

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Executive Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
October 14, 1974

City Officials Present

Mayor Roth	Asst. City Admin. Gilsdorf
Councilman Faulkner	P.W. Director Barile
Councilman Forshee	Police Chief Porter
Councilman Garcia	Rec. Director Ziegler
Councilwoman Medina	Corp. Couns. Gingerich
Councilman Nishimoto	Dep. City Clerk Pusti
Councilman Ricks	
Councilman Webb	

The Mayor and City Council met in Executive Session, Oct. 14, 1974, at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 23 meeting and dispense with the reading was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor noted that City Administrator Pridgen is necessarily absent from the meeting tonight. Mayor Roth commented on a draft proposal prepared by the MNCPPC staff titled the "Takoma-Langley Report"; he stated that this report has given the name "North Takoma Park" to the area known as New Hampshire Estates and Rolling Terrace, which is very confusing to anyone reading it. The City has written a letter to protest this and has requested that the report not be made public but used for internal purposes only. The Mayor reported that an organization in the City has tried to take credit for the City's action in having the construction at 7050 Carroll Ave. stopped; he stated for the record that it was through the efforts of the City staff and Council, and no other group, that this construction was halted. He noted that the Park and Planning meeting notice mentioned that the MNCPPC is negotiating to purchase the Cruze (former Ford lot) property at Carroll & Westmoreland Aves. for use as a park that is mentioned in the Takoma Impact Plan.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items to be added to the agenda.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Ave. Speaking as Chairman of the CIB, Mrs. Simpson presented the First Annual Report from the CIB; there have been 157 reports of deficiencies with 63 corrections as of 9/15; 76 cards of appreciation have been sent out. Thanked the C.E. Officers and Mr. Gilsdorf for their cooperation with the CIB efforts. Mentioned three agenda items initiated by the CIB, and requested action on them: #15-surfaced parking at multi-family units; #16-surfaced parking at commercial places; #17-City authority to require maintenance of commercial property. The CIB also requested that some decision be made regarding abandoned gas stations; these may multiply in the future and the City should protect itself against this kind of deterioration. Recommended that the City set aside annually an amount of money for a recycling center; the center would be a joint effort of all governments in COG. Councilman Ricks suggested that the agenda items be referred to the committee studying the TESS Area Master Plan (agenda item #253); Mayor Roth assigned the items to the committee (Councilmembers Faulkner, Medina, Ricks). Councilman Nishimoto suggested that the City take action regarding surfaced parking before an outside agency gets involved and makes recommendations. He stated that he will present the recycling center idea to the Mont. Co. MML. Councilman Forshee supported prompt action on hard surfaced parking.

Faith Stern, 103 Grant Ave. Spoke as Pres. of the TPES PTA; mentioned a resolution the City had passed supporting the PTA's request that the Bd. of Ed. expedite the three-year renovation plan of TPES by combining feasibility and planning. The request was turned down, but a letter from the B of E suggested that if the work of the Feasibility Study Comm. was completed early in F.Y. 75, it might be possible to request supplemental funds for planning and in that way advance the project by a year - this was only a possibility, not a commitment. The Feasibility Comm. worked from March to Oct.; the Comm. is ready to go ahead with planning, but things are now at a stand still. The PTA wants to request supplemental funds to expedite the work; they fear that any delay may result in the same situation that occurred at SSI. Mentioned that the NAACP has a suit against HEW and the PTA is concerned that TPES will be involved because of the racial imbalance there. She requested that the City write to the Pres. of the B of E and request supplemental funds for planning. Councilman Nishimoto stated support for this request. Councilman Ricks stated that attention should be given to this to insure that the situation at SSI is not repeated; he suggested that the City strongly state that TPES must be put and kept in "A-1" shape. Mayor Roth said that this will be scheduled as the first item for action; he noted that when Robert Moore was Pres. of the PTA, he requested Council help - the Council supported him, and will continue to support the efforts of the TPES PTA.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Bank Balances as of Sept. 30, 1974

Suburban Trust Co - General Funds

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	137,201.01	
*Sept. receipts	<u>566,939.64</u>	704,140.65
**Sept. disbursements		<u>500,300.71</u>
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>203,839.94</u>

Suburban Trust Co - Payroll Acct.

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	12,734.48	
Sept. receipts	<u>76,827.75</u>	89,562.23
Sept. disbursements		<u>77,334.50</u>
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>12,227.73</u>

Citizens Bank of Md - General Funds

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	899.75	
Sept. receipts	<u>11,204.39</u>	
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>12,104.14</u>

Citizens Bank of Md - Spec. Assmt. Fund

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	196.60	
No transactions during Sept.	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>196.60</u>

Citizens Bank of Md - Pub. Imp. Fund

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	534.53	
No transactions during Sept.	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>534.53</u>

Citizens Bank of Md - Savings Acct.

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	175.61	
Int. earned 7/1/74 - 9/30/74	<u>2.19</u>	
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>177.80</u>

American National Bank - General Funds

Balance - Aug. 31, 1974	318.11	
Cash receipts	<u>433.68</u>	
Balance - Sept. 30, 1974		<u>751.79</u>

Petty Cash

200.00

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<u>U.S. Treasury Bills</u>			<u>Cost</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>
Purchased	6/21/74	Maturity Date 10/22/74	97,362.78	100,000.00
"	8/2/74	" 3/31/75	94,123.89	100,000.00
"	8/20/74	" 2/13/75	95,614.58	100,000.00
"	8/22/74	" 1/16/75	96,340.00	100,000.00
"	9/6/74	" 3/11/75	95,473.33	100,000.00
"	9/17/74	" 11/14/74	98,731.11	100,000.00
"	9/17/74	" 12/12/74	98,108.89	100,000.00
"	9/27/74	" 5/6/75	95,415.83	100,000.00
			<u>771,170.41</u>	<u>800,000.00</u>

\*Treasury Bill matured 9/12/74, cost \$98,228.19

\*\*Treasury Bills purchased during month of Sept., cost \$387,729.16,  
Maturity Value, \$400,000.00

#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### (1) Communications

Peter A. Menedis, Pres., TPVFD, Inc. Letter thanking the Council for appropriating funds for a new ambulance and bio-medical telemetry equipment.

Co. Bd. of Appeals for Mont. Co. Notice of public hearing on Jan. 9, 1975, County Council Hearing Room, COB, regarding Case No. S-365, petition to permit the operation of a care home for 3 people at 510 Phila. Ave. (R-60 zone).

P.G. Co. Off. of Zoning Hearing Examiner, Service of Decision. Re: agenda item #170 half-way house on Red Top Rd. Recommendations - Park & Planning Staff: approval of Spec. Ex. for half-way house with conditions; P.G. Co. Examiner: denial of all requests. The case will go to the Dist. Council for a final decision which will be reached within 90 days.

WSSC, Notification of Construction Projects. Installation of pipeline on New York and Chicago Aves. in Takoma Park; construction period will be approximately 2 - 3 weeks. Mayor Roth requested that the P.W. Dir. and the Chief of Police be notified of the construction date in advance so that preparations can be made to handle the traffic there; noted that this is a heavily travelled area.

##### (2) Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action.

Takoma Park Elementary School. Councilman Nishimoto urged the Council to send a letter in support of Mrs. Stern's request to the B of E; he suggested that PTA members contact those persons seeking election to the B of E and inquire as to their feelings on this matter. Councilman Ricks moved that an official communication be sent to the B of E in support of the TPES PTA's position. The motion was seconded by Councilmembers Medina and Nishimoto, with a stipulation by Councilman Nishimoto that the letter indicate that the Mayor and Council will be happy to meet with the B of E, if necessary, to emphasize the City's support of this request and to insure that the situation at SSI is not repeated. Councilwoman Medina noted that after the experience at SSI, it is very important that the City keep track of the process from the very beginning and make sure that the desires of the City and the citizens are considered and that the B of E does not betray the confidence of the people of Takoma Park that they will have a school in the City. Councilman Nishimoto asked the TPES PTA Pres. to keep the City informed as to what is happening at the school. Councilman Faulkner noted that when the Council met with the Supt. of Schools to discuss SSI, he stated that an attempt would be made to put all Takoma Park children in a Takoma Park school. Mayor Roth noted that there have been a series of discussions about the future of SSI; the City should not let SSI be razed until the situation at TPES is settled. Councilman Ricks' motion to forward an official communication to the B of E was unanimously adopted by a voice vote. Mayor Roth asked Councilwoman Medina to work with the City staff to draft a letter to the B of E.

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Ordinance authorizing purchase of Police cruiser. Police Chief Porter reported that bids for a replacement cruiser were opened 10/10/74 at 3:00 PM; bids were received from 3 companies, with the bid from Palmer Ford being the lowest that met specifications. A motion was made to adopt the following ordinance and was seconded by Councilman Nishimoto; the motion was passed by a roll call vote as follows. Aye: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, Ricks, Webb. Nay: none. Excused: none.

ORDINANCE NO. 2323

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

- SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised and notices sent to qualified bidders, bids were opened on October 10, 1974, for one police cruiser; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the lowest acceptable bid (meeting all specification requirements) was submitted by Palmer Ford, Inc., Hyattsville, Maryland; AND
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract is hereby awarded to Palmer Ford, Inc. for one Ford Torino 4-door pillared hardtop sedan, for the net sum of THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$3,699), including \$500 trade-in allowance; AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the City Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer title to trade-in vehicle, a 1973 Pontiac, 4-door sedan, Serial #2L69W3P136141, Title #3372967, to Palmer Ford, Inc.; AND
- SECTION 5. THAT funds for this purchase have been provided in the current fiscal year budget.

New bus stop markers. Mr. Gilsdorf reported that within the next month, WMATA will begin replacing its bus stop markers with more informative signs; the new signs will identify all routes using each stop and identify boarding and alighting areas presently designated within each jurisdiction.

Schedule of curb and gutter work. Mr. Barile reported that the F.O. Day Co. of Rockville will begin curb and gutter repairs about the 17th of October; because of the type of equipment to be used and the nature of the work, the flow of traffic will be disrupted during the repairs. Northbound traffic on Maple will be detoured at Tulip, and Willow will be used to Valley View; southbound traffic will proceed as usual. In addition, street parking will be banned in the immediate area of operations and the area ahead of operations (during working hours, 8 AM to 4 PM). Streets to be repaired are: Jackson Avenue (Boyd to Lincoln); Kennebec Avenue (Roanoke to Flower); Lincoln Avenue (Jackson to Carroll); Park Avenue (Spruce to Carroll); and Maple ( from Tulip to Valley View and a small stretch from Edinburgh Lane to Kennebec).

14. Winchester-Takoma: status report. Mr. Gilsdorf reported that a third consent order has been signed; all the provisions of the Mandatory Decree and Permanent Injunction of the Court (dated 6/26/73) shall remain in full force; the defendant shall pay to the plaintiff within five days of this decree \$1,000 in lieu of the forfeiture of the \$5,000 surety bond; defendant waives any requirement that a second notice of violation be issued for failure to meet the requirements of the City Housing Code; the defendant shall post a penalty bond in the amount of \$10,000 for a term of one year; failure to correct any violation within the specified time limit will result in forfeiture of the bond at the rate of \$50.00 per violation for each day the violation continues after termination date of the particular first Notice of Violation. Councilman Ricks thanked the members of the Council for their hard work and decisions in this case. He noted that the counsel for 16th Street Woods expressed concern that some of the violations may not be able to be corrected because the management does not have keys to all of the apartments; Asst.Counsel Culpepper

and Councilman Ricks discussed this and informed them that the Law states that all landlords shall be responsible for having a key to each apartment. The City will allow an extension of time to correct a violation only if the request is submitted in writing, along with proof that notice has been served in Court or that legal or official action has begun to enable the management to gain entrance, a tenant can be evicted for refusing to allow the management to have a key to his apartment. Councilman Ricks stated that he is pleased with what happened in Court and stated that although at the last meeting he opposed any negotiations, which may have seemed vindictive, all he wanted was absolute assurance that conditions at the Winchester-Takoma would improve. Mr. Gilsdorf recommended the Corporation Counsel for drawing up this agreement and noted that the legal procedure for enforcing notices of violation has been considerably shortened. Councilman Ricks noted that although he has not been inside the Winchester-Takoma recently, he has had reports that conditions have improved; he also noted that the exterior definitely looks better - the grass has been kept cut, the trash around the building has been picked up, etc..

162. Report from Committee on Future Use of SSI Site. Mrs. Ziegler presented the following report: On September 18, the Committee on Future Use of the SSI Site moved that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Board of Education: (1) that the Board of Education raze the SSI building but keep the gym intact, face the gym and put it into good repair, remove all debris and rubble, regrade the land where the school building stood; (2) that the entire site be rented for a minimum of 100 years to Montgomery County and Takoma Park; (3) that the park and gym be administered by the Montgomery County and Takoma Park Recreation Departments; (4) that the park and gym be maintained by Montgomery County and/or Takoma Park and/or MNCPPC; (5) that the Committee be expanded to include 5 new members who live within the original SSI boundaries; (6) that the Board of Education make a decision regarding this proposal by December 1, 1974. Mrs. Ziegler noted that Councilmembers Medina and Ricks attended the discussion and are members of the Committee. There was a discussion between the members of the Council and Mrs. Ziegler, in which the following points were presented: (1) If SSI is razed, it should be done before a definite commitment regarding Takoma Park Elementary School is made by the Board of Education; (2) the need for a special committee was questioned; (3) there is a precedent for the County to maintain park facilities within the City; (4) the Board of Education will not sell the property because of the possibility that the site may be needed in the future; (5) a leasing agreement would enable the City to influence decisions regarding use of the property; (6) the City should not lease the property because that might result in an additional financial burden being placed on the City; (7) the County should lease and maintain the property for City use as compensation for the loss of a school in the City; (8) the Committee was appointed by Superintendent Elseroad without consulting the Council. It was decided that since the Board of Education has been asked to make a decision by December 1, 1974, the Council must take fast action to make its own recommendations, and that in view of what is happening at TPES, the Committee should meet again and review its recommendations. Councilwoman Medina stated that she could not support any recommendation that would raze SSI until a decision is made regarding the future of TPES. Councilman Nishimoto moved that the Mayor and Council make an input to the Board of Education, based on this and any other information they have, before the Board of Education takes any action concerning the citizens of Takoma Park; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Medina. Mayor Roth restated Councilman Nishimoto's motion: the Council will write to the Board of Education and state that the Committee's recommendations have been reported to the Council and that the City does not want these recommendations followed until there is assurance that TPES will be kept and renovated as scheduled. He stated the concern of the Council that the Board of Education will raze SDI and then decide that TPES is

not worth keeping and raze that also: the Council feels that the Board of Education owes the City some consideration because of SSI. The motion by Councilman Nishimoto was unanimously adopted by voice vote. Mayor Roth asked Councilwoman Medina and Mr. Gilsdorf to draft a letter to the Board of Education.

Recreation Department Report. There will be a special gym program from 10 AM to 5 PM for all elementary school children October 17 and 18. The Halloween Party will be October 30 from 7 - 9 PM on the Library parking lot; there will be entertainment, refreshments and prizes. The Sister City Day celebration will be on October 20 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

256. Proposal of bicycle path along Sligo Creek: progress report. Mr. Gilsdorf reported that during the past year a memorandum of understanding was signed between the MNCPPC and WSSC which officially recognizes the policy of joint use of sewer and water line rights-of-way, especially by bicyclists. Mr. Rubini, Director of Parks for MNCPPC wrote that " It is our sincere desire to have bike trail funds available when a sewer or water project is slated for construction so that we can take advantage of the opportunities that exist for joint use construction". The Sligo project is scheduled for F.Y.76/77, and Mr. Rubini stated that a bike trail will be considered. The recommendation is that MNCPPC be reminded quarterly of the City's continued interest in a bike trail through Sligo, and that quarterly reports be made to the M & C as to the status of this project. Councilman Faulkner suggested that Long Branch Parkway be added to the proposed bike trail.

Taxicab reciprocity. Mayor Roth reported that a taxicab reciprocity has been pending with Montgomery County; the County has passed its portion of the reciprocity agreement, and it will go into effect when Takoma Park passes a companion ordinance. Members of the Council noted that the City has already acted on this; Mayor Roth requested Mr. Gilsdorf and Chief Porter to contact the County regarding this.

Ficker Amendment. Councilman Nishimoto reported that the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League has voted unanimously to oppose the "Ficker Amendment" which would provide for voter referendums on any bond issue in Montgomery County. The Charter Review Committee and the City Councils of Gaithersburg and Rockville also voted to oppose the amendment. A statement which lists the pros and cons of this amendment was printed in the Sentinel, and Councilman Nishimoto requested that copies be circulated to all members of the Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM, to reconvene at 8:00 PM Tuesday, October 29 (Monday, October 28 is a National Holiday, so the meeting will be held the following evening).

ATTEST: *Hayward Pridgen*  
City Administrator

APPROVED: *Mayor Roth*  
Mayor

He called attention to a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee, November 2 - He called attention to a meeting of the school board meeting. He called attention to the president of the P-L, and 3 Councilmembers had attended the school board meeting. Further, he had had conversations with the president of the P-L's issue. Furthermore he had had conversations with the president of the P-L's issue. Furthermore he had had conversations with the president of the P-L's issue.

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
October 29, 1974.

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Faulkner	Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Forshee	Public Works Director Barile
Councilman García	Police Chief Porter
Councilwoman Medina	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
	Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Councilmen Nishimoto and Webb were excused.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session October 29, 1974, at 8:05 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the invocation by Reverend Theron Snyder of Trinity United Church of Christ, a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14 meeting and dispense with their reading was made and seconded. However, Councilwoman Medina pointed out an error on page 5 of the minutes, under item #162 - Report from the Committee on Future Use of SSI Site - where it is stated that she and Councilman Ricks "attended the discussion and are members of the Committee". The fact is that they attended but are NOT members of the Committee. With this correction the minutes were unanimously adopted.

City Administrator Pridgen requested that Fire Chief LaScola, who had been out of town when the minutes of the September 23 meeting were approved, be permitted to present a clarification of a point in those minutes. With the Mayor's permission Chief LaScola - referring to pages 5 and 6 of the September 23 minutes - said that the impression left was that Takoma Park was not covered by the new type paramedic vehicles which Montgomery County has placed in areas of the county where they will serve the largest number of residents. Therefore, he wanted to make it clear that the Montgomery County part of Takoma Park is covered and furthermore that he, in a letter to Chief Gratz, had asked that the matter be reviewed and that the entire City be included - that is to say also the Prince George's part. He had reason to believe that at tonight's meeting in Rockville, it would be decided to include the Prince George's part of the City.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS

- The Mayor urged citizens to vote in the upcoming elections, November 5. In this connection it was noted that the School Board election is of special interest to Takoma Park citizens, considering that the SSI school had been closed and that TPES now was in danger of being closed, it having been omitted from the School Board's long term plans. The Mayor expressed his concern and told of writing to all the candidates for the School Board, asking them to advise him of their stand on the TPES issue. Furthermore he had had conversations with the president of the P-T A, and 3 Councilmembers had attended the School Board meeting.
- He called attention to a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee, November 3, and asked interested citizens to attend and present their ideas and proposals.
- He mentioned a meeting tonight where Montgomery County's proposed project TRIP will be discussed. This concerns transportation between Takoma Park and Silver Spring and the Flower Avenue Shopping Center. Mrs. Simpson, the

General Chairwoman of CIB, is attending this meeting and will report on what happens and how it will affect the City. There seems to be a problem getting money for the project.

The Mayor read the following Resolution and proposed that it be the first item of business on the agenda:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, it was with profound sorrow that the Mayor and City Council learned of the passing on October 19, 1974, of Mrs. Etta Mae Davis, wife of Roderic F. Davis; AND

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis, a long-time resident of the City of Takoma Park, was recognized by all who knew her as a conscientious and dedicated citizen, who worked with great drive and vigor for many programs and causes; AND

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis' work in the area of service to the community was marked by its diversity, ranging from City public relations consultant to president of the Republican Women's Club, and including membership in numerous community groups, such as the Meals on Wheels Program for the elderly, the North Takoma Citizens Association and the Save Takoma Park Committee.

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

THAT this resolution be placed upon the permanent records of the City, and a suitably engrossed copy be prepared and forwarded to Mr. Roderic Davis.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Faulkner asked for further clarification by Fire Chief LaScola as to the fire- and rescue service provided Takoma Park.

Councilman García asked to present a motion to have Mayor Roth attend the 1974 Congress of Cities in Houston, Texas, December 1-5, 1974.

Councilman Forshee asked to present a motion concerning parking facility for the Fire Chief.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

1. Joe Cangialosi, 7001 Poplar Avenue, reported (unofficially) on a meeting held last night, October 28, concerning TPES. He had noted that the general consensus was that bureaucratically the closing of TPES would be good for the school system, as it would fill up enrollments in other neighborhood schools. It was his understanding that if there was no community opposition the school would be closed. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the action taken.

2. Joe Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue, spoke warmly about the late Etta Mae Davis, quoting passages from the Bible. He felt she would especially be remembered for her great courage.

3. Merrit Lehman, Health Center Manager of Group Health Ass. Clinic, 6864 New Hampshire Avenue, told of plans for a new Health Center at the S.E. corner of New Hampshire Avenue and East-West Highway. An application is now before



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the State of Maryland's Comprehensive Health Planning Agency and Prince George's County Health Planning Advisory Council. A hearing will be held on November 6, at 8:00 PM at the Lobby of the Center, 6864 New Hampshire Avenue, and the public is invited. During questioning by Councilmembers Mr. Lehman explained that the Center would continue to offer ambulatory service but on a larger scale; a two-storied building is planned - abt.40-50,000 square feet -; the present staff of 40-45 will be doubled, and while at present 15-18,000 people use the facility, it is expected that this number will go up to 35-40,000. If approved, the new Center is expected to be completed by January 1976 - provided there are no construction problems. To a question as to how the Center proposes to handle the additional traffic and parking, Mr. Lehman stated that no formal study has been made but that the architect is considering this problem. At present the Center is used by a maximum of 250-300 people a day, and this number is expected to double. City Administrator Pridgen noted that while at its present location the Center is  $\frac{2}{3}$  within the City limits, the new Center will be outside the City.

4. I.K.Burgess, 7405 Wildwood Drive, expressed his shock at hearing of Etta Mae Davis' death; he had always found her to be a delightful adversary. He offered his condolence and said that in her Takoma Park had lost a concerned citizen, of which there are too few.

- He asked whether the question of raising Mrs. Ziegler's salary would become an agenda item and was told by the Mayor that it already is.
- Being impressed by the number and size of contributions by Takoma Park business people in connection with the upcoming Halloween affair, he suggested that a letter of thanks be sent them and that the public in general be informed - possibly through the City Newsletter. There was some discussion as to whether such a letter should come from the Mayor or from the Recreation Council, as it was important to make sure that all groups receive equal treatment, but as to having an item about it in the Newsletter, there seemed general agreement that this was a good idea. Referring to Mr. Burgess' question about Mrs. Ziegler's salary Councilman Ricks stressed - for the record - that Mrs. Ziegler had not spoken to anybody about her salary and was NOT behind the request for a higher salary. Mr. Burgess was against stating that in the record as he felt it might have the reverse effect.

#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The above quoted Resolution of Condolence was moved, seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote and will be presented to Mr. Davis. Councilman Ricks added his personal condolence saying that the City has lost a great warrior.

#### (1) Communications

City Administrator Pridgen read the following correspondence:

M.S.Caltrider, District Engineer, Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration. Letter advising that contract had been let to proceed with supplemental drainage system on Rt.195, Maryland. According to Mr. Barile the purpose of this work was to prevent water from overflowing Sligo Creek Parkway and was practically completed.

In a second letter Mr.Caltrider advised that the contract had been let for resurfacing Maryland Rt.410, from Rt.29 to Chestnut, and from Cedar to Maple Aves. According to Mr. Barile, this project too is nearing its completion, taking care of the sections of Rt.410, for which the State is responsible.

Faith Stern, president, Takoma Park Elementary School P-T A. Letter calling attention to the Capital Budget Hearings, Dec. 2, 4 and 5, 1974, at the Educational Services Center, Rockville, at 8:00 PM, and urging support for the

TPES renovation project. Enclosed were copies of correspondence with some of the candidates for the School Board, and at the Mayor's request, City Administrator Pridgen characterized the 6 candidates, who had written to Faith Stern, as being in favor of retention of TPES - they were: Keerney, Jordan, Benington, Fletcher and Clark. There was considerable discussion, and Councilman Ricks told of attending a "meet the candidates" evening and addressing the group with a statement, that he hoped for their support of the educational process in Takoma Park. They had all assured him that they would oppose the closing of TPES. He also reported on the School Board meeting, which he and Councilmembers Medina and Nishimoto had attended, and Councilwoman Medina recommended that the City Council follow Faith Stern's proposal and testify at the Capital Budget Hearings in support of the P-T A's request. The general consensus was that the Mayor should give testimony at the hearings. During further discussion Councilwoman Medina suggested getting a copy of the long-term School Board plan. Councilman Faulkner inquired about the status of SSI and was informed by Councilman Ricks that at the School Board meeting it was voted to follow the suggestions of the Committee - see page 5 of the October 14 Council meeting minutes.

(2) Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:  
City Administrator Pridgen read the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE # 2324

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

SECTION 1. THAT after being duly advertised in accordance with Law, two bids were received according to specifications for two spreaders for rock salt and ice control chemicals; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the lowest bid meeting specifications be accepted as submitted by General Supply & Equipment Co. Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, in the amount of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$3,820.00) including freight for two Central Engineering Model S-300A Selecto Spreader truck attachments complete with accessories and installation; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the purchase be charged to Capital Outlay a/c 12.3238 as provided in current fiscal budget.

The ordinance was moved, seconded and passed by roll call vote as follows:  
AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina and Ricks; NAY: None;  
EXCUSED: Councilmen Nishimoto and Webb.

Progress Report on Curb and Gutter Work. Mr. Barile reported that by Friday, November 1, this work should be completed but for some sodding along Maple Avenue. The original estimate for this job, which included abt. 2800 feet of curb and gutter work, was abt. \$40,000; but it now looked as if it would come to \$36,000. The Mayor commented on the job as being well done.

#211 - Report on parking violations in the Montgomery College area.

Police Chief Porter reported that since school started in September, a total of 471 parking summonses had been written, and 102 warnings - 98 of the latter during the first two days of school -; 18 vehicles had been impounded in the area for serious violations such as blocking driveways etc., and while he felt the situation had improved, it was still very much of a problem. He mentioned being appointed by the Mayor to a Task Force to study the parking problem, but so far only one meeting had taken place in his group. During the discussion

that followed Chief Porter stated, in response to an inquiry from Councilwoman Medina, that there were spaces available for 350 cars in a public parking garage on Fenton Street, of which, on a daily average, only 50-60 spaces were being used. If more students could be persuaded to make use of this garage, at least that many cars would be off the streets, and there is a shuttle bus between the garage and the college (6 times between 8 and 9 AM); parking charge for students is minimal - \$10 per semester -. Mayor Roth felt that a way must be found to communicate with the student body and that it might also be useful to inform the Takoma Park citizens complaining about the situation, that something is being done - perhaps by publishing the number of summonses issued. It was suggested that this information be inserted in the November issue of the City Newsletter. There was considerable discussion of this problem, and Councilman Ricks suggested taking it to the College Board of Directors. At the Mayor's request Chief Porter gave the composition of the Parking Study Task Force as follows: 2 faculty representatives from Rockville Campus; 2 from Takoma Park Campus; 1 student representative; 2 representatives of the City of Rockville; 1 from the City of Takoma Park (Chief Porter); 1 representative from MNCPPC; 1 from the County Council and 5 from the County Government. It was estimated that the work at the college, which had aggravated the parking situation, would still be going on for at least another year. Councilman Faulkner moved that the College Board be approached; the motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks and carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

At Councilman Faulkner's request, Fire Chief LaScola repeated his comments to the September 23 meeting minutes, stating, that the impression conveyed: that Montgomery County's new paramedic vehicles, housed at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Wheaton Rescue Squad, respectively, were not available to Takoma Park citizens, was incorrect. Geographically they are assigned to all of Montgomery down-county - and Takoma Park is part of the down-county. - Councilman Faulkner expressed concern that all of Takoma Park be covered by the same fire and rescue service protection, as per agreement with TPVFD, Inc.. Mayor Roth pointed out that the paramedic vehicles are part of a new program, launched by Montgomery County, and that according to County Executive Gleason, it had not been possible (because of lack of funds) even to supply the entire county with this service - much less the Prince George's part of Takoma Park. - During further discussion the fact was stressed that this was a County matter, over which the TPVFD Inc. had no control. Chief LaScola added that in any case, as soon as the new ambulance - the purchase of which had just been authorized by Ordinance #2324 - was in service, the entire City, regardless of county lines, would be covered. Councilman Forshee suggested resting all further discussion until the decision made at the meeting in Rockville is known. Councilman Faulkner requested that an up-to-date report on this subject be made at the next Council meeting.

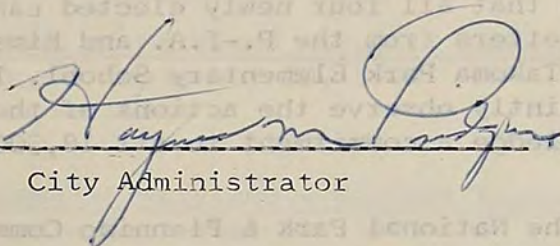
Councilman Garcia congratulated Mayor Roth on his election as president of Prince George's Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League and moved that the Mayor be authorized to attend the 1974 Congress of Cities in Houston, Texas, Dec. 1-5, 1974, sponsored by the National League of Cities, and that the expenses be charged to the appropriate budget account. For the record he stated that Takoma Park in 1958 became a direct voting member, as the 2nd City in Maryland - Baltimore City being the first. There are now 11 direct member municipalities which with the Maryland Municipal League's vote of 10 units provides a total of 21 votes on matters being considered at the national level of vital importance to local governments. The legislation providing Federal Revenue Sharing by Cities was a result of the active work of the National League.

Since Mayor Roth is a member of the Effective Government Policy Committee of the National League and has wide experience in this field, it was felt that he should be present. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

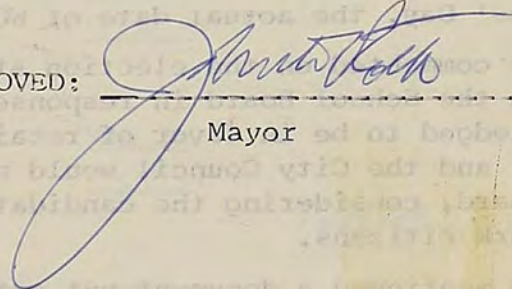
Councilman Forshee moved that Ordinance #2188 of January 10, 1972, concerning a special parking space on Maple Avenue for the Fire Chief be rescinded as of November 11, 1974, inasmuch as the Fire Chief is moving to 12 Grant Avenue and will no longer need the parking space on Maple. The motion was seconded, and it was further moved and seconded that a special parking space be reserved for the Fire Chief on Grant Avenue; but approximately at 13 Grant Avenue - across the street - since no parking is permitted on the even numbered side of the street. Councilman Ricks inquired whether residents of Grant Avenue had been consulted. City Administrator Pridgen pointed out that there was off-street parking for the residents, who had not been consulted. Mayor Roth suggested that if it was felt that input from the residents was desirable, there was time enough for the City Administrator to have a consultation with the citizens concerned before an Ordinance was acted upon. There was some discussion and it was decided to postpone the matter until the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 PM - the Council to reconvene Monday, November 11, at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:

  
City Administrator

APPROVED:

  
Mayor

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

BRIEFING BY MARK WEISS:

Mr. Weiss briefed all interested citizens to attend a public forum on the TRIP program November 20, at 7:30 PM at Jackson Park Junior High School Auditorium, 7011 Piney Branch Road. He introduced two officials of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, who were present in the audience. Copies of an open letter from County Executive Gleason, with attached TRIP LOSS ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PROPOSALS (printed route information) were distributed to the audience, and a number of copies were left at the City Administrator's office, available to interested Jackson Park citizens, who may call for them at the Municipal Building.