

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

## EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

November 10, 1975

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Forshee	Asst. to the City Administrator Nichols
Councilman Garcia	City Clerk Pusti
Councilwoman Medina	Chief of Police Porter
Councilman Nishimoto	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Faulkner	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
Councilman Webb	

The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session on November 10, 1975, at 8:10 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 28 meeting was made, seconded by Councilman Forshee and approved.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor recognized Ralph Sidell, former Councilman, who will serve as Chairman of the Independence Day Committee for the Bicentennial year.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

PBMS LEC report - Councilman Nishimoto

CITIZENS REMARKS

1. Jack Mitton, 501 Philadelphia representing the Bicentennial Committee initiated the sale of Bicentennial Calendars with the Mayor and Council making the first purchase. The calendars depicted events for the 1976 year and places of historic interest. Mayor Roth complimented Allan Marsh's sketches of historical buildings in Takoma Park. Bicentennial calendars can be purchased (\$1.50) at the Municipal Building Recreation Dept., Library and from some civic organizations.

2. William Granger, 6707 Westmoreland represented S.O.C., Save Our Children; complained of speeding problems on Westmoreland and presented map of this street to point out problem areas. He asked for a report of days and times Vascar was used on Westmoreland since June 12. Mr. Granger requested the painting of crosswalks and installation of pedestrian crossing and children at play signs. Noted that Engineering Study of neighborhood streets to determine the possibility of traffic control to help solve speeding problems should be completed and reviewed at Dec. 8 Council meeting.

3. Mrs. Moody, 6607 Westmoreland child was struck by speeding car on Westmoreland. Was concerned that cars are not traveling at safe speeds; asked for results of Vascar.

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4. Mrs. Sarah Louise Belew, Westmoreland daughter was hit in May on Westmoreland; compared speeders on Westmoreland to those on Wisconsin Avenue; emphasized need for speed control.

5. Lee Edmonds, 6805 Allegheny received notice about speeding problem on Westmoreland; sympathized with residents and reiterated on need for speed control on Westmoreland and Allegheny.

6. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple shared concern about speeders; felt sure that Police, Mayor and Council will help as they did on Maple Avenue. Suggested again that easels be placed in the Council Chambers.

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7. James Austin, 6808 Westmoreland became involved with speeding problems when a neighbors child was hit; asked that Council take away from Westmoreland the attractiveness of being a speedway. He expressed gratitude for Mayor, City Administrator, and Police Chief meeting with him on Nov. 4. Mr. Austin mentioned Mrs. Mary Hardy's (6814 Westmoreland) support for S.O.C.. Councilwoman Medina suggested that the Police Dept. work with young people, who are frequent offenders, to emphasize dangers of speeding.

8. Robert Moore, 7314 Willow brought up TPES issue; questioned the reasons for BOE wanting to close TPES. Mr. Moore was concerned that BOE wants to save on their operating budget by closing TPES considering it a small school with an inferior quality of education. He stated that TPES was not small nor inferior. Reminded Council and citizens of hearing on Operating Budget for Montgomery County Schools scheduled Nov. 18 and urged them to show concern to school board. Mayor reported that he will be speaking at the hearing at 10:00 PM. Councilman Nishimoto stated that Takoma Park is one of few Cities where Councilmembers serve on schools LEC. Mr. Ferrier added that Takoma Park citizens voted for school board members and they are there to serve Takoma Park, too. Mr. Moore reiterated on speeding problem on Westmoreland.

9. Dave Weisman, 7701 Takoma Ave. complained that Mrs. Weisman's speech at the Nov. 18, BOE Operating Budget Hearing was to be limited along with others from Takoma Park.

10. Nancy Schallhorn, 7401 Maple Ave. pointed out that to get an earlier time at the Budget Hearing you would have to call earlier; added that Budget Hearing was for entire County. Hoped that Takoma Park was well represented. Mayor heard that Supt. of Schools is closing Montgomery Hills Jr. High and Bushey Drive Elementary; representatives from these schools will be at the hearing so it will be necessary for Takoma Park to impress BOE with stronger arguments. Councilman Ricks requested that an explanation of rules and procedures that the School Board uses at hearings be available in City office.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balances as of October 31, 1975

Suburban Trust Co.-General Funds

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$246,117.94	
October Receipts	224,537.34	\$ 470,655.28

*October Disbursements		341,008.77
Balance: October 31, 1975		\$ 129,646.51

Suburban Trust Co.-Payroll Account

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 10,233.69	
October Receipts	124,113.90	\$ 134,347.59
October Disbursements		112,631.71
Balance: October 31, 1975		\$ 21,715.88

Suburban Trust Co.-Rehabilitation Loan Fund

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 427.99	
No transactions	0-	
Balance: October 31, 1975		\$ 427.99

\* Treasury Bills purchased during month of October Cost \$146,860.00

Citizens Bank of Md.-General Funds

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 12,443.47	
October Receipts	<u>6,001.19</u>	
Balance: October 31, 1975		<u>\$ 18,444.66</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-Special Assessment Fund

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 866.67	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: October 31, 1975		<u>\$ 866.67</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-Public Improvement Fund

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 534.53	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: October 31, 1975		<u>\$ 534.53</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-Savings Account

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 186.84	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: October 31, 1975		<u>\$ 186.84</u>

American National Bank-General Funds

Balance: September 30, 1975	\$ 2,075.53	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: October 31, 1975		<u>\$ 2,075.53</u>

Petty Cash

\$ 250.00

U.S. Treasury Bills

<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>
7/2/75	1/3/76	\$ 96,770.00	\$100,000.00
7/2/75	2/10/76	96,222.81	100,000.00
8/7/75	3/9/76	95,958.89	100,000.00
9/10/75	4/6/76	96,089.64	100,000.00
9/18/75	5/4/76	95,535.42'	100,000.00
9/22/75	6/1/76	95,072.44	100,000.00
9/26/75	12/11/75	98,690.00	100,000.00
10/2/75	11/6/75	99,422.08	100,000.00
10/2/75	6/29/76	47,437.92	50,000.00
Total Treasury Bills.....		<u>\$821,199.20</u>	<u>\$850,000.00</u>
5/25/75 Certificate of Deposit 5/25/76.		100,000.00	108,687.50
		<u>\$921,199.20</u>	<u>\$958,687.50</u>

COMMUNICATIONS

Amelia W. Burroughs, 7218 Cedar Ave. Letter thanking City for prompt removal of leaves.

Montgomery County Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing, Dec. 18, 8:45 AM  
Case No. A-254, appeal on denial of building permit for proposed addition to Book and Bible House, 8400 Carroll Avenue, in R-60 zone.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Report on TESS Master Plan (Councilman Faulkner)

At the City's request, the Montgomery County portion of Takoma Park was removed from the TESS Master Plan so that the City could have a plan of its own; however, the TESS Master Plan still contains a considerable number of references to Takoma Park and recommendations involving the City. Some of this is informational material, and there is no objection to this. Certain statements and recommendations

concerning Takoma Park appropriately belong in the Takoma Park plan. Example: Recommendations about traffic flow, intersections, signalization and widening of certain streets that pertain to Takoma Park. Also, parking problems, recommendations concerning future development of the former site of SSI, and discussion of a satellite TESS community center in lower Takoma Park. There was some concern about the location and description of the TESS area, zoning plans and the TESS Master Plans reference to unused and underutilized school facilities. Councilman Faulkner recommended that someone be authorized to present the comments and views at the Hearing Nov. 19 to the Planning Board. Councilman Ricks seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance authorizing appropriation of Revenue Sharing Fund to assist in establishment of Montgomery County Neighborhood Service Center.

Mr. Gilsdorf explained that the function of the center was to provide social and referral services to the neighborhood. Montgomery County is short of funds to get the center started and asked the City for help towards its establishment. Councilman Nishimoto was concerned that after June 30, 1976 the County may want the City to be responsible for maintaining the center; mentioned newspaper article about County's financial problems and wondered if County could handle any rent increase in the building to be used for the Center. Emphasized that he did not want the City to assume financial responsibility of the County project. Councilman Forshee pointed out that according to TESS Master Plan there is a program being suggested for 1976 whereby the County would take over the Social Service Program. Noted that TESS center at Flower & Piney Branch seemingly had an abundance of staff and can be reached by car or bus. Councilman Ricks mentioned that a lot of people that use the Flower & Piney Branch Center don't have a car or 25¢ for a bus. Councilman Faulkner added that many of these services go to the elderly. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, seconded by Councilman Garcia the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Medina, Ricks, Nishimoto, and Webb; NAY: Councilman Forshee; EXCUSED: none.

ORDINANCE #2367 A *M.S.P.*

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

- SECTION 1. THAT, in the interest of cooperating with Montgomery County to provide a more effective and convenient delivery of social services to the citizens of Takoma Park, the Mayor and Council wish to assist the County in the initial establishment of a Neighborhood Center in the City; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT, in order to permit this service to be provided during this fiscal year, the Mayor and Council will rent and refurbish appropriate parts of the #1 Columbia Avenue to house the Center, with the understanding that it will be operated as an arm of the Silver Spring Center and that after June 30, 1976 the continued rental cost will be assumed as part of the normal cost of such County social services; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT it is not the purpose, wish, or intent of the Mayor and Council to assume any responsibility in this endeavor beyond June 30, 1976.

Ordinance # 2367 continued.

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) be appropriated from Revenue Sharing Funds and transferred to a Special Neighborhood Service Center account, #10.10123.

Traffic control on Westmoreland Avenue

In response to citizens complaints and concerns and after some discussion, a motion to adopt the following ordinance for immediate action to help solve speeding problems on Westmoreland, was made, duly seconded and approved by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, Ricks, and Webb; NAY: none; EXCUSED: none.

ORDINANCE # 2368 *A m. s. p. w.*

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

SECTION 1. THAT, in the interest of public safety, the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to establish standard pedestrian crosswalks by painting the appropriate markings on the following roadways:

- (a) On Westmoreland, northwest of its intersection with First Avenue;
- (b) On Westmoreland, northwest of its intersection with Second Avenue;
- (c) On Westmoreland, at its intersection with Elm Avenue;
- (d) On Walnut at its intersection with Westmoreland Avenue;
- (e) On Elm, at its intersection with Pine Avenue

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works be authorized to erect the following signs at the locations indicated:

- (a) Two PEDESTRIAN CROSSING signs on Westmoreland Avenue, approximately 100 feet from both sides of its intersection with First Avenue;
- (b) A CHILDREN PLAYING sign on Westmoreland Avenue, approximately 40 feet northwest of its intersection with Second Avenue;
- (c) A CHILDREN PLAYING sign on Westmoreland Avenue, approximately 40 feet southeast of its intersection with Elm Avenue; AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

City Administrator added that he will meet with an Engineer to make a more detailed study of area traffic control and report to Council on Dec. 8. Councilman Nishimoto and Councilwoman Medina recommended that children be educated and informed of dangers of playing in the street.

VASCAR report, Chief Pprter

Reported that between Oct. 28 and Nov. 8 Vascar was used; during that time Police issued 28 citations and 16 warnings for speeding and 26 miscellaneous citations. Vascar is being used on many streets in Takoma Park including Westmoreland and

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Allegheny. Due to requests, 22 streets will be worked on with Vascar. Police have found Vascar to be most effective and can be used in a number of ways. In response to Councilman Garcia's question, Chief Porter noted that Montgomery College parking problems have improved.

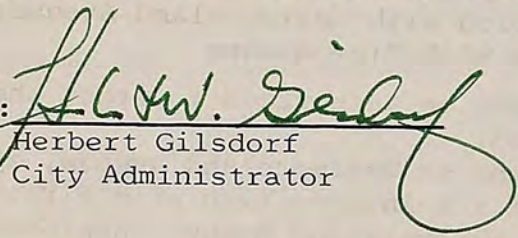
Report on PBMS LEC (Councilman Nishimoto)

The PBMS LEC requested the help of the feeder school community in determining what the Evaluation Committee should recommend to the BOE for the future of PBMS. Eighty-four parents participated in answering the questionnaire that was circulated. Sixty-one disapproved the grade reorganization, K-5,6-8,9-12. They were asked their preference of several options under consideration. For first choice 63 preferred PBMS to continue program as is for 5 & 6 grades. Second choice, 39 preferred PBMS to be 4th, 5th, 6th grade and third choice, 20 preferred PBMS to be 6th, 7th, 8th grade school. The PBMS Evaluation Committee is now in the process of preparing their report to the BOE according to the parents (communities) preferences.

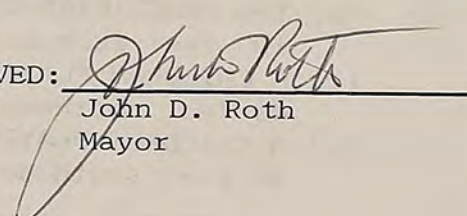
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 17, 7:30 PM, City Public Hearing on closure of Juniper Street to vehicular traffic (Council Chamber)  
November 18, 7:30 PM, Montgomery County Board of Education Budget Hearing (850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville)  
November 19, 10:00 & 8:00 PM, Montgomery County Planning Board Public Hearing, TESS Master Plan (8787 Georgia Avenue)  
November 25, 7:30 PM, WMATA Public Hearing on proposed elimination of Metrobus Route T-3 (Upstairs meeting room, Municipal Building)  
December 3, 7:30 PM, Takoma Park Master Plan Task Force general meeting (Council Chambers)

ADJOURNMENT: 11:00 PM - Council to reconvene Monday, November 24, 8:00 PM.

ATTEST: 

Herbert Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

APPROVED: 

John D. Roth  
Mayor

## CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

## Public Hearing to Consider

## Closure of Juniper Street to Vehicular Traffic

November 17, 1975

Present at the Hearing were: Mayor Roth, Councilmembers Forshee, Faulkner, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, Ricks, and Webb; City Administrator Gilsdorf; City Clerk Pusti.

Mayor Roth opened the hearing at 7:38 PM. He welcomed the audience and stated that their comments will hopefully help them in seeking some solution to the problem. The hearing is to seek response to the question of whether the Mayor and City Council should by ordinance close or abandon the existing public right-of-way to vehicular traffic on Juniper Street between the north side of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad right-of-way and Takoma Avenue within the municipal boundary of the City of Takoma Park.

City Administrator Gilsdorf explained two proposed alternatives:

- Alt. B. Build a pedestrian bridge that will cross over the railroad tracks. Fenton will be the main arterial and a cul-de-sac on the east side of Juniper Street.
- Alt. A. Build a vehicular bridge; making Fenton Street a dead end. Takoma Ave. will become the major street and a cul-de-sac at Juniper Street.

Mayor Roth pointed out that Metro has repeatedly urged the City to make some decision on this matter since the costs continue to rise. The Mayor stated he was not sure of the County's future role in this situation.

CITIZENS REMARKS - Summary

1. Sam Abbott, 7308 Birch Ave. asked why this issue is now in the City Council. Mayor Roth explained that the County Council always considered the bridge County property. After their hearings they concluded to advocate a pedestrian bridge only. This would mean the closing of Juniper Street which could only be done by the City.
2. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Ave., President of Old Takoma Park Citizens Assoc. (105 members) reaffirmed Association's support for Alt. B. (pedestrian bridge). Made clear that the Association wants to preserve the Historic character of the neighborhood.
3. Donald Spivack Chief, Community Planning East - Montgomery County Planning Board, presented the position of the Park and Planning Board (staff report submitted for record). They recommended that a bridge for both automobiles and pedestrians be built across the B & O Railroad tracks at Juniper Street in Takoma Park. The Planning Board feels it is necessary to link in the circulation system of the Takoma-Silver Spring area since the crossings on either side - Piney Branch Road and Burlington Avenue - are approximately a mile apart. Sam Abbott asked why the County Council rescinded. Mr. Spivack said the County, being advised by their attorney, have rescinded this action, because of technical reasons that would weaken their position in Court.
4. Frances Phipps, 7210 Holly Ave. asked that Council consider who the bridge will serve if vehicular or pedestrian and the traffic impact that a vehicular bridge would have in that area. Concerned that many will use a vehicular bridge as a short cut. Wondered if the increase in traffic would result in the widening of Philadelphia Ave. and force Fenton to act as a main road. Mrs. Phipps questioned the scale of design for a vehicular bridge. She questioned the length

and height of bridge comparing it to the beltway and felt sure this was not compatible with the Historic District many citizens are striving for. Suggested a third alternate: release Metro from their obligation in exchange for the maintenance of the present pedestrian bridge.

5. Vida Langley, resident Mgr. for Apts. at 7700 Blair Road After some review of the situation, requests the construction of a vehicular bridge in hopes to give access to the isolated area of Blair Road. Feels that crime has increased since the old bridge was removed and a new vehicular bridge would allow Police and Fire Departments to respond more readily when needed in that area.
6. Linda Hosted, 8008 Barron Street Took a door to door survey about the bridge and found that many people want the vehicular bridge. Thought that those opposing vehicular bridge spread rumors to gain signatures on other petitions. Attributed increase in crime to the bridge being closed. Concerned that Mayor and Council had already made their minds up about the bridge and wondered if they were afraid of a few vocal citizens. In response to Councilman Forshee's question, Ms. Hosted informed him that her survey was taken three blocks inside of the bridge (Takoma Park). After being questioned repeatedly, she pointed out that the advertisement for the Public Hearing was not just for Takoma Park citizens but for interested and concerned people as well. Mayor Roth stated that there will be some opposition no matter what the Council decides.
7. Roger Zeender, Blair Mansion Inn Feels he has been misrepresented by those opposing a vehicular bridge for Juniper Street (referring to a circular sent out about the Blair Mansion Inn). Thanked those for showing support by signing the above-mentioned petition (237 signatures). Pointed out that a person would have no reason for crossing the Juniper Street Bridge unless they had businesses in Takoma Park. Asked that Mayor and Council take into consideration all of Takoma Park citizens' and concerned individuals' views. Mayor noted that he hadn't seen the circular and that the Council intends to do what is best.
8. Steve Bourke, 521 Albany Ave. presented petition (260 residents) supporting resolution to close or abandon Juniper Street in Takoma Park. After explaining that those who live near the bridge have to put up with the traffic, he reported that 5000-5500 cars used the old vehicular bridge daily. Mr. Spivack added that this was an actual count taken on the bridge. Mr. Bourke was concerned that the vehicular bridge traffic would endanger the lives of school children now that many are no longer being bussed. Asked that Council consider the increase in pollution.
9. Charlene Cohen; Juniper Street Bridge Coalition, 7815 Takoma Ave. Has seen a decline in traffic and a decrease in crime since the bridge has been gone and would like to keep it that way.
10. Aurel LeMay, 704 Philadelphia recalled when someone was trying to build the Silver Spring Beltway around Takoma Park. Thought that the count of cars was taken at Georgia Avenue and Blair Road. Mr. Spivack stated that a number of counts were made but the 5500 was taken at the Bridge. Mr. LeMay called Councilman Forshee's attention to the percentage of signatures for the 600-700 block of Philadelphia Avenue; 100% signed. (Mr. Bourke's petition).
11. Sam Abbott, 7308 Birch Ave. Asked that North Takoma Park not be sacrificed for the sake of mass transportation, but be preserved, as planned, for a Historic District.



12. Roderic Davis, 703 New York Ave. pointed out the continuing problems of College parking and pressure to widen 410. Felt that a vehicular bridge would develop difficult turning situations. Noted that endeavors have been made to limit the traffic in Takoma Park and Council should take steps to preserve the residential areas. Suggested a dog-leg traffic pattern to impede traffic.
13. Bob Bachman, 8000 Takoma Ave. opposed to the vehicular bridge because it would cause an increase in traffic and in turn cause an increase in accidents. He was concerned that a vehicular bridge would direct traffic down Takoma Ave.
14. Marjory Harveck, 7904 Wildwood Drive wanted the vehicular bridge for personal use.
15. Robert May, 809 Juniper Street reiterated on the problems of crime in the Blair Road area and how a vehicular bridge would allow Police to help them.
16. Ado Valge, Project Engineer, WMATA, explained that the old bridge was constructed by the B & O Railroad in 1926 and was not adequate for today's traffic. Also explained background leading up to the present Public Hearing. Noted that if a vehicular bridge is constructed then Juniper Street west of bridge would have to be closed and if there is no vehicular bridge then Juniper Street will be opened as far as Metro is concerned. Councilwoman Medina pointed out that even if there is a vehicular bridge, Police would still have to go down Georgia Ave. to get to apts. at Blair Road. Mr. Valge said that if there is a vehicular bridge, Fenton Street would have to be closed and Blair Road raised. Mr. Spivack stated that either of the alternates proposed would result in the closing of Juniper Street on the west side, because of a County Council action. Suggested relief, if desired, via TESS Master Plan Hearing.
17. Delores Stowell, 7704 Takoma Ave. speaking for the Preservation Association, supported the Pedestrian bridge out of concern for the safety of children and the preservation of the City.
18. Kathryn Pappas, 7420 Buffalo retracted her signature supporting the vehicular bridge for the reasons that it would be detrimental to the neighborhood.
19. Steve Pappas, 7420 Buffalo wondered who would handle the maintenance of a vehicular bridge. Mr. Valge stated railroad maintained substructure of old bridge, while Montgomery County maintained superstructure. Mr. Pappas suggested Council leave the pedestrian bridge as it is now and possibly build a parking lot over the railroad tracks that will service the College.
20. Lou Diminio, 7324 Piney Branch opposed to a vehicular bridge that would cause an increase in traffic like that on Piney Branch. Explained concern about maintenance. He hasn't heard anything about the cost; referred to Montgomery County's financial situation. Mayor Roth explained that the cost of a vehicular bridge would be handled by Metro. Mr. Spivack added that the cost of the sidewalks would be absorbed by the County.
21. Dave Weisman, 7701 Takoma Ave. representing the North Takoma Park Citizens Association favored the pedestrian bridge and objected to the vehicular bridge because construction would cause a sound problem and the closing of Fenton Street would send additional traffic onto Piney Branch and Philadelphia. Urged Council to consider the damage to trees the construction would cause; altering the ecology of the neighborhood. Stated he would submit a detailed analysis of Park & Planning Staff Report. (Note: not received.)

22. Robert Zeender, Blair Mansion Inn noted that the vehicular bridge was in the Master Plan. Reiterated on crime increase for the Blair Road area. Emphasized getting the neighborhood back the way it was with or without a bridge. Asked that if a vehicular bridge could not be built then don't build any kind of bridge.

23. Aurel LeMay, 740 Philadelphia gave testimony for wife. Asked that the record reflect her opposition for vehicular bridge on grounds that many would use Takoma Ave. for a short cut. Mentioned that Park & Planning predicted that closing the old bridge would increase traffic on Philadelphia and Piney Branch and she feels this has not happened. Mrs. LeMay has seen no disastrous Police or fire fighting conditions created by not being able to use the bridge in the last two years.

In response to Mr. Meyer's question, Mayor Roth described Metro's original design which met the State Highways requirements. It would be two lanes with Montgomery County requesting a sidewalk for pedestrians. It would come into Blair Road on an embankment. The Council's main concern was that of traffic movement. There was further discussion about details of the vehicular bridge.

24. Mr. Abbott asked Mr. Zeender if he would object to having a pedestrian only bridge and no raising of Blair Road.

25. Mr. Roger Zeender stated again due to crime, he would rather have a vehicular bridge or no bridge at all. Stated that it would cost more to build a pedestrian bridge since much of the construction for a vehicular bridge has already been completed. Asked Council to keep their minds open about the issues.

26. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Ave. said it doesn't make sense that the vehicular bridge would cut down on crime. There has been some change in conditions since the Master Plan was approved and the pedestrian bridge would best fit the City's needs. Feels Police would take any measure to apprehend a criminal.

27. Wm. Brailey, 7113 Holly Ave. A vehicular bridge would allow a major traffic artery to run into Takoma Park. Many will use Takoma Park roads as a means to getting to a Metro station. Crime is a problem for the Police Dept. Mr. Brailey supports the pedestrian bridge.

28. Steve Bourke believes Mr. Zeender was correct in saying that it is better to have no bridge than just a pedestrian bridge. Agreed that the present bridge is unsafe and this area attracts criminals. It is cheaper to build no bridge. Mr. Roderic Davis added that the College would probably oppose the idea of no bridge at all, since it needs access to Blair Park.

29. Paul White, 7702 Blair Rd. said, though a bridge is important, the main need is for an opening between Juniper Street and Blair Road.

30. Mr. Spivack announced that there will be a meeting Wed., Nov. 19 (10:00 AM & 8:00 PM, 878 Georgia Ave.) on the TESS Master Plan that affects that area.

31. Phil Vogel stated a third alternative (no bridge) has been brought up but Council should not consider it. He doesn't want to live in a City surrounded by a moat.

Mayor Roth will hold the record open for one week for those who wish to write to the Council concerning the Juniper Street situation.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:05

Note: Tape recording of hearing on file.

ATTEST: Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
Herbert Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

APPROVED: John D. Roth  
John D. Roth  
Mayor

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| Councilwoman Medina  | Public Works Director Barile            |
| Councilman Nishimoto | Corporation Counsel Gingerich           |
| Councilman Ricks     | Corporation Counsel Culpepper           |

Excused: Councilman Webb

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Mayor Roth's Comments and Presentations

The Mayor announced that Nov. 24 was Founders Day. On Nov. 24, 1883, Mr. B.F. Gilbert bought the land for the Grammer Tract. Hoped that next year this could be considered more of an occasion.

He reminded Council and citizens of Metro Hearing Nov. 25, Municipal Building.

Mayor Roth noted that he will be absent for a few weeks and would be attending the National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities in Florida and designated Councilman Forshee as Mayor Pro tem.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Proposed administrative procedure for closing schools in Prince George's Co. (Councilman Faulkner)

LEAA grant for Burglary Education and Apprehension Team (Councilman Nishimoto)

Community Block Grant (Councilman Ricks)

Report from Recreation Dept (City Administrator)

CITIZENS REMARKS

1. Steve Pappas, 7420 Buffalo, asked if the Council had made a decision concerning Juniper Street. Mayor Roth pointed out that the record would remain open for seven days after the hearing for those who would like to submit their opinions in writing and a decision would not be made until after that time. Mr. Pappas asked who claimed the land the tracks run on. The Mayor explained that the original tracks ran on land that was in Takoma Park; assumed that when the tracks were extended the extra land belonged to the County. Councilman Faulkner questioned whether or not the land the tracks ran on could be taxed.

2. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Ave. Commended the Mayor and Council for excellent Public Hearing (Juniper Street). Asked if Council had received a letter concerning a Special Exception #2853, Sligo Nursury on Flower Ave. The Mayor & Council had earlier objected to a parking lot being added because of the play ground space it would take up. Mr. Vogel felt that this letter from a staff member of the Planning Board was trying to override the City Council's decision by stating that a parking lot should be built. Mr. Vogel was also concerned that people are still double parking on Flower Ave. and suggested that "No Parking, 4-6 PM" signs be placed in that area. Asked that Council preserve play areas. He referred to a

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couple of Sp. Ex. the City agreed to with stipulations and how the Planning Board has ignored the stipulations. Asked Council to approach Planning Board with this matter.

3. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Ave. Commended Police Officer Akers for thorough investigation when notified of a strange car at neighbor's house. Councilman Nishimoto complimented Mr. Ferrier for being an alert citizen.

4. Delores Stowell, 7704 Takoma Ave. In answer to her question, Councilman Forshee explained that the Public Hearing of Nov. 17 was to seek citizen input on whether or not to close Juniper Street. Mrs. Stowell preferred to keep the present bridge.

There was some discussion about the letter Phil Vogel received. Mayor Roth explained that the Board Of Appeals had not been required to notify local municipalities of Sp. Ex. upcoming. Many cities have requested this information. The Mayor recently testified in favor of a bill which was passed requiring the Prince George's County to notify the cities involved 15 days in advance.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

##### Special Exception 2830 (expansion of Shell Station, 949 East-West Hwy.)

Hearing before Zoning Examiner, 9:30 AM, 1-9-76, Court House, Upper Marlboro

Council's position has been filed with the hearing examiner. Mayor Roth asked that a member of the Council attend the hearing. Councilman Garcia pointed out that so many of the cases are held in Upper Marlboro which is too far away from those affected. Mayor suggested that Council ask the Board of Appeals to hold hearings on Takoma Park cases in the Recreation Building.

##### Special Exception 2853, 7208 Flower Ave., Sligo Nursury

There was some mention of this Sp. Ex. where the City Council approved the application only on the condition that the off-street parking requirements and debarkation be waived; several Councilmembers expressed feelings that the conditions were overlooked. Several of the Councilmembers expressed concern that the Park & Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals pay little attention to what the City Council says. Councilman Faulkner moved that a letter be sent to Park & Planning and Board of Appeals to make clear their positions on these cases. Councilman Nishimoto seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

##### Takoma Park Master Plan Task Force meeting, 12-3-75, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber

Mayor stated that all members have been notified of the meeting. During his absence, Mayor Pro-tem Forshee will open the meeting. Mr. Gilsdorf and Mr. Spivack (Park & Planning Commission) will hold a question and answer period. Councilman Nishimoto suggested that Chairmen meet before the general meeting to be better informed and aware of the issues. Mayor Roth asked City Administrator Gilsdorf to prepare a handout that would provide suggestions on identification of issues and goals. He urged all Council persons to make an effort to attend the meeting.

##### Report on Montgomery County Board of Education's Budget Hearing, 11-18-75

Mayor Roth noted that many citizens representing TPES attended the meeting to give testimony. He also gave a speech in hopes to save TPES. Among those who spoke from Takoma Park were: Dave Weisman, Sam Abbott, Dennis Seekins, Faith Stern, Wm. Brailey, Jerry Ernst, Gene Herman, Delores Stowell (Mrs. Cohen), Edward Hutmire (Steve Bourke), and Councilwoman Medina. Mentioned a leaflet "Choices" that explained the County's budget, expenses, and deficits and finds that it is unlikely they could balance next years budget. The BOE indicated that by closing some schools they could save \$118,000. (To meet their 2.8 million deficit they would have to close 25 schools.) Councilwoman Medina was concerned

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that the BOE has taken into consideration only their staff recommendations rather than considering other suggestive alternatives. There is a Capital Budget Hearing tentatively scheduled for Dec. 1 & 3. Work with the LEC has been sent to the area planning committees and then to the BOE staff; at some point they will hold a school Board meeting so citizens can give additional information. Councilman Nishimoto added that the PBMS LEC is preparing their report now.

Report on Administrative Procedures for closing schools in Prince George's County  
Councilman Faulkner attended a hearing, Nov. 19 by the Prince George's County BOE to discuss proposed administrative procedures for the closing of small schools. He believed that the procedures were not favorable to schools inside the beltway but of no immediate danger to any Takoma Park schools. Councilwoman Medina noted a constant problem with school systems upgrading their standards causing threats to older schools.

Grant for Burglary Education Apprehension Team (Councilman Nishimoto)  
Reported favorable action by Governor's Commission of Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice. On Nov. 20 they approved a one year grant for a burglary education apprehension team in the amount of \$47,630 dollars for the City of Takoma Park. This project would provide funding to establish a four man police team which would concentrate on reducing the frequency of burglary within two target areas of the City of Takoma Park. This unit would conduct follow-up investigations on all burglary incidents in the target areas; perform preventive patrol in vehicles and on foot; conduct security checks on residences and business establishments; implement a public burglary education program; and develop citizen burglary prevention committees. Grant funds would be utilized for personnel costs, equipment purchase, and a burglary telephone hot line. The State will contribute \$2133.00 and the City will need to add to that \$3963.00. Councilman Ricks wondered why the City would have to pay more than the State. Councilman Forshee and others were concerned that new men would have to be added to the Police Force for this program and asked what would be done with the men after the program was ended. Councilman Nishimoto was confident that this program will be funded for three years. Both he and Chief Porter felt the personnel problem would be resolved by attrition.

Community Block Grant (Councilman Ricks)  
Funds are still available to municipalities with worthwhile projects. Councilman Ricks asked the Council to come up with a project whereby the City could receive some of these funds. He suggested ramps for the handicapped be placed on sidewalks. Councilman Nishimoto asked that a list of things that can be used be made available. Mayor asked when they could make suggestions for the funds. Councilman Ricks answered, January. Mayor Roth added that he served on the Advisory Committee last year and a project must be important and needed to compete with other municipalities for funds. He also asked Mr. Gilsdorf to prepare a statement with requirements and prerequisites for receiving a block grant.

#### SPECIAL REPORTS ON DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

##### VASCAR (Chief Porter)

Vascar has been used for a total of 55 hours since the last Council meeting mainly on residential streets (including Westmoreland Ave.). As a result, 19 citations for speeding and 27 warnings were issued. Chief Porter noted that they were definitely making progress on Westmoreland Avenue and Allegheny.

##### Season end round-up report on Public Works activities (Mr. Barille)

On Nov. 3, Public Works was approx. one week away from completing the entire City for leaf round-up. This should represent 75% of the total volume of leaves.

There will be a second round-up in the heavily wooded areas. Public Works will continue to post three days in advance for leaf pick up. Councilman Garcia complained that the Glenside area has a lot of leaves and they seem to be last for pick up. Councilman Faulkner added that some on Sligo, Mer.wood, Glenside, and Heather have set fire to the leaves and asked that the cycle be reviewed. Mayor Roth suggested this be discussed again after budget is adopted to review the need of priority for leaf pick up. Councilman Nishimoto thought the Council should not get into operational details. Mr. Barile explained the ice conditions around construction areas within the City. Piney Branch Rd. will be taken care of with salt or sand. WSSC will spend 5-6 thousand to fix storm drain at Philadelphia and Maple Avenues. In response to Councilman Ricks question, Mr. Barile explained that the leaves do present problems with clogging the drains but WSSC has taken the responsibility of cleaning up the drain areas. The state is now working on a 6' x 4' culvert on 410. Resurfacing on the Eastern part of town is nearly complete with the exception of Jackson Ave. Public Works has been authorized 35 thousand dollars for resurfacing roads and has used only 33 thousand. Shed #2 is now completed at the Public Works building and the new trash truck has arrived. Appliances and furniture will be collected around the middle of January. (People will be asked not to place these items on the street and to call Public Works for pick up.) Preparation for snow removal is almost complete. The salt has arrived. (It was noted that the price of salt rose from \$14.00 to \$15.00 a ton.) Seventy-five tons of salt a year are used within the City limits.

Recreation Dept. Report

- December 5 - Kiddie Christmas Movie, 7:30 PM, Municipal Gym
- December 7 - Sunday evening, Takoma Park Community Band Christmas Concert, 6 PM, Takoma Park Junior High Community School Auditorium.
- December 14 - Sunday, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Comes to Town, 5 PM, Municipal Gym.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 PM - Council to reconvene December 8, 1975, 8:00 PM.

ATTEST: *Herbert Giltsdorf*  
Herbert Giltsdorf  
City Administrator

APPROVED: *John D. Roth*  
John D. Roth  
Mayor Pro tem

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

December 8, 1975

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth  
Councilman Forshee  
Councilman Garcia  
Councilwoman Medina  
Councilman Nishimoto  
Councilman Ricks

City Administrator Gilsdorf  
Asst. to the City Administrator Nichols  
City Clerk Pusti  
Chief of Police Porter  
Recreation Director Ziegler  
Public Works Director Barile  
Corporation Counsel Gingerich

Councilmen Faulkner and Webb were excused.

The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session on December 8, 1975, at 8:05 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 Nov. 24 meeting was made, seconded and approved.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth recently attended the National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities in Florida and felt that the conference was useful and worthwhile.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Community Block Grant (Councilman Ricks)

Appeal A-254, 8400 Carroll, Addition to Book & Bible House

CITIZENS REMARKS

1. Russell Romer, 702 Chaney Drive Stated that rent control for Takoma Park has been on a voluntary restraint and feels it has not been successful. He was disturbed that the City explored only two alternatives (1) voluntary restraint in rent increases, and (2) possible coverage under the County rent control program. Referring to a letter from Mayor Roth to Elizabeth Scull, Mr. Romer understood the letter to have made no implication of rent control for Takoma Park. Mayor Roth questioned the cost of Takoma Park establishing its own rent control; noted that previously the voluntary restraint program was successful. Mr. Romer insisted that the voluntary restraint would leave tenants with no recourse. Councilman Ricks mentioned that the District of Columbia is having trouble with rent control and that landlords could not raise rent to meet expenses. Mr. Romer urged Council to establish rent control for Takoma Park, as Rockville has done.

2. Dr. Stanley Evans (representative of tenants' association, 7520 Maple) realizes that rent control is an expense but something can be done. Suggested that City Council pass legislation at the beginning of the year where a tenant may have the option of taking a one year lease and renewing this lease each year at which time the rent could be raised. This would allow a landlord to raise rent each year to cover estimated costs and tenants will be secure knowing that their rent will not be raised every two or three months. He feels it is becoming very expensive to live in Takoma Park. Mayor Roth wished to consider this new idea and discuss the legal situations with the Corporation Counsel.

3. Cicero Satterfield, 6801 Allegheny reported that a survey taken by some children on Allegheny showed that there were 50 children living on the street and that out of 14 houses parents were in favor of making Allegheny one way from 4th to Elm in hopes to help control the speeding problems. This would be an easier traffic pattern for children to be alerted to. He also suggested possibility of making Westmoreland one way. Councilwoman Medina was concerned that people might use Allegheny as a short cut. Councilman Nishimoto was concerned with the steep

hill involved when winter comes if made one way. Mr. Satterfield said residents do not descend hill in bad weather. Mayor Roth explained that people seem to speed more on one way streets.

4. James Austin, 6808 Westmoreland (Representative of S.O.C.)

Has noticed improvements on Westmoreland due to the Vascar. Feels the engineering study does not meet the standards of a professional study and does not address itself to the speeding problem. He opposed a one way street for Westmoreland. The members of SOC asked City Council to disregard the County study and its recommendations and asked for the following:

- Stop signs (both ways on Westmoreland at 1st Ave., both ways on 2nd Ave. at Allegheny and Westmoreland Ave., one sign on Elm at Westmoreland, and at intersection of Eastern service road and Walnut Avenue.)
- Warning signs (stop ahead with flashing yellow beacon on Elm before the stop sign at Westmoreland, stop ahead with flashing yellow beacon on Elm before the stop on 1st Avenue)
- Double yellow lines down center of Elm from Pine to Westmoreland Avenue
- Reflectors on the curve of Eastern Ave. and curve warnings on Eastern at 2nd Ave. and before the curve on Elm near Pine Avenue.
- Trimming of hedge in south quadrant of intersection at Westmoreland and 2nd Ave.

5. William Granger, 6702 Westmoreland reiterated on the problems with the traffic engineer study. Insisted that a one way street is not the answer for Westmoreland. Agrees with SOC's recommendations. Has seen the Vascar working on Westmoreland responding to traffic problems. Councilwoman Medina asked if there was enough traffic accessing Westmoreland from both 1st and 2nd in order to justify stop signs. Mr. Granger said that 1st Street traffic was mainly residents but 2nd Street runs down from the access road and there is a need for a 4 way stop at that point.

6. Bennie Murphy, 6800 Allegheny Reiterated on speeding problems on Allegheny and asked Mayor and Council to take some action. Noted problems of littering and people placing junk on the sidewalks. The Mayor explained Public Works policy on this. Councilman Garcia suggested that the schedule be printed in the newsletter. Councilman Ricks agreed adding that the ground rules could be circulated by the children living on Allegheny.

7. Lee Edmonds, 6805 Allegheny agreed with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Satterfield on need for speed control. Felt that most of the problems are on the weekends and evenings. Councilman Nishimoto pointed out that Allegheny is narrow and an extreme risk for speeders.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balances as of November 30, 1975

Suburban Trust Co.-General Funds

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 129,646.51	
November Receipts	<u>252,111.04</u>	\$ 381,757.55
November Disbursements		<u>323,359.55</u>
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u><u>\$ 58,398.00</u></u>

Suburban Trust Co.-Payroll Account

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 21,715.88	
November Receipts	<u>90,084.56</u>	\$ 111,800.44
November Disbursements		<u>94,642.16</u>
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u><u>\$ 17,158.28</u></u>



Suburban Trust Co.-Rehabilitation Loan Fund

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 427.99	
November Receipts	<u>295.50</u>	
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u>\$ 723.49</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-General Funds

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 18,444.66	
November Disbursements	<u>18,400.00</u>	
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u>\$ 44.66</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-Special Assessment Fund

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 866.67	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u>\$ 866.67</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-Public Improvement Fund

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 534.53	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u>\$ 534.53</u>

Citizens Bank of Md.-Savings Account

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 186.84	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u>\$ 186.84</u>

American National Bank-General Funds

Balance: October 31, 1975	\$ 2,075.53	
November Disbursements	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Balance: November 30, 1975		<u>\$ 75.53</u>

Petty Cash.....\$ 250.00

U.S. Treasury Bills

<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Maturity Value</u>
7/2/75	1/3/76	\$ 96,770.00	\$100,000.00
7/2/75	2/10/76	96,222.81	100,000.00
8/7/75	3/9/76	95,958.89	100,000.00
9/10/75	4/6/76	96,089.64	100,000.00
9/18/75	5/4/76	95,535.42	100,000.00
9/22/75	6/1/76	95,072.44	100,000.00
9/26/75	12/11/75	98,690.00	100,000.00
10/2/75	6/29/76	47,437.92	50,000.00
11/6/75	1/8/76	<u>99,101.25</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Treasury Bills.....		\$820,878.37	\$850,000.00
5/25/75 Certificate of Deposit 5/25/76..		<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>108,687.50</u>
Total Investments.....		<u>\$920,878.37</u>	<u>\$958,687.50</u>

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

Communications

Due to requests the following are names of members serving on the Takoma Park Master Plan Task Forces:

Zoning and Land Use

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|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Harold Phipps, Chm. | Opal Daniels | Hal Woodyard   |
| Ellen Marsh         | Leslie Agro  | John Kensinger |
| George Bartels      | Robert Frost |                |
| Elizabeth Amt       | Samuel Zark  |                |
| Margaret Holmes     | Austin Brown |                |

Transportation

Charles Johnson, Chm.	Herbert Smith
Frances Phipps	Evelyne Ferry
James Welu	Phil Vogel
Rita Marth	James DiLuigi
Bruce Phillips	Margo Dunn
Robert Knight	

Housing & Code Enforcement

Donald Ramsey, Chm.	Stephen Hiten
Patrick Maier	Paul Chappell
Jack Mitton	Ann Vogel
Allan Marsh	William Sowards
James Sturdevant	Karen Hewson
Kathryn Simpson	Abbie Mandel

Public Services & Education

Dale Schallhorn, Chm.	Mary Ann Leary	Ann Edwards
Delores Stowell	Leslie Giordano	Don Schaeffer
Maureen Thompson	Steve Power	Kathryn Schaeffer
Nancy Schallhorn	Joan Power	Betty Thompson
Bridgitte Bartels	Helen Rosenberger	James Mann
Donald Patti	Ethel Bowers	
William Leary	Monte Edwards	

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTIONOrdinance prohibiting parking on a portion of Fenton Street

A motion to adopt the following ordinance for immediate action was made by Councilman Nishimoto, seconded by Councilwoman Medina and approved by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, and Ricks; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Webb.

ORDINANCE # 2367

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

SECTION 1. THAT, in the interest of public safety, parking be prohibited on the East side of the 7600 block of Fenton Street, beginning at a point adjacent to the South building line of Montgomery College's North Science Building and extending to Chicago Avenue; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect the appropriate signs to effect the directive contained in Section 1; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Section 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

Ordinance making available \$300 to Takoma Park Community Band

Mayor Roth stated that the Band started by Roy Corbin about 1½ years ago, is comprised of approximately 30 volunteers who play for many community-sponsored activities. They have tried to operate on a voluntary contribution system which is not always successful. (Music is their main expense.) In response to Councilman Nishimoto's question, City Administrator Gilsdorf added that Belle Ziegler was the Treasurer for the Band. A motion was made to remit \$300 to the band, duly seconded, and the ordinance below approved unanimously by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, and Ricks; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Webb.

ORDINANCE # 2368

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Community Band has been asked by the City to participate in some City-sponsored functions during the Bicentennial Year; AND

WHEREAS, The Community Band has requested that the City help defray some of the expenses incurred during 1976.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

SECTION 1. THAT a sum in the amount of \$300 (THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS) be remitted to the Takoma Park Community Band; AND

SECTION 2. THAT funds to cover this amount be drawn from the Recreation Department Reserve Fund.

Report on traffic study of Westmoreland-Elm-Allegheny area

After evaluating the information contained in the engineering report, Chief Porter recommended the following:

- The sharp curve on Elm Ave. between Pine Ave. and Westmoreland Ave. be marked with a double yellow center line.
  - Slow sign on southbound Pine Ave. just north of Elm Ave. be replaced with a standard curve warning sign.
  - Slow sign on southbound Westmoreland Ave. just north of the intersection of Walnut Ave. be replaced with a standard "Stop Sign Ahead"
  - Stop sign should be installed at the intersection of the Eastern Ave. service road and Walnut Ave. on Eastern Avenue.
  - Hedge in the south quadrant in the intersection of Westmoreland Ave. and Second Street be trimmed. (Owners have already been contacted on this.)
- Several of the Councilmembers expressed desires to look into the new recommendations and the views expressed by citizens before making a decision on the entire area. Action was taken on the following: Councilman Nishimoto moved that Public Works paint double yellow lines on Elm, Councilwoman Medina seconded and was passed unanimously. A motion was also made to replace a slow sign on southbound Westmoreland just north of Walnut Ave. with a "Stop Sign Ahead", Councilman Forshee seconded and was unanimously approved. It was agreed that an ordinance authorizing the Eastern-Walnut stop sign should be prepared for the next meeting. Mayor Roth asked Chief Porter and Mr. Gilsdorf to supply Council with their recommendations; urged Council to look over the areas on Westmoreland and Allegheny.

Appointments to Community Improvement Board (Councilman Ricks)

In order to fill two new vacancies, Councilman Ricks moved that Mrs. Sue Allen, 6517 Westmoreland, Zone 7B and Mrs. Geneva Cross, 39 Oswego, Zone 2B, be accepted to the CIB. The names were seconded and unanimously approved.

Community Block Grants (Councilman Ricks)

Councilman Ricks was unhappy to announce that there is the possibility that the grant for 2.6 million will be cut to 90 thousand due to some miscalculation. Councilman Nishimoto asked if this was an error or a plan to cut back. Councilman Ricks thought it might be a little of both. Several Councilmembers asked for additional information in order to take the appropriate form of protest or appeal. He promised to get further information in case the City Council wishes to take some action. He explained that Montgomery, Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties will be affected by this cut.

Appeal A-254, 8500 Carroll, Addition to Book & Bible House in R-60 Zone

The City Administrator gave the following report and recommendations at the request of Councilman Faulkner: The Book & Bible house applied for a building permit for expansion of their operations but was denied. They are appealing this on the

basis that it was an administrative error. Councilman Faulkner's recommendation was that Council favor this appeal on the basis that this will be a continuation of a use that is not objectionable in nature on a site of sufficient size for this purpose and since additional parking will be provided. In response to Councilman Ricks' question, it was explained that the parking lot would be in front of the building. Mayor Roth moved the adoption of Councilman Faulkner's recommendation. Councilman Forshee seconded. Councilwoman Medina questioned the basis of appealing for administrative errors; concerned with the impact of increased parking for Park & Planning's opinion. Corporation Counsel Gingerich understood one problem was whether there was sufficient space for expansion of the parking area. Councilman Ricks was concerned that this parking lot would take away more green areas (one of the reasons Council opposed additional parking to the Nursery School on Flower). Mayor Roth felt that this institution serves many in Takoma Park. Councilwoman Medina felt that without some specific proposals and better reviews she could not support their appeal nor does she have objections to the appeal. Councilman Ricks agreed. The motion failed on a 3:1 vote, with Councilman Forshee abstaining.

Councilman Forshee moved that the second Council meeting for the month of Dec. be cancelled. Councilman Garcia seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:35 PM Council to reconvene January 12, 1976 at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST: Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
 Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
 City Administrator

APPROVED: John D. Roth  
 John D. Roth  
 Mayor