

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

April 8, 1974.

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Nishimoto	Director, Recreation Department, Ziegler
Councilman Ricks	Director, Public Works Department, Barile
Councilman Sidell	Deputy Fire Chief Fickes
Councilman Webb	Code Enforcement Officer Olson
	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
	Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Councilmen Burgess and Faulkner were excused.

The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session on April 8, 1974, at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25 meeting and dispense with their reading was seconded and unanimously adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting.

1. County Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland - Case No.S-328 - Petition to operate a beauty shop in Park Ritchie Apts. - hearing on June 27, 1974, at 9:00 AM, COB, Rockville. (Planning & Zoning)
2. Paul E. Arkebauer, 4401 Chestnut Lane, Rockville, Maryland, (owner of 317 and 318 Lincoln Avenue, Takoma Park). Letter concerning the closing of two basement apartments at the above mentioned addresses.
3. Mr. & Mrs. McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Letter urging the City to retain the building at 8 Sherman Avenue for recreational activities. (Council as Committee of the Whole)
4. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Letter praising the prompt action taken on a fire code violation case. (Fire Protection Committee and Personnel)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Treasurer Pridgen reporting.

BANK BALANCES  
as of March 31, 1974

Suburban Trust Co. - General Funds		
Balance: February 28, 1974	268,951.97	
* March Receipts	<u>248,375.10</u>	517,327.07
March Disbursements		<u>434,834.61</u>
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>82,492.46</u></u>
Suburban Trust Co. - Payroll Accounts		
Balance: February 28, 1974	15,265.75	
March Receipts	<u>95,868.94</u>	111,134.69
March Disbursements		<u>98,401.47</u>
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>12,733.22</u></u>
Citizens Bank of Maryland - General Funds		
Balance: February 28, 1974	135.43	
No transactions during March	<u>-0 -</u>	
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>135.43</u></u>

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Citizens Bank of Maryland - Special Assess.Fund		
Balance: February 28, 1974	196.60	
No transactions during March	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>196.60</u></u>
Citizens Bank of Maryland-Public Improvement Fund		
Balance: February 28, 1974	534.53	
No transactions during March	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>534.53</u></u>
Citizens Bank of Maryland - Savings A/C		
Balance: February 28, 1974	171.31	
Interest Earned: 1-31-74 through 3-31-74	<u>2.14</u>	
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>173.45</u></u>
American National Bank - General Funds		
Balance: February 28, 1974	80.73	
No transactions during March	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: March 31, 1974		<u><u>80.73</u></u>
Petty Cash		
		<u><u>200.00</u></u>
* Treasury Bond matured 3/14/74 \$95,515.14 - Cost		
Treasury Bond matured 3/21/74 \$95,992.78 - Cost		
Maturity Value of Bonds: \$100,000.00 each		

U. S. Treasury Bills				Cost	Maturity Value
Purchased	9/25/73	Maturity Date	6/14/74	94,590.00	100,000.00
"	10/4/73	"	4/4/74	192,269.89	200,000.00
"	3/6/74	"	5/16/74	98,585.14	100,000.00
"	3/6/74	"	6/20/74	97,880.28	100,000.00
"	3/21/74	"	6/21/74	<u>97,960.33</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
				<u>581,285.64</u>	<u>600,000.00</u>

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor read the following PROCLAMATIONS:

- one, proclaiming April 27 through May 4, 1974, as official Lions WHITE CANE WEEK in recognition of the continuous program in sight conservation and assistance to the blind, undertaken by the Lions Club of Takoma Park, Maryland, in cooperation with the Lions International. The PROCLAMATION document was presented to the president of the local Lions Club, Wallace Shirley, and the treasurer, Samuel C. Zark.
- another, proclaiming the month of May 1974 as TAKOMA PARK BOYS CLUB MONTH, calling upon the citizens to support the Takoma Park Boys Club by donating \$2.00 for a Boys Club Auto Tag, for recreation programs for the youth of Takoma Park.
- a third, to endorse a campaign to promote fire safety and prevention, and in cooperation with the Community Improvement Board - initiate an active "Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up" campaign, beautifying the City of Takoma Park.
- The Mayor told of a meeting on March 27, with the Maryland Municipal League, Montgomery County Chapter, where the County Executive, Mr. Jim Gleason, presented checks to the various cities as their part of the County's revenue sharing program. Takoma Park had received a check for \$31,000.
- The Mayor announced that METRO is planning hearings from April 1 through 17, concerning plans for new bus routes and for adding busses to existing routes. The place of hearing closest to Takoma Park is in Rockville on April 10, at 7:30 PM. Of special interest for Takoma Park citizens should be a rush hour

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express bus, starting at the Silver Spring Terminal and going across Franklin Avenue to University Blvd. to Piney Branch and express from Georgia Avenue downtown on 13th Street. Citizens who cannot get to the hearing can submit their opinion and suggestions in writing to METRO.

- The Mayor also mentioned a hearing by Montgomery County on April 17, at 8:00 PM in Rockville, concerning optional revenue raising procedures as possible alternatives to increases in property tax - as f.inst. an increase in energy tax.
- The Mayor further mentioned a hearing by the Commission on the Structure and Governance of Education in Maryland, to be held on May 16, 7:30-10:00 PM at the Center for Adult Education, University of Maryland, College Park, where citizens may testify or submit their statements in writing to the above mentioned Commission at 1513 State Office Building, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Ricks would want to propose appointments to the Community Improvement Board.

Councilman Forshee would ask to have some expenditures authorized.

Councilman Webb would ask for allocation of funds for the Library

Councilman Nishimoto stated that the sponsor of the Bill to close off a section of Beech Drive on Sundays to allow bicycling had withdrawn his sponsorship because of unfavorable reports by the Montgomery County senators.

#### CITIZENS' REMARKS:

1. Edward Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, president of Takoma Park Recreation Council, congratulated the Mayor and Council on the election and made a special appeal for understanding in respect to the Recreation Council's recommendations and suggestions, which - he stated - had been neglected or rejected during the past two years. He enumerated the following requests, which had not been acted upon:

1. Retention of 8 Columbia Avenue
2. Improved facilities at some of the parks (incl. restrooms for summer programs)
3. A tree nursery and nature park
4. A retaining wall at Spring Park
5. A corrective transfer of the Fourth of July expenses to the Public Works Department budget, and
6. Provision of additional janitorial services for public buildings.

and added that the County had been more responsive to the Recreation Council than the City. He cited examples of their responsiveness.

Mr. Hutmire pointed out that the Recreation Council's most immediate concern is what will happen to the building at 8 Sherman Avenue, which the Council has urged the City to keep for recreational purposes - especially after the appeal for the retention of 8 Columbia Avenue was **not heeded**. He cited several reasons for continuing the use of 8 Sherman Avenue for recreation programs, stating that there are at present 9 activities scheduled there, which would face cancellation, unless they can be relocated - but where? The restrictions at the new Municipal Building (access and maintenance) would probably prevent such things as Saturday meetings of senior citizens, childrens' activities, classes in oil painting and photography, etc.. It was also not likely that such activities could be transferred to the Junior High or the Middle School, as those schools are already heavily scheduled with adult education and other City and County sponsored recreation programs. Furthermore, the steep custodial fees, currently imposed by the School Board on week-end activities, could not be borne by the necessarily low enrollment fees of most of the City classes. As to more intense use of the Fire House gym, this would not be practical for

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City Administrator's responsibility

Sec. 2-22. Supervision of departments.

The City Administrator shall have general administrative supervision of the several departments of the City through the Department Heads to direct the proper execution of the Charter, Ordinances, regulations and policies as established by the Council and shall be responsible for any special assignments in accordance with specific instructions of the Council.

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some of the programs because of conflicts in schedules already in effect at the gym. Another concern here is the recent decision to transfer the Fire Department to the County. (In a separate letter the Recreation Council would request that steps be taken to insure continued full access and availability of the gym for City sponsored activities). Thus it would seem that the only practical alternative - should the City decide not to retain 8 Sherman Avenue - would be to make better use of the new Municipal Building. Mr. Hutmire made the following suggestions:

- I. That the Council Chambers, including the small Council Conference Room, be routinely available for meetings of citizens groups - as was the case at 8 Columbia Avenue.
- II. That the large room on the 2nd floor be considered for regular public use in the daytime and evenings and also on week-ends, much more than is now the case. This would require special partitioning of a type that will permit use of the full room when needed as well as subdivision into smaller rooms for classes and meetings. This would also mean public access to the building at times when it is now locked up. In addition, the restrictions against children's programs such as guitar classes and rehearsals of dramatic groups would have to be waived.

He also requested that the preparation of the monthly City Newsletter not be imposed on the very small staff of the Recreation Department and said that a separate letter, dealing in detail with this subject, would be forthcoming. In conclusion he said that an early meeting with the City Council, or with the Parks and Recreation Committee, would be welcome. The Mayor said that Mr. Hutmire's statement would be taken into account.

Two professional recreation directors were introduced: Sharon Ward, Area Coordinator for Montgomery County Recreation Department, and Rick Mest, Coordinator for Prince George's County Recreation Department, and Mr. Hutmire stated, that if the Mayor and Council should make the - in his opinion - wise decision of keeping 8 Sherman Avenue, Mr. Mest had suggested making it into a "Teen-age Drop-in Center" which was sorely needed, and which might be funded from Prince George's County recreation sources; this in spite of the fact that the building is located in Montgomery County. He also mentioned that Mr. Mest was prepared to help support a Prince George's County recreation budget for a Day-care Center at 8 Sherman Avenue.

2. Jewell Turner, 226 Grant Avenue, president of Takoma Park Health & Welfare Lay Committee, voiced her support of the proposals by the Recreation Council and felt that recreational programs benefit people of all ages and especially the young and the senior citizens. She and her group wished to go on record as being in favor of keeping 8 Sherman Avenue for the use of the people of Takoma Park. Councilman Nishimoto inquired about the Middle School Clinic and whether that provided health services to all the citizens of Takoma Park. Mrs. Turner thought that to be the case but stated that hers was a lay group, which had no connection with the clinic at the Middle School.

3. V. H. Rodes, 1101 Lancaster Road, stated that the rising property values should be considered when thinking of disposing of 8 Sherman Avenue and that in fact it would be a great fiscal mistake to sell that property at the present time.

4. Charlotte Miller, 7505 Hancock Avenue, asked why the Mayor and Council would want to sell 8 Sherman Avenue, or tear it down or whatever - why not keep it? The Mayor replied that no decision had been made as yet, but that Councilman Forshee had solicited suggestions for the use of the building. Councilman Forshee added that the Council - or at least he personally - had not been aware as to what extent the building was being used besides for storage. Mr. Hutmire reiterated his earlier statement on the use of the building, and urged for a meeting to talk things over.

5. John H. Mitton, 501 Philadelphia Avenue, expressed his support of the Recreation Council's proposal to keep 8 Sherman Avenue. He is Chairman of the Sister City Program and said that their meetings were held in that building, which also provided storage areas, not available to the Recreation Department elsewhere, and a place for people to work on the large floats for the Fourth of July parade. He stated that if the City disposed of 8 Sherman Avenue, facilities of this type would have to be provided at the Public Works Department. He added that it was his understanding that the City was not planning to sell the building but to rent it to the new Assistant City Administrator. If this were the case, Mr. Mitton wanted to go on record as being very much opposed to the City providing housing to high-ranking City Officials.

- He complained that according to the recent ordinance on parking - passed at the March 25 meeting - he would not be able to legally park in front of his house, as the building restriction line was only 11 feet in front of his door, which would not even allow for parking one car, and he had two. He wondered whether those regulations would be enforced; if not, he felt they should be removed from the ordinance. Councilman Nishimoto promised to check into it and let him know.

6. Shirlee Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, stated that the scheduling of classes at 8 Sherman Avenue, running 6 or 10 weeks was becoming more and more difficult because of conflicting activities and meetings, and while the building is used extensively, it might not always appear that way, but she would not know what to do without that building.

7. Joseph Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue, congratulated the Mayor and Council on the election and invited them to join in a tour of the Potomac Peddlers' Touring Club on Easter Sunday, April 14, and an early lunch at the Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park and a look of the historic section.

- He expressed his regrets at not being present when Councilman Ricks gave his animal report and asked whether this had been the official report of the animal control committee. Councilman Ricks said that it had been a "quasi-official" report, and that he would be glad to go over the details with Mr. Cangialosi any time.

8. Robert A. Lazun, 7309 Cedar Avenue, wanting to bring the Mayor and Council up-to-date on the Silver Spring Intermediate Site (SSIS) Committee, which had been formed last summer by Dr. Elseroad and the Board of Education, handed Councilman Nishimoto, who is a member of that committee, a proposal for use of the facility until the issue of its use as a school has been resolved - (Copies of the proposal available at the City office). Mr. Lazun stated that this proposal would be sent to all residents of the area, soliciting alternative suggestions, in an effort to find out what is really wanted. When the replies were in, the committee would meet again to discuss the matter, and Councilman Nishimoto would be kept informed. There was some discussion, during which the Mayor expressed his concern that the SSI building has remained empty and Councilman Nishimoto inquired about vandalism in the building. Mr. Lazun said that there was a care-taker, and that the gym and offices were still in use.

9. Joe Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, congratulated the Mayor and Council as well as the defeated candidates on the election, stating that the only way to have a good American system was to have a contest and let things be decided. He felt that the job of a Councilman was a thankless one and pointed to the harassment of Councilman Ricks concerning the animal control report and of former Councilman Hutmire about the City Handbook. He told of having been a poll watcher at the election, where he had pointed out the importance of having preliminary checks on the functioning of the voting machines. He also

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mentioned checking the names of those who had voted in the City election; he appreciated that the City Administrator had allowed him to do this. His only regrets had been, that some residents, who had registered after March 11, had not been allowed to vote, and he felt that at future elections, even if voters had registered late, so long as they had registered before the election date, they should be allowed to vote.

- Mr. Ferrier stressed the importance of treating all citizens alike, regardless of where in the City they lived.
- He again called attention to the need for an "ombudsman" in the City.
- He praised Harold Sorensen for sticking up for his rights and urged the Mayor and Council to permit him to stay in his apartment.
- He was in favor of the City retaining 8 Sherman Avenue.
- He suggested that the City follow the lead of the Counties and grant a tax reduction to citizens on disability pensions.

The Mayor pointed out that Mr. Ferrier is a member of the animal control committee, and Mr. Ferrier responded that he was very much aware of that and that his thoughts went to Councilman Ricks in appreciation and sympathy.

10. Ann I. Edwards, 7111 Garland Avenue, congratulated the Mayor and Council on the election and expressed the hope that all the ideas suggested by the TLC not be forgotten or dismissed but given careful consideration. She offered her services if additional committee members were needed.

- Referring to the slow-down in newspaper collections, she suggested making the collections more automatic and not having to call the Public Works Department every time for a pick-up. She also felt more publicity was needed about the project.

Mayor Roth said he would keep her suggestions in mind.

11. Sharon Ward, Co-ordinator for Montgomery Recreation Department, told of growing up and spending some 20 years in Takoma Park. She thanked Mrs. Ziegler and Mr. Pridgen for getting her a scholarship to the University of Maryland. She said that recreational facilities were scarce in Takoma Park and that the schools and the Fire Department gym were tightly scheduled; she was, therefore, in favor of the City keeping 8 Sherman Avenue.

- She is director of a pom-pom squad and told of 130 pom-pom girls, including a baton unit, going to represent Takoma Park at the 47th annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, on May 3; there would be a Recreation week-end at SSI, which would be the center of the activities on the 4th and 5th of May, Councilman Ricks commented on the pom-pom girls, stating that they were very good and should make fine representatives.

12. Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, said, that while she was not familiar with the Recreation Department's programs, she would suggest that the Council consider the real estate value of 8 Sherman Avenue, before deciding on what to do with it. She pointed to what had happened at 8 Columbia Avenue, which does not look good, but is up for sale for \$69,000. She was not sure that the SSI building could be used for recreational activities, as it was her understanding that the school building was unsafe and would have to be rebuilt if it were to be used.

- She wondered whether it was legal to rent out public property.

13. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, thanked the City for planting trees and bushes on Philadelphia and Park Avenues. She presented a donation towards the purchase of a tree and asked, in an accompanying letter, that she be informed as to "which tree would be hers".

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- She felt that if the Recreation Department needs 8 Sherman Avenue, it should have it.
- She asked whether there would be another public hearing on the Takoma METRO plan. Mayor Roth responded that a hearing had been suggested but that Mr. Spivak had encountered difficulties in scheduling it - as an alternative a briefing had been suggested - right now he was not sure just how matters stand but will announce a date, when it is set.

14. Harold Sorensen, 317 Lincoln Avenue, congratulated the Mayor and Council on the election. Referring to a letter from his landlord - read earlier in the meeting - he stated that the City had now reached its goal: the apartment would be closed, and he (Sorensen) would be the last to occupy 317 Lincoln Avenue.

- He suggested keeping a collection of the minutes of Council meetings at the Library, as they contained the history of the City and should be easily available to the citizens. Mayor Roth agreed that this might be a worthwhile project and asked Mr. Pridgen to take the matter up with the librarian Mrs. Barclay.
- Mr. Sorensen directed a question to Councilman Ricks, who, he said, ran in the election as a "tenants' candidate". He wanted to know when the City of Takoma Park could be expected to adopt a Landlord-Tenant Act. Councilman Ricks said that all he could say was that the Council would be looking into the possibilities for adopting a Landlord-Tenant Relations Act.

Mr. V.H. Rodes, who at first did not speak into the microphone and, therefore, was not clearly recorded on the tape, nor understood by the secretary, was asked to speak into the microphone and then stated that at City elections it ought to be pointed out that these elections are non-partisan and not political. He mentioned telephoning some of his friends on Mississippi Avenue to remind them of voting; but they had complained that their street was not kept in good repair, and that they would only vote for someone who would take care of their street. He urged the Mayor and Council to do that. Mr. Barile was requested to investigate.

15. James Welu, 7330 Piney Branch Road, said, that while 8 Columbia Avenue may not look like a single family house from the outside, it does inside, and that if the fence were taken down, that would improve the looks.

- As to 8 Sherman Avenue he felt that if the City decided to sell that property, it might be advantageous to the taxpayers, if it were fixed up first to raise the value, rather than put it up for bids. He pointed to what had happened at 8 Columbia Avenue and said that the City could have gotten a large share of the money now asked for that property.
- He volunteered his services as a citizens' adviser/representative for single family houses and code enforcement within the City.

Shirlee Hutmire inquired what had become of the Robert Collison Memorial Fund for planting ornamental pear trees on the City streets. Mr. Barile was asked but did not know anything about it. City Administrator Pridgen said that a small balance remained from this fund, which had been donated primarily for decorating the new Municipal Building grounds; he had no knowledge of it having been designated for pear trees. Mayor Roth asked to have the records checked to see, what remained of the fund and for what purpose, so that the Council could instruct the Public Works Department accordingly.

Councilman Forshee asked for the floor to make a statement. He thanked Mrs. Wakelyn and her staff on The Takoma Sun Times for the public service rendered in the March issue. Mrs. Wakelyn had stressed in her editorial, that there was room for greater participation by citizens interested in a better Takoma Park; he was convinced that all the citizens wanted to make Takoma Park a better City.



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At times there were differences of opinion as to how this goal could best be achieved, but such differences need not result in a polarization of the citizens. He was for an open and mature discussion of the problems, viewing them from all sides and trying to agree on solutions of the greatest benefit to the largest sector of the community and pledged himself to work toward that end.

Mayor Roth added that he had been gratified at the large turn-out at the City election (the second largest in the City's history) and stated that while he and the Council were happy about the result of the election, they were also sobered by the responsibility and the prospect of 24 months of hard work before them. They would listen carefully to what the citizens had to say, and he was considering some changes in the processes. He felt that Councilman Forshee's thoughts had been well conceived and well spoken and said that he and the Council would be happy to work with the citizens in the best interest of the City.

Councilman Ricks welcomed his parents, who had come out from the District of Columbia to be at the Council meeting.

Councilman Nishimoto praised Councilman Forshee's statement as obviously the result of some deep thinking. He stated that all the Councilmembers felt strongly, that the City should be brought together, and that all goals for the City could be reached if **all the citizens would work together.**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb, Chairman, reporting.

Councilman Webb announced that on April 9, at 8:00 PM the Independence Day Committee would meet in the Municipal Building; he reminded the citizens that on Saturday, April 13, at 10:30 AM, the Easter Egg Hunt would take place at the Recreation Center; on April 21, 3-9 PM and April 22, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM the Flower Show (including wood carving and the art of preserving fresh flowers) would be held at the Municipal Building; on April 28, 2-5 PM there would be a House and Garden Tour.

He reported that the Prince George's Recreation Council's District II meeting had taken place on March 12, with representatives from the various Councils and interested groups and members of the Federation of Parks and Recreation Councils for a discussion of proposed reorganization. After lengthy discussion, the District II groups agreed to meet on April 30, at 8:00 PM - independent of the Federation - at the Prince George's Plaza Community Building to discuss problems common to District II.

He announced that on May 11, (the same day as the plant sale) the Danny Geib and Stuart Armstrong Gardens would be dedicated. These gardens are located in the area between Takoma Park Elementary School and the Library, the Danny Geib Garden nearest to Philadelphia Avenue and the Stuart Armstrong Garden between the school and the Christine Rhodes Garden, where 4 stone benches would also be dedicated in his honor. Plaques had been ordered for both gardens.

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Nishimoto, Chairman, reporting.

#### Discussion:

211. Control of illegal parking in the Montgomery College area. Councilman Nishimoto reported that 16 parking summonses had been issued in this area and that the surveillance would be continued.

- As to permit parking, he stated that it had been vetoed by the Montgomery County Executive but that he understood the County Council would override the veto. After that he would ask the Corporation Counsel to find out what would happen in Takoma Park.

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HOUSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Councilman Ricks, Chairman, reporting.  
Councilman Ricks said that on March 31 of each year, the terms of some members of the Community Improvement Board expire, and he read a list of the names of those proposed to fill the vacancies:

ZONE 1 John D. Loxley, 7427 Buffalo Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 2B Lewis D. Cross, 128 Ritchie Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 3 James H. Jones, 808 Hayward Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 5 Gregory Stednitz, 700 $\frac{1}{2}$  Chaney Drive - 1 year  
 ZONE 6 Eleanor Burgess, 7405 Wildwood Drive - 1 year

and of those who had agreed to continue to serve:

CO-CHAIRMAN Duncan Hall, 7311 Holly Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 1 Frances Phipps, 7210 Holly Avenue - 1 year (Chairman)  
 ZONE 2A Mary Ann McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue - 1 year  
 Eugene Snedden, 7219 Holly Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 2B Marion Florin, 7407 Cedar Avenue - 1 year  
 Francis Womack, 318 Mississippi Ave. - 2 years (Chairman)  
 ZONE 3 Margaret Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue - 2 years (Chairman)  
 Vivian Giesey, 99 Elm Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 4 Henry Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue - 2 years (Chairman)  
 William Shewell, 313 Elm Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 5 Edward Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue - 2 years (Chairman)  
 Bryan Breckenridge, 1102 Kirklynn Ave - 1 year  
 ZONE 6 Ellen Zervos, 1206 Jackson Avenue - 2 years (Chairman)  
 Doris Stelle, 7210 Central Avenue - 1 year  
 ZONE 7A Mildred Riley, 7315 Wildwood Drive - 1 year  
 Ann Grice, 1109 Merwood Drive - 1 year  
 ZONE 7B Clifford J. Waldron, 600 Elm Avenue - 2 years (Chairman)  
 Paul Layne, 206 Spring Avenue - 2 years

He moved that the proposed new members of the C.I.B. and the re-instatement of present members be accepted by the Council. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### 14. Winchester-Takoma.

Councilman Ricks asked Corporation Counsel Culpepper to give a briefing of what had happened in Court on March 29 in the City's case against the Sixteenth Woods Development Corporation (Winchester-Takoma).

Corporation Counsel Culpepper reported that on March 29, 1974, Code Enforcement Officers Olson and Socha had appeared with him in Court, and that Sixteenth Woods Development Corporation had been represented by an attorney as was Mr. Shapiro, Vice President of the Corporation. Also appearing were the resident manager of Winchester-Takoma and the property Manager of Sixteenth Woods. A Court Order had been obtained for June 26, requiring Sixteenth Woods to observe the BOCA Code and all other City requirements in the operation of its apartment building. Winchester-Takoma had been cited for numerous violations subsequent to the June 26 Order and for failure to comply within the deadline of the notices. A petition was filed to cite the corporation for contempt and to hold Mr. Shapiro personally responsible and answerable to the Court, as he had agreed to be so held in the Order. Prior to appearing in open Court, the attorneys and parties met and agreed on a compromise. The result was that Winchester-Takoma Management Corporation agreed to post a Corporate Surety Bond in the amount of \$5000, a portion or all of which can be forfeited in favor of the City for failure to abide by the Court Order of June 26, and the new provisions contained in this Court Order as follows: Sixteenth Woods Development Corporation has 60 days from March 29, 1974, to correct all Code violations cited in notices given prior to March 28. There was an inspection on March 28, and a full inspection the first week of April. As to violations cited in the report of March 28, and in the report of the first week of April, Winchester-Takoma has 120 days, or

4 months, to comply. As to old violations, if not corrected within 60 days and new violations within 120 days, the City, upon petition to the Court, can request that a portion of the Surety Bond be forfeited for damages or expenses directly incurred by the City in form of labor, including the inspectors' time, attorney fees and penalties (the Code provides for \$50 for each day of violation). As to the new violations, for which they have 120 days, the same rule applies. If the violations are corrected within the 60 or 120 days, the petition for contempt will be withdrawn, but all other provisions of the Court Order of June 26 will still be in force, and Mr. Shapiro is still personally responsible. This is similar to what had happened at 1111 Sligo Creek Parkway, when a Surety Bond was posted. If there is full compliance within the next 4 months, the Sixteenth Woods Corporation has the option of terminating the Corporate Surety Bond; that has nothing to do with either Court Order, and the Court can still be petitioned for contempt, should there be failure. Mayor Roth commented, that he hoped the violations would be corrected and that probably the money would be an incentive to Mr. Shapiro.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Vice-Chairman, reporting.

Action:

204. Incline of temporary Juniper Street bridge. Councilman Forshee said that the bridge had been inspected by the Public Works Department and found not to be particularly hazardous. Since this was a temporary bridge, nothing could be done at this time, and he suggested that the item be taken off the agenda. There were no objections.

Administrative Action:

Acceptance of bid on truck. Councilman Forshee moved that the following ordinance be approved:

ORDINANCE # 2303

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

- SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised and notices sent to qualified bidders, bids were opened on April 1, 1974, for one 1/2 ton pick-up truck for use in the Public Works Department; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the low bid for one 1/2 ton Chevrolet pick-up truck was submitted by and is hereby awarded to Sport Chevrolet, Silver Spring, Maryland, for the net sum of \$2340.86 (TWENTY THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SIX CENTS), including \$600 allowance for trade-in vehicle; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the City Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer title to trade-in vehicle, a 3/4 ton Chevrolet pick-up truck, Title #M915950, Serial #KS247B134043, to Sport Chevrolet Co.; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT funds for this purchase have been provided in the current fiscal budget.

The motion was seconded and the ordinance passed by roll call vote as follows; AYE: Councilmen Forshee, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, and Webb. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmen Burgess and Faulkner.

Disposal of 1966 ambulance. Councilman Forshee said that the 1966 ambulance cannot be used even as trade-in. He suggested junking it and thought it might bring \$50. He moved that the following ordinance be adopted in this respect:

ORDINANCE # 2304

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

April 8, 1974.

SECTION 1. THAT a vehicle originally purchased as an ambulance for the Fire Department, subsequently effectively utilized by the Public Works Department, can no longer be economically used because of a major mechanical break down.

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the City Administrator be hereby authorized to dispose of the vehicle to the best advantage of the City and transfer title to 1966 International Ambulance Serial #D1100-SB-576926A, accordingly.

The motion was seconded and adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmen Forshee, Nishimoto, Ricks, Sidell, and Webb. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmen Burgess and Faulkner.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE, Councilman Sidell, Chairman, reporting.

Councilman Sidell stated that the revised 3-part specifications for the ambulance (1: for the ambulance itself; 2: for the emergency care equipment; and 3: for the portable and vehicular telemetry devices and associated emergency diagnostic and therapeutic tools) had now been checked. He moved that the specifications be sent out for bids, to be opened on Tuesday, April 30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks. There was some discussion, after which the Mayor questioned the necessity of buying a new ambulance and Councilman Forshee pointed out the substantial increase in cost over budgeted amount, particularly in view of the probable transfer of the Fire Department to the County. With assurances given by City Administrator Pridgen and Deputy Fire Chief Fickes that by sending out invitations to bid, the City would not be committed to make a purchase, the Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion, which was passed unanimously.

This being his last Council meeting Councilman Sidell brought up 3 items, which were still left on the Fire Protection Committee's working agenda, and had not been before the Council for action:

1. Request to remodel a portion of the Fire House - suggested by Mr. Menedis. He stated that there had been no money for this.

2. Request for sprinkler system at Takoma Tower.

Mayor Roth suggested that if there were no objections, these two items could be taken off the agenda. As to item 1, the City had at present no money for it, and as to item 2, the situation had been investigated and found to meet all the requirements of the Montgomery County Fire Code. He added that in case the negotiations with TPVFD did not move forward, item 1 could later be put back on the agenda.

Councilman Sidell continued with item 3. Proposal to up-grade emergency rescue service (incl. the purchase of the new ambulance), which he felt should remain on the agenda. The Mayor agreed to th s.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: Councilman Faulkner, Chairman.

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilman Forshee, Chairman, reporting.

Action:

32. Proposed salary alignment for police and firemen, and

35. Request for over-all analysis of merit plan.

Councilman Forshee suggested removing those two items from the agenda, as they are both parts of the upcoming budget. There were no objections.

Councilman Forshee read the City's expenses for the past 6 months as follows:

October 1973:	\$479,222.72	(includes purchase of Treasury Bills: \$288,616 and payroll: \$119,000)
November 1973:	\$180,833.02	(includes payroll: \$98,000 and debt service on the new Municipal Building: \$44,260)
December 1973:	\$141,485.71	(includes payroll: \$102,703)

January 1974: \$163,461.15 (includes payroll: \$95,496 and insurance: \$15,032)  
 February 1974: \$140,120.06 (includes payroll: \$85,754 and insurance: \$13,006)  
 March 1974: \$238,359.19 (includes payroll: \$98,079 and Treasury Bills: \$97,960)

and moved that they be approved as they had been checked and appeared to be in order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

As to the budget for the new fiscal year, Councilman Forshee said that various things such as the ongoing negotiations with the TPVFD and the Police Department would greatly affect the budget. The fact that Governor Mandel had rolled back the assessments from 60% to 50% would also affect the amount realized from taxes substantially. Thus things had been rather uncertain, but he hoped it would be possible to have a budget hearing around the last of April or early part of May.

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

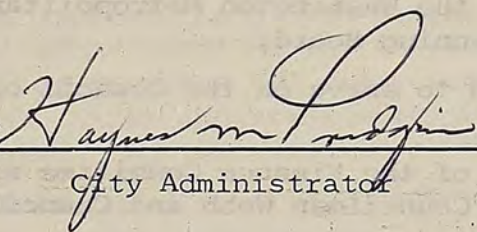
SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Councilman Webb, Chairman, reporting.

Upon motion by Councilman Webb, the Council approved the transfer of \$108.00 to the Library Training Account to cover tuition of a Maryland University course in cataloging for the Associate Librarian Mrs. Spottswood.

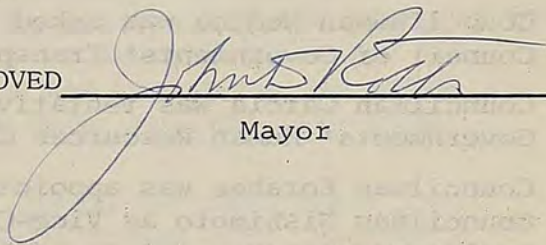
Mayor Roth asked City Administrator Pridgen to review with the Department Heads all pending items on the agenda and - wherever possible - close them off by administrative action and report back to the Council; where further study is needed, with a progress report. He requested that the new Council receive all the advice available from the City Administrator and his new assistant.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:25 PM, with a meeting of the newly elected Council to follow immediately.

ATTEST

  
 City Administrator

APPROVED

  
 Mayor

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Initial Meeting of New Council

April 8, 1974.

The first meeting of the newly elected Council convened at 10:32 PM, April 8, 1974, with the re-elected Mayor Roth in the Chair. Mayor Roth, who had been sworn in at the Circuit Courts in Montgomery County and Prince George's County prior to the meeting, administered the Oath of Office to the Councilmembers and presented them with Certificates of Election. He then called the meeting to order. Present were:

Councilman Forshee  
 Councilman Garcia  
 Councilwoman Medina  
 Councilman Nishimoto  
 Councilman Ricks  
 Councilman Webb

Councilman Faulkner was excused

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS: Mayor Roth.

The Mayor appointed Councilmen Nishimoto and Ricks to serve on the TESS Commission for an indefinite term as from time to time there might be other Councilmembers interested in serving. The appointment would be reported to the Chairman of the TESS Commission.

- Councilman Nishimoto was asked to continue to serve with the Council of Governments' Committee on Public Safety;
- Councilman Ricks was asked to serve as the Council's liaison with the Community Improvement Board;
- Councilman Forshee was asked to serve as the Council's liaison with the Library Board;
- Councilman Webb was asked to serve as the Council's liaison with the Recreation Council;
- Councilwoman Medina was asked to serve on the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board;
- Councilman Garcia was tentatively assigned to serve on the Council of Governments' Human Resources Committee;
- Councilman Forshee was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee with Councilman Nishimoto as Vice-Chairman and Councilman Webb and Councilwoman Medina as members.


The Mayor announced that the new Council would meet to discuss procedures for the coming Council sessions as well as determine on its operation.

NEW BUSINESS:

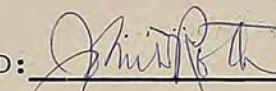
Councilman Forshee pointed out that at the short triangle, where Anne Avenue runs into Carroll Avenue, there is 2-way traffic. He suggested that there ought to be one-way traffic from Glenside to Carroll Avenue, down Anne Avenue south. The Mayor asked Mr. Pridgen to add this item to the agenda of things to talk over with the Department Heads.

There being no further business to come before the new Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM, to reconvene on April 22, at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:

  
 City Administrator

APPROVED:

  
 Mayor

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 1974.

City Officials present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Faulkner	Asst. City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Garcia	Director Ziegler, Recreation Dept.
Councilwoman Medina	Director Barile, Public Works Dept.
Councilman Nishimoto	Det. Lt. Dalrymple, Police Dept.
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
	Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Councilmen Forshee and Webb were excused.

The Mayor and Council met in Regular Session on April 22, 1974, at 8:05 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The invocation was given by Elder Emanuel Pedersen and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A motion, to approve the minutes of the April 8 meeting and dispense with their reading, was seconded and unanimously adopted.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Mayor Roth presented inscribed plaques to former Councilmen Ian K. Burgess and Ralph F. Sidell in recognition of their faithful services as City Councilmen and respectively as Chairman of the Public Works Committee (April 10, 1972 - April 8, 1974) and as Chairman of: Parks and Recreation Committee; Planning and Zoning Committee, and Fire Protection Committee (April 13, 1970 - April 8, 1974).
- Mayor Roth presented a PROCLAMATION in honor of May 12-18, 1974, NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK, the theme being: "Get To Know Us Before You Need Us," to Mr. Bryan Breckenridge, Assistant Administrator, Washington Adventist Hospital.
- Mayor Roth presented a PROCLAMATION to Vincent Samboto of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post No. 350, proclaiming the month of May 1974 as BUDDY POPPY MONTH, to promote the sale of Buddy Poppies for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, widows and orphans of deceased veterans. Also appearing were the 1973 Poppy Queen and the 1974 Poppy Queen elect, who was crowned by the Mayor.
- Mayor Roth proclaimed the month of May 1974, SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH in tribute to the 2,800 senior citizens residing in Takoma Park, Maryland. The PROCLAMATION would be sent to Takoma Tower with a copy to NARFE.
- Mayor Roth briefly commented on new procedures being introduced, explaining that the previously established committees had entailed numerous committee meetings for the Councilmembers, engaging a great deal of their time, leaving less time for important policy and financial problems. Under the new procedure, the Council would operate as a Committee of the Whole instead of through committees, and it was hoped that this would leave more time for pressing problems. This way more responsibility would be placed on the City Administrator in supervising the City Departments. The general process would be for the City Administrator to go over the various problems and requests with the appropriate Department Heads and set up a working agenda. He would then report to the Council, either that the problem had been solved administratively, or that such and such Council action was recommended. This process is being used by most other cities and will hopefully also work here.

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting.

1. Item #118 - Mrs. Adele Hutchins, 18 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter urging that 8 Sherman Avenue be kept for use by the Recreation Department rather than rented out to a City Official which, in her opinion, would set an unfortunate precedent.
2. Item #218 - Mr. Richard Atlee, 1951 Rosemary Hills Drive, Silver Spring, Md. Letter concerning an accident at Carroll Avenue and Ethan Allen and calling attention to an alleged traffic light problem at that intersection. Mr. Pridgen added that Police Chief Porter was looking into it and would draft a reply; the matter might be brought back to the Council for further recommendation.
3. Item #225 - Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk, Alexandria, Va. Letter with enclosed copy of a resolution concerning sale and discharge of fireworks, adopted by Alexandria City Council on April 9, 1974, and urging that all local governments in the area adopt similar legislation. Mr. Pridgen added that Section 8-61 (Chapter 8) of the City Code of Takoma Park prohibits sale, delivery, discharge or setting off firecrackers or fireworks of any kind or description, containing powder or other explosive composition; while it does not prohibit fireworks on occasions of public celebration and exhibition, where a permit is first obtained from the State Insurance Commission and the Fire Chief. He would investigate Code coverage of possession aspects. Councilman Nishimoto said that COG's Public Safety Committee had come up with an idea, trying to get the entire region concerned with this problem, and that COG - strongly supported by Fire Chief LaScola - had introduced a proposal prohibiting the sale of fireworks in the surrounding jurisdictions. At the last Fourth-of-July celebration, however, the problem had been that people brought out firecrackers from the District of Columbia and used them in Maryland; he expressed the hope that D.C. would take steps to prevent this. Councilman Ricks suggested publishing an article in the Newsletter at a time close to the 4th of July - perhaps quoting the ordinance, and Mayor Roth concurred that an announcement in the June Newsletter might be useful.
4. Item #226 - Mr. Donald D. Ramsey, 8300 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter with recommendations concerning the format of the City budget. The Mayor said that this would be taken under consideration when reviewing the budget.
5. Item #228 - Mrs. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter pointing out the usefulness of the election dialogue with the Takoma Limited candidates and supporting suggestions that competent adversaries be brought into working with the City government. Mayor Roth asked for a copy of the letter.
6. Item #229 - Mr. & Mrs. David B. Weisman, 7701 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Letter commenting on agenda items #164 - 4-way stop signs at Boston and Takoma Avenues, and #211 - illegal parking in the Montgomery College area, urging Council action on both items. Mr. Pridgen added that the comments would be studied and that copies of the letter would go to the Mayor and Council as well as to the Police Department.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

There being no additional agenda items, the Mayor opened the meeting to

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Two Brownie girls in uniform, accompanied by their leader, Juanita Murray, Takoma Park Troup #1467, presented the Mayor and Council with an azalea plant,



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which the Mayor accepted for the beautification of the landscape surrounding the Municipal Building - a fitting gift to an Azalea City.

1. Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Street, spoke as General Chairwoman of the Community Improvement Board, giving a report of the C.I.B.'s activities in 1973-74:

- 1) The 1974 Spring Ride-Around was completed within the time frame established in the proposed resolution revision.
- 2) Vacancies on the Board were filled by appointments approved by the City Council April 9, 1974.
- 3) In the interest of City improvement, time was spent researching public funding, reviewing and answering the Takoma Citizens Advisory Council report on multi-family use of properties in R-60 zones in the TESS area.
- 4) The C.I.B. added its voice in support of preserving the Cady-Lee House on Eastern Avenue, D.C. by a letter to Mayor Washington.
- 5) The C.I.B. supported the City Council's move to establish a rehabilitation fund for property owners in need of aid.
- 6) The C.I.B. spoke against establishment of a drug rehabilitation center at Albany and Baltimore Avenues, believing that this area should not be required to accept an additional institution.
- 7) Reported to the Code Enforcement Office properties which seemed to need attention, and sent out "Thank You Cards" to home owners who made suggested repairs, as well as to many, who always keep their properties, contributing to the attractive appearance of Takoma Park.

At the C.I.B.'s meeting on April 18, 1974, it was agreed to ask the Mayor and Council to make a major effort in the following areas:

- I. Organization of a committee - including members of the Business Community - to encourage planning and early development of the Laurel and Carroll Avenues' commercial areas and promote better housekeeping in this area.
- II. Encourage early building of a new D.C. Takoma Park Elementary School, as this would aid substantially in stabilizing this area and would have a good effect on Takoma Park. The C.I.B. would be willing to help in communication. In other instances the D.C. government had been very cooperative and might appreciate interest and support from the City of Takoma Park.
- III. Hard-surface parking at multiple housing units and in commercial areas. The C.I.B. suggests that some research be done by the Public Works Department to find an acceptable substitute for "hard-surfacing", which at the same time would be suitable as an alternative to parking on grass lawns, which causes such ugly, devastating erosion.
- IV. Early implementation of the rehabilitation fund, making it available during the good weather period between now and November.
- V. A number of problems, which will be listed and attached to the official report of the C.I.B., together with pertinent information to aid in deciding on appropriate solutions.

In closing, Mrs. Simpson mentioned that she had asked for and received from her Board some comments on the proposed revision of the Resolution governing the activities of the C.I.B.; she asked that the Mayor and Council permit her to present those comments before passing on the revised Resolution. Councilman Nishimoto asked that copies of the report be sent to the Councilmembers.

2. Maureen Thompson, 7330 Piney Branch Road, announced her candidacy for election to the House of Delegates of Maryland General Assembly. She felt it would be useful for the City of Takoma Park to have representation on all levels of government and stated that - if elected - she would be in a position to inform the Mayor and Council as well as the citizens of Takoma Park, what legislation is under consideration in Annapolis, and how it would affect the

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City. Furthermore, she would be able to present legislation, which Takoma Park might wish to have introduced, and she would be available for instruction as to how the City wanted her to vote. She asked for support in terms of money and time, so that her one and only obligation in office would be to the City of Takoma Park and to those living in the 20th legislative district.

3. Debby Drossman (?), 7108 Maple Avenue, spoke in support of the City adopting the Montgomery Landlord-Tenant Relations Act. She told of experiencing problems with her landlord, who - she said - was unwilling to fix anything and had told her that with all her complaining, he would just as soon not have her as a tenant. A Code Enforcement Officer had inspected her apartment but had entered without her permission and at a time when she was not at home.

4. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, presented complimentary tickets to the House & Garden Tour, Sunday, April 28, 2-5 PM, to the Mayor and Council as well as to the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator. She urged everybody to come, announcing that tickets were \$1.50, which included refreshments.

5. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, 7 Hickory Avenue, stated that at the April 8 meeting the Recreation Council went on record as being opposed to renting out the property at 8 Sherman Avenue, wanting it kept for recreational purposes. Representing B.F. Gilbert Associates he wanted to add his voice to that position.

6. Edward W. Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, invited the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend the meeting of the Recreation Council on April 23, at which time 8 Sherman Avenue would be discussed. Mayor Roth commented that he and the Council were very interested in that meeting.

7. Mark Levy, 319 Elm Avenue, asked for assistance in a problem he had encountered. There was a dump located on Poplar Avenue (just outside the City limits), across from the J. Enos Ray Elementary School. He had called Prince George's County but had not received an adequate response. He felt that if the Mayor or Council would approach the County, they would get results.

- As to 8 Sherman Avenue, Mr. Levy was of the opinion that the property was under-utilized - as was the new Municipal Building - and he thought that some consolidation of facilities in the City should be possible. He was for renting it out if that would be an incentive for a qualified employee to come to work for the City - there were two sides to this issue.

8. Jim Buchanan, 7116 Maple Avenue, voiced his support of adopting a Landlord-Tenant Act for Takoma Park, urging the City to follow the County's lead in that respect. He stated that it was hopeless for a tenant to complain about anything, the usual attitude of the landlord was: "Like it or leave it". Something was needed to make landlords responsible and to support and protect tenants.

9. Harold Sorensen, 317 Lincoln Avenue, wondered how the agenda items were set up and told of a yield sign request for Sligo Creek Parkway, which had appeared on the agenda and been approved by the Council in February - but it had not been installed as yet.

- He mentioned other requests for traffic lights (at the firehouse and at Takoma Tower) and asked why such items were not left on the agenda until action had been taken.
- He favored the City adopting a Landlord-Tenant Relations Act, something a number of citizens had asked for, but an item which did not appear on the agenda.
- He was gratified that a collection of Council meeting minutes was now being kept at the Library, as he felt they made interesting reading. In reading

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back minutes, he had noticed that the City had encountered trouble with the Winchester-Takoma Apartments, where some 26 tenants had been evicted as undesirable. He wondered whether this was a result of Code Enforcement inspections and stated that the tenants in Takoma Park clearly needed protection against retaliatory evictions.

- He complained about receiving two copies of the minutes of April 8, 1974.
- He also complained about not receiving the City Newsletter since February and asked to be put back on the mailing list.

10. Opal Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue, thanked for prompt assistance from the Fire Department.

- She praised the natural beauty of Takoma Park, especially now with many trees and flowers in bloom. All the more she found it regrettable, that some people put out their trash for "special pick-ups", days ahead of time, leaving it at the curb to deteriorate, and asked what could be done about that. Mayor Roth responded that this was a continuous problem with no easy solution. Councilman Ricks felt that some action MUST be taken in this respect, especially when - as is sometimes the case on Carroll Avenue - trash falls onto the traffic way. There was some discussion, and Councilman Faulkner said that citizens should contact the Public Works for action. However, Mr. Barile, Director of the Public Works, stated that all the Public Works Department can do is pick up the trash; his department cannot make people pull their trash back in. This would be a matter for the Police Department. Councilman Faulkner suggested writing about the problem in the Newsletter, and the Mayor agreed that this might be a good idea.

11. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, expressed his gratification that a new type of agenda had been introduced.

- He inquired about the next summary agenda and was told by Mr. Pridgen that it would be out May 1st. (The last summary agenda was dated February 1, 1974).
- He also inquired about the status of the newspaper recycling program and was told by Mr. Barile that the collection would continue on an indefinite basis and under the same conditions except for the next 4 weeks (clean-up month). Mr. Vogel suggested more publicity for it in the Newsletter, which the Mayor thought could be arranged.
- Mr. Vogel asked when the budget hearing would be held, realizing that it might be hinging on how the negotiations with the TPVFD and the County were coming along. The Mayor responded that the news from the County Council was not encouraging. There would be a County Council public hearing on April 27, and probably the City's budget hearing would be some time in May - as soon as a decision had been reached on the Fire Department question. Councilman Nishimoto added that the County MUST decide before May 1st.

12. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, voiced his support of a request from Gloria's Market on Carroll Avenue to have a loading zone in front of the market (Item #171). He stated that double parking in that area is extremely dangerous and added that such a small business was desirable in the City and should be encouraged.

- He was gratified at learning of Maureen Thompson's candidacy for the House of Delegates, as he too felt it was good for Takoma Park to be represented on as many levels of government as possible. He urged the City to support her.
- He suggested that the City follow the lead of Montgomery County and adopt a Landlord-Tenant Relations Act.
- He called attention to a HEALTH DAY at Piney Branch Middle School, 7510 Maple Avenue, Sunday, June 2, at 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, where there will be free check-ups for glaucoma, cancer, tuberculosis, blood pressure, etc., tests which normally are very costly.

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- Mr. Ferrier stated that the Takoma Limited candidates all had the welfare of the City at heart and urged the Mayor and Council to use some of those people whenever possible. Councilman Riëks, commenting on the double parking of delivery trucks on Carroll Avenue, in front of Gloria's Market, requested to have the Police investigate, as it could be extremely dangerous.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR PRIDGEN'S REPORT:

##### Special Reports:

- Referring to Mrs. Marsh' donation for a tree for the City streets and the question raised at the April 8 meeting concerning the balance of a tree fund, Mr. Pridgen stated that the remaining balance on that fund was \$284.50, to which he would now add Mrs. Marsh' donation - if she had no objections.
- He announced that according to the librarian, Mrs. Barclay, there is at the Library a collection of Council meeting minutes, dating back to 1963, and that, if older minutes are required, the City Administration would furnish them.
- A reply to Mr. Sorensen's letter of February 4, 1974, had been written and mailed this date.

##### Administrative Action:

- A resignation had been accepted by the Police Department of Pfc. Henry M. Wortman, Jr., effective as of April 5, 1974.
- The Police Department had been able to secure Teddy's LLM Towing Co.'s lot on 7660 Fenton Street for abandoned and impounded vehicles, so that such cars would no longer have to be kept on the City parking lot, around the Municipal Building.

##### Action:

As to item #164 - Petition for 4-way stop signs at Boston and Takoma Avenues, Mr. Pridgen suggested that, since Police Chief Porter could not be present to make a report, this item be postponed.

Item #203 - Street light on Wabash Avenue. The need for this light had been checked and found legitimate; but in order to have a light there, a pole was needed, which raised the expense. Mr. Pridgen recommended that the pole and light be installed at a cost of \$250. In addition there would be the usual fee of \$38 per annum for the light. Councilman Nishimoto so moved, and the motion was seconded and - after some discussion - adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Item #211 - Illegal parking in the Montgomery College area. Chief of Police Porter had reported 43 parking summonses issued in that area as of April 17. Mr. Pridgen recommended that the surveillance be continued, and that Chief Porter be requested to report per May 17 and June 17, 1974, after which period the reports would be considered together with the suggestions contained in Mr. and Mrs. Weisman's letter. There was some discussion, which lead to Mayor Roth asking Councilwoman Medina, who lives in that area, to keep an eye on the parking situation, so that if it continues to be a problem after June, she will call it to the attention of the Council. Councilman Nishimoto moved that the item be deleted from the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item #212 - Request for City Offices to remain open 2 nights per month. This request had been discussed thoroughly but could not be recommended for budgetary reasons - the additional cost had been estimated at \$10,000-15,000 per year. However, individual after-hours appointments could be arranged with the City Administrator; members of his staff and/or with Department Heads when

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necessary. There was some discussion, and the Mayor said that similar arrangements might be made with the Mayor or with Councilmembers. Since the request had come from just one individual, it would not warrant the cost, and he suggested deleting the item from the agenda. There was general agreement on this.

Item #216 - Repair of Mississippi Avenue. Mr. Pridgen reported that according to an inspection made by the Public Works Department this street needs re-surfacing. However, it is a unique situation with only 20 feet of public right-of-way, and since on one side (north), there are large trees and a ravine, it would be difficult and costly to widen the street; on the south side a widening would require removal and relocation of curb and gutter. Councilwoman Medina asked whether the residents of the street had asked for it to be widened. She was told that was not the case, and there was some discussion. Mr. Pridgen recommended that Public Works proceed to patch up the broken section of Mississippi Avenue and re-surface the existing roadway as soon as practicable. There were no objections. Mayor Roth added that he had driven up there to look at it and found that there ought to be a guard-rail on the side towards the ravine. Mr. Barile said that he would discuss it with the park authorities and try to have such a rail put up.

Item #219 - Application for Class A Beer and Wine license - Nicolino's Pizzeria (carry out), 916 East-West Highway, Takoma Park, Md.

Mr. Pridgen referred to his memorandum to the Mayor and Council, in which he had suggested holding a Public Hearing on this request, provided the applicant was willing to deposit \$100 with the City Treasurer to cover advertisement etc.. He stated that the Laws of the Montgomery and of the Prince George's parts of the City differed in this respect. Councilman Faulkner wondered whether in either part of the City such license had ever been favored. Mr. Pridgen replied that to his knowledge the City had never favored such a request. There was some discussion, and Councilman Nishimoto felt that Prince George's County would be less likely to grant such license, if there had been a hearing and there was strong citizen protest against it, rather than just the Council saying no. Mr. Pridgen said that according to a change in Law, the County cannot grant a license over the City's disapproval. There was further discussion as to whether a hearing was necessary. Mayor Roth and Councilman Ricks were of the opinion that the citizens should be heard before a decision was made. At this point Corporation Counsel Gingerich suggested that the applicant be given an opportunity to have his case heard before a public forum by appearing before the Mayor and Council at a meeting. The Mayor stated that if this was agreeable to the Council, he would suggest responding to the applicant accordingly, adding that the City had a history of non-approval of such applications.

Item #220 - Police Mutual Aid Agreement Operational Plan Narcotics Amendment.

Mr. Pridgen reported that in May of 1973, the City had approved the Narcotics Amendment to the Police Mutual Aid Agreement. Now the City had been asked formally to approve the Narcotics Amendment to the Operational Plan and to designate an "Officer in Charge". It would therefore be in order to adopt a motion to approve the amendment in question and to designate Chief of Police Robert E. Porter and/or Detective Lieutenant William W. Dalrymple as "Officers in Charge" for initial contacts regarding narcotics. A motion to that effect was made, seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item #222 - Bulletin Board next to the Municipal Building. Mr. Pridgen stated that after considering various quotations on Bulletin Boards, the Special Committee had recommended purchasing the one offered by Montgomery Building Products Co. of Silver Spring, at \$586.-- plus 3 sets of 100 letters per set,

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at a price of \$260, totalling \$846 plus wiring and installation. There was some urgency on this, as the price would change per May 1st. \$800 had been budgeted for this purpose; but besides the \$46, there would also be needed a base for the bulletin board - whether of stone, brick or concrete would be decided later. The sign would be put up on the library grounds. Councilman Nishimoto asked whether the sign could be put up without the base. Mr. Pridgen thought it could be put on posts for the time being. Councilman Ricks felt that once it had been decided to get the sign, it should also be on a decent looking base, preferably one to match the library. As for exceeding the budget, that would be necessary anyway since the quoted price did not include wiring and installation. There was some discussion, and it was pointed out that it would still be some time until the unit was delivered, and it was suggested that the actual installation and getting a base for it might come under next year's budget, if after July 1st. A motion to go through with the purchase of the bulletin board was made and seconded. Councilman Ricks suggested that the bulletin board should have non-glaring plexiglass, and Councilman Nishimoto noted for the record that this bulletin board had been suggested some 6 years ago - in 1968 - by the Community Action Forum, and that one of the instigators had been Mr. Jack Hammond. The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Item #223 - Resurfacing of Wildwood Drive. Mr. Pridgen reported that last September, as the City was about to resurface Wildwood Drive, the Washington Gas Co. had to do some emergency work, repairing leaking gas pipes in the main line, running down the middle of Wildwood Drive. When the Gas Co. had finished, it was too late in the season to work with asphalt; hence the plan for resurfacing the street had to be postponed. In the meantime the price of asphalt and tack coat had increased, making it necessary to transfer \$1500 from the Reserve Fund to cover cost in excess of the \$5491 available for this job. He proposed the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE #2305

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS due to unavoidable delays in the resurfacing of a portion of Wildwood Drive, the cost of completing the job has increased;  
AND

SECTION 2. THAT funds not to exceed \$1500 (FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to a/c 12.203A, to cover additional costs.

Councilman Ricks wondered whether some money might not be recovered from the Gas Co. Mr. Pridgen said that he had been advised that this was not likely but that he intended to try anyway. Councilman Garcia asked whether the Gas Co. could not be required to resurface the street where they had broken it up - or at least to defray some of the cost of the resurfacing. He was told that the Gas Co. had done this to some degree. After more discussion Councilman Ricks moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, and Ricks. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmen Forshee and Webb.

Item #224 - Taxicab ordinances. Mr. Pridgen reported that for years there had been a problem of City licensed taxicabs (Takoma-Langley Taxicab Association) and Montgomery County licensed cabs (Yellow and Silver Spring cabs) picking up in each others territory. What was needed was a reciprocal arrangement between the City and the County. A meeting had been held with the parties concerned, Police Chief Porter and the City Administrator, and a Reciprocal

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Agreement had been developed, to be presented to the Montgomery County Council for ratification by resolution. However, in order for the City to legally enter into such Reciprocal Agreement with the County, it would be necessary to amend the City Code and adopt an Ordinance-Resolution. There was some discussion, and Councilman Nishimoto suggested having a first reading of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Pridgen pointed out, however, that there were 3 weeks until the next Council meeting. He suggested having two ordinances and voting on them at this meeting.

ORDINANCE #2306

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

SECTION 1. THAT Section 4-41 of the Takoma Park Code be amended by the addition of the following sub-section:

Sec. 4-41 Permit required:

(c) The City Council, at its discretion, may provide by resolution for reciprocal agreements or cancellation of such agreements between the City and other jurisdictions, including Montgomery County, Prince George's County or the District of Columbia.

SECTION 2. THAT this Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

ORDINANCE #2307

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

SECTION 1. WHEREAS Section 4-41 (c) of the Takoma Park Code provides for reciprocal agreements between the City and other jurisdictions as related to taxicab permits, AND

SECTION 2. WHEREAS a dispute has arisen concerning the geographic area of operations of taxicabs licensed respectively by the City of Takoma Park and by Montgomery County, AND

SECTION 3. WHEREAS in the public interest with the objective of safe and adequate taxicab service it is desirable that an agreement be reached between the City and Montgomery County concerning a solution to this problem,

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Reciprocal Agreement with Montgomery County meeting the objective outlined in Section 3 of this Ordinance, AND

SECTION 5. THAT this Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

A motion to approve both the above quoted Ordinances was made, seconded, and carried by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, García, Medina, Nishimoto, and Ricks. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmen Forshee and Webb.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Councilman Ricks commended the City Administrator's staff on the new agenda and said, that he appreciated the type of information that had been furnished the Councilmembers.

Councilman García also praised the new, streamlined agenda.

- He told of having attended a meeting of COG's Human Resources Policy-Committee, where the interim package sewage treatment plan was discussed at great length, as was the Prince George's Department of Human Resources and

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Community Development, dealing with Police-Community Relations programs.

- From "Our Lady of Sorrow" Church, he had received a request for a street sign at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Kentland. This he had referred to Mr. Barile.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM, to reconvene on May 13, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator