

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 12, 1976

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Faulkner	City Clerk Pusti
Councilman Garcia	Corporal Goetz
Councilwoman Medina	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilman Forshee	Public Works Director Barile
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Gingerich

EXCUSED: Councilmen Nishimoto and Webb.

The Mayor and Council met on July 12, 1976 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 June 28 meeting was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Roth expressed pleasure in the success of the July 4 parade. He thanked civic organizations and groups, Ralph Sidell, Chrmn. Independence Day Committee, Douglas Ziegler and citizens who participated in the Independence Day celebration.
- Pointed out a recent publication that noted several homes in Takoma Park that were selling for substantial prices. The Mayor said that apparently real estate people are beginning to realize that Takoma Park is a good place to live.
- Mayor Roth expressed his feelings of the Bicentennial in a patriotic manner, emphasizing that citizens have plenty of reason to be proud of this county. He added that many people criticize the United States but few are willing to leave and take up citizenship in countries with little freedom. Said he was proud to be a citizen of the United States.

CITIZENS REMARKS

- (1) Elaine LaVaute, 240 Park Avenue asked that the minutes reflect her statements made at the June 28 Council Meeting. She had discussed a petition presented Feb. 25, 1974 for traffic control at Park Avenue and Spruce and had asked why that request was not answered. Mayor Roth pointed out that this item was not forgotten and is an agenda item for the July 12 Council Meeting.
- (2) Lou D'Vidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road said he had had some correspondence with the SHA about Piney Branch Road. Signalization is now getting a lot of improvements outside the City but he was concerned that there were no walk lights in a critical area like Philadelphia and Piney Branch Road. Was pleased with the Police Department's cooperation in getting speed limit signs posted. The City Administrator said that the SHA has signalization projects in the City on schedule but the above mentioned intersection was not among them. There was some discussion about SHA attempting to widen the roads. Mayor Roth stated that the project for widening Route 410 has been taken out of the plans in both Montgomery and Prince George's sections of the City. Mayor Roth attended hearings on the five year plans and found that there is a shortage of funds for upgrading and building new highways; leaving little chance for widening any Takoma Park Roads. Mr. D'Vidio thanked the P Police Department for their surveillance on Piney Branch Road. There was also a County Policeman that was quite helpful. The County Policeman was there because of a special program (which will expire shortly). He suggested that citizens write to the County and encourage them to continue this program.

(3) Joe Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue

- Congratulated City on the best July 4 parade in 200 years and the people on Sycamore Avenue for their bicentennial paintings and decorations on that street.
- Was pleased that the City Administrator and Public Works Director responded quickly to having a loose guy wire at Maple Avenue and Valley View repaired.
- Favored permit parking for the Montgomery College area.
- Hoped to see Council and citizens support the idea of making the Carroll House a community center.
- Was concerned that Metrobus is considering cutting out inefficient bus lines. Mr. Ferrier felt that many people in Takoma Park depend on these buses; asked that the Council support maintaining these bus lines.

(4) Bob Leyshon, 7013 Sycamore Avenue asked for an address correction in Resolution to Charles H. Howe, June 28 minutes. Suggested that the Council find out why the Metro Bus shelter on Philadelphia and Maple Avenues is so slanted. Due to the high cost of postage, Mr. Leyshon asked that the minutes and agenda be mailed out together. He noted that the decorating of Sycamore Avenue was done by children on their own initiative. Mr. Leyshon said he would like to see the masthead of the newsletter changed, suggesting a drawing of the Municipal Building or something comparable.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONCommunications

Letter from Ralph Sidell, Chairman, Independence Day Committee, thanking Mayor, Council, and staff for their cooperation and help with the celebration.

Letter from Olive Kreinbihl, 1011 Elm stating that the petition circulated for opinions concerning Sp. Ex. 3030 (Day Care Center) implied that there was a change in the nature of the work. Mrs. Kreinbihl asked that the record state that she has engaged in this business for nearly 20 years and is advocating no change.

Prince George's County Zoning Hearing Examiner Recommendation that application for Special Exception #2830, Shell Service Station, be denied, since applicant has not responded to Examiner's request for action on withdrawal.

Prince George's County Zoning Hearing Examiner Special Exception application #2853, 7208-12 Flower Avenue, Day Care Center expansion; notice that application will be recommended for dismissal in 30 days unless word has been received from the applicant.

Mayor Roth had received a letter from Comptroller of the Treasury Louis Goldstein, stating that his visit in Takoma Park for the July 4 parade was very enjoyable.

Letter to Mayor Roth complimenting the Police Department for apprehending a burglar quickly and effectively.

The Mayor pointed out that thanks to Corporation Counsel Gingerich and Asst. to the Corporation Counsel Culpepper a long-standing law suit in connection with an old DeSota has been resolved, with the City and members of the Police Dept. being absolved.

Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:

(1) Ordinance authorizing purchase of capital outlay items for Library from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded, the following ordinance was passed by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Medina, Garcia, and Ricks; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Nishimoto and Webb.

ORDINANCE #2389

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Planned Use Report for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds earmarked funds for capital expenditures for the Library; AND

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the following purchases are hereby authorized:

Pegboard display rack.....	\$ 54.06, plus shipping
Paperback rack.....	69.50, plus shipping
TOTAL:	\$123.56, plus shipping

Supplier: Highsmith Co.

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT funds for this purchase be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Account and transferred to the appropriate Library account.

Mayor Roth suggested that next year items of minor importance be included in the regular budget rather taking from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

(2) Ordinance authorizing purchase of jackhammer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Upon motion by Councilman Faulkner, seconded by Councilman Ricks, the following ordinance was passed by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina, and Ricks; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Nishimoto and Webb.

ORDINANCE #2390

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Planned Use Report for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds earmarked funds for the purchase of a jackhammer for the Public Works Department; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works has obtained verbal bids on the item, with the low bid being received from Jim's Air Compressor in the amount of \$612.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the purchase of the said jackhammer from Jim's Air Compressor is hereby authorized; AND

SECTION 4. THAT funds to cover this purchase in the amount of SIX HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$612) be transferred from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Account to A/C 12.3232-2,

(3) Ordinance awarding contract for street resurfacing work (Federal Revenue Sharing Funds)

City Administrator Gilsdorf commented that this was a very good price and recommended that the Council accept the bid. In response to Councilwoman Medina's question, Mr. Barile reported that the City will do all the preparatory work before the resurfacing of the streets. After some discussion, Councilman Faulkner moved that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded and the following ordinance was passed by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Medina, Garcia, and Ricks; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Nishimoto and Webb.

ORDINANCE #2391

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

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with Ordinance 2384, adopted June 14, 1976, bids were solicited by advertisements and notices to qualified contractors for the resurfacing of the following City streets:

1. Glenside (from Anne to Wildwood)
2. Kingwood (from Glenside to New Hampshire)
3. Merwood (from Glenside to Wildwood)
4. Lancaster (from Glenside to Wildwood)
5. Hammond (from Holton to Jackson)
6. Jackson (from Hammond to Wildwood)
7. Old Carroll (from Carroll to Sligo Creek)
8. Larch (from Hopewell to Glaizewood)
9. Linden Service Drive
10. Jefferson (from Lincoln to Carroll)
11. Mississippi (from Hilltop to Piney Branch); AND

SECTION 2. THAT bids from four contractors were received and opened at 3:00 PM, July 8, 1976, the low bidder being A.H. Smith, Branchville, Md.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE the contract for resurfacing the above-named streets is hereby awarded to A.H. Smith, at the unit prices of \$40 per gallon for Tack Coat--AE-4, and \$14.38 per ton of bituminous concrete resurfacing course PC-1, average 1-1/2" thick; AND

SECTION 4. THAT the estimated total funds to cover the above-described work were appropriated from General Revenue Funds Account in the amount of \$51,200 by Ordinance 2384 (June 14, 1976) and transferred to the appropriate Public Works Account (#12.3232-1).

(4) Council consideration of creating a Parking Permit Area in the general area of Montgomery College The City Administrator reviewed the procedures which had been followed and noted that the petition presented met the requirements as stated in the guidelines. The proposed boundaries (as stated in the petition) were reviewed and clarified by Mrs. Cohen with the aid of a map. Councilwoman Medina raised the issue of blocking access to public areas such as a park. Corporation Counsel Gingerich explained that according to the ordinance permit parking could not be applied to areas that are not adjacent to residences. He suggested that it is the prerogative of the Council to use "no parking" around parks and streets that are not designated as parking by permit only. After a lengthy discussion the Council decided to set aside July 20, 8:00 PM to further discuss the matter, thereby, deferring their decision until the next council meeting. Mrs. Cohen asked that some citizens be allowed to attend. Councilman Ricks moved that the Council consider the boundaries as shown on the map and modify them as a permit parking area. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

(5) Administrative reports:

(a). Report on requested program for Japanese beetle control

The State Agriculture Center at one time had a program for large neighborhoods to control the Japanese beetles. The program was costly and effective for only a short while. Now, this free program is no longer available. Councilman Ricks asked that the City Administrator get an estimate on the cost for an area the size of Takoma Park. Mayor Roth asked that the City Administrator get a professional opinion concerning what the beetles attack and methods of control.

(b). Stop sign at Park and Spruce Avenues

A stop sign was placed in 1974 at this intersection and apparently was knocked down. It is now in place. The petition Mrs. LaVaute referred to (See Citizens Remarks) recommended this stop sign along with several other items for the protection of those living in the area. Mayor Roth asked that all the items suggested in the petition be reviewed by the City Administrator with the Police Department and

recommendations made to the Council as soon as possible before the next Council Meeting.

(c). Wildwood Drive Speeding

Two weeks ago a petition was filed complaining about the speeding on Wildwood Drive. June 28-July 8 this street was surveyed which resulted in 32 citations, 1 arrest, and 12 warnings. Mayor Roth said there has been an intensive effort to control the speeding problem but asked that surveillance be continued for another two weeks.

SPECIAL REPORTS

TPES (Councilwoman Medina)

Reported that the State Interagency Committee has provided the planning funds for TPES but these funds were not approved by the Board. Councilwoman Medina wondered if the BOE's delay in action could jeopardize the school. There was a concensus by the Council to convey to the BOE the Council's concern and ask the reason for delay. Mayor Roth asked Belle Ziegler to prepare an insert for the July newsletter stating that the BOE has taken no steps to use the money previously released; adding that the Council is disappointed to report to the citizens that no decision has been made to use the funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Signalization (Councilman Ricks)

asked for a report at the next Council meeting on the status of the traffic lights. Mayor Roth suggested that the report include the beginning and ending dates of the construction contracts.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:15 PM - Council to reconvene July 26, 1976 at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Herbert W. Gilsdorf
Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

APPROVED: +

John D. Roth
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Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 26, 1976

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Faulkner	Asst. to the City Administrator Nichols
Councilman Garcia	City Clerk Pusti
Councilman Forshee	Corporal Goetz
Councilwoman Medina	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Webb	Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper

Councilman Nishimoto was excused.

The Mayor and Council met on July 26, 1976 at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the Invocation by Reverend Ben Plumb, Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12 meeting was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Noted that Takoma Park has been a Sister City with Jequie, Brazil for about 10 years adding that this has been a very good relationship. He was pleased to announce that Senor Umberto Biondi, visitor from Jequie, Brazil would be attending the Council meeting.

Congratulated Corporation Counsel on a successful conclusion of the law suit filed by a former Police Officer.

Pointed out that Chief of Police Porter received a letter from the FBI commending Officers Albert Hernandez and Clarence Jacobs for their actions in locating and arresting the person involved in the robbery of Citizens Bank & Trust co. in Takoma Park, and for aiding in the recover of \$24,930.88. Asked that the Mayor and Council's commendations be noted in their personnel files.

Mayor Roth received a letter from Montgomery County School Superintendent asking the Council to consider permitting plans for building the new version of TPES on Hodges Field and have the present acreage on which the TPES now stands turned over to the City for a ball field. Councilwoman Medina said that on July 15 the BOE voted to release funds for the design making clear that the funds were not for rebuilding. Mayor Roth read a letter from Verna Fletcher, Chairman, Board of Education, explaining a survey taken of Hodges Field. Results of the investigation will be sent to the City. The Mayor asked that the City Administrator and Council consider this matter and examine the legalities and various interests to reach some conclusion.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

National League of Cities Convention (Councilman Garcia)

Park & Planning's meeting on Juniper Street Bridge and Blair Road (Councilwoman Medina)

CITIZEN'S REMARKS

1. Elaine LaVaute, 240 Park Avenue explained that her petition about traffic on Park Avenue requests a stop sign on Park Ave. at Spruce. Mrs. LaVaute made inquiries about Police Department procedures. She seemed to think that people were harrassing her by making complaints to the Police Department. Asked to know how many complaints have been made since July 1976 about 240 Park Avenue. Complained of remarks made to her child about riding skate boards. Asked that an area be designated for riding skate boards. Asked if the Council would accept a petition from children requesting a skate board area. Mayor Roth answered in the affirmative. She expressed sympathy for the man involved in the DeSoto suit. Mayor Roth explained why the City has been absolved of blame. Responding to Mrs. LaVaute's question, Mayor Roth stated that Councilman Nishimoto had accepted a summer teaching assignment in Japan and would return shortly.
2. Delores Stowell, 7704 Takoma Avenue was very pleased to announce that as of July 16, 1976 Takoma Park was listed on the National Register of Historical Places. On behalf of the Preservation Association, Mrs. Stowell thanked the Mayor and Council for all their efforts and support. Hoped to see the Council make a favorable decision for permit parking. Mayor Roth said that it was the intent of the Council to place permit parking into existence.
3. Bill Ivans, 525 Albany Avenue had heard that there might be some exclusion of Albany Avenue from the Permit Parking Area. Mayor Roth said that there have been no decisions made on the boundaries. Mr. Ivans stated that he had some difficulty in backing out of his driveway because of all the cars parked on the street.
4. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue felt that Permit Parking was the correct solution to the parking problem. Concerned with the condition of Blair Road. Suggested plantings along the fences that border Metro to cushion noise. Mayor Roth said that Metro has made a preposal for regrading Blair Road; hopefully to its original grading. He added that the Azalea Committee has a definite interest and is making plans for that area.
5. George Pint, 512 Boston Avenue was upset that last week a child was nearly killed in front of his home. Mr. Pint felt that skate boards were dangerous for children.
6. Charlene Cohen, 7815 Takoma Avenue representing Parking Action Group, hoped to see Permit Parking for the Montgomery College Area approved. On July 26, at 10:00 PM, Channel 5 broadcast an interview with Mrs. Cohen and Dr. Wiley. Mrs. Cohen said this was favorable publicity for Takoma Park. She added that Mr. Packard saw no reasons why permit parking shouldn't be approved. Mayor Roth agreed that the broadcast would be very useful in public relations.
7. Mr. Packard, Business Mgr., Montgomery College, Takoma Park Campus agreed with Mrs. Cohen but pointed out that there may be some differences in opinions between the College and the proposal if it included changing the parking on New York Avenue from the College side to Block 69.
8. Princess Chapman, 7902 Takoma Avenue expressed displeasure with "the 2½ hours of meaningless dialogue" on Permit Parking at the last Council meeting. She claimed it to be a confused debate. Mayor Roth stated that the Council does not always agree; decisions are not made before the meetings. Mrs. Chapman felt that the Council was aiding the institution (Montgomery College) that caused the problem in North Takoma Park. She noted that Montgomery County set aside \$750,000 to purchase the Wilson Property on Fenton Street with the intention of using the lot

for parking and later to erect a garage. This has not been done; school will start soon; and the streets will be flooded with parked cars. Urged the Council to pass Permit Parking. Mayor Roth stated that he did not detect any intention not to have permit parking.

9. Mary Pennifield, 7305 Takoma Avenue complained that her street was too narrow for the snow plows to enter. Suggested that permit parking be applied to her side of the street and "no parking" on the other side.

10. Richard Marcello, 517 Albany Avenue said it was difficult to get in his driveway. Felt that all the parked cars ruin the scenery.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

(1) Council consideration of creating a Parking Permit Area in the general area of Montgomery College Councilwoman Medina said that the permit parking area has been reviewed several times to protect residential areas and to have a permit area that is constitutionally and legally defensible. She moved that an ordinance be drafted to allow permit parking and "no parking" to be applied to the following streets in the permit area:

PERMIT AREA: Boundary Avenue from Chicago Avenue to Alfred Drive; Alfred Drive from Boston Avenue to Ray Drive; Ray Drive from Alfred Drive to Piney Branch Road; Piney Branch Road from Ray Drive to Takoma Avenue; Takoma Avenue from Piney Branch Road to Fenton Street; Fenton Street from Takoma Avenue to Chicago Avenue; Chicago Avenue from Fenton Street to Boundary Avenue

PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY: Baltimore Avenue, East side, between Takoma Avenue and Philadelphia Ave.; Buffalo Avenue, East side, between Takoma Avenue and New York Avenue; Takoma Avenue, Northeast side, between Piney Branch Road and Buffalo Ave.; Takoma Avenue, East side, from, Albany Avenue through 7901 Takoma Avenue (lot 12, Block 71, TPL&T Subdivision); Takoma Avenue, West side, from Philadelphia Avenue through 7902 Takoma Avenue (Lot 90, Block 67, TPL&T Subdivision); Margaret Drive, both sides, from Boston Avenue to City boundary; Chicago Avenue, East side, in front of 7707 and 7709 Chicago Avenue (between New York and Philadelphia Avenues); Chicago Avenue, East side, in front of 7813 and 7815 Chicago Avenue (between Boston and Boundary Avenues); Boston Avenue, North side, from Chicago Avenue to Alfred Drive; Boston Avenue, South side, from East property line of Silver Spring Elementary School site to a point opposite the intersection of Alfred Drive with Boston Avenue; New York Avenue, North side, from Takoma Avenue to Baltimore Avenue; Albany Avenue, South side, from Buffalo Avenue to Baltimore Avenue; Cleveland Avenue, both sides, from Baltimore Avenue to dead end

NO PARKING AT ANY TIME: Baltimore Avenue, West side, between Takoma and Philadelphia Avenues; Buffalo Avenue, West side, between Takoma and New York Avenues; Takoma Avenue, West side, between Albany and Philadelphia Avenues; Chicago Avenue, East side, between Philadelphia and Boundary Avenues, except those spaces designated for "Parking by Permit Only"; Boston Avenue, South side, from Chicago Avenue to East property line of Silver Spring Elementary School site; Philadelphia Avenue, both sides, between Chicago Avenue and Piney Branch Road; New York Avenue, North side, between Chicago Avenue and Takoma Avenue; New York Avenue, South side, between Takoma and Baltimore Avenues; Takoma Avenue, North side, between Albany and Buffalo Avenues; Albany Avenue, North side, between Takoma and Baltimore Avenues;

Councilwoman Medina suggested that streets near Dundalk could be left as they are now and that parking be provided around the Montgomery College and the South side of Albany Avenue between Takoma Ave. and Buffalo Ave. Councilman Faulkner seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Roth introduced Senor Umberto Biondi from Jequie, Brazil. Senor Biondi read letters from the Mayor and Council of Jequie expressing their happy feelings being a Sister City to Takoma Park. Mayor Roth presented Senor Biondi with a Proclamation proclaiming him an honorary citizen of Takoma Park.

Councilman Faulkner was excused from the meeting at 10:00 PM due to illness.

(2) Administrative Reports:

-- Report to Mayor and Council on long-standing code enforcement problem:
7307 Piney Branch Road; 7050 Carroll Avenue

Both places have long standing violations in code enforcement which have extended beyond a reasonable time period. Mr. Welu, owner of 7307 Piney Branch is trying to make corrections (rewiring, painting, etc.). The City Administrator recommended that Mr. Welu be allowed to continue with his improvements. The Council agreed to grant a 30 day extension of the Second Notice. Some time ago 7050 Carroll Avenue burned. The City has had trouble with getting the owner to restore this place. The Fire Prevention Officer and Code Enforcement Officers have declared this place unsightly and a fire hazard. The staff recommends that steps be taken to have the building torn down. Councilman Forshee moved that the Council follow the staff recommendation. Councilman Webb seconded and the Council approved the motion unanimously. The City Administrator noted that the place had been posted as unfit for over a year and due process has been followed.

-- Report on Wildwood Drive Traffic Control

From July 9-15, eight hours of extra patrol was devoted to the 7800 - 7900 blks. of Wildwood Drive. Several warnings were made with only 2 citations issued. There was a concensus that this was quite an improvement.

-- Report on Park Avenue petition re traffic control

Some time ago a petition was signed requesting seven items. The City Administrator listed the following requests and the staff's recommendations and actions:

1. Stop sign on Park Avenue at Spruce Avenue

Recommendation: There is currently a stop sign at this location. A 2-way or 3-way stop would cause confusion relative to the Crescent Place intersection.

2. Parking on both sides of Park Avenue

Conclusion: The street is 23'6" wide; cars parked on both sides of the street would present emergency vehicles and garbage trucks from entering.

3. No through trucks on Park Avenue

Recommendation: Being a valid request, Councilwoman Medina moved that the following ordinance be passed. Councilman Webb seconded and the ordinance was approved by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Ricks, and Webb; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Nishimoto.

ORDINANCE #2392

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
SECTION 1. THAT Park Avenue shall be closed to through truck traffic; AND

- SECTION 2. THAT this ordinance shall exempt light trucks up to and including those with a chassis weight of one ton, not displaying any commercial markings or advertisements, when being used noncommercially as a passenger or recreational vehicle; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to erect signs designating this prohibition in appropriate locations on Park Avenue; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon completion of the work directed in Section 3, above; AND
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

4. Posted and enforced speed signs

Action: Speed limit signs have been erected.

5. Traffic bumps with appropriate warnings posted

Recommendation: Traffic bumps are hazardous. The City would be liable for damage to cars.

6. Park Avenue be made a two-way street

Recommendation: Staff strongly recommends against this because the street is too narrow.

7. Park Avenue be made a one-way street northbound.

Conclusion: It would be difficult for vehicles to come down Park Ave. making a turn onto Philadelphia Avenue.

The City Administrator will direct a letter to the petitioner explaining steps that will be taken. He added that he will check with the Police Department to see if there is any basis to the allegations made about Mrs. LaVaute. Responding to Mrs. LaVaute's inquiry, Mayor Roth asked Mr. Gilsdorf to write to Park & Planning Commission requesting that a skate board area be placed in Longbranch Park.

-- Report to Mayor and Council on Federal programs; i.e., LEAA, Community Development Block Grants, WIN, CETA, etc. Upon previous request the City Administrator gave the following actual use of funds the City utilizes:

LEAA (Crime Control Team)	\$75,000
(Concentrated Crime Reduction Project)	\$180,000
WINN (2 year period)	\$30,000
CETA (3 year period)	\$100,000

-- Update on Japanese Beetle research

It was reported that the Japanese Beetle is not easy to control. The milky spore was suggested but works only under controlled conditions and is expensive. Homeowners can have a company spray a yard for approximately \$250. A 50 resident neighborhood can purchase materials and provide their own labor for approximately \$25-\$30 per yard. The milky spore does not work too well for long term use. It was suggested that people spray the plants they want to protect.

(3) Ordinance authorizing purchase of capital items (filing cabinets) for City Office from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Councilman Ricks moved that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Ricks and Webb; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Nishimoto

ORDINANCE #2393

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Planned Use Report for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds earmarked funds for the purchase of three filing cabinets for the office of the City Administrator.

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the following purchases are hereby authorized:

3 2-drawer filing cabinets @ approx. \$120 each.....\$360
(Supplier: General Fireproofing; price quoted includes 25% discount and delivery)

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT funds for this purchase be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Account and transferred to the appropriate Government Administration account.

Mayor Roth suggested that items of minor importance be included in the regular budget rather than taking from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

(4) Ordinance authorizing purchase of Public Works Parks Division equipment and material from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Councilwoman Medina moved that the ordinance be adopted. Councilman Forshee seconded and the following ordinance was approved unanimously by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Ricks and Webb; NAY: none; EXCUSED: Councilmen Faulkner and Nishimoto.

ORDINANCE #2394

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

SECTION 1. THAT the items below are hereby authorized for purchase by the Parks Division from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, such purchases representing a portion of the Public Works Department's planned use:

Equipment for use in parks, azalea gardens, etc.....\$2439
Ryan Turf Aerator, \$950; Broyhill sprayer, \$670;
Cyclone spreader, \$110; 2 hand mowers, \$709
(Supplier for all: Adams Equipment Co.)

Materials to complete greenhouse and workshop
projects.....\$ 722
Paint and Sealer, \$150 (Glidden Paint Co.)
Materials for workshop, \$572 (Wheaton Lumber)

TOTAL.....\$3161

SECTION 2. THAT funds for these purchases in the amount of THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$3161) be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Account and transferred to the appropriate Public Works Parks Division accounts.

(5) Authorization to solicit bids on leaf collector
The City Administrator reported that normally the City runs three leaf collectors constantly. Public Works is in need of a back up machine and requests permission to solicit bids before the season begins. Councilman Forshee moved for the solicitation of bids. Councilman Ricks seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

(6) Response to mailing re Special Exception #3030, 1011 Elm Avenue, operation of day care center In June a letter was sent out to 32 residents of which 22 responded with no opposition towards continuing the day care center. No date has been set by the Prince George's County Planning Board. Responses were turned over to Councilman Faulkner.

(7) Status of signalization projects of State Highway Administration: Maple and Philadelphia Aves., Carroll and Phila., Carroll and Ethan Allen, Takoma and Philadelphia Maple and Philadelphia Aves. and Takoma and Philadelphia Aves. projects have been advertised. The Signal and Control Co. of Baltimore will be working on this in August. The SHA has run into some right of way problems with the Carroll and Philadelphia Aves. and Carroll and Ethan Allen Aves. projects. The City will be furnished with copies of where the right of way will be. This bid has not been awarded. Mayor Roth asked that the City Administrator get back in touch with the SHA to see if the City can help with the right of way problem; possibly something could be worked out with the owner.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

National League of Cities Convention

Councilman Garcia moved that Mayor Roth be authorized to attend the 1976 National League of Cities from November 28 - December 1, in Denver, Colorado. Councilman Ricks seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Juniper Street Bridge and Blair Road

Councilwoman Medina attended a Park & Planning Meeting on July 15 and was surprised to hear the Planning Board reiterate that they felt that the vehicular bridge was preferable and that the pedestrian bridge was superfluous to the needs of Montgomery County. It was suggested that the temporary pedestrian bridge be torn down as soon as possible. Councilwoman Medina felt that the Planning Board was taking a hard position showing no sympathy for Takoma Park. Mayor Roth was very sorry the Planning Board took such a position; noting that they had been favorable to the City in the past. Councilwoman Medina pointed out that in 1953 a Master Plan reflected Juniper Street as a by pass plan for the District. Much has changed since that time making a vehicular bridge unnecessary. Councilman Garcia was disturbed that the Board wanted the City to make a decision as to what type of bridge would be feasible and now they make a decision contrary to that of the Council. Councilwoman Medina asked that Montgomery County be notified of the City's displeasure with the Planning Board. The College should be notified so they might protect their own interests. Mayor Roth expressed the importance of maintaining a harmonious relationship with the Planning Board because of the Master Plan. However, the Council agreed to have the City Administrator send letters to Metro and the County Council urging them to keep the temporary pedestrian bridge until a permanent structure could be built.

TPES

Mayor Roth received a letter from the Montgomery County BOE stating their approval of the recommendations to begin architectural planning for a new school on the adjacent Hodges Field site provided that the City is willing to trade the existing site (TPES) for use as a City ball field. The Mayor suggested that letters be sent to the LEC and PTA explaining the situation and will welcome any comments or recommendations. He added that although the recommendation was approved no firm plans have been made.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:02 PM - Council to reconvene August 9, 1976 at 8:00 PM.

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

APPROVED: John D. Roth
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