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February 11, 1974.

City Officials present:

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| Mayor Roth | City Administrator Pridgen |
| Councilman Burgess | Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf |
| Councilman Faulkner | Police Chief Porter |
| Councilman Nishimoto | Director, Recreation Dept. Ziegler |
| Councilman Webb | Director, Public Works Barile |
| | Deputy Fire Chief Fickes |
| | Deputy City Clerk Pusti |

Councilmen Forshee, Ricks and Sidell were excused.

The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session at 8:00 PM, February 11, 1974, in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 28, 1974, and dispense with the reading. Councilman Faulkner said that Councilman Ricks had asked him to have the following corrections made in the minutes: Page 11, lines 7-9, insert after "no conflict of interest": because of his membership in the SDA Church, and page 11, lines 9-10: Delete the following sentence: "Councilman Ricks stated that he would not push the matter" (since he does intend to push for a better solution than the present arrangement). Mayor Roth asked the Secretary to check her notes, and he and the Council agreed that what had actually been said at the meeting should stand. (Secretary's note: The tape as well as the notes support the wording of the minutes). The Mayor made the following observations concerning the minutes: He apologized to Mr. LeMay for his first name having been misspelled (Auriel - should be Aurel) and pointed out a misunderstanding where the minutes state that "a note had been handed to the Mayor". Mayor Roth does not accept notes and had in fact NOT received one. (Secretary's note: The note mentioned had been handed to Councilman Nishimoto). With the above mentioned instructions and corrections the minutes were then unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting.

1. Vernon K. Garrett, Jr., Director, Office of Engineering, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 950 South L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. Letter regarding necessary action for closing Fenton and Juniper Street at Juniper Street bridge. (Public Works)
In this connection Mr. Pridgen called attention to the public hearing, which is scheduled for February 25, at 8:00 PM, at the Montgomery College Cafeteria.
2. J. H. Griffin, Manager, Passenger Operations, B&O Railroad Company, Baltimore, Maryland. Letter concerning the closing of the B&O Takoma Park Stop. (Planning & Zoning).
3. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Letter voicing concern about accusation made at the January 28 Council meeting, charging irregularities at the 1972 election. (Copies of the letter to: Chief Election Judge George E. Friedrich, the City Administrator, and each of the Councilmen).
4. Anthony Pittore, 8316 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Request to make Wabash Avenue a one-way street. (Law Enforcement).

5. Harold Sorensen, 317 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Complaint about enforcement of minimum ceiling height. (Housing & Code Enforcement).

6. Fire Chief LaScola, Takoma Park, Maryland. 1973 Fire Prevention Contest Results. The Mayor asked that the Fire Department be congratulated.

City Administrator Pridgen announced that John C. Eisele of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Montgomery County had written a request for use of space at the Fire House for the Primary Election on September 10, 1974, and for the General Election on November 5, 1974. Council concurred in this request.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Pridgen reporting.

BANK BALANCES as of January 31, 1974:

Suburban Trust Co. - General Funds

Balance, December 31, 1973	\$ 1,053.17	
* January receipts	<u>376,191.21</u>	\$377,244.38
Disbursements		<u>163,511.35</u>
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>213,733.03</u></u>

Suburban Trust Co. - Payroll Account

Balance, December 31, 1973	16,358.17	
January receipts	<u>91,074.66</u>	107,432.83
Disbursements		<u>92,323.91</u>
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>15,108.92</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - General Funds

Balance, December 31, 1973	135.43	
No transactions during January	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>135.43</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Spec.Asst.Funds

Balance, December 31, 1973	196.60	
No transactions during January	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>196.60</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Pub.Imp.Fund

Balance, December 31, 1973	534.53	
No transactions during January	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>534.53</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Savings A/C

Balance, December 31, 1973	171.31	
No transactions during January	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>171.31</u></u>

American National Bank - General Funds

Balance, December 31, 1973	80.73	
No transactions during January	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance, January 31, 1974		<u><u>80.73</u></u>

Petty Cash

200.00

* Includes: Sale of Treasury Bill for \$98,246.67 (Cost \$96,331.39)
Redemption of Tr. Bill \$200,000.00 (Cost \$191,588.44)

U.S. TREASURY BILLS

		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>
Purchased:	9/4/73 Maturity Date: 2/28/74	\$ 95,811.25	\$100,000.00
	9/14/73	95,515.14	100,000.00
	9/21/73	95,992.78	100,000.00
	9/25/73	94,590.00	100,000.00
	10/4/73	192,269.89	200,000.00
		<u>574,179.06</u>	<u>600,000.00</u>

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MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS: Upon motion by the Mayor the resolution quoted below was adopted by unanimous consent of the Council:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it was with deep sorrow that the Mayor and City Council learned of the death of John F. Sidell, on February 9, 1974, in his ninety-first year; AND

WHEREAS, John F. Sidell, father of Councilman Ralph F. Sidell, served as a member of the Takoma Park City Council during the period June 1940 to August 1946; AND

WHEREAS, John F. Sidell was a lifelong resident of Maryland, having been a resident of Takoma Park for over 57 years and operating a roofing business for some 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council on behalf of the officials and employees of the City of Takoma Park, as well as the citizens of the community, that we do hereby extend to the members of his family this expression of heartfelt sympathy in the great loss that they, in common with the community, have suffered through his death; AND

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

ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR

Mayor Roth announced that Montgomery County Delegation will have a public hearing on Saturday, February 16, 1974, at 9:30 AM at Rockville Council Chamber, concerning a bill, which would transfer Takoma Tower and other holdings from the Revenue Authority to an unspecified County agency. */ He also announced a hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 1974, at 8:00 PM at the County Council in Rockville, to discuss progress of a TRIP program. He felt that this hearing should be of special interest to Takoma Park citizens, since a circular bus route is being proposed from Silver Spring Bus Terminal over Wayne Avenue, down Carroll to Tulip, up Holly and via 410 back to Silver Spring Bus Terminal; the exact route is one of the subjects to be discussed on February 27.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Nishimoto asked to have agenda item 171 under LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE replaced by item 164. Request for 4-way stop signs at intersection of Boston and Takoma Avenues.

Mayor Roth added that as the first item of business he would propose the appointment of the new Assistant City Administrator.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

1. Mrs. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue, complained about the incline of Juniper Street bridge, which she stated was 40 degrees. She said it was terribly dangerous to cross the bridge and demanded that something be done about it. Mayor Roth suggested that Mrs. Lerner attend the hearing on February 25.

*/ This bill was subsequently withdrawn.

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2. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, expressed appreciation of Councilman Nishimoto's efforts to get a bicycle path along Sligo Creek. His request was to have Sligo Creek Parkway closed to vehicular traffic for a few hours on Sundays to allow for bicycling. Councilman Nishimoto asked Mr. Vogel to obtain a list with names and addresses of people interested in using Sligo Creek Parkway for that purpose. Mayor Roth injected that the Council had to consider all the citizens of Takoma Park and that it would be necessary to talk to people living on the Parkway. Councilman Faulkner inquired whether the proposal was for closing of the street or for restricting vehicular traffic on the Parkway, and there was some discussion among Councilmen Faulkner and Nishimoto, the Mayor and Mr. Vogel. Referring to revenue sharing Mr. Vogel asked why it was that Rockville received \$200,000 and Takoma Park only \$31,000, and again there was some discussion, and it was suggested that Mr. Vogel come to see Mr. Pridgen concerning the exact figures. Councilman Nishimoto indicated that while the City was not satisfied with the distribution, it was reasonably fair. Mr. Vogel said that he appreciated Councilman Burgess' efforts in connection with the newspaper collection but felt that a trial period of 6 weeks was too short to judge the success of the project. He urged a longer trial period; but Councilman Burgess stated that in his opinion it was long enough. He went on to point out that CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION at Council meetings was for the purpose of hearing citizens' suggestions, remarks, or complaints -not for engaging in endless discussions. Mr. Vogel's final question was about the City's position on the Takoma Tower question. Mayor Roth replied that this subject would come up later on at the meeting.

3. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue, told of his frustration when upon calling the City offices for information on various problems - particularly concerning the Juniper Street bridge - he was told that "this was outside the City's jurisdiction and that he would have to call the County". It took 6 calls before he reached the right person at the County office, and he felt that the City should assist citizens and keep a list with names and addresses and telephone numbers of people at the County office, indicating whom to call about what. Mr. Lerner then spoke of the perils of Juniper Street bridge, especially to children having to cross it, and exhibited a pair of muddy shoes as proof of the condition of the bridge as a result of the METRO construction work. Councilman Burgess remarked that he thought Mr. Lerner was right in expecting this type of assistance from the City offices.

4. Allan T. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, referred to the question - raised at the last Council meeting - of whether the C.I.B. should serve, officially or unofficially, as advisor to the Council and told of having been reading old minutes - of May 8, 1972 - where the late Mayor Miller had been in favor of establishing a Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Council. Mayor Miller had died before such a committee could be realized but Mr. Marsh recommended the idea for consideration by the Council. He then proceeded to read from the minutes of May 8, 1972, a statement expressing some fine sentiments about working together as good neighbors, protecting residential property and considering what is good for the City. Mr. Marsh revealed that the statement had been made by the present Mayor and that evidently this spirit still prevailed as manifested in the case of Maple Avenue, where the residents had been given another chance when the Council did not go along with Councilman Ricks' proposal. He admonished caution in considering new proposals - sometimes the cure is worse than the illness. Whatever was done, he felt that cars should not take preference over people.

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5. Joe Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, expressed his regrets at the passing of former Councilman John F. Sidell - father of the present Councilman Sidell. He felt that the Mayor and Councilmen had dealt too summarily with Phil Vogel at this meeting and said that such treatment might discourage other citizens from speaking their minds. (Later in the meeting Mayor Roth apologized to Mr. Vogel for showing impatience). Referring to Mr. Lerner's complaint of not getting assistance from the City offices, he suggested that what the City needs is an "Ombudsman". He volunteered to fill that position at \$1.00 a week and a desk in the Municipal Building.

6. Daniel Dick, 7402 Maple Avenue, asked about the plans for the impounded vehicles "decorating" the area surrounding the new Municipal Building. He felt that with a little foresight the Municipal Building could have had underground parking. There was some discussion, with the Mayor and Councilman Nishimoto pointing out that it had not been for lack of foresight that an underground garage had been omitted but rather lack of funds as this would have raised the building cost by abt. \$100,000. Formerly, impounded cars had been kept on Columbia Avenue; at present some are kept at the Public Works' lot, but a suitable lot is being sought. The most practical and economical way of disposing of such vehicles is by auctioning them off as quickly as possible. Councilman Burgess stated for the record, that the Public Works' lot was never intended as a lot for impounded cars.

7. Harold Sorensen, 317 Lincoln Avenue, told of his problem having his apartment, in which he had been living for 4 years, condemned because of too low ceilings and having to move out within 90 days. He is experiencing difficulties in finding similar low-cost apartment in Takoma Park (he is paying \$80 a month). He said that prospective landlords now consider him a troublemaker, and he also fears that if he does find a suitable apartment, the same thing may happen again. He proposed that the City of Takoma Park should inspect the apartments before issuing a license allowing rental rather than issue the license and then find code violations after tenants have already moved in. Mayor Roth explained that the City is not empowered to issue licenses for apartments. The owner has to register the apartment with the City and pay a registration fee, and at a later date the Code Enforcement Officers try to inspect the apartment. Mr. Sorensen noted that Takoma Park citizens are deprived of the services of a landlord-tenant commission and urged the Council to consider City coverage under Montgomery County's commission. There was some discussion.

8. S. Michael Derato, 413 Lincoln Avenue, spoke in support of his letter concerning the last City elections and the late Mayor Miller. He said that he had always considered the party, who made the accusation of irregularities at the last election, a gentleman; now, however, he felt that this party should either submit evidence or offer a public apology - or he would have to change his mind. Concerning Maple Avenue Mr. Derato stated that he was against parking on both sides of the street. As regards East-West Highway, he felt that it should have been widened at State expense.

9. Dolores Stowell, 7704 Takoma Avenue, referred to the agenda item about no-sledding on Birch Avenue. As the mother of 5 children, she expressed regret if no street in Takoma Park could be closed off during periods of snow to provide safe sledding for children. Mayor Roth assured her that the Council was in favor of providing safe sledding areas for the children but that ALL the citizens would have to be considered. Councilman Nishimoto explained that the request for no-sledding had come from a lady on whose lawn the children had started a fire, and since the police could

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not be expected to post a guard in sledding areas to prevent such things from happening, he suggested that the parents get together and form a committee to take over the responsibility of guarding the children, making sure that they respect other people's property. Mrs. Stowell voiced her agreement and felt sure that parents would cooperate. Councilman Faulkner inquired whether cars would have to be moved when a street is closed off for sledding. There was some discussion.

Mayor Roth announced the appointment of Assistant City Administrator Herbert Gilsdorf, stating his qualifications, the appointment to be effective as of February 5, 1974, at a yearly salary of \$18,000 and moved that the appointment be approved by the Council. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman.

No report.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Faulkner, Chairman, reporting.

Councilman Faulkner said that since most of his agenda items had already been discussed, he would limit himself to item 79. Public hearing to review use of 700 Hudson Avenue as a youth care institution, March 7, 1974; Spec. Ex.S-165. The hearing on March 7, will be at 1:00 PM at the County Hearing Room, 3rd floor, County Office Building, Rockville. The City had received no complaints concerning this institution; he had a telephone call from a lady on Holly Avenue, and she had recommended that the home for girls be continued. Councilman Nishimoto stressed, that notices had been sent out asking the citizens to let the Council know of any complaints about this institution, and Councilman Faulkner added that at first there had been some complaints about parking but that recently there had been no parking problems. He expected that action would be taken at the next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Chairman.

No report.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb, Chairman, reporting.

Councilman Webb made the following announcements:

1. On Tuesday, February 12, at 8:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Independence Day Committee in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.
2. On Tuesday, February 26, at 7:15 PM (early so that members may also attend the caucus), there will be a meeting of the Recreation Council.
3. On Monday, February 18, at 2:00 PM, there will be a performance of "Hansel & Gretel" by The Pickwick Players at Takoma Park Junior High School Auditorium with free admission for all area youngsters. The performance is sponsored by the Takoma Park Recreation Council, Takoma Park Recreation Department and the Takoma Park Junior High. Councilman Nishimoto asked - as a member of the C.O.G. Bicentennial Committee - whether anything had been planned for the 1976 celebration as far as Takoma Park was concerned. Mayor Roth replied that he had written to the Montgomery County Committee and suggested to use the 4th of July parade. There was some discussion about the Bicentennial.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto, Chairman, reporting.

164. Request for 4-way stop signs at intersection of Boston and Takoma Ave.

Councilman Nishimoto said that a consultant has been hired to study the situation.

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192. Yield sign for southbound New Hampshire Avenue traffic onto Sligo Creek Parkway. Councilman Nishimoto said that he had assurance from the State Highway Administration that a yield sign will be installed at an early date. He suggested that the item be removed from the agenda.

197. Proposal for partial street barrier on Minter Place at Garland. Councilman Nishimoto stated that the situation had been looked over and that Chief of Police Porter had recommended that a street barrier NOT be placed there, as this would provide false sense of security. However, it is planned to have signs: "CAUTION - Drive slowly" placed at Garland and Minter Place and at Jackson and Minter Place.

198. Request to discontinue use of Birch Avenue as sledding area. This request is still under study. Councilman Nishimoto referred to previous discussion with Mrs. Stowell and said he would recommend that the parents form a committee to police the children in sledding areas. There was some discussion.

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Ricks, Chairman.

No report.

At this point Mayor Roth discussed Takoma Tower, which is under the Montgomery County Revenue Authority. It had been built after considerable negotiation between the Revenue Authority, the City, and Greenbelt Coop, and a contract had been signed between the City and the Revenue Authority with certain understandings in regard to the building. The City had agreed to have a fine institution built and wanted it to stay that way. Now, however, State legislation is proposed, which would permit transfer of Revenue Authority projects to an unspecified agency of the County Government, and while the Mayor knows Mr. Gleason on a personal basis and has worked with him many times, there are matters which cannot be resolved on the basis of personal relationship. He stated that if there was no objection from the Council, he would give testimony at the public hearing in support of retention of Takoma Tower under the aegis of the Revenue Authority. After some discussion between the Mayor and Councilman Nishimoto, it was agreed that he would so testify.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Burgess, Chairman, reporting.

Discussion:

182. Proposed ordinance requiring separation of trash. Councilman Burgess asked for the citizens' help in publicizing this project, which will start on March 6, and run for 6 weeks. Discussing the economics of the project he stated that in order to break even, 3 tons of newspapers per pick-up would be required.

Action:

199. Condition of roadway on Hammond between Jackson and Kirklynn. Councilman Burgess said that this was an unpaved roadway but that the holes had been filled with gravel, and he asked that the item be removed from the agenda.

200. Inventory of storm drainage system. Councilman Burgess said that this was the result of a letter from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, requesting assistance in inventorying the City's storm drainage systems and that Mr. Barile is working with WSSC on the inventory. Since this project may last for years, he requested that the item be removed from the agenda until such time when it becomes again relevant. Mayor Roth suggested that Mr. Barile remind the Council of it in 6 months.

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COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE: Mayor Roth, Chairman.

No report.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb, Chairman.

No report.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM, to reconvene on February 25, 1974, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED: *John D. Roth*
Mayor

ATTEST: *Haynes M. Pailgen*
City Administrator

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator
1. Councilman Idanas Gatto, Montgomery County, Md. Letter concerning action taken to have the discontinued R&D computer rate stop in Takoma Park restored. (Planning & Zoning)
2. Mayor Walter E. Washington, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. Letter in response to Mayor Roth's request for preservation of the Lady-Ine House as a historic landmark. (Council Files)
3. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 950 South L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. Letter concerning Metrobus Shelter at Northeast corner of Carroll Avenue and Grant Avenue, with attached drawing No. MD-NE-4-1, requesting use permit. Mr. Pailgen added that he had also received a telephone call concerning this matter, stressing the urgency of action. Mayor Roth asked for your action. (Public Works)
4. Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Takoma Park, Md. Letter concerning 5 key topics for consideration in connection with the operational responsibility of the fire service by volunteer firemen.
5. Harold Solomon, 317 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter announcing the establishment of Takoma Park Tenant Association and enclosing hand bills concerning the association's first meeting, February 25, 1974. (House & Code Enforcement)
6. Phil Vogel, 717 Garland Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter with clipping of an article from Montgomery County Sentinel concerning bike riding on Beach Drive on Saturdays (no water wheels). Proposal of similar arrangement on Sligo Creek Parkway. (Law Enforcement)
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February 25, 1974.

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Councilman Faulkner
Councilman Nishimoto
Councilman Ricks
Councilman Sidell
Councilman Webb

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Asst. City Administrator Gilsdorf
Police Chief Porter
Fire Chief LaScola
Deputy Fire Chief Fickes
Director, Public Works Barile
Code Enforcement Officer Olson
Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Corporation Counsel Culpepper
Deputy City Clerk Pusti

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8. Mrs. George Miller, 7505 Hancock Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter thanking the Police Department for efficient and prompt action in locating stolen car. (Law Enforcement - copies to Chief of Police and Officers involved)

9. Montgomery County Commission on Aging, 301 E. Jefferson Street, Rockville, Md. Announcement of free assistance with income tax preparation to senior citizens. (Municipal Building, Tuesdays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, starting March 5 through April 12, 1974) - (City Administrator)

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Roth announced that after meetings between Montgomery County and the Library Board, County Executive Gleason had now informed him that the County agrees to increase the financial assistance to the Library by \$5000 and to give Montgomery County library cards to residents of Takoma Park without charge. The Mayor reminded the citizens of a public hearing on the TRIP busses that are planned between Silver Spring and Takoma Park. The hearing will be held in Rockville on Wednesday, February 27, at 8:00 PM at the County Council Building.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Faulkner asked to have items 79 and 184 on the agenda moved from DISCUSSION to ACTION.

Mayor Roth said that a decision had been made to set up a public hearing on the operational questions raised by the firefighters.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

1. Etta Mae Davis, 703 New York Avenue, asked to have a copy of the tape of the March 26, 1973, Council meeting. She was informed that the tapes were not kept that long. She stated that she was not aware of any voting on the policy for the use of the new Municipal Building and asked to have that clarified. If there had been a vote, she would like to be informed as to who had voted for what, when the policy was adopted. The Mayor referred the question to City Administrator Pridgen. (Secretary's note: Copies of the minutes of December 10, 1973, and January 14, 1974, reflecting the vote, were mailed to Mrs. Davis on February 27, 1974)

2. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue, talked about the Maple Avenue traffic situation and referred to Councilman Forshee's survey. He asked Councilman Webb whether the REVIEW & HERALD furnished their employees with gasoline. Councilman Webb wondered about the reason for the query. He said that as far as he knew, it did not, but that the GENERAL CONFERENCE did. Mr. Cangialosi said that he was suggesting that if the City made it easy to use the automobile, more people would use their cars, and this would lead to more traffic. He asked Councilman Ricks about the report from the Animal Control Committee and was told that it would come out soon.

3. Mark Levy, 319 Elm Avenue, said that he had checked the minutes back to May 1973 and found no reference to the problems at the Takoma Park Fire Department, which had now erupted into a "slow-down". He pointed out that since January 14, 1974, there had been no report at Council meetings from the Fire Protection Committee. This he found rather peculiar since he knew of at least 4 pieces of correspondence from the Fire Department or Union representatives, directed to the Mayor and Council. He said that because of inaction the Mayor and Council now would have to react rather than act on the problems and under serious time constraint. He was concerned, that this

being an election year, a speedy solution might seem attractive and urged the Council to consider the problem on a long-term basis, as it was something affecting all city employees. He proposed appointing an emergency task force to look into the problems of all municipal employees and report back to the Mayor and Council within one week at an open hearing.

4. Armand LaVaute, 240 Park Avenue, read the following petition, dated February 22, 1974, and addressed to the Mayor and Council:

"The automobile and truck traffic using Park Avenue as a connecting route to Carroll Avenue has increased significantly since parking has been allowed on both sides of Maple Avenue and "No Thru Trucks" signs have been erected on Valley View, Maple, etc.

The purpose of this letter is to request that Park Avenue, Holt Place and Crescent Place residents be extended the same protection from unwanted vehicular traffic. We suggest the following:

1. Stop sign on Park Avenue at Spruce Avenue
2. Parking on both sides of Park Avenue
3. No through trucks on Park Avenue
4. Posted and enforced speed signs
5. Traffic bumps with appropriate warnings posted
6. Park Avenue be made a two-way street
7. Park Avenue be made a one-way street northbound
8. All of the above. "

The petition was signed by 18 residents. The Mayor referred it to the Law Enforcement Committee and requested that copies go to all Councilmen.

5. Anne Edwards, 7111 Garland Avenue, was gratified that the financial aid to Takoma Park Library had been increased and that free library cards were now available to Montgomery County residents of the City. She asked whether a similar arrangement was envisaged for Prince George's County residents. She was also concerned as to whether Takoma Park Library was included in the state-wide Maryland library service. The Mayor referred her questions to the Library Committee.

6. Harold Sorensen, 317 Lincoln Avenue, reported on the first meeting of the Takoma Park Tenant Association, (Friday, February 22, 1974) of which he is Acting President. He noted that Councilman Ricks had attended the meeting. He stated that the Takoma Park Housing Code did not protect the tenants, while the Montgomery County Landlord-Tenant Relations Act did, and that accordingly Takoma Park had more tenant complaints than any other city in Montgomery County. He urged adoption of the above mentioned Landlord-Tenant Relations Act by the City, so that Takoma Park tenants would no longer have to be second class citizens.

7. Dorothy Porter, 7305 Maple Avenue, urged that a public hearing be held concerning landlord-tenant relations and suggested that such a hearing - as well as the hearing relating to the Fire Department - be well publicized to allow as many citizens as possible to attend. She also suggested that the proposals be made available to the citizens prior to the hearings, in order that they may come prepared.

8. Joe Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, said that he would welcome it if Park Avenue could be granted the same consideration traffic-wise as Maple Avenue. He expressed his admiration for Mr. Sorensen for taking action and urged the Council to support his efforts concerning the landlord-tenant relations.

Mr. Ferrier felt that Councilman Ricks should not be harassed about the animal control report, since this was a difficult matter. He noted with satisfaction the \$5000 increase in aid to Takoma Park Library. He compared the library with numerous other libraries and stated that it was second to none. He criticized the Mayor and Council for not heading off the problems of the Fire Department by dealing with the union and having meetings with the firefighters. The Mayor stated for the record that he and the Council had dealt with the union and had met with both the volunteer firemen and the paid firefighters.

9. Robert Berman, 7667 Maple Avenue, elaborated on Mr. Sorensen's remarks and asked whether tenants in high-rises were entitled to parking facilities -- whether this was included in the rent. The Mayor thought the apartment buildings - if they had been built after a certain date - were supposed to furnish off-street parking to the tenants. Mr. Berman urged the Mayor and Council to adopt the Montgomery County Landlord-Tenant Relations Act. Councilman Ricks stated that he would like to have the Planning & Zoning Committee look into the parking situation.

10. Nancy Shallhorn, 7401 Maple Avenue, said that she would have to disagree with Mr. Ferrier on the question of an animal control report. This had been expected since 1971, and she felt that it was high time that it did come out. She proceeded to tell about her problems with neighborhood dogs running loose and exciting other dogs into barking. Councilman Nishimoto recommended that Councilman Ricks read an article on dog control in the latest issue of "Nation and City".

11. Curtis Baird, 7100 Central Avenue, asked about the hearing concerning the Fire Department problems and was told that it would come up later in the meeting.

12. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, apologized for having been antagonistic at the last Council meeting. He referred to Councilman Burgess' remarks at that meeting about CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION, that this was "for the purpose of hearing citizens' suggestions, remarks or complaints - not for engaging in endless discussions". He said this was frustrating to him, and if not at Council meetings - he would like to know - where then could citizens discuss their problems. In this connection he praised the open meetings of the Law Enforcement Committee. The Mayor stated that the Council was a forum for presenting a problem, but that it was not possible to discuss each problem in depth, that he and the Council tried to give the citizens the best answer they could, but to engage in discussions would turn the Council meeting into a New England Town Meeting. He explained that it was largely a matter of time, and that if the Council were to engage in a dialogue with the citizens, the meetings would last far into the night. Mr. Vogel said that he would like to see a dialogue between the citizens and the Council institutionalized. He then referred to the agenda item concerning a psychiatric halfway house on Red Top Road and asked to be allowed to read from an article on the mentally ill and their treatment. The article was taken from the book "The Madness Establishment" and published in WASHINGTON POST - Outlook Section, page C.1, for Sunday, February 14, 1974. It dealt with houses in San José, California, which had been bought and used as half-way houses for the mentally disturbed. However, it had created a psychiatric ghetto with terrifying incidents in the neighborhood. Mr. Vogel felt that when considering a psychiatric half-way house in a residential neighborhood, it should be kept in mind that only limited psychiatric and medical care can be provided in a half-way house. Referring to the problems at the Fire Department, Mr. Vogel said he would be interested in having the letter from the Volunteer Fire Department - mentioned briefly under CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - read in full to learn of the proposals

set forth. The Mayor said that the letter was marked confidential and that Mr. Monides, who had signed it, was not in the audience.

13. Richard Buckley, 7777 Maple Avenue, asked about the cut-off date for voter registration and was informed that it would be March 7. (By special arrangement with the Boards of Election Supervisors this date was subsequently changed to March 11). Commenting on the Housing Code violations he wondered whether action was not delayed when referred from one committee to another. In Council meetings he had f.inst. often heard violation cases referred from the House & Code Enforcement Committee to the Planning & Zoning Committee. He suggested having a special committee set up for handling urgent cases speedily and stated that the Montgomery County Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee handled the cases before they became problems, inspecting apartments before issuing licenses, reviewing leases etc., and he urged that Takoma Park adopt the Act referred to. Councilman Nishimoto stated that it should be kept in mind that the City Council is not an administrative body but a legislative body, broken down into committees for legislative purposes; - Montgomery County had adopted the Landlord-Tenant Relations Act, which was administered by an administrative body, headed by Sidney Craemer.

14. Monty Edwards, 7111 Garland Avenue, felt that March 7, for registration cut-off was rather early and that usually, registration was extended up until the day of election.

15. Don Ramsay, 8300 Flower Avenue, said that he had checked with the Montgomery County Office about the cut-off date, and that they had told him that the usual thing was not to cut off registration until the day before election. He asked for clarification. The Mayor said that this was in the hands of City Administrator Pridgen.

Mayor Roth reported that he and the Council had met with the firefighters on February 5, for an extended discussion and had agreed to meet with Chief Gratz of the Montgomery County Fire Services on February 13. Following that meeting, the firemen's representative had been called and a meeting arranged for February 19, where they had met with the volunteers. The problems were complex, and an attempt was being made to set down alternatives. He moved that March 18 be established as the date for a public hearing in the Council Chambers at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto, who asked whether the citizens would be provided with information about the issues involved prior to the hearing. The Mayor assured him that a draft, describing the alternatives, was being worked out and would appear in the Newsletter. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. The Mayor directed the City Administrator to publicize the hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, Councilman Burgess, Chairman. Since Councilman Burgess was attending a hearing on the Juniper Street bridge, his report was postponed.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Sidell, Chairman, reporting.

Administrative Action: Councilman Sidell said that specifications were being prepared by the Fire Chief for the purchase of a new pumper and an ambulance. He read a letter from the Fire Chief requesting official leave for Fire Chief LaScola and Training Coordinator, Lt. Jarboe from Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29, 1974, in order for them to attend the 46th annual Fire Department Instructors Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, March 26 through March 29, 1974. The funds had been provided within the Fire Department's budget, account 11.212/N1 for the Chief, and 11.212/N4 for the Training Coordinator. He moved that the request be granted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Faulkner, Chairman, reporting.

Councilman Faulkner said that since the agenda items under DISCUSSION had been discussed at other Council meetings, he would move on to the items for ACTION. 79. Public hearing on Spec.Ex. S-165, was a home for teen-aged girls (700 Hudson Avenue). It had been granted permission to operate abt. a year ago with the provision that the case be reviewed again. The hearing on the case had been scheduled to take place on March 7, 1974, at the County Office Building in Rockville at 1:00 PM. He said that in the beginning there had been complaints about parking, but none lately. His committee was neither favoring nor opposing the matter. He moved to have the item removed from the agenda. There were no objections.

184. ZAP A-8971, C-1 to C-G, 6844 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Letter Shop.

Councilman Faulkner said that his committee was against re-zoning of the property. While the City had no objection to the present operation of the Takoma Letter Shop under the Special Exception, if re-zoning was granted, the danger existed that, at a later date, some operation might move in, which might not be desirable. He moved that the City oppose re-zoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Mayor asked that the Park & Planning Commission be informed accordingly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Chairman. Since Councilman Forshee was out of town, Councilman Webb reported the following personnel appointments in the City Administrator's office: Ms. Barbara Berkey, 106 Elm Avenue, Takoma Park, Clerk-Typist at a yearly salary of \$6,262, retroactive to February 4, 1974, and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Robinson, 7416 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Cashier-Asst. Bookkeeper, Treasurer's office, at a yearly salary of \$6,957, retroactive to February 4, 1974, and moved that the appointments be accepted. The motion was Seconded and unanimously carried by voice vote.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb, Chairman. No report.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto, Chairman, reporting.

Discussion:

164. Petition for 4-way stop signs at Boston and Takoma Avenues. Councilman Nishimoto reported that his committee is waiting for a report from the consultant, who had been asked to study the problem, before making a recommendation.

202. One-way designation of Wabash between Flower and Roanoke. This situation is being studied, said Councilman Nishimoto. He then stated that he is awaiting further information from Mr. Vogel to support his request for safe bicycling on Sligo Creek Parkway before he can make any recommendation.

HOUSING & CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Ricks, Chairman, reporting.

Discussion:

205. Proposed City coverage by Montgomery County Landlord-Tenant Relations Act. Councilman Ricks referred to what had been mentioned earlier in the meeting about problems with loose dogs and stated that any citizen with such a complaint could call the City Administrator's office: 270-1700 and the matter would be taken care of - there were laws on the book for that. He also wanted to make clear, that when matters are referred from his committee to the Planning & Zoning Committee, this does not mean that the case will be pushed around in committees, as he is also a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee and working right along with the case. As to the proposal at hand, Councilman Ricks pointed out that there seemed to be a general feeling that for the City to come under the Landlord-Tenant Bill would solve all problems and that there are no problems in Montgomery County, but that this was not

true. He suggested that tenants with a problem get in touch with the Code Enforcement Officers and discuss it with them. He said that City coverage by the Landlord-Tenant Relations Bill is still under consideration and that he will keep abreast of the developments both in Prince George's County and in Montgomery County and make sure that the bill covering the entire City will be one that can best serve all the citizens.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE; Councilman Burgess, Chairman.

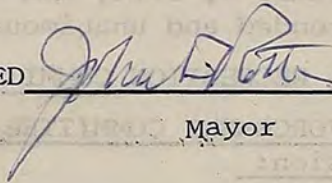
Since Councilman Burgess had not arrived, Councilman Faulkner reported that the earlier mentioned letter concerning a bus shelter at the intersection of Carroll and Grant Avenues, which was urgent, had been assigned to the Public Works Department, and that merchants in the area may have comments on that. The Mayor added that he had read in the newspaper that D.C. merchants had expressed themselves already and that he agreed with Councilman Faulkner that it would be necessary to consult the merchants. He suggested that Mr. Barile put the item on top of his agenda for speedy action.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE: Mayor Roth, Chairman. No report.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb, Chairman. No report.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM, to reconvene Monday, March 11, 1974, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

CITY CAUCUS

February 26, 1974.

A City Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and seven Councilmen was held on February 26, 1974, in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM with City Administrator-Clerk Haynes M. Pridgen presiding. The invocation was given by Reverend Floyd W. Kester, Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship Church. After explaining the rules governing the meeting, as set forth in the City Charter, and the procedure to be followed, Mr. Pridgen announced that there were two slates: CITIZENS FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT and TAKOMA LIMITED COMMITTEE with some 17 candidates and suggested that the nominators and seconders limit their speech for the candidates to 3 minutes each. Mr. Pridgen stated that the Charter stipulates that a member of the audience be elected Secretary for the caucus meeting. Mrs. Ian Burgess was nominated, seconded and duly elected Secretary.

Nominations for candidates for elective offices were made as follows:

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR:

Nominees

Nominators

Seconders

John D. Roth
7608 Hammond Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland */

Charles E. Johnson, Jr.
1100 Kingwood Drive

Charlotte C. Miller
305 Philadelphia Avenue

S. W. Tymeson
8118 Flower Avenue

Kathryn T. Simpson
7300 Cedar Avenue

Abbie J. W. Mandel
7003 Woodland Avenue

Clarence Boatman
133 Ritchie Avenue

Evelyne J. Ferry
24 Hickory Avenue

Margaret Holmes
10 Pine Avenue

Ellery Denison
7207 - 13th Place

Dorothy M. Porter
7305 Maple Avenue

Aurel LeMay
704 Philadelphia Avenue

Joseph Ferrier
7413 Maple Avenue

Richard D. Ramirez
701 Kennebec Avenue

Leslie Agro
7306 Willow Avenue

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR:

John D. Roth
7608 Hammond Avenue

Charles E. Johnson, Jr.
1100 Kingwood Drive

Charlotte C. Miller
305 Philadelphia Avenue

*/ all the addresses are Takoma Park, Maryland.

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NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL - FIRST AND SECOND WARDS:Nominees

Mary Ann Medina
7425 Buffalo Avenue

Nominators

Esther C. Herman
511 New York Avenue

Seconders

John D. Loxley
7427 Buffalo Avenue

Kathryn T. Simpson
7300 Cedar Avenue

Ralph F. Sidell
606 Boston Avenue

Roderic F. Davis
703 New York Avenue

Gene O. Stowell
7704 Takoma Avenue

Joseph Ferrier
7413 Maple Avenue

Kathrine R. Petree
7219 Maple Avenue

Etta Mae Davis
703 New York Avenue

Aurel J. LeMay
704 Philadelphia Avenue

Ken Nishimoto
7409 Holly Avenue

Ian K. Burgess
7405 Wildwood Drive

Vincent P. Russo
106 Philadelphia Avenue

Ellen Marsh
7405 Maple Avenue

George H. Akers
7633 Carroll Avenue

Kenneth W. Wood
414 Boston Avenue

Jesse Gibson
7807 Wildwood Avenue

Joseph Brown
405 Boyd Avenue

Margaret Holmes
10 Pine Avenue

Clarence Boatman
133 Ritchie Avenue

Armand LaVaute
240 Park Avenue

Juanita Owens Penn
7520 Maple Avenue

William R. Dennison
204 Aspen Court

Catherine C. Wakelyn
7419 Maple Avenue

Mark Levy
319 Elm Avenue

1st and 2nd Wards
continued

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Nominees

Robert A. Lazun
7309 Cedar Avenue

Nominators

Robert H. Moore
7314 Willow Avenue

Seconders

Joseph S. Cangialosi
7001 Poplar Avenue

Daniel Jay Dick
7402 Maple Avenue

Frances E. Guertin
7216 Willow Avenue

Donald E. Patti
7306 Holly Avenue

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL - THIRD AND FOURTH WARDS:

Nominees

Richard Clark Burdine
7129 Sycamore Avenue

Nominators

John T. Baker
7133 Sycamore Avenue

Seconders

Ralph W. Porter
7305 Maple Avenue

Daniel Jay Dick
7402 Maple Avenue

Joseph H. Webb
7412 Jackson Avenue

William H. Shewell
313 Elm Avenue

Daniel P. Froehlich
7205 Willow Avenue

Lowell I. Tripp
7115 Carroll Avenue

Jesse O. Gibson
7807 Wildwood Drive

Joanne Mood
7019 Eastern Avenue

Jennifer K. Mangus
7403 Maple Avenue

Vernon H. Ricks, Jr.
5 Lee Avenue

Henry C. Daniels
19 Sherman Avenue

John E. Hammond
831 Hayward Avenue

Evelyne J. Ferry
24 Hickory Avenue

Kathryn T. Simpson
7300 Cedar Avenue

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL - THIRD AND FOURTH WARDS:

Nominees

Richard Clark Burdine
7129 Sycamore Avenue

Nominators

John T. Baker
7133 Sycamore Avenue

Montez H. Boatman
133 Ritchie Avenue

Lewis D. Cross
128 Ritchie Avenue

Charles E. Cooper
7340 Carroll Avenue

Joseph H. Webb
7412 Jackson Avenue

William H. Shewell
313 Elm Avenue

Daniel P. Froehlich
7205 Willow Avenue

Lowell I. Tripp
7115 Carroll Avenue

Jesse O. Gibson
7807 Wildwood Drive

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3rd and 4th Wards
continued

Nominees

Walter Thaxton
7516 Jackson Avenue

Nominators

Daniel Jay Dick
7402 Maple Avenue

Seconders

Joseph Ferrier
7413 Maple Avenue

Harold Sorensen
317 Lincoln Avenue

Dolores Stowell
7704 Takoma Avenue

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL - FIFTH WARD:Nominees

Clayton D. Forshee
722 Kennebec Avenue

Nominators

S. W. Tymeson
8118 Flower Avenue

Seconders

Evelyne J. Ferry
24 Hickory Avenue

Daniel P. Froehlich
7205 Willow Avenue

Lewis D. Cross
128 Ritchie Avenue

Kevin Patrick Dwyer
7713 Garland Avenue

Ann Barclay
7414 Cedar Avenue

Harold Sorensen
317 Lincoln Avenue

Elizabeth Schneider
7224 Minter Place

Dolores Stowell
7704 Takoma Avenue

Robert H. Moore
7314 Willow Avenue

Etta Mae Davis
703 New York Avenue

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL - SIXTH AND SEVENTH WARDS:Nominees

Joseph A. Faulkner
1007 Sligo Creek Parkway

Nominators

Austin T. Brown
802 Elm Avenue

Seconders

James F. Holland
19 Pine Avenue

Robert L. Broadbent
407 Lincoln Avenue

Mark H. Levy
319 Elm Avenue

James A. Welu
7330 Piney Branch Road

Gene O. Stowell
7704 Takoma Avenue

Eugene H. Herman
511 New York Avenue

Harold Sorensen
317 Lincoln Avenue

6th and 7th Wards
continued

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Nominees

Frank V. Garcia
1117 Holton Lane

Nominators

James F. Holland
19 Pine Avenue

Seconders

Betty Cook
7400 Glenside Drive

Margo J. Dunn
1115 Jackson Avenue

Ian K. Burgess
7405 Wildwood Drive

Ann I. Edwards
7111 Garland Avenue

Jasper Ingersoll
7203 Garland Avenue

Joseph Ferrier
7413 Maple Avenue

Joseph P. Walshe
7213 Central Avenue

Alice Dick
7402 Maple Avenue

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Pridgen announced a "Meet-the-candidates-night" on March 20, at 8:00 PM at Takoma Park Junior High School Auditorium. He told the audience that he had made arrangements with the Boards of Election Supervisors to have registrations accepted through March 11, but that this is the absolute deadline for registration.

All nominations having been made, a motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the caucus, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Eleanor L. Burgess
Secretary of the Caucus

James F. Holland
Mayor

Jasper M. Pridgen
City Administrator - Clerk