLean fully understands the provisions and restraints in the terms of the sale and to request that he begin restoration to a single-family unit as soon as possible.

105. Revenue Sharing Funds: authorization to advertise the planned use of funds received. It was reported at the Public Hearing on the Budget, May 1st, that Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1972 Calendar Year have been received as follows:

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| December 1972 | \$ 75,019.00 | |
| January 1973 | 71,988.00 | |
| | <u>\$147,007.00</u> | |
| Interest earned to 3/31/73 | 2,202.10 | <u>\$149,209.10</u> |

It was also reported that it is proposed these funds be appropriated as follows:

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| Municipal Bldg. Bond Due 12/1/1985 | \$ 70,000.00 | |
| Housing Rehabilitation Fund (low interest loans, temporary person to set up program) | 50,000.00 | |
| Street, curb, sidewalk renovation | <u>29,209.10</u> | <u>\$149,209.10</u> |

It was further reported that a total of \$110,592.00 is anticipated for the calendar year 1973; however, only half of that amount appears to be certain at this time. This is \$27,647.00 received in April, 1973, and \$27,649.00 anticipated in July, 1973. It is now necessary to advertise plans for use of this \$55,296.00 in order to receive the amount scheduled for July payment. The May 1st proposal has been reconsidered, and Councilman Forshee moved that the Council authorize the City Administrator to advertise the planned use of Revenue Sharing Funds for the entitlement period ending June 30, 1973 as follows:

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| Traffic light at Firehouse | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Police impounding lot | 20,000.00 |
| Public Works facilities improvements | <u>30,296.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$55,296.00 |

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell. Upon question from Councilman Nishimoto, Councilman Forshee noted that even after advertising, the City still has some leeway as to the use of the funds; changes can be made after advertising is done. Mayor Roth noted that a report has to be submitted to the Treasury Department as to the actual use of the funds; changes in appropriations for funds previously received can probably be advertised at the same time as the proposed uses for money anticipated. The motion to advertise was unanimously approved.

Adoption of FY-74 tax rate. Councilman Forshee noted the additional funds that the City is entitled to and the desire of the Council to keep the present tax rate; he stated that he hopes the final budget will be ready for approval soon. Councilman Forshee moved that the following Ordinance be adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2262

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

SECTION 1. THAT a general tax rate of ONE DOLLAR FIFTY-FIVE CENTS (\$1.55) on each ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) assessed valuation be and is hereby levied and approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to collect taxes on the basis of the \$1.55 tax rate on all real and public utilities property lying within the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, and to proceed to advertise for sale such delinquent properties that may be in arrears on the date specified by law. The tax rate of the City is for the purpose of any and all general expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1973.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks. Mayor Roth noted that the tax assessor will be around within the next year or so, and stated that is why it is so important for the City tax rate to remain the same. The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Forshee, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Nay: none.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting.

Councilman Webb noted the following activities of the Recreation Department: the Youth Drama Class is presenting two plays on May 18 at 4 PM, May 19 at 7:30 PM,

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and May 20 at 3PM; the Art Association will have an art show at the Library on May 20 from 1 to 5 PM; the Recreation Council will have a meeting on May 22 at 7 PM. He invited all citizens to attend the Memorial Day Services in Memorial Park on May 28 at 2 PM; at 8 PM on May 28, Dr. John L. Creech will speak to the Takoma Horticultural Club about his recent trip to Siberia. The Pickwick Players will present three plays on June 9 at 1 PM at the Middle School. Councilman Webb reminded the audience that Annual Community University Day is Sunday, June 3, from noon to 6 PM at the University of Maryland.

148. Security Protection - Spring Park. Councilman Webb referred to his report on this in the minutes of April 9 (there is not a need for this at present); he requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

152. Fees, etc. for Municipal Building use. Councilman Webb stated that this item will be retained on the agenda until the Council can agree on the rates and to give the Council a chance to study the rates for other municipal facilities in the area.

146. Rules and regulations for public buildings and parks. There being no objection from the Council, the reading of the proposed rules was dispensed with (the full text of the rules appears in the minutes of March 26, and is reprinted on page 14); the motion for acceptance of the rules and regulations was seconded by Councilman Ricks. Upon question from the Mayor regarding compensation for a Security Guard, Councilman Webb noted that the rules and regulations pertain to behavior only; the financial aspects will be covered separately. The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Forshee, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Nay: none.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting.

Councilman Webb noted the retirement of Mrs. Fraser, the children's librarian, effective August 1, 1973 (her actual date of departure will be closer to July 1, because of accumulated leave); and recommended the appointment of Mrs. Ann Blake as her replacement. Mrs. Blake will be a full time Assistant Librarian at an annual starting salary of \$7,155; her first month's salary will be paid from the balance of the extra-clerical fund. Her starting date will be June 1, 1973. The motion to appoint Mrs. Blake as Assistant Librarian was duly seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

Mayor Roth noted that the 4th of July Committee will be sponsoring a fund-raising drive during the month of June; the Committee will be assisted by members of the VFW, VFD, DeMolay, students from CUC and Takoma Academy, and other local organizations. He mentioned that tickets to the Redskins pre-season games will be raffled off (proceeds will go to the 4th of July Committee).

Mayor Roth stated that because May 28 is a national holiday, no Council meeting will be held on that date.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM, to reconvene at 8:00 PM, on Monday, June 11, 1973.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS the new Municipal Building is now occupied, it becomes necessary to regulate motor vehicle traffic and parking.

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the driveways and parking facilities at the Municipal Center consisting of the Municipal Building located at 7500 Maple Avenue and the City Library located at 101 Philadelphia Avenue in Takoma Park, Maryland, shall be governed by the following regulations:

- a. Vehicular traffic is hereby prohibited from one public street to another through the Library-Municipal Building parking lot area.
- b. The parking spaces on the Grant Avenue side of the Municipal Building are hereby reserved for Police Department employee parking only.
- c. The parking spaces directly adjacent to the Municipal Building on the Grant Avenue side are hereby reserved for loading and unloading purposes only.
- d. The parking spaces directly to the rear of the Municipal Building nearest the entrance to the Police Department are hereby reserved for public parking for a period not in excess of one hour between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM, with the exception of 3 spaces which will be restricted to one hour parking 24 hours a day.
- e. The parking spaces at the extreme rear of the Municipal Building ly between the motorcycle garage and Grant Avenue are hereby reserved police cruiser parking only.
- f. The first five parking spaces on the west side of the motorcycle garage at the extreme rear of the Municipal Building are hereby reserved for City Officials as designated by signs.
- g. The parking spaces on the west side and parallel to the Municipal Building (old Park Avenue) are hereby reserved for public parking for a period of not in excess of one hour between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.
- h. The parking spaces at the extreme front of the Municipal Building parallel to and headed toward Maple Avenue are hereby reserved for public parking for a period of not in excess of one hour between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.
- i. The area directly in front of the Municipal Building main entrance is hereby restricted from parking except for the purpose of immediate loading and unloading parallel to curb only.
- j. The parking spaces lined shall be limited to one vehicle only and vehicles shall not straddle lines.
- k. No vehicle, other than City-owned vehicles or those of City employees on continuous duty, shall be permitted to remain parked on the Municipal Building-Library complex for a period in excess of 24 hours.

- 1. The driveway lying between the Municipal Building and the Library (old Park Avenue) is hereby designated for one-way traffic north. South-bound traffic in the aforesaid driveway area is hereby prohibited.
- m. The driveway from Grant Avenue and lying directly in front of the Municipal Building is hereby designated for one-way travelling west. East-bound traffic in the aforesaid driveway is hereby prohibited.
- n. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited at all times on the driveway area (old Park Avenue) directly parallel to the Library building.
- o. Vehicles, including bicycles, skates or any wheeled object, whether self-propelled or by engine, shall be controlled at a speed not to exceed ten miles per hour.
- p. Vehicles shall not be parked on the otherwise unrestricted areas of the public parking portion of the complex for periods in excess of two hours between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM or except those vehicles driven by City employees or persons transacting business in one of the City buildings. The parking of vehicles for commuting purposes is prohibited.

SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to erect signs at appropriate locations in accordance with the regulations as denoted in Section 2 of this Ordinance; AND

SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed in Section 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972.

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT all prior Ordinances governing traffic and parking in the area of the Public Library are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE 2263

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

SECTION 1. THAT Article 3, Section 8-23 titled "Use of public space and buildings" of the City of Takoma Park Code, 1972, as adopted November 27, 1972, Ordinance No. 2237, be hereby repealed in its entirety, AND

SECTION 2. THAT a new Section 8-23 be hereby ordained and adopted to read as follows:

- a. All persons using any public park or space shall abide by the following rules and regulations:
1. To accept no admission fees, or to sell or offer for sale, any merchandise, article or thing, whatsoever, without the specific consent of the Mayor and City Council.
 2. Not to practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession, without the written permission of the Mayor and City Council.
 3. To permit no beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages on public property.
 4. To preserve public parks and recreation facilities.
 5. Not to distribute any handbills or circulars, or to post, place, or erect any bills, notices, paper or advertising device or matter of any kind.
 6. Not to throw or leave paper or other rubbish anywhere except in the receptacles provided for the purpose.
 7. Not to indulge in riotous, boisterous, threatening or indecent conduct, or abusive, threatening, profane, obscene or indecent language.
 8. Not to make or kindle fires except in places provided therefore, and to extinguish all fires, matches, cigarettes, cigars or other burning matter.
 9. To leave parks clean and orderly when leaving.
 10. No one is to remain on a City owned recreational park after 9:00 PM, unless especially authorized to do so by the Chief of Police or the Director of Recreation.
 11. No hard ball playing except Hodges Field where only children 12 years of age and under and none others may play hard ball.
 12. The Director of Public Works shall be authorized to erect appropriate signs calling attention to the closing time of the parks.
- b. All persons using any public building shall abide by the following rules and regulations:
1. To accept no admission fees, or to sell or offer for sale any merchandise, article or thing, whatsoever, without the specific consent of the Mayor and City Council.

- 2. Not to practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession, without the written permission of the Mayor and City Council.
- 3. To permit no beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages on public property or buildings.
- 4. To preserve public buildings and recreation facilities.
- 5. Not to distribute any handbills or circulars, or to post, place, or erect any bills, notices, paper or advertising device or matter of any kind.
- 6. Not to throw or leave paper or other rubbish anywhere except in the receptacles provided for the purpose.
- 7. Not to indulge in riotous, boisterous, threatening or indecent conduct, or abusive, threatening, profane, obscene or indecent language
- 8. To leave buildings clean and orderly, to turn off lights, lock buildings, and turn thermostat according to instructions above it.
- 9. That public buildings are to be cleaned and evacuated by 12:00 midnight.
- 10. No smoking, food or drink will be permitted in Council Auditorium. No smoking in Municipal Gymnasium. No drinks in gymnasium except on balcony.
- 11. Users are responsible for restoring premises to original conditions, i.e., setting up and replacing tables and chairs. Tables being used for social events, demonstrations, classes, etc., must be covered with paper, plastic or cloth. Remove all personal effects at the time the event is concluded.
- 12. All decorations must be put up with masking tape (no other). No confetti or rice may be used in the building. Nails, screws, tacks or other hanging devices must not be used.
- 13. Regularly scheduled religious services shall not be permitted.

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.

APPROVED: *John P. Roth*
Mayor

ATTEST: *Haynes M. Priddy*
City Administrator