

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

November 11, 1974.

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Faulkner	Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Forshee	Police Chief Porter
Councilman Garcia	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilwoman Medina	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Nishimoto	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
	Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Councilmen Ricks and Webb were excused.

The Mayor and City Council met in Executive Session November 11, 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 October 29 meeting and dispense with their reading, was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS :

- The Mayor called attention to the fact that this - November 11 - was Veterans' Day, the actual date of WORLD WAR I armistice.
- He commented on the election stating that all four newly elected candidates to the School Board in response to letters from the P.-T.A. and himself had pledged to be in favor of retaining Takoma Park Elementary School. The P.-T. A. and the City Council would now jointly observe the actions of the School Board, considering the candidates' pledge a commitment to all 18,500 Takoma Park citizens.
- He mentioned a document put out by the National Park & Planning Commission, called FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION or FIRST ANNUAL GROWTH POLICY REPORT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.
- He introduced Mark Weiss of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, who would later speak on the proposed TRIP program.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilman Faulkner requested permission to report on a study of the TESS Master Plan, which he and Councilmembers Medina and Ricks had undertaken at the Mayor's request. Furthermore he wanted to make a recommendation on an application for a variance at Fourth and Cockerille Avenues.

BRIEFING BY MARK WEISS:

Mr. Weiss urged all interested citizens to attend a public forum on the TRIP program, November 26, at 7:30 PM at Takoma Park Junior High School Auditorium, 7611 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 TESS LOOP 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 Takoma Park citizens, who may call for them at the Municipal Building.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Administrator Pridgen presented the following Financial Statement:

Bank Balances
as of October 31, 1974.

Suburban Trust Co. - General Funds

Balance - September 30, 1974	203,839.94	
*October receipts	<u>356,201.16</u>	560,041.10
**October disbursements		<u>431,749.82</u>
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>128,291.28</u></u>

Suburban Trust Co. - Payroll Account

Balance - September 30, 1974	12,227.73	
October receipts	<u>71,030.28</u>	83,258.01
October disbursements		<u>73,654.92</u>
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>9,603.09</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - General Funds

Balance - September 30, 1974	12,104.14	
October receipts	<u>400.92</u>	
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>12,505.06</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Special Assmt.Fund

Balance - September 30, 1974	196.60	
No transactions during October	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>196.60</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Public Imp.Fund

Balance - September 30, 1974	534.53	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>534.53</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Savings Account

Balance - September 30, 1974	177.80	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>177.80</u></u>

American National Bank - General Funds

Balance - September 30, 1974	751.79	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - October 31, 1974		<u><u>751.79</u></u>

Petty Cash

200.00U.S.Treasury Bills

Cost

Maturity Value

Purchased	Maturity Date	Cost	Maturity Value
8/2 /74	3/31/74	94,123.89	100,000.00
" 8/20/74	" 2/13/74	95,614.58	100,000.00
" 8/20/74	" 1/16/75	96,340.00	100,000.00
" 9/6/74	" 3/11/75	95,473.33	100,000.00
" 9/17/74	" 11/4/74	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
" 10/1/74	" 6/30/75	94,013.33	100,000.00
" 10/3/74	" 6/3/75	94,687.50	100,000.00
" 10/9/74	" 6/30/75	94,388.00	100,000.00
		<u>956,896.46</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>

* Treasury Bill matured 10/22/74 Cost \$97,362.78

**Treasury Bill purchased during month of October - Cost \$283,088.83
Maturity Value \$300,000.00

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He explained the proposals as follows:

When first proposed, December 1973, the TESS loop was based on certain assumptions about service area, frequency of services (a bus every 10 minutes), and the fleet size (16 busses). Appropriation actions reduced the fleet size, making it necessary to evaluate whether the original route (alternative #1) should be followed, but at lesser frequency, or whether the original 10 minute service frequency should be maintained, but on a smaller loop, or some combination thereof; the choice would be influenced by the wishes of the communities serviced. Basically, alternatives #2, #3 and #4 are modifications to the original TESS loop (alternative #1).

ALTERNATIVE #1 : Under this alternative a complete tour of the route as originally conceived would take abt. 54 minutes; buses circulating in both directions around the loop spaced at 15 minute intervals.

ALTERNATIVE #2 : The major difference between this alternative and alternative #1 is the use of Thayer Avenue instead of Sligo Avenue and the omission of the southern-most service on Philadelphia, Carroll, Willow, Tulip and Holly Avenues, making the total ride time abt. 43 minutes with buses spaced at 11 minute intervals.

ALTERNATIVE #3 : Similar to alternative #2 with the major exception of cutting the eastern boundary at Garland Avenue. Travel time: 40 minutes with buses spaced at 10 minute intervals.

ALTERNATIVE #4 : This is a two loop system, utilizing 6 buses on the outer loop, 4 on the inner loop, with several free transfer points for switching from one loop to another. Outer loop riding time: 45 minutes with buses operating at 15 minutes intervals; inner loop riding time: 31 minutes with buses spaced at 17 minute intervals.

In making the ultimate choice, the effects on the service should be kept in mind, such as increase of route length, waiting time and ride time, the route becoming more complex for users of the system, and the number of potential riders increasing; the goal for the program is to maximize ridership by providing a balance of service area penetration and reasonably short wait and ride times for the riders. Service is envisaged to start in February 1975. Upon various questions from the Mayor and City Council members and some of the citizens, it was brought out that there will be one basic fare of 25 cents, regardless of how long or short a ride, and regardless of age - it will be an exact fare system; there will be free transfers under #4. The operating hours will be from 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Saturday. The Director of the Office of Transport Planning, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, added that publicity is planned to get the information on the TRIP program - including bus stops etc. - to the community. As to bus stops within the City of Takoma Park, they will later be established in close consultation with the Mayor and City Council.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the beautiful new curbs along Maple Avenue and for planting shrubs in front of the TPES and along Park Avenue, giving that street a much needed face-lifting.

- She inquired about emergency number 911 and when to use it. City Administrator Pridgen explained that to reach the Takoma Park Police Department, it would be faster to use: 270-1100, getting into direct contact with the City's Police Department. For fire or ambulance emergencies 911 is to be used.

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:(1) Communications

Roderic J. Davis, 703 New York Avenue. Letter thanking the Mayor and City Council for the Resolution, delivered to him in recognition of the community services by his late wife, Etta Mae Davis. Councilman Nishimoto commented that her services to the City of Takoma Park went back to the year 1950, when he served on a committee with her, and that she had been very active ever since.

Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Riverdale, Maryland. Notice of Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. A-9082, requesting reclassification from C-1 to C-G zone for property at 1501 University Blvd., east of the corporate limits of the City of Takoma Park. A hearing date has not been set.

Notice of Zoning Hearing Dates - Prince George's County. A hearing will be held November 20, at 7:15 PM on A-8545, to rezone nearly 10 acres on Riggs Road, opposite the intersection with Ray Road, Chillum - presently with greenhouses etc. - from R-55 to R-10.

Dalton, Dalton, Little, Cleveland, Ohio. Letter concerning preliminary re-design of Juniper Street vehicular bridge to pedestrian bridge. The submitted blueprints for the project are being reviewed by the Director of Public Works, Mr. Barile, who will present a report.

Prince George's County Municipal Association. Notice of meeting November 21, at 8:00 PM in Takoma Park Municipal Building. Mayor Roth is president of this association and urged that as many as possible of the Councilmembers attend, since Takoma Park is the host City.

(2) Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action.

City Administrator Pridgen read the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE # 2325

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to purchase 100 feet of straight and 30 feet of radius curb and gutter forms from the John C. Louis Co., for the sum of FOURTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1450), the lowest price quoted; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the sum of \$1450 in unexpended Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, appropriated in Ordinance 2321 for curb and gutter work, be transferred from A/C 12.3231 to A/C 12.3240.

With the explanation that with the purchase of the proposed gutter forms the Public Works Department could perform repair work on City curbs and gutters at considerable savings compared to contractors' prices, Councilman Forshee moved that the ordinance be approved. The motion was seconded and adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto; NAY: None; EXCUSED: Councilmen Ricks and Webb.

Asst. City Administrator Gilsdorf read the following proposed ordinance concerning installation of folding doors in the meeting room of the Municipal Bldg., adding, that while this ordinance called for the amount of \$5,318, an alternate proposal, which would make it possible to stack all the dividers behind the wall, next to the exit, called for an additional amount of \$682:

ORDINANCE # 2326

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

SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised according to law, bids were publicly opened on October 30, 1974, for supplying and installing

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four (4) sets of folding doors in the second floor meeting room of the Municipal Building; AND

- SECTION 2. THAT the lowest acceptable bid was made by the James A. Cassidy Company, Inc., of Beltsville, Maryland.
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the contract is hereby awarded to James A. Cassidy Company, Inc., for the sum of FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$5,318); AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT funds to cover this contract shall be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund account and transferred to A/C 10.9134.

Councilman Forshee moved that the original proposal in the total amount of \$5,318 be accepted; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Medina. Councilman Garcia suggested that the alternate proposal be considered but was opposed by Councilmembers Forshee and Medina. The ordinance was adopted as quoted above by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Medina and Nishimoto; NAY: Councilman Garcia; EXCUSED: Councilmen Ricks and Webb. The work is to be carried out in the beginning of 1975.

City Administrator Pridgen read the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE #2327

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

- SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance #2188, adopted January 10, 1972, providing an on-street parking space for the Fire Chief on Maple Avenue, is hereby repealed; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to erect a sign reading OFFICIAL PARKING - FIRE CHIEF ONLY, beginning at a point 5 feet south of the driveway opening for #13 Grant Avenue and extending for a distance of 25 feet in a southeasterly direction; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works shall transfer the existing sign on Maple Avenue to the location designated in Section 2; AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violations of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972.

Mayor Roth, referring to comments by Councilman Ricks at the October 29 meeting, asked whether any citizens had objected to the location of the new parking space. He was advised that there had been no objections, as the owner of #13 Grant Ave. has three off-street parking spaces at her disposal. Councilman Garcia moved that the ordinance be adopted; the motion was seconded and carried by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina and Nishimoto; NAY: None; EXCUSED: Councilmen Ricks and Webb.

Item #194 - Appeal # A-176, parking lot in R-60 zone, 7112 Willow Avenue.

The following report was given by Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf and accepted by the Mayor and Council : The Montgomery Board of Appeals must decide whether or not an administrative error was made by the Chief of the Zoning and Licensing Section of the Department of Environmental Protection in determining that the use of 7112 Willow Avenue as a parking lot is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance because of the off-street parking being "in connection with a commercial use". (The Counselor for the Seventh Day Adventist Church states that the parking is "in connection with church use", and, therefore, permitted in the R-60 zone). The County Board will hear the case on November 21, 1974 at 1:00 PM in the County Office Bldg., Rockville.

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Item #253 - TESS Master Plan.

Councilman Faulkner reported on the result of a study that he and Councilmembers Medina and Ricks had undertaken of the TESS Master Plan:

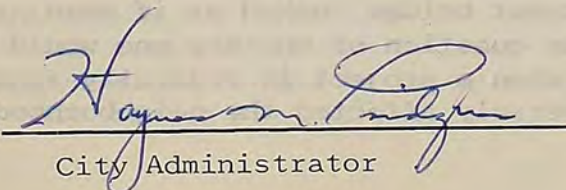
- 1) First - and most important - the plan does not cover the entire City - only the Montgomery County part. There should be a plan covering all of Takoma Park, and a plan which does not recognize Takoma Park as a social, geographic and political entity is basically NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- 2) In various cases the proposed plan covers matters for which the City has primary responsibility, such as public safety, traffic control, and code enforcement, where the need for consistency within the whole jurisdiction is obvious.
- 3) Other important objections are: frequent reference to data on race, ethnic origin and economic status, which he considered discriminatory and prejudicial; planning should be based upon equal availability of services and facilities regardless of background or status of residents.
- 4) The plan is full of indefinite and ambiguous statements - a Master Plan, by its very nature, implies a permanence of structure.
- 5) The plan calls for "considerable use" of an R-T zone within the City, which seems contrary to one stated goal of the plan: to lower population growth - a goal supported by the City of Takoma Park.
- 6) The plan recommends a considerable number of conversions of single family dwellings to multiple family use. The City of Takoma Park would object to any extensive use of this technique.

He moved that the City write to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission and express the above mentioned concerns and objections, stressing that the City does NOT approve of the plan in its present form and requests that it NOT be published. It should particularly be pointed out that a plan is needed covering all of Takoma Park - Prince George's County section as well as the Montgomery County section, -and a meeting should be suggested between the Commission and the Mayor and City Council to discuss matters. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Medina. Following considerable discussion among the Councilmembers, the motion was carried unanimously by voice vote. Mayor Roth expressed his appreciation of the thorough work carried out by the three Councilmembers.

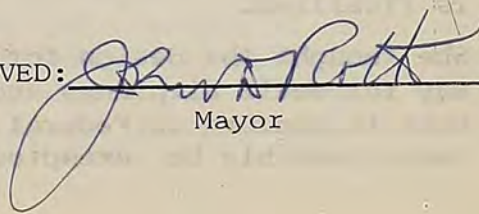
Councilman Faulkner presented an Appeal No.4052, which is before the Prince George's County Board of Appeals. It concerns permission to validate existing house and erect addition on rear within 15.5 feet of the street, (the prescribed distance is 25 feet) a variance of 9.5 feet, at Cockerille and Fourth Avenues. A public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 PM, November 18, 1974. His recommendation and motion was that the Mayor and Council express no opinion but abide by the decision of the citizens testifying at the hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 PM. The Council to reconvene Monday, November 25 at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:


City Administrator

APPROVED: _____


Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1974.

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Pridgen
Councilman Forshee	Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilwoman Medina	Police Chief Porter
Councilman Nishimoto	Public Works Director Barile
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Webb	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
	Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Councilmen Faulkner and Garcia were excused.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session November 25, 1974, at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the invocation by Reverend Wummer of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11 meeting and dispense with their reading was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Mayor reminded the citizens that there would be a public forum on November 26 at 7:30 PM at Takoma Park Junior High School Auditorium to discuss the TRIP project; he urged them to attend.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilwoman Medina requested permission to make a motion in regard to the TRIP project.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Frances Phipps, 7210 Holly Avenue, objected to the use in Council minutes of the term: "hard surface parking", preferring: "permanent surface parking", as she considered that a more flexible term.

- Commenting on the new bridge/^{underpath}at Piney Branch, she found that enormous and estimated that some of the parkland would have to be taken away across from the Cady Lee House in order to make it workable. She asked the Council for current information.
- Pointing out that the TESS Master Plan Committee had put in a request for a stop light at the intersection of Eastern and Piney Branch, she voiced doubt that this stop light had been included in the long series of synchronized lights envisaged along Piney Branch and along New Hampshire Avenue and asked the Council to have it checked out. She was concerned that once the system had gone into effect, it might be very difficult to get additional stop lights.
- She expressed interest in the landscaping design at the METRO parking lot which she felt would be of vital interest to all the residents of that area who would like an opportunity to see the design and comment on it before it is finalized.
- She thought the design for Juniper Street bridge looked as if meant as a runway for small airplanes and raised the question of whether one would always have to conform to Federal standards, when a project is federally funded, or could possibly be exempted if it adversely affected the neighborhood.

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- She voiced an interest in the Cory House at 7307 Piney Branch Road which she would like to see preserved rather than demolished. She suggested instituting a fee to be paid by the owners of boarded-up houses, raising it as time elapsed and nothing was done to restore them.

As to the Cory House Councilman Nishimoto commented that the situation had been thoroughly explored and that he had personally made sure that Mrs. Cory was properly notified of the action planned by the City.

Mayor Roth commented on the landscape design at the METRO parking lot saying that a member of the azalea committee had contacted METRO to find out whether suggestions would be welcome and whether they would be interested in the Azalea Committee supplementing whatever was planned. The reply had been that a design had been prepared and was available for inspection. Councilman Ricks commented on the problem of fitting two lanes into the enormous bridge at Piney Branch and wondered what could be done. Councilwoman Medina said that it had been her understanding from attending a Transportation Planning Board meeting that no more than 4 lanes were planned for at least 20 years. Mrs. Phipps felt it was important to know how wide each lane was.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

(1) Communications

City Administrator Pridgen read from the following correspondence:

Robert E. Anastasi, Principal, Takoma Park Elementary School. Memorandum thanking the City for the support and time given the TPES - for the new plantings along Philadelphia Avenue in front of the school, as well as for the cooperation given by all City departments, especially by the Police Department where special praise was given Officer Jack Goetz who was called a GOODWILL AMBASSADOR for the City.

Clifford J. Waldron, Corresponding Secretary, Spring Park Community Association, Letter of thanks for replacing a mercury vapor light in Forest Park, pointing out that more light tends to offer protection from vandalism. Councilman Ricks inquired as to whether the lights themselves can be protected from vandalism and was assured by Mr. Barile that the vapor lights are automatically installed with protective plastic covering.

Montgomery County Delegation, Maryland General Assembly. Two NEWS RELEASES announcing: 1) a public briefing, December 14, at 10:00 AM, conducted by the Maryland State Highway Administration concerning a proposed 5-year highway construction program, 1975-80; and 2) a public hearing, December 2, at 8:00 PM on BLUE LAWS, by the County Legislators. Both the briefing and the hearing will be held at the Council Hearing Room, 3rd floor, County Office Building, Rockville.

Public Works Director Barile reported on his department's street program. During the past 3 weeks the park division had completed planting a number of new trees and replacing dead ones. Along Maple Avenue, between Ritchie and Sligo Creek, 5 red maples had been planted as replacements. Of new trees 20 red oaks had been planted along Takoma Avenue, between Boston and Albany; 10 red oaks along Spring Park as buffer between the park and residences; 10 red oaks in Forest Park; 15 dogwoods along Tulip Avenue, between Spruce and Maple; and 19 birches on both sides of Park Avenue. He expected to continue the planting of trees and invited suggestions for locations for additional plantings. Councilman Nishimoto mentioned Holly Avenue. It was pointed out that a minimum width of 9 feet between curb and sidewalk was needed in order that roots not break up sidewalks or curbs. Mr. Barile was thanked for his efforts.

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Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf reported on his conversation with John Forest, Maryland Department of Transportation's regional engineer in Baltimore, which involved a "misunderstanding" concerning the traffic light installed at Larch and New Hampshire Avenues. There had been a number of complaints about this signal, and it turned out that it had been malfunctioning. It had now been corrected and would work as follows: It should only operate two hours per day, one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon (for school crossings). It was explained that the NO RIGHT TURN north on to New Hampshire and NO LEFT TURN from the other side of the street, were designed to keep vehicular traffic from "competing" for the New Hampshire Avenue crossing with school students during the two hours per day, when the signal is operating. However, if this arrangement should prove unworkable, it can be requested that the turn signals be removed.

- As to the requested signalization at Carroll-Ethan Allen, Carroll-Philadelphia and Philadelphia-Maple, these are still promised for spring 1975.
- The cross walk at TAKOMA TOWER can be expected almost immediately.

There was some discussion with Councilmen Nishimoto and Ricks expressing their feelings of frustration and disillusionment with the State Highway Administration who had for ages been promising light signals for the City of Takoma Park but not installed them. They strongly suggested that specific dates be ascertained as to when the various installations would take place. Mayor Roth directed that, in the future, a light configuration showing the cycling be ascertained before the installation of traffic lights, in order to avoid surprises and local complaints.

Police Chief Porter explained how the two requested VASCAR speed clocking devices for installation in police cruisers would function, and the purchase of them was proposed in the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2328

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

- SECTION 1. THAT authorization is hereby granted for the purchase of two (2) Federal VASCAR II speed clocking devices (for installation in police cruisers) from Traffic Safety Systems of Richmond, Virginia, for the total sum of TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2300); AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the amount of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) is approved to cover the cost of training one Takoma Park police officer as a certified Maryland Police Training Commission instructor for the VASCAR units; AND
- SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT funds to cover the expenditure described in Section 1 shall be transferred from Budget A/C 11.1132 to A/C 11.1137; with the training costs, as detailed in Section 2, to be charged to A/C 11.1422.

Councilman Nishimoto moved to adopt the ordinance, and Councilman Ricks seconded the motion and voiced the hope that the use of VASCAR units would deter speeding through the streets of Takoma Park. After some discussion the ordinance was approved by roll call vote as follows: AYE: COUNCILMEMBERS FORSHEE, MEDINA, RICKS and WEBB (Councilman Nishimoto was temporarily absent from the meeting); NAY: None; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Garcia. Mayor Roth appointed a small task force, Councilmembers Faulkner, Medina and Ricks, to meet with Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf and Police Chief Porter to provide guidance for the Police Department concerning the use of the VASCAR devices.

City Administrator Pridgen read the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.2329

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

- SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No.2318, adopted September 9, 1974 be hereby repealed in its entirety; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT prices on a 16 mm sound-film projector and screen for use in the Municipal Library were solicited, with the lowest price being obtained from Prince George's County; AND
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the purchase of one Bell and Howell 16 mm sound projector and one 60 x 60 screen through Prince George's County Central Purchasing Division is hereby authorized; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT funds to cover this purchase be appropriated from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-FIVE CENTS (\$418.95) to Budget A/C 19.1031.

Councilman Ricks moved to adopt the motion; it was seconded and adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: COUNCILMEMBERS FORSHEE, MEDINA, RICKS and WEBB (Councilman Nishimoto was still absent from the meeting); NAY: None; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Garcia.

Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf requested authorization to undertake certain improvements of the Council Chambers; his suggestions were:

- (1) Obtain prices of upholstered seating for the Council table - with a view to purchasing same.
- (2) Prepare Council table specifications for bids (3 sections and formica top)
- (3) Proceed with minor carpentry work (own staff) and filling in steps, carpet patching, etc.
- (4) Obtain price involved in placing City Seal (approx. five feet in diameter) in the background of the Council Chambers.

He requested that one or several Councilmembers be appointed to work with him.

Councilman Forshee moved that the authorization be given; the motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks, and - after some discussion - carried unanimously by voice vote. Mayor Roth appointed Councilmembers Forshee, Medina and Ricks to work with the administrative staff on this project.

262 - Preliminary redesign of Juniper Street bridge.

City Administrator Pridgen called attention to a Public Briefing to take place December 10 at 8:00 PM, at the Municipal Building, concerning the preliminary redesign of Juniper Street Pedestrian Bridge; the purpose being to develop dialogue and ascertain suggestions from interested citizens. The briefing would be advertised in the RECORD twice, November 29 and December 6, and suggestions were invited as to the wording of the advertisement. Mayor Roth felt that it ought to be pointed out that the briefing was related to the letter read at the November 11 Council meeting, and that the redesign to be discussed had as yet NOT been approved by WMATA but constituted the contract engineer's design (Dalton, Dalton, Little). The briefing was meant for interested citizens to get a look at the plans and possibly comment on them. Councilwoman Medina moved to approve the briefing; the motion was seconded, and some discussion followed, during which Councilwoman Medina suggested that the Council secretary be directed to contact the various citizens associations to alert them to this opportunity for input. Councilman Forshee suggested that before deciding on the redesign of

a pedestrian bridge, it ought to be decided whether it should be a pedestrian or a vehicular bridge. Councilman Ricks felt that since the citizens had asked for a pedestrian bridge, only the question of design remained to be discussed. Mayor Roth commented that since the Park & Planning Commission reserves only 60 days for citizen input, it would be advisable to have this discussion with the citizens to make sure they get what they want; later on there might not be a chance for input. He was aware of a law suit being in progress but felt that eventually the plan for a pedestrian bridge would go forward, and certainly he would not like to see the City holding up proceedings. Councilman Forshee declared himself in favor of a pedestrian bridge but wondered whether at the briefing on December 10 it would be permissible to at least get a citizen reaction to both questions. Councilman Nishimoto did not think this advisable as it might confuse the issue - unless the notice be changed; as it stands, the briefing is to decide on a design for a pedestrian bridge. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Project TRIP - Public Forum November 26 at 7:30 PM.

Councilwoman Medina moved that the Mayor and Council endorse alternative #4 - the double loop - as being the one which would serve the citizens best, bringing the mini-buses to Laurel Avenue shopping center and to TAKOMA TOWER, where many elderly citizens live; and while none of the alternatives are presently designed to serve the Takoma-Langley shopping center, this could be accomplished with a minor modification. She included in her motion that the City Council should urge the Montgomery County Council to work with the Prince George's County Council and Takoma-Langley business community to bring the mini-bus service to the Takoma-Langley shopping center. The motion was seconded. Some discussion followed as to whether or not the Council ought to back any of the alternatives, with Councilman Nishimoto being strongly against deciding on one of the alternatives before the citizens had been heard, as suggestions and ideas might develop during the public forum which could change the picture. He felt the Council would then be in a more flexible position if it had NOT come out for a specific alternative in advance of the forum. Councilwoman Medina's motion was carried by voice vote with 4 in favor and 1 against (Councilman Nishimoto).

City Administrator Pridgen presented a proposed Resolution concerning the Community Development Act 1974 - Block Grant Program. There was considerable discussion of the contents of the draft resolution, with Councilman Ricks voicing the opinion that Takoma Park should always be looked at as a City, an entity, and NOT as the Montgomery County section and the Prince George's County section. Mayor Roth finally suggested that in view of the fact that two Councilmembers from Prince George's County were absent, the matter be deferred, and there was general consensus to that effect.

Mayor Roth read a memorandum from City Administrator Pridgen who asked to retire as City Administrator as of December 31, 1974, but would be willing to maintain the position as Treasurer, at least for a temporary period. Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf would take over as City Administrator. It was suggested that Mr. Pridgen's resignation be accepted, effective as of December 31, 1974, and that Mr. Gilsdorf assume full responsibility as City Administrator as of the same date. Councilman Forshee made a motion to that effect. Councilman Nishimoto suggested a resolution expressing the Council's gratitude to Mr. Pridgen for doing such an outstanding job as Administrator and also that the Council felt that he deserved the requested shift. Councilman Ricks added that while he did not want Mr. Pridgen to retire, he could not say so without seeming to imply that he did not want Mr. Gilsdorf to take over; but he did

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want to express his appreciation to Mr. Pridgen.

Councilman Nishimoto joined in the praise saying that Mr. Pridgen had done the finest job he had ever seen anywhere. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote. (Formal resolution by separate document).

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM. The Council will reconvene on Monday, December 9, 1974 at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED: Clayton F. Forsher
Mayor. *Pro Tem*

ATTEST: Hayward Pridgen
City Administrator

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
Councilman Medina requested permission to add an item on the OGC-ERA Parking Management Plan. Councilman Nishimoto called attention to Montgomery County Council's meeting, December 10 at 8:00 PM at the County Office Building in Rockville, where the present Takoma Park Sectional Map Amendment would be drawn so that the new map amendment, on which most of the Councilmembers had been working for so long, could be submitted. A hearing date would be available and copies of the final map amendment with the proposed changes made available.
LITIGANT'S REMARKS:
At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Nishimoto, 21 Grant Avenue, complained of old dilapidated cars being parked at the upper end of Grant Avenue, in front of Morgan's filling station, obstructing traffic and pedestrian walkways.
The petitioner in Takoma Park for 20 years and was interested in keeping the City looking nice; he mentioned in that connection the "dirty mess" around HIGHTS, where landings and all sorts of debris usually litter the street.
He had noticed a huge pile of automobile tires at Morgan's filling station and felt that was a nice hazard.
Mayor pro tem Forsher and Councilman Rickle assured Mr. Fenwick that the City Administrator would look into his complaints and see what could be done.
Phil Vogel, 117 Garland Avenue, asked whether there would be a Council meeting on December 28. The answer was in the negative.
He also inquired whether there would be Council representation at the Dec. 14 briefing by Maryland State Highway Administration on its highway construction program. The answer was in the affirmative.

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
December 9, 1974.

City Officials Present:

Mayor pro tem Forshee
Councilman Faulkner
Councilman García
Councilwoman Medina
Councilman Nishimoto
Councilman Ricks
Councilman Webb

City Administrator Pridgen
Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf
Police Chief Porter
Public Works Director Barile
Recreation Department Director Ziegler
Corporation Counselor Gingerich
Corporation Counsel Culpepper
Deputy City Clerk Pusti

Mayor Roth was excused - out of town.

The Mayor pro tem and the City Council met in Executive Session December 9, 1974 at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25 meeting and dispense with their reading was made and seconded. Councilman Nishimoto said he would like the record to show that on project TRIP (page 5 of the minutes) he was in favor of the substance of the motion; he had voted against the procedure, as he felt there should have been citizen input before the Council made any decision. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

Mayor pro tem Forshee made no comments.

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CITIZENS' REMARKS:

1. Alex S. Fenwick, 21 Grant Avenue, complained of old dilapidated cars being parked at the upper end of Grant Avenue, in front of Morgan's filling station, obstructing traffic and pedestrian walkways.

- He had resided in Takoma Park for 50 years and was interested in keeping the City looking nice; he mentioned in that connection the "dirty mess" around HIGH's, where lunchbags and all sorts of debris usually litter the street.
- He had noticed a huge pile of automobile tires at Morgan's filling station and felt that was a fire hazard.

Mayor pro tem Forshee and Councilman Ricks assured Mr. Fenwick that the City Administrator would look into his complaints and see what could be done.

2. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, asked whether there would be a Council meeting on December 23. The answer was in the negative.

- He also inquired whether there would be Council representation at the Dec. 14 briefing by Maryland State Highway Administration on its highway construction program. The answer was in the affirmative.

- He called attention to Montgomery County plans for a facility for water retention on the Wheaton branch of Sligo Creek. It had been his understanding that the program was endorsed by Park & Planning as well as by the County, and that it was to have started July 1, 1974. However, so far nothing seemed to have been done, and he wondered whether the Mayor and Council would consider writing to the County Executive, endorsing the program and urging its speedy implementation.

Mayor pro tem Forshee asked the City Administrator to look into the matter and find out what the status is of this program.

3. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue, told of Washington, D.C. having started to build ramps for people in wheelchairs, so they can easily and unassisted get from street to sidewalk and vice versa. He suggested making it a policy in Takoma Park, from now on, whenever curb repairs are needed, to include the ramps. Councilman Nishimoto said that this had already been discussed with the Public Works Director and called on Mr. Barile to elaborate. Mr. Barile explained that it would be very costly to install ramps all over the City and probably also unnecessary. He would, however, be in favor of designating certain areas for ramp installations, such as where many elderly people live and where they are most likely to shop, etc.. Councilman Ricks added that such ramps ought to be built f.inst. at public type facilities.

4. Denison Ellery, 7207 - 13th Place, complained of the new light signal at New Hampshire and Larch Avenues not allowing traffic to turn on to New Hampshire Avenue. Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf explained that the State Highway Administration's engineer, when installing the light, had suggested the NO TURN signs so as to protect the school children while crossing. There was some discussion of the necessity for a light when there were crossing guards, and Mr. Ellery inquired whether there had been any fatalities at that crossing so that a light was warranted. Councilman Garcia felt that one should not wait for a fatality to occur before installing a light at such a dangerous crossing.

- Mr. ^{Denison} Ellery further stated that he was against having a left-turn signal placed on New Hampshire Avenue at Sligo Creek Parkway as that would bring more traffic with some people using the parkway as a short-cut - something which would not be appreciated by the citizens living there.

- He also called attention to a dangerous situation on New Hampshire Avenue at Merwood Drive, where there is no holding lane for southbound traffic on New Hampshire Avenue. Mayor pro tem Forshee stated that the State Highway Administration has plans for reviewing all the light signals on New Hampshire Avenue, and Councilman Faulkner requested that the Merwood Drive situation be made an agenda item and that a recommendation be made to the State Highway Administration. There was general consensus on that.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

City Administrator Pridgen presented the following Financial Statement:

Bank Balances
as of November 30, 1974.

<u>Suburban Trust Co. - General Funds</u>		
Balance - October 31, 1974	128,291.28	
*November Receipts	178,271.29	306,562.57
November Disbursements		210,734.89
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u>95,827.68</u>

Suburban Trust Co. - Payroll Account

Balance - October 31, 1974	9,603.09	
November Receipts	<u>118,761.02</u>	128,364.11
November Disbursements		<u>105,951.00</u>
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u><u>22,413.11</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - General Funds

Balance - October 31, 1974	12,505.06	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u><u>12,505.06</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Special Assess.Fund

Balance - October 31, 1974	196.60	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u><u>196.60</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Public Improvemnt.Fund

Balance - October 31, 1974	534.53	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u><u>534.53</u></u>

Citizens Bank of Maryland - Savings Account

Balance - October 31, 1974	177.80	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u><u>177.80</u></u>

American National Bank - General Funds

Balance - October 31, 1974	751.79	
No transactions	<u>- 0 -</u>	
Balance - November 30, 1974		<u><u>751.79</u></u>

Petty Cash

200.00

* Treasury Bill matured 11/14/74 Cost \$98,731.11

U.S. Treasury Bills				Cost	Maturity Value
Purchased	8/2/74	Maturity Date	3/31/75	94,123.89	100,000.00
"	8/20/74	"	" 2/13/75	95,614.58	100,000.00
"	8/20/74	"	" 1/16/75	96,340.00	100,000.00
"	9/6/74	"	" 3/11/75	95,473.33	100,000.00
"	9/17/74	"	" 12/12/74	98,108.89	100,000.00
"	9/27/74	"	" 5/6/75	95,415.83	100,000.00
"	10/1/74	"	" 6/30/75	94,013.33	100,000.00
"	10/3/74	"	" 6/3/75	94,687.50	100,000.00
"	10/9/74	"	" 6/30/75	94,388.00	100,000.00
				<u><u>858,165.35</u></u>	<u><u>900,000.00</u></u>

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

(1) Communications

Blanche Webb, 7103 Sycamore Avenue. Letter concerning trash collections in front of her house.

Andrew J. Mara, 6600 Westmoreland Avenue. Letter requesting stop sign in front of 6517 Westmoreland Avenue because of numerous accidents there.

(2) Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:

Mayor pro tem Forshee moved that the following proposed Resolution of Condolence be adopted:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow that the Mayor and Council learned of the passing on November 30, 1974, of former City Councilman Russell B. Jones in his seventy-sixth year; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones, a native of San Francisco, was a resident of Takoma Park for nearly 30 years, and served on the City Council from 1960 to 1970, acting as chairman of both the Law and Ordinances Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as holding membership on the Recreation Council, the Sister City Committee and the Special Library Committee; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was an active participant in many civic and service organizations, particularly the Boy Scout movement, and was a charter member of Takoma Park's Grace Methodist Church; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones, an electrical engineer in civilian life, served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1956, when he retired with the rank of Captain, his last assignment having been that of Assistant Industrial Manager of the Fifth Naval District, Portsmouth, Virginia.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Takoma Park, and that an appropriate copy be prepared for Mrs. Russell B. Jones.

The motion was seconded and the resolution adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Report on Silver Spring Intermediate School Lease Agreement.

Recreation Department Director Ziegler reported on a meeting held on November 15, 1974 at the Educational Services Center in Rockville, concerning a proposed Lease Agreement on the SSI property. Represented at the meeting were: Montgomery County Department of Recreation, Montgomery County Board of Education, Montgomery County Government, Montgomery College and the City of Takoma Park. Recommended changes were made in the proposed agreement which was then brought back to the FUTURE USE OF THE SSI SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE who asked that no agreement be signed by any agency until they had a chance to review it. The proposed Lease Agreement would be between the Montgomery County Board of Education as landlord and Montgomery County as tenant. The basic proposals were for an indefinite term; total rent: NIL. While the school building would be razed, the gymnasium would remain intact. The premises are proposed to be developed by Montgomery County Government as a neighborhood recreation facility after appropriate community involvement, with participation by the City of Takoma Park in the planning, and are to be operated by the Montgomery County Department of Recreation in cooperation with the City of Takoma Park Department of Recreation, for community use. Utilization of the gymnasium is proposed to be granted to Montgomery College until their own gymnasium is completed, under terms and conditions to be established under a separate agreement between Montgomery County Department of Recreation and Montgomery College. The park and gymnasium are to be kept in reasonably good condition by Montgomery County Government which may arrange

with the City of Takoma Park and the Maryland-National Park & Planning Commission for their participation in doing so. The agreement shall at all times be subject to cancellation upon 6 months' notice in writing by either side. Councilwoman Medina voiced concern about the sewer situation, once the building had been razed. Mrs. Ziegler assured her that the playground would not be affected. Councilwoman Medina requested that the City Council be notified of the rasing date in order that a "Fare-well Ceremony" could be arranged - possibly by the Recreation Department - before the building was torn down. Councilman Nishimoto favored that idea and added that since now some people had been talking about closing Takoma Park Elementary School, this might be a way of telling them "one is enough". Mrs. Ziegler announced a Christmas Tree Lighting Program on December 15, at 5:00 PM at the Municipal Gymnasium, 7201 Carroll Avenue, with Councilman Webb as Master of Ceremonies. Children and grown-ups were invited - free of charge.

Prince George's Community Development Program.

Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf recommended that since - for a variety of reasons - the City of Takoma Park could not expect to secure Federal Funds under the Community Development Act of 1974, the City "opt in" with Prince George's County by adding the Takoma Park population figures in with theirs. Councilman Garefa moved to "opt in" for a 6-month period for the Prince George's section of the City; the motion was seconded, and some discussion followed on the pros and cons of inclusion of the Prince George's section as opposed to the total population. The motion failed by voice vote. Councilwoman Medina then moved that the entire City "opt in". The motion was seconded, and the following resolution adopted by voice vote with everybody in favor but Councilman Nishimoto who voted NAY.

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which was signed into law on August 22, 1974; AND
 - WHEREAS, this legislation is designed to replace the most significant categorical grants-in-aid administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; AND
 - WHEREAS, this new "block grant" approach will be the principal mechanism by which federal assistance to local governments is to be made available to meet critical housing and community development needs; AND
 - WHEREAS, the magnitude of an applicant's population, among other factors, is a determinant of the amount of resources which may be made available to an applicant to meet these critical needs; AND
 - WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, to have its population counted together with that of the unincorporated areas of Prince George's County and that of other municipalities of similar resolve.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland, is hereby authorized to:
- SECTION 1. Certify to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that the population of this municipality may be included with that of the County.
 - SECTION 2. That for the purposes described in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, a cooperation agreement may be entered into by and between the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, and Prince George's County, Maryland, which cooperation agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which any activity is to be carried out.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be immediately effective.

Acceptance of bid on Council table.

Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf read the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE #2330

- SECTION 1. THAT after having been duly advertised according to City Charter, bids were opened on December 9, 1974 for the fabrication and installation of a circular-shaped conference table as specified in Public Works Job No.74-7 for use in the City Council Chamber,
- SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the project be awarded to the low bidder, Henry Marx, The Craftsman, 2219 Kansas Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, in the amount of ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,400.00)AND
- SECTION 3. THAT funds in the amount stated in Section 2 of this ordinance be transferred from General Ledger Reserve for Furniture and Equipment Acquisitions to Budget a/c 10.9132.

Councilman Garcia moved to authorize the City Administrator to proceed with the purchase; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Medina and passed by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Medina, Ricks and Webb, (Councilman Nishimoto was temporarily absent from the room); NAY: None;EXCUSED: None.

Briefing on snow removal program.

Assistant City Administrator Gilsdorf called on Mr. Barile to explain the snow removal operations. Mr. Barile explained that the charts which had been distributed to the Councilmembers indicated 1st priority streets (red) and second priority streets (green) for salt and/or sand. The priorities having been established over the years considering traffic volume, road grades, access from residential streets to arterial roads,etc.. At present there are adequate amounts of salt (100 tons) and sand (40 tons) available to meet foreseeable requirements. Sand barrels are being placed at locations where ice is known to form during cold weather. As to equipment, there are 4 dump trucks, one 3/4 ton truck for narrow streets; and two men are assigned to each truck at all times. The trucks are equipped with snow plows, salt spreaders and radios. All State Highways are taken care of by the State and not by the City.

Public Briefing on Juniper Street Bridge - Dec.10 at 8:00 PM at the Municipal Building. All citizens were invited to attend and comment on the proposals.

Request for stop sign at intersection of Westmoreland and Second Avenue.

Police Chief Porter explained that at present a stop sign is located on the northwest corner of Westmoreland Avenue and Second Avenue, while there is no stop sign on the southwest corner. He requested that the following ordinance be adopted :

ORDINANCE #2331

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

- SECTION 1. THAT stop signs shall be erected at appropriate locations on Westmoreland Avenue on each corner of its intersection with Second Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to carry out the directive as described in Section 1; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972.

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Councilman Faulkner moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted; the motion was seconded and adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Medina, Ricks and Webb, (Councilman Nishimoto was temporarily absent from the room); NAY: None; EXCUSED: None.

Mayor pro tem Forshee presented as a first reading the following proposed ordinance - Charter Amendment, increasing the compensation for Mayor and Councilmembers, and invited comments :

PROPOSED ORDINANCE
RESOLUTION NO. 1-1975

(Charter Amendment)

WHEREAS, the compensation of the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland has not been increased since 1964, and is now lagging far behind that of jurisdictions of comparable size in the metropolitan area, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to correct this inequity for the benefit of succeeding elected officials; AND

WHEREAS, from the provisions of Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Ed., as amended) it is mandatory that the following resolution be introduced proposing the change in the charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of _____, duly seconded, the following resolution be and is hereby introduced and the Clerk is instructed to cause a complete and exact copy of the resolution containing the proposed amendment to be posted in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, for a period of at least forty days following its adoption, and the Clerk is further instructed to cause public notice of a fair summary of said resolution to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Takoma Park not less than four times, at weekly intervals within a period of at least forty days after the adoption of the resolution containing the proposed amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD:

THAT Sec. 1.3(t) of the Charter of Takoma Park, Maryland (1972, as amended), providing for compensation of the Mayor and City Council in lieu of expenses, as well as Sec. 73-3(t) of the Montgomery County Code (1972 Ed.), and Sec. 74-5(n) of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Ed., as amended), be repealed and reenacted with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland that Sec. 1.3(t) of the Charter of Takoma Park, Maryland (1972, as amended), being also Sec. 73-3(t) of the Montgomery County Code (1972 Ed.), and Sec. 74-5(n) of the Prince George's County Code (1963 Ed., as amended), be amended as follows:

(t) The mayor shall receive compensation in the amount of [\$1,200.00] \$2,400 per annum and each [councilman] COUNCILMEMBER shall receive compensation in the amount of [\$800.00] \$1,800 per annum, payable in equal monthly allotments. Said compensation shall become effective with the mayor and council which shall take office on the second Monday in April [1964] 1976, or upon the date when the successors of the present mayor and council are qualified.

NOTE: [] indicates deletions.

CAPS and/or underscoring indicates additions.

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If the ordinance is approved, it will not go into effect until a new Council has been elected in 1976.

Appeal A-178, variance in front yard setback at 103 Sheridan Avenue - Hearing: January 9, 1975 at 1:00 PM in the Council Hearing Room, Rockville.

City Administrator Pridgen explained the request to be for a variance of 5'5", reducing the front yard setback to 19'7" in order to finish an addition to the front of the residence, now under construction. He recommended that the Council strongly oppose this variance. Councilman Faulkner so moved and asked that the City be represented by Corporation Counsel at the hearing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

260 - Sp.Ex.S-365 - care home at 510 Philadelphia Avenue - Hearing on January 9, 1975 at 9:00 AM in the Council Hearing Room, COB, Rockville.

City Administrator Pridgen explained the petition to be for the operation of a care home for 3 elderly people, using two rooms and an enclosed porch. He saw no reason for the Council to oppose this Special Exception. Councilman Webb moved not to oppose it, and Councilman Garcia seconded the motion. Some discussion followed as to whether such an institution was desirable in a residential area. Councilman Webb felt that surely the billboard-proportioned sign in front of the house must have been noticed by the residents in the area, who would have voiced any objection, but so far there had been no reaction. The motion was defeated in a voice vote. There was further discussion of whether the decision should be left to the Board of Appeals. Councilman Ricks moved that all the facts in the case be ascertained and presented to the Council at a Special Meeting to be held on Christmas Day, December 25 at 11:00 AM. The motion was seconded but defeated in the vote. Councilman Nishimoto wanted some basis for voting and moved that all pertinent information be made available to the Council for review on Saturday, January 4 at 10:00 AM. Councilman Ricks proposed an amendment to the motion: Since Monday, January 6, 1975, 8:00 PM is scheduled for a regular work session, the Special Meeting could be combined with that work session. The motion with amendment was seconded and passed unanimously by a show of hands. It was suggested that the Old Takoma Park Citizens Association also be asked how it feels about this case.

Audit Expense: Authorization for additional \$1500 appropriation.

City Administrator Pridgen read the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE #2332

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

SECTION 1. THAT the amount of ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) be transferred from the Emergency Reserve Fund to a/c 10.542 to provide sufficient funds for payment of Audit fee to Haye, Graves, Bailey and Co. for services rendered.

Councilman Garcia moved to approve the ordinance; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, Ricks and Webb; NAY: None; EXCUSED: None.

Councilwoman Medina told of Takoma Park having been advised that COG is undertaking the Parking Management Plan for the Washington Metropolitan area. She moved to advise COG that the City endorses the idea that this plan be developed by COG rather than by EPA. As relates to the City of Takoma Park participating in the cost, she suggested advising COG that the planning responsibility for

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this area is vested in the Maryland Capital Park & Planning Commission and Prince George's and Montgomery Counties - not in the City of Takoma Park - and that therefore the City believes that the two Counties should assume the total responsibility for sharing the cost of developing this plan with no assessment applied to the municipalities. Furthermore that the plan should be subject to City review, as are all projects relating to the City of Takoma Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks and adopted unanimously by voice vote.

Councilman Ricks asked permission to make a couple of comments. He wanted the record to show that 1974 was now coming to an end without the various traffic and signal lights, which had been promised the City of Takoma Park by the State Highway Commission, having been installed.

- He extended his best wishes to the Mayor and Council and all the citizens of Takoma Park for a happy holiday season. The Mayor pro tem added his wishes.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 PM - the Council to reconvene on January 13, 1975 at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED: James Ricks
Mayor

ATTEST: H. C. W. Giesey
City Administrator