

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

October 8, 1973

City Officials Present

Mayor Roth

Councilman Burgess

Councilman Faulkner

Councilman Nishimoto

Councilman Ricks

Councilman Sidell

Councilman Webb

Police Chief Porter

Fire Chief LaScola

Recreation Director Ziegler

City Administrator Pridgen

Code Enf. Officer Olson

Corp. Counsel Gingerich

Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Excused: Councilman Forshee

The Mayor and City Council met in Executive Session at 8:00 PM, October 8, 1973 in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 1973, and dispense with the reading was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting.

1. E.C. Woodburn, Zoning Application Office, MNCPPC, Riverdale, Md. Notice of application for special exception to operate a Psychiatric Half-way House at 6819 Red Top Road; suggested that although this property is outside the City limits, the Mayor and Council may wish to express favor or opposition to the application. (Planning & Zoning Comm.)

2. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue. Newspaper article concerning some possible solutions to the problems the City of Alexandria is having with traffic; letter commending the Councilmen who supported the proposed ordinance for Maple Avenue. (Council files.)

3. Gloria A. Borden, Jose R.A. Blanco, 7040 & 7042 Carroll Avenue. Request to remove three parking meters from the area in front of 7040 & 7042 Carroll, and designate the area a loading zone. (Law Enforcement Comm.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF 9/30/73: City Treasurer Pridgen reporting.Suburban Trust Co. - General Funds

Balance, August 31, 1973	\$247,329.75	
September receipts	590,762.85	\$838,092.60
September disbursements		608,540.77
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>229,551.83</u>

Suburban Trust Company - Payroll Account

Balance, August 31, 1973	16,193.08	
Sept. transfers from Gen. Funds	89,908.88	106,101.96
September disbursements		90,271.55
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>15,830.41</u>

Citizens Bank of Md. - General Funds

Balance, August 31, 1973	7,710.92	
September receipts	813.61	
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>8,524.53</u>

Citizens Bank of Md. - Spec. Asst. Fund

Balance, August 31, 1973	5,250.60	
No transactions during Sept.	- 0 -	
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>5,250.60</u>

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Citizens Bank of Md. - Pub. Inv. Fund

Balance, August 31, 1973	\$ 3,966.82	
No transactions during September	- 0 -	
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>\$ 3,966.82</u>

Citizens Bank of Md. - Savings A/C TP63

Balance, August 31, 1973	167.11	
No transactions during Sept.	- 0 -	
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>167.11</u>

American National Bank - General Funds

Balance, August 31, 1973	3,039.99	
September receipts	1,440.74	
Balance, September 30, 1973		<u>4,480.73</u>

Petty Cash

200.00

U.S. Treasury Bills:

<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>
8/3/73	1/31/74	\$191,588.44	\$200,000.00
9/4/73	2/28/74	95, 11.25	100,000.00
9/14/73	3/14/74	95,515.14	100,000.00
9/21/73	3/21/74	95,992.78	100,000.00
9/25/73	6/4/74	94,590.00	100,000.00
9/27/73	3/28/74	96,273.89	100,000.00
10/1/73	3/28/74	96,331.39	100,000.00
10/4/73	4/4/74	192,269.89	200,000.00
		<u>\$958,372.78</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS

Mayor Roth presented a Proclamation to the Children of the American Revolution, naming the week of October 12 - 19, 1973, as Patriotic Education Week in the City of Takoma Park.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Francis Womack in recognition of his service on the C.I.B. for 5 years; Mayor Roth noted that Mr. Womack was also Chairman of the committee to study the feasibility of a Takoma Park Housing Authority

The Mayor congratulated the four winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest; "Sparkey" presented Claire LaVaute and Ken Zervos (first place winners) with bicycles and Tina Schlosser and Diane Edwards (runners up) with cameras.

Mayor Roth commented on a study of the Metro station presented by Mrs. Phipps; she informed the Mayor that the Metro Board is planning to delay construction for 30 days in order to review the recommendations made in this report. Mayor Roth suggested that the Council take an official position to support a review of the number of bus bays, planning for a safe pedestrian and bicycle access, planning for dial-a-bus (with the understanding that it will not be subsidized with City funds), and a reduction in the number of parking spaces; he noted, however, that he is not in favor of fewer than 100 spaces and he opposes any reduction of the kiss & ride service. The Mayor stated that this report, along with the recommendations and comments of the Council, will be forwarded to Metro. Councilman Nishimoto commended the effort that was put into this project but said he was concerned about a citizen group suggesting to an official body what may or may not be the position of the City Council. He stated that he is very happy that this was submitted to the Council for its recommendations because the report should be officially submitted to Metro by the City; he said he hopes that the citizen group will be sure they have the full input of the City Council to reflect the views of all the citizens of Takoma Park.

Mayor Roth reported that the hearing on the proposed amendment to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Mont. Co. portion of Takoma Park will be held on Oct. 25 in the County Council Chambers, COB, Rockville (the meeting time has been changed from 8 to 9 PM.) He stated that the City will take an official position opposing the amendment, and welcomed letters and comments from citizens regarding this. Councilman Nishimoto mentioned the meeting that was held in the Middle School on Oct. 3 concerning this.

The Mayor noted that Mr. Pridgen has been in contact with the representative of Convenience Food Marts; as soon as he has concluded a business commitment in Richmond, the representative will meet with Mr. Pridgen to discuss the possibility of establishing a store in Takoma Park.

Councilman Nishimoto mentioned that he and Councilman Ricks attended a TESS Commission meeting and that a number of Mont. Co. Council members were present; one of the topics discussed was the drug rehabilitation zoning amendment change. Councilman Nishimoto said that Mr. Hussman, Chief Admin. Officer for the County, indicated that County Executive James Gleason would not necessarily advocate granting a contract for RAP to provide services at the Takoma location; this indicates that Mr. Gleason has taken into consideration the views of the residents in that area. Council member Scull spoke of a proposal whereby the County would own all rehabilitation homes housing more than 8 residents. Councilman Ricks noted that Mrs. Scull had mentioned the possibility of using old school sites; when he asked her about SSI, she stated that she did not have SSI in mind.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Henri Sokolove, 509 New York Avenue. Noted that he also attended the TESS meeting. He inquired as to the exact language of the zoning amendment; Mr. McDonnell Council Staff Director, said it is being redrafted and offered to send him a copy when it is completed. Mr. Sokolove stated that the City should request a copy of the amendment, and noted that he has spoken with Mr. Pridgen regarding this. He stated that it is the duty of the City Council to examine the text of the amendment as it is drafted. He said that he was disappointed with the "feeble" statement made by Councilman Faulkner at the public hearing; he requested the City Council to write a forceful letter to the County Council indicating opposition to any proposal to locate RAP or any similar institution within the City. Councilman Faulkner noted that RAP was not the main issue at that hearing; the issue had been the number of residents that would be allowed to occupy any such dwelling, and the definition of a Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Home and the conditions under which it may operate. There was further discussion between Mr. Sokolove and Councilman Faulkner. Councilman Nishimoto noted that if the proposal is passed, it will be up to the County Executive to determine the locations of the facilities and Mr. Gleason is well aware of the City's opposition. Councilman Faulkner noted that large facilities (50-100) will be run by the County and will be located throughout the County; there will be a section in the bill that will prohibit more than one facility in any one community. He stated that at present, up to 25 persons can occupy a home; the Council is considering lowering the limit to 15. If this passes, RAP will be unable to use the facilities in Takoma Park. Councilman Faulkner said that Mrs. Scull mentioned that perhaps some of the under-utilized elementary schools could be used to house large facilities; she did not specify any particular schools. Councilman Ricks noted that Mrs. Scull stated she did not have SSI in mind. Mayor Roth noted that a letter has been written to the County Council about this.

2. Joe Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue. Mentioned the recommendation made by Councilman Faulkner (at the meeting of 9/24) that the Mayor and Council take an official position to oppose the liquor amendment; he noted that a vote was not recorded in the minutes, and requested that a vote be officially recorded. Mayor Roth noted that this has been discussed and a letter has been written. (A roll call vote is recorded at the conclusion of the public participation.) Mr. Cangialosi

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cited the condition of the parking lot at Turner Electric, and stated that the lot is an eyesore. He inquired as to the status of the animal control proposal; Councilman Ricks stated that a program has been worked up by the animal control committee but no formal action has been taken yet. Councilman Ricks requested the Code Enforcement officers and the Fire Marshal to investigate the conditions at Turner Electric.

3. Auriel LeMay, 704 Philadelphia Ave. Noted the work the Gas Co. has been doing in the City; he stated that F.O. Day Co. is supposed to repair the sidewalks that were torn up, and requested that this be completed as soon as possible. He commented on a broken utility pole that he has been trying to get removed and requested that any utility co. wishing to make repairs, etc., within the City be issued a permit providing a time limit within which repairs must be completed and stating that all repairs must meet certain standards. The Mayor requested that the Public Works Dept. check into this.

4. Roderic Davis, 703 New York Avenue. Presented the Council with a motion that was passed at the 10/4 meeting of the Save T.P. Committee requesting that the City Council pay the legal costs incurred by the SSI Committee's suit. Commented on the 10/1 meeting of the TPCA and noted that the Juniper St. Bridge had been discussed; asked if a vehicle bridge is really necessary and noted that some of those present at the meeting favored a pedestrian only bridge at that location. He discussed the possibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Philadelphia and Takoma Avenues; stated that it is being used as a commuter short cut. Councilman Nishimoto stated that Chief Porter will make the necessary request to the SHA for a light; he mentioned that a traffic light was requested at the Long Branch Rec. Center but was turned down by the SHA and the Mont. Co. Hwy. Dept. because the volume of traffic was not sufficient to warrant a light. He noted that there is a good possibility that the request for a light at Phila. and Takoma will be denied for the same reason. Mayor Roth mentioned some associates of his who live in Four Corners and commute through the City; they had asked about a light at Takoma & Phila. - he told them he would listen to their request when they moved into Takoma Park. The Mayor said that a light at that intersection will make it easier for commuters and would possibly increase commuter traffic. He noted that in 1971, the Park & Planning Comm. had revised their plans for the Juniper St. Bridge and that the changes proposed then are taking place now; at that time, the need for a vehicle bridge was discussed, and it was decided that it was necessary.

5. Frances Phipps, 7210 Holly Ave. Noted that there is a problem at a vacant lot on Holly Ave.; the land is eroding and debris and parked cars are filling the lot. She requested the C.E. officers to check into this and ask the owners to seed the lot and erect a barrier so that no more cars can be dumped there. Mrs. Phipps said she is encouraged by the City leadership in the Metro parking situation; she mentioned that there had been a public hearing in March of 1971 and noted that there was a great deal of public opposition to the large parking lots proposed for Brookland, Ft. Totten, and Takoma, The main points in the paper presented by Mrs. Phipps are: (1) parked car riders at the Takoma site represent only 5.7% of the total projected riders; (2) 88.8% of the total projected riders will arrive on foot or by bus; (3) only four bus bays are planned to handle the largest bus volume on the Glenmont Line; (4) there has been insufficient planning for the largest projected pedestrian volume on the line; (5) 66% of the transit site has been planned as a parking lot for only 5.7% of the total ridership; (6) no Air Quality or water run-off study has been done for the Takoma station; (7) all commuter traffic to the lot must use a two-way access road (Eastern Ave.). Mrs. Phipps noted that the facts presented above were taken from WMATA publications and were provided by various WMATA personnel. Mrs. Phipps stated that she has met with the new head of the WMATA Board and he has pledged his support; Dr. Robinson, District representative to the WMATA Board has endorsed the recommendations; Idamae Garrott has expressed 100% approval of the alternatives; James Gleason has stated that his staff will review the parking situation; Mr. Barnette has said that he will study the paper, do staff work and refer

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it back to the County Council. She stated that Takoma has suffered particularly because no one person has been in charge of the planning and design for the station and it has been difficult to get any consistent and intelligent response to questions. She noted that many bad judgements were made in 1971; there was a great deal of financial pressure because funds were tied up in Congress. Mrs. Phipps said that now is the time to raise these questions because many things have changed since 1971; people are more ecology conscious and there is a growing commitment in this area for a good mass transit system. She stated that if the citizens and the City insist on improved bus transportation, we will get it; if it is known that there is a large parking area, it will be used for a variety of purposes and will increase traffic problems. Councilman Nishimoto again thanked Mrs. Phipps for her efforts and stated that the City and the citizens should cooperate in this.

6. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Ave. Presented copies of the traffic survey taken by citizens to the Mayor and Council. The survey, taken on Sept. 25 between the hours of 4 and 6 PM showed the following total number of cars traveling down certain City streets: Carroll Ave. (at Takoma Towers) - 1,843 cars; Willow Ave. (at 7326) - 68 cars; Maple Ave. (middle) - 1,469 cars; (corner of) Cedar & Birch - 140 cars; Piney Branch (at Eastern) - 3,760 cars. He made the following additional remarks about the survey: (1) during the survey, a large number of over one ton trucks used Maple Ave.; (2) no speeding was observed on Carroll - there was a great deal of speeding on Maple; (3) surveys taken on other days back up these figures; (4) the traffic problem will not be solved by making Maple one-way. He mentioned that Mr. Dick spoke to Chief LaScola about the problem of free passage of emergency vehicles, and the Chief said that research had been done and Maple is wide enough to accommodate fire engines; Mr. Marsh said that this had been a concern of Councilmen Sidell and Webb. In response to a question from Councilman Nishimoto, Chief Porter said that "no thru trucks" signs cannot be placed at the beginning of the block without the District's permission because that portion of Maple is in D.C. Mayor Roth stated that a letter, over the Mayor's signature, should be written to the D.C. Gov't; he stated that he would like to see "no thru trucks" signs on Holly, Cedar, and Ritchie. Councilman Sidell stated that the free passage of emergency vehicles was brought up at the request of the Fire Chief; he stated that his objection to parking on both sides is based on his belief that a survey of the entire area for the effect the ordinance will have is a necessity.

7. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Ave. Thanked Mayor Roth for the sensitive letter he wrote regarding RAP; thanked the City Offices for keeping her informed of the status of the billboard situation.

8. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Ave. He commended the Mayor for his comments regarding the request for a traffic light at Phila. and Takoma. In answer to Mr. Vogel's question about the litter on 410, Councilman Ricks said that the C.E. officers have been asked to look at that entire area; he noted that there were some zoning violations that were turned over to the P.G. Co. zoning authorities and have been corrected. Councilman Ricks said that the Mayor had expressed concern about some of the dwellings on that street and these, also, will be inspected. He read an article from the Sentinel regarding a proposal to make Poolesville an Historic District. Mayor Roth noted that the TP Historic District will be discussed during the next meeting of the Historical Society on Nov. 19. A discussion ensued between Mr. Vogel and Mayor Roth regarding the Historic District in Takoma Park. Mr. Vogel mentioned the recycling center that had been in operation in the City and asked if anything was being done to open a new center; he commented on the value of having a center in Takoma. Councilman Burgess referred to a discussion between Mr. Vogel and himself at a previous Council meeting, and stated that he was under the impression that newspapers are separated routinely; however, this is not so. He stated that the price paid for paper has gone down, and the P.W. Dept. reported difficulty in getting enough papers to make a full truckload; he mentioned the personnel problem at the

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Public Works Dept. Mr. Vogel suggested that perhaps public participation would increase if more publicity is given to recycling efforts. Councilman Burgess welcomed citizens' comments and suggestions regarding this. Mr. Vogel noted that the trees that were planted along Maple Avenue are doing very well and thanked the P.W. Dept. for their efforts to make the street more attractive.

9. Etta Mae Davis, 703 New York Ave. Requested that the Mayor set a date for the proposed meeting between concerned citizens and the Mayor and Council (minutes of 9/10/73). She discussed the difference between "preservation" and "historic districts" and elaborated on other aspects of the project to propose historic districts in the City. Noted numerous instances of cars parking in the front yards of homes throughout the City. Mentioned that a number of trees that were planted along Takoma Ave. have died; stated that when the City plants trees or shrubs to improve an area, perhaps the citizens who live near them would be willing to help keep them watered and cared for. Councilman Nishimoto requested Mrs. Davis to notify the P.D. of cars parked on lawns.

10. Allan Marsh. Noted that some of the multi-family dwellings on Phila. Ave. constantly have cars parked on the front lawns; Councilman Nishimoto stated that he will ask Chief Porter to look into this.

11. Mrs. Moore, 7314 Willow Ave. Noted that a neighbor of hers has 7 dogs - most of them running at large - and that she has a problem getting anyone to come and pick them up. Councilman Ricks stated that the City Administrator's office is the correct place to call (270-1700) to report animal complaints; the C.A. office has direct contact with the animal warden. Councilman Ricks noted that his son was bitten by a dog recently; he suggested that imposing heavier penalties on the owners might help with this problem. Mr. Pridgen noted that a written complaint is necessary before a warrant can be issued against an owner, and that most people are unwilling to make a formal complaint.

12. Robert Moore, 7314 Willow Ave. In answer to a question from Mr. Moore, Councilman Ricks stated that the committee on animal control has met with the Corp. Counsel and the Fire Dept., studied various model ordinances, investigated the legal aspects of animal control and has worked up a model program. Mr. Moore noted that the animal warden is only part-time and suggested that Mr. Jarboe should have more help and better equipment. He stated that he is very much in favor of the proposed ordinance on Maple Ave. He noted that he had attended the meeting at the PBMS concerning the liquor law in TP; he did not speak officially for the Takoma Park Elem. School PTA because the PTA does not want to take an official stand on the matter at this time. He stated that he hopes the City will be influential in determining the outcome of this amendment and noted that the majority of the citizens who attended the meeting were against the ordinance. Mr. Moore requested that more rigorous controls be put into effect to control the dogs in the City. Councilman Ricks mentioned that the County Animal Shelter is available to the City as a "back-up service."

13. Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Ave. Stated that she is opposed to parking on both sides of Maple; suggested that a survey be made to determine the effect of an ordinance of this type on adjoining streets. She noted that she is amazed at the amount of traffic on Maple; she said that the people on Maple need relief but parking on both sides is not the proper measure to take. In answer to a question from Councilman Nishimoto, Mrs. Simpson said that she does not believe that such a large volume of traffic can be effectively rerouted without a proper study. Councilman Nishimoto noted that this ordinance will not close the street to regular traffic, and the Police Chief will have adjoining streets patrolled to ensure that they are not overwhelmed by additional traffic. There was further discussion between Mrs. Simpson and Councilman Nishimoto on the proposed ordinance.

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Mrs. Simpson stated that the possible effects of the ordinance should be considered before action is taken; she noted that parking on both sides of the street will, in effect, close off the street. Councilman Nishimoto mentioned the possibility of Metro busses using Maple and causing a problem; Mrs. Simpson said that bus traffic is not the issue under discussion.

14. Nancy Shallhorn, 7401 Maple Ave. Stated that she is very much in favor of a trial period for the ordinance. Noted that the rush hour traffic is not the major problem; the speeding occurs mainly during afternoons and at night. Mrs. Shallhorn said that parking on both sides of the street will slow traffic down, and noted that she does not think commuters will seek alternate routes.

15. Frances Phipps. Stated that the main concern of residents on Maple is to keep the street as it is now - residential. She noted that the TESS Master Plan Transportation Comm. will be studying this area specifically, and as a member of TESS, the City should request that a professional study be done by the Park & Planning Comm. Councilman Ricks noted that there will be a traffic sector presentation by the staff of P & P on Oct. 15 at 8:00.

16. Allan Marsh. Noted that there had been no surveys when Maple was widened or when the lower end of Maple was developed.

17. Joe Ferrier, 7413 Maple Ave. He stated that whatever the problems were in the past concerning the origin, etc., of the proposed Historic Districts, the Mayor and Council are now aware of this; he requested that action be taken as soon as possible. Stated that he has talked with the director of construction at the Takoma Metro site and discussed plans for the Juniper St. Bridge; he stated that he is in favor of a pedestrian only bridge at Juniper St. Mr. Ferrier mentioned the meeting held to discuss the proposed amendment to the liquor law; he stated that he was pleased that the County delegation came to the affected area, and that a public hearing was held. He stated that a professional traffic survey has been done by Mr. Marsh and others; information was gathered, compiled, and presented in a finished product to the Mayor and Council - this is professionalism. He mentioned the petition with 119 signatures that led to the proposal of the ordinance.

In response to a statement made by Mr. Cangialosi, the Mayor called for a Council vote confirming the Council's official opposition to the proposed liquor amendment. The motion by Mayor Roth was duly seconded and adopted by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Nay: none. Excused: Councilman Forshee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Burgess reporting.

Councilman Burgess reported that detailed plans for the Juniper St. Bridge area had been placed on display in the Library for two weeks. The public was notified that the plans were there and the Council requested comments and suggestions; there was no citizen response. Mr. LeMay noted that he had objected to the plans.

Councilman Burgess stated that he does not understand all the fuss about the Historic District, and requested that a decision be made as soon as possible; he noted the amount of time that is spent at each Council meeting to discuss this. Mayor Roth stated that this will be discussed during the next Historical Society meeting on Nov. 19.

168. Drainage problem, Takoma Towers driveway. He reported that the resident manager of Takoma Towers has assured the Director of Public Works that the problem will be corrected by October 10.

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FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell reporting.

There was no report at this time.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Faulkner reporting.

Councilman Faulkner stated that he will not report on the Drug Rehabilitation Housing or the proposed liquor amendment since they were both discussed earlier. He noted that there is a rehabilitation housing bill pending in P.G. County, and anyone interested in this may see him after the Council meeting.

150. Req. to move bus stop from 7331 Carroll to Manor Cir. & Carroll. Reported that the bus stop was moved to its present location because it created a traffic hazard; he stated that this is the first stop North of the Fire House and the P & Z Comm. feels it is unreasonable to ~~move~~ it farther North and therefore recommends that the request be denied. He requested that this be removed from the agenda and that a letter be written to Mrs. Moore informing her of this decision and the reason for the denial. Councilman Ricks asked if the other complaints made by Mrs. Moore have been taken care of. Councilman Faulkner referred her complaint about trash to the P.W. Comm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting.

Councilman Webb moved that the following ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sidell and adopted by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Nay: none. Excused: Councilman Forshee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2283

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

SECTION 1. THAT in order to correct an error in the adoption of the 1972/73 Appropriations Budget under Ordinance No. 2219, June 12, 1972, the sum of TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$2,150.00) be transferred from the 1972/73 Reserve Fund to the following accounts:

A/C 19.103B	Library Furniture	\$ 250.00
A/C 21.902E	Excess Umbrella Policy (Insurance)	<u>1,900.00</u>
		\$2,150.00 AND

SECTION 2. FURTHER THAT this Ordinance is being adopted upon the recommendation of Hoye, Graves, Bailey & Company, C.P.A.'s, City Auditors.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb reporting.

Councilman Webb gave the following report on Recreation Dept. activities. The Ind. Day Comm will meet on Oct. 9 at 8 PM in the Municipal Bldg.; there will be a special program in the gym on Oct. 18 & 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM for elementary school children; there will be a movie at the gym Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 PM; the Boys Club Banquet set for Oct. 20 has been rescheduled to Nov. 10; the Sister City Day Celebration will be Sunday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Bldg. (the public is invited); the annual Halloween Party will be Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Fire House gym; there will be a Frankenstein movie at the Jr. High on Monday, Oct. 29 at 7 PM (free.)

Councilman Webb moved that Michele Phillips, Recreation Assistant, be appointed to the position of Departmental Assistant (this position was provided for by Ord. 2281, adopted by the Mayor and Council 9/10/73) at a starting salary of \$7,513 per year, retroactive to August 20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks and unanimously approved.

152. Req. for review of Mun. Bldg. fee schedule. Councilman Webb reported that this must be studied further, and will be brought up during a future meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto reporting

Councilman Nishimoto moved that the following proposed ordinance (first reading, 9/24/73) concerning certain parking meters in the vicinity of the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burgess and adopted by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Nay: none. Excused: Councilman Forshee. Councilman Nishimoto requested the City Administrator to send a copy of this Ord. to the Takoma Park SDA Church.

ORDINANCE NO. 2284

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

SECTION 1. THAT Secs. 13-31, 13-32 and 13-35, Article 4, "Parking Meters" Chapter 13, of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, be amended as follows:

Sec. 13-31. Parking meter zones: one hour limit.

One (1) hour limit meters, one (1) nickel (\$.05) per half (1/2) hour, two (2) nickels (\$.10) or one (1) dime (\$.10) for one (1) hour, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM except Sundays and holidays at the following locations [:] except that locations

(3) Carroll Ave., West curb, Laurel Ave. to driveway entrance 3 meters and

(4) Carroll Ave., West curb, Willow Ave. to D.C. line 3 meters shall be exempted from enforcement on Saturdays in addition to Sundays and holidays.

Sec. 13-32. Parking meter zones: two hour limit.

Two (2) hour limit meters, one (1) nickel (\$.05) for one (1) hour, two (2) nickels (\$.10) or one (1) dime (\$.10) for two (2) hours, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, except Sundays and holidays at the following locations [:] except that location

- (1) Carroll Av., East curb, Laurel Av. to Eastern Av. 8 meters and
- (2) Laurel Av., West curb, Carroll Av. to Eastern Av. 3 meters and
- (3) Willow Av., East curb, Carroll Av. to driveway entrance 4 meters shall be exempted from enforcement on Saturdays in addition to Sundays and holidays.

Sec. 13-35. Parking meters: hours of operation; limitation,

(a) The parking meters shall plainly indicate by appropriate language thereon the hours of the day during which the parking meters shall be operative to vehicles using the parking meter zones. The parking meters shall be operative during the hours [~~so indicated on every day of the year except Sundays and holidays~~] and days indicated in Secs. 13-30, 13-31 and 13-32. AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be hereby authorized to change plates and/or markings on parking meters in accordance with Section 1; AND

SECTION 3. THAT this Ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the work authorized in Section 2.

163. Petitions on traffic control: (a) Maple Ave. Councilman Nishimoto stated that if this ordinance is passed, it is understood that it will be reviewed by the City Council 6 weeks from the date it becomes effective to determine if any further action is necessary. At that time, citizens of the affected areas (such as Cedar, Birch & Maple) may express their views. He noted that he would like to have the help of the citizens in making a traffic check to determine what changes in traffic

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flow resulted from the ordinance. The motion by Councilman Nishimoto to adopt the proposed ordinance was seconded by Councilman Burgess. Councilman Webb noted that he has no personal reasons for adding or eliminating parking on Maple; he stated that his primary concern is what will happen to all the commuters who now use Maple. Councilman Webb asked Chief LaScola to explain the Fire Department's position concerning the effects of the ordinance on the free passage of emergency vehicles. Chief LaScola noted that in areas where there are only single-family dwellings, there is no problem; multi-family dwellings require more equipment and some parts of Maple are so narrow that it may be difficult to park the larger trucks so that both doors will open freely. He elaborated on the various pieces of equipment that are used, and mentioned other possible difficulties that may result from cars parking on both sides of the street. He stated that this problem prevails in other parts of the City, and the trucks have to jump the curbs in order to get to the houses. Councilman Ricks stated his concern with the inconvenience this may cause other citizens of Takoma Park - there is no way of telling how many of the people who use Maple Ave. are City residents. He noted that there are approximately 1,000 dwelling units on Maple between Phila. and Sligo Pkwy., and many of the people using the upper portion of Maple may live on that street; since some of these commuters are also taxpayers, their welfare should be taken into consideration. He stated that strict enforcement of the speed limits is the most effective means to slow traffic down on any street. Noted that using cars as barriers is not an effective means to eliminate or slow traffic; stated that there must be some other alternative that will effectively control traffic and still afford citizens of TP free passage into and out of their City. Councilman Sidell noted that the City has a Crime Control Team and asked why there couldn't be a Traffic Control Team; suggested more effective use of radar throughout the City. He stated that rather than erecting barriers, it must be made known that Takoma Park is a City that strictly enforces its traffic regulations - this, more than anything else, will deter speeders. Councilman Burgess stated that it is not practical or effective to use radar in one small portion of the City. In reply to a comment by Councilman Ricks, he stated that the origin and destination of the cars is unimportant; the primary concern is not just the volume of traffic, but the speeding. He stated that "better enforcement" and "more enforcement" are catch words and suggested that the ordinance be tried for 60 days. He noted that he understands the reservations that have been stated, but the alternatives that have been offered are not valid or practical. He asked those Council members with reservations to please reconsider and adopt the ordinance for a trial period. Councilman Nishimoto also requested that the ordinance be given a trial; he noted that his purpose in proposing this ordinance is not to cut the street off to regular traffic, but simply to slow it down. Councilman Ricks noted that it was stated earlier that speeding is not a problem during rush hours. Councilman Burgess stated that he does not object to a traffic study by a consultant. There was further discussion among the members of the Council as to the merit of the proposed ordinance. Councilman Faulkner asked what means will be used to determine the effectiveness of the ordinance if it is passed. Councilman Nishimoto stated that he would like to utilize the citizens who made the traffic surveys; Councilman Ricks suggested that perhaps the survey should be taken by the City. Mayor Roth agreed that the survey should be made by the City. Councilman Sidell stated that he is being responsive to the citizens of the City by objecting to the ordinance. Councilman Webb noted that a major hazard of driving along any city street is children darting out from between two parked cars; this should be seriously considered before an ordinance is passed that will allow a greater number of vehicles to be parked along the curbs. A roll call vote was taken as follows. Aye: Councilmen Burgess, Faulkner, Nishimoto. Nay: Councilmen Ricks, Sidell, Webb. Excused: Councilman Forshee. Mayor Roth made the following comments. He stated that the proposed ordinance has been strongly recommended by Councilman Nishimoto but he has some strong reservations: he noted that he does not think this will slow traffic down to any considerable degree or

that it will make the street safer for children; he also stated his concern about the effect this will have on Cedar and Ritchie Aves. Having expressed his reservations regarding the ordinance, and bearing in mind the strong recommendation of Councilman Nishimoto, Mayor Roth said that he is in favor of trying this experiment and voted "Aye." The ordinance was passed, with Mayor Roth casting the deciding vote. Councilman Nishimoto stated that some consideration should be given to the means by which the effects of the ordinance will be determined. He requested that Chief Porter and Mr. Pridgen select a team to do the survey. Mayor Roth suggested that some of the Public Works employees be utilized, and requested that a traffic check be made on Ritchie Avenue before the ordinance goes into effect. Councilman Ricks requested that a study be done on Lincoln, Ritchie, Sherman and Lee - these streets may get traffic that normally comes down Maple.

ORDINANCE NO. 2285

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

SECTION 1. THAT all parking restrictions on the West side of Maple Avenue between Valley View Avenue and Tulip Avenue be hereby repealed; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is authorized to remove all signs contrary to the provisions of Section 1; AND

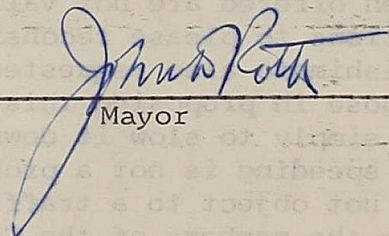
SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT Section 1 of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon completion of the work as directed in Section 2.

HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Ricks reporting.

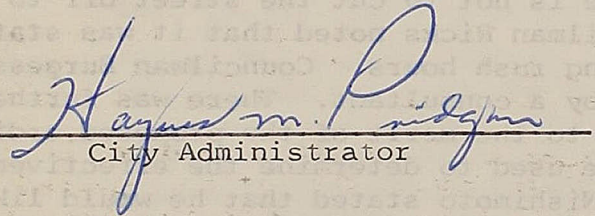
154. Code violations at 7010 Westmoreland Avenue. Councilman Ricks moved that the denial of the request for a waiver of code violations at 7010 Westmoreland Avenue be reaffirmed by the Council. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 to reconvene at 8:00 PM on November 12, 1973. (There will be no Council meeting on October 22.)

APPROVED



 Mayor



 City Administrator

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