

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
 July 5, 1978

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Roth  
 Councilman Garcia  
 Councilman Ricks  
 Councilman Webb  
 Councilman Weisman  
 City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 7:45 PM.

1. Homicide on July 4th. The City Administrator reported to the Council on the investigation of a homicide that occurred in the A.M. hours of July 4, 1978.
2. Unauthorized Mailing. A mailing was circulated to various citizens in Takoma Park with the return address indicating that it was mailed by City officials. Since these mailings contained crude references to the Police Department, and were not made by City officials, the City Administrator was directed to turn this matter over to postal authorities.
3. Damage to Citizen Automobile. The City Administrator presented a claim from a citizen for \$97.00 in damages to her automobile caused by backing into a catch basin. Several Councilmembers present were not in favor of paying the claim, but no decision was reached.
4. Appointments to Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee. After discussion, it was decided that appointments to the CAC would be made of all representatives nominated by citizens' associations at the July 10 meeting. This will enable the planning process to go forward in a timely manner.
5. Area along Fenton Street near the Juniper Street Bridge. The City Administrator reported to the Mayor and Council that the wooden barriers presently in place are on the B & O railway property and that the future location of the new Juniper Street Bridge will utilize the area under consideration. After discussing this matter, no decision was reached about the parking.
6. Master Plan. After extensive discussion, the Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to give M-NCP&PC the following comments on the concept plans presented at the June 22 public briefing:
  - "Super blocks." The Mayor and Council were of the unanimous opinion that the super blocks remain as they are, with no effort being made to make zoning more restrictive, creat parks, increase residential density, etc. They request that the Master Plan contain a formal statement to this effect.



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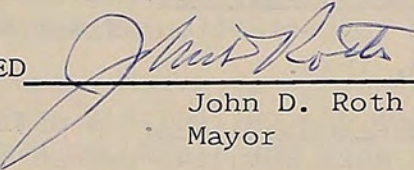
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- Proposed student housing. There was unanimous agreement that the Master Plan should not address student housing. It was the opinion of the Mayor and Council that the designation of high-rise apartments for this purpose could prove to be a detriment to the community.
- Bikeways and jogging paths. Suggestions were made that both be specifically addressed in the Master Plan because of the tremendous interest in both these forms of recreation.

Also citizens and Councilmembers not present will be invited to submit written testimony on the concept plans.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

APPROVED

  
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John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator



## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

July 10, 1978

## City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Faulkner	City Clerk Pusti
Councilman Forshee	Police Chief Porter
Councilman Garcia	Public Works Coordinator Robbins
Councilman Ricks	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilwoman Saloma	Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper
Councilman Webb	Asst. Corporation Counsel Hoffman
Councilman Weisman	

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on July 10, 1978, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge of allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of June 26 was made, duly seconded, and approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth expressed the regret and sympathy of the City in the loss of the two Prince George's County police officers that were slain earlier this month.

Congratulated and thanked the Independence Day Committee for what he thought was the best parade and celebration in a long while; also thanked the Public Works and Police Departments. Noted that he had received a cordial letter from General Baker, the Grand Marshal of the parade, stating how much he had enjoyed the day.

Announced that there is a new newspaper circulating in the area, the Silver Spring-Takoma Park News; that it has been doing well in its coverage of events.

Noted that several members of the Council have received inquiries as to the status of enforcement regulations for Zoning Text Amendment No. 77003; that he has directed the City Administrator to ascertain the progress and also ask that the City be involved in the planning and execution.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Sarah Green, 7106 Piney Branch Road, N.W.: stated that she is involved with a number of citizens who are trying to assure that the Takoma Theater (4th and Butternut Streets, N.W.) continues to operate; that they are a non-profit group and have been operating the theater since March. Said the group is still in need of help; that she has written to each Councilmember asking that the City consider making a \$500 grant. Noted that attendance has been low; that sometimes the theater is not able to pay for its expenses, also asked about possibility of advertising movie schedule in the City Newsletter and on bulletin board and was told that it would be considered; it was suggested that an advertisement be placed in the Silver Spring-Takoma Park News; Mayor Roth said the request for a grant would be added to the agenda.

2. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: noted that she is selling the bargain coupon booklets (\$10 for 20 shows) for the Takoma Theater. Concerning the Takoma Urban Park on Carroll Avenue, noted that there is a large accumulation of trash; that the proposed landscaping has not taken place; also that the landscaping ties used in the gazebo obstruct the view, which is contrary to the approved plans; requested that the City contact Park and Planning about these items. Mayor Roth stated that this would be added to the agenda.



3. Jack Mitton, 501 Philadelphia Avenue: stated that when he purchased his house it had an apartment in it, but it had never been in rental use. In January was told the registration was invalid and did not pay the registration bill; subsequently received a delinquent notice; questioned why he would have to pay a fee for an apartment that cannot be used. Mayor Roth noted that there may be a problem in communications and that it would be straightened out.
4. Mary D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road: noted that the new State law for Right Turn On Red has now gone into effect; that the Mayor and Council had last year requested that this not be enforced at the intersection of Piney Branch and Philadelphia Avenues, but signs have not yet been installed. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to contact State Highway Administration and request the No Turn On Red signs to be installed.
5. Lou D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road: regarding the Takoma Theater, stated that he was happy to see it still in operation and that he supports it. Spoke of the lateness in the forming of the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee; that the programs must be finalized and presented to the Counties in September; that this does not leave much time.
6. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: stated that he has made several presentations concerning the proposed parking garage for Montgomery College; that he did not expect the Council to take any action without holding a hearing first; suggested that there be a public forum with representatives from the College, and the County, to give reasons for the garage, also to obtain citizen opinion. Note that the College is widening their driveway on Takoma Avenue near Fenton Street by approximately 10 feet; hoped that the City is looking into this; also hoped to hear a report on the "mini-pit". Mayor Roth noted it has been checked; that the College construction should be completed in about 3-4 weeks; that the City will be resurfacing Fenton Street soon and an engineer will determine the City boundaries prior to that; that the mini-pit parking blocks are not on City property. Concerning the parking garage, Councilman Weisman asked if there had been a response from the College as to the utilization of it, and was told that Mr. Lerner's analysis had been forwarded to the County Council, but no response received. Mr. Lerner stated that he had contacted the person who prepared the plans for the garage and was told that there were no surveys conducted nor statistics compiled on the use of the present lot; that all students would pay a flat rate for parking whether they used the garage or not. Mr. Lerner left a copy of a memorandum on the subject. Mayor Roth asked Councilman Weisman to write down his concern that the garage may be utilized by commuters and not students, and it would be submitted to the County and the College Board of Trustees.
7. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: concerning the Council serving as the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Master Plan, noted that the explanation included in the June 26 minutes (bottom of page 3) was not given at the Council meeting; that it seemed to be garbled; asked where and when in 1975, the compromise took place designating the City Council as the CAC; reiterated that the Council should notify the Prince George's County Council and Park & Planning that they would not serve as a CAC, but that citizens' organizations would name persons to serve as a CAC. Mayor Roth stated that if this were done, it would hold up the progress of the Master Plan for a long period of time. Mr. Abbott asked for Council action on his request.



8. Bob Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: stated that he was pleased to hear the City will be looking into regulations for ZTA #77003; noted that in January or February, Councilman Garcia was appointed to head a committee to study this in connection with the City's housing code and registration process; asked about progress of their work. Mayor Roth said that the Committee's work would necessarily have to be coordinated with the County's, noting his earlier instructions to the City Administrator regarding this. Mr. Melvin felt some effort should be made to register multi-family units which are not now registered, so that they can be phased out in September 1979. Regarding the Council's designation as a CAC, said that a CAC made up of citizens of both counties should be formed; could get around the legalities of their designation by forming a sub-committee of Prince George's citizens. Councilman Ricks asked that this item be placed on the agenda.

Councilman Forshee stated that there has been a mailing circulated to various citizens of Takoma Park with the return address indicating that it was mailed by him and other City officials; that these mailings contained crude references to the Police Department, and were not made by City officials. Mayor Roth noted that copies of the letter have been turned over to the postal authorities for investigation.

#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### Communications

1. Herbert Cahan, Maryland Dept. of Economic & Community Development. Regarding the proposed purchase and rehabilitation of 7620 Maple Avenue, noted that a formal loan application has not yet been received, but that when processing of the application is begun, the City will have an opportunity to comment; that it is the policy of DE&CD that no mortgage loan is made unless the City Council has approved the project by either ordinance or resolution; that obtaining local approval is the responsibility of the developer.

2. A copy of a letter from Sharon Martin, Montgomery County DEP, has been received concerning the operation of a half-way house at 210 Tulip Avenue. The owner has been ordered to cease the operation.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Winchester-Takoma court case, July 12. City Administrator Gilsdorf stated that contempt proceedings against the owner of the Winchester-Takoma will be heard on July 12, 10:00 AM, Circuit Court, in Rockville. It was noted by Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper that the case has been assigned to a specific judge and would be heard on that date, and not postponed. Councilman Ricks noted an article in the paper concerning the court case of the Goodacre Apartments; that the judge who heard the case, upheld the tenants' rights; hoped that the judge assigned to the City case would be as fair, considering the poor condition of the Winchester-Takoma.

2. Status report on traffic signal at Carroll and Philadelphia Avenues. The City Administrator reported that the State Highway Administration's negotiations for right-of-way is now complete; that the project will be going out to bid on July 25, with completion anticipated in the early Fall. Councilman Ricks stated that he understood the letter from the Governor to say that the signals would be installed by July; that a letter should be sent to the Governor saying that the project is not going as fast as he had indicated. The City Administrator read



the Governor's letter of May 15, which stated that the right-of-way clearance should be in hand by early June; that SHA was to make every effort for the construction of the signals without further delay, and that if there were any more difficulties, to contact him. Councilman Ricks made a motion, duly seconded by Councilman Weisman, that the City request a completion date of August 15, 1978. When put to a vote, the motion failed. Councilman Garcia made a motion that a 30-day completion date be included in the bid specifications; this motion failed for lack of a second.

3. Zoning Map Amendment #A-8616, 1007 University Blvd., R-18 to C-0. The Prince George's County Planning Board will consider their review option at 8:30 AM, July 20, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro. The City Administrator noted that the Council's position was to hold up the decision on this until the Master Plan had been adopted.

4. Appointment of Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee. In reviewing the list of nominees from citizen organizations, Councilman Ricks noted that Mary Roth had been nominated twice (Azalea Committee and Hampshire Greens Citizens' Association). Mrs. Roth was asked to state her preference and said she would serve as a nominee for the Azalea Committee and would withdraw from Hampshire Greens. Councilman Garcia made a motion, duly seconded, that the nominees be appointed to serve as the Citizens' Advisory Committee with the nominee from Spring Park Citizens' Association to be added when submitted by the Association. The motion was approved by the Council. Councilwoman Saloma asked that the Council discuss at a later time the unsolicited nominees of organizations and persons other than citizen associations. The appointments are listed below. The Mayor directed the City Administrator to schedule a meeting of the CAC for the week of July 24.

Lou D'Ovidio  
Stephanie Melvin  
Daniel Lewis  
William Lone  
Evelyne Ferry, Margaret Holmes\*  
James Hash  
Marjorie Scribner  
Tim Gallagher  
Phil Vogel  
Kathryn Simpson  
Mary Roth  
Opal Daniels  
Karen Maury  
Leora Hubbard, Ed Longen\*  
Dennis Seekins  
Virginia Wade

Spring Park Citizens' Association  
North Takoma Citizens' Association  
Old Takoma Citizens' Association  
Colby Avenue Citizens' Association  
Ritchie Avenue Citizens' Association  
B. F. Gilberts Citizens' Association  
Lincoln Valley Citizens' Association  
Hampshire Greens Citizens' Association  
Hillwood Manor Citizens' Association  
Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association  
Community Improvement Board  
Azalea Committee  
Recreation Council  
S.S. Carroll Citizens' Association  
Hodges Heights Citizens' Association  
West of Flower Avenue Neighborhood  
Westmoreland Avenue Neighborhood

\* Alternates



5. Discussion: pre-preliminary subdivision plan (#7-78034) of property lying between Maple and Willow Avenues, off Austin Place. The City Administrator reported that the following responses were received from the 22 residents who were sent questionnaires for their opinions: 0 in favor; 17 opposed (including the Old Takoma Citizens' Association); 1 no opinion; and with 4 not responding. Objections cited were that houses would in effect be alley dwellings; that there are already serious drainage and sewer problems; there are grading problems; and also the questions raised about access to these lots. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded, the Council voted to oppose this subdivision plan, with 3 Councilmembers abstaining. Prior to the vote, Mr. John Wells, owner of the lots, had been recognized by the Council. He stated that he was not yet sure whether he would reside in one of the houses; that by County codes, the lot is buildable for one house; that he does not plan to use the right-of-way from Maple Avenue for access to the property, but would build a driveway through Austin Place; that a minimum number of trees would be cut down; that the County has strict erosion laws and would not allow houses to be built if there were possible erosion or drainage disturbances; that the houses would be far enough away from the valley to prevent run-off.

6. Regarding comments made about the Takoma Urban Park, the following items were discussed by Councilmembers: that a letter should be written to Park & Planning asking that the Park be cleaned up; that the landscaping ties in the gazebo should be cut to an acceptable height for safety purposes, so there will be a clear view to the benches inside; also questions should be raised as to when the landscaping will take place, and that the original plans should be followed. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to write this letter and include the items mentioned.

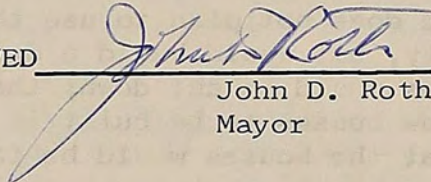
7. Concerning the Council's designation as the CAC for the Master Plan, Councilman Ricks made a motion that the City contact both Prince George's County Council and Park & Planning stating that the Council objected to serving in this capacity, instead, should be recognized as an official elected body, and that the original Task Forces be considered as the CAC. Councilman Weisman seconded this motion, and asked that an amendment be included stating that the Council be involved as an observing body, without direct input. A lengthy discussion ensued, in which the following points were raised: that the City started out with citizen Task Forces carefully selected so as to be representative of both Prince George's and Montgomery County, with the idea of having a unified approach toward a city-wide plan. The intention was to have these Task Forces designated as the CAC, but that the Prince George's County Council had disallowed this designation because the members were not all Prince George's County residents (a County legal requirement); a separate group comprised of County residents only would have had to be organized, and would have delayed the Plan. Several members of the City Council were opposed to the forming of a separate group, preferring to have one citizens group to represent the whole City; that the City Council had submitted the Task Force reports to Park & Planning virtually unchanged as the City's recommendations for the Plan; also that several other Prince George's city councils had served as the Citizen Advisory Committee for master plans. Councilman Ricks noted that Montgomery County Park & Planning had accepted the Task Forces as the CAC for the City, and he did not understand why Prince George's County could not do the same. When put to the vote, the motion failed.



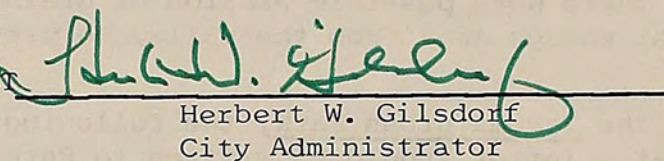
8. Regarding the request for a \$500 grant for the Takoma Theater, it was noted by Councilmembers that there was a question as to whether the City could legally contribute money to an organization outside the City. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to explore this question with the Corporation Counsel and report back to the Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM, to reconvene on Monday, July 24, 1978, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED

  
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John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
July 17, 1978

Councilmembers Present:

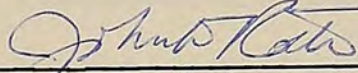
Mayor Roth  
Councilman Faulkner  
Councilman Forshee  
Councilman Garcia  
Councilman Ricks  
Councilwoman Saloma  
Councilman Webb  
Councilman Weisman  
City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Mayor Roth.

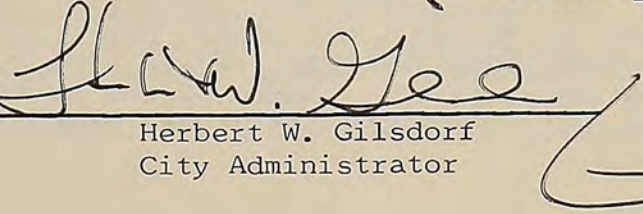
1. 7600, 7604 Piney Branch Road. The City Administrator reported the North Takoma Citizens' Association's report of two businesses on Piney Branch Road. They have been reported to the Department of Environmental Protection and a follow-up letter will be sent.
2. Winchester-Takoma Court Case. Status report was given by the City Administrator indicating that the case has not been concluded.
3. Request of Takoma Theater for Donation. Negative recommendation by Corporation Counsel and City Administrator was presented. Consensus of those present favored helping Takoma Theater and other groups in some other manner besides direct cash gift.
4. Storm Drainage--Holly, Grant, Darwin Avenues. Mayor Roth reported on the storm drainage problem and outlined steps to be taken--including requesting WSSC to clear underground lines of silt and debris.
5. Master Plan. Some refinements were made in Council position on "Master Plan Concepts". Specifically bikeways and jogging paths were directed toward useful terminals and a reaffirmation of the status quo for superblocs was made.
6. CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee. Councilwoman Saloma brought up the subject of additional appointments to the CAC. After much discussion, the majority of the Councilmembers favored only adding a representative of City businesses and possibly one for tenants to those already appointed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

APPROVED

  
John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator



## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

July 24, 1978

## City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Faulkner	City Clerk Pusti
Councilman Forshee	Police Chief Porter
Councilman Garcia	Public Works Coordinator Robbins
Councilman Ricks	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilwoman Saloma	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Webb	Asst. Corporation Counsel Hoffman
Councilman Weisman	

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on July 24, 1978, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of July 10 was made, duly seconded, and approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth reported Azalea Committee activities, noting that they are clearing the underbrush in between the pine trees along the railroad tracks on Takoma Avenue; that the Committee will be planting evergreen trees to screen the tracks and act as a sound buffer; that they have spent about \$3,000 for this improvement and the planting should begin in early Fall. Stated that at the intersection of Eastern and Piney Branch, where new signal lights have been installed, the Committee is to have a 10 foot planting bed on the Northeast corner, to re-establish the J. Bond Smith Azalea Garden; a large entrance sign for the City will also be put up. The establishment of azalea plantings in an area which has recently been seeded at the foot of the Juniper Street Pedestrian Bridge will soon be underway; also, there will be a smaller planting project for screening purposes at the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center. Noted that this year's program is very ambitious; that these are expensive projects which are funded by azalea sales. Stated that last year the Committee replanted the Bliss Azalea Garden with the help of the Lions Club and Women's Club; that in 1976 they improved the landscaping at Takoma Tower. Noted that the Azalea Committee can use volunteers; that they are at a low ebb in membership; invited all interested in serving civic activities to become involved; listed other groups in need of volunteers as being the Independence Day Committee, the Recreation Council, and the Takoma Park Boys' Club, the latter of which has been operated for many years almost single-handedly by Mr. Lee Jordan.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of 4-way stop at the intersection of Jackson and Central Avenues (Councilman Garcia)

Discussion of Montgomery College Parking Garage and Takoma Theater (Councilman Weisman)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Allan Marsh, Operation Turnaround Board Member: stated that the house at 7101 Cedar Avenue sold for the asking price after being on the market just a little over a week. Councilman Forshee, the Mayor and other Councilmembers commended the Board on their good work.



2. Phil Vogel, President, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association: presented a petition requesting that stop signs be installed on Central Avenue at its intersection with Jackson Avenue (which is already signed) to form a 4-way stop.

3. Dick Greene, Vice President, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association: In support of stop sign petition, noted increase in traffic in the last 2-3 years; that the street is very easy to speed on. Listed reasons for request: there are no sidewalks on Central Avenue; approximately 20 young children live in the area; and the Association took a formal canvas of the neighborhoods and have over 65 signatures supporting the request.

4. Cheryl Jones, 402 Tulip Avenue: said that several accidents have occurred recently in the 400 block of Tulip; asked the Council to look into this problem. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator and the Chief of Police to survey this problem.

5. Stephanie Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: noted that there are 4-way stops on Cedar and Maple Avenues at Tulip and suggested a 4-way stop at Willow.

6. Nancy Schallhorn, 7401 Maple Avenue: read a statement expressing (1) her displeasure with the 3 abstentions when the vote was taken on Austin Place subdivision at the last Council meeting (7-10-78 minutes, p. 5); and (2) her desire to have the City government become more assertive and to develop a reputation for being tough--to "yell and scream" at County and State agencies to achieve goals. Cited new Elementary School as an example of what could be accomplished when this method was employed by citizens. Mayor Roth said the City had not been acquiescent in the matter of the School, though new location had not been acceptable to all; that the Council had responded to the PTA's every request, and had gone beyond, with the Mayor having written to all BOE candidates asking for a commitment to retain the school. Regarding the Planning Board and a CAC, he said Council had requested a Master Plan for entire City and that citizen task forces were organized for this; that it had been a harmonious effort.

7. Evelyn Longen, 7516 Holly Avenue: stated she had complained of trash and debris on street at school construction site, but emphasized she is not opposed to new school. Expressed some reservations as to how long school would remain in use and regretted that City property had to be transferred to BOE. Mayor Roth stated that the Council's action to have a new school built was in direct response to the TPES PTA.

8. Sarah Green, 7106 Piney Branch Road, N.W.: stated that she appreciated anything the City could do to help sustain the Takoma Theater; requested to have announcements of upcoming movies placed in the City Newsletter and on the bulletin board, when possible; listed several features coming in the future, including "Shampoo" and "Network." Councilman Weisman noted that this item will be on the agenda.

9. David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue: Requested that individual names be recorded on Council votes and included in minutes. In response to his request, Councilmembers Weisman and Saloma asked that this be added to agenda.



10. Moria Magee, 7203 Holly Avenue: expressed her support of the Takoma Theater; asked whether any details have been published as to the sales of Operation Turnaround Board properties, saying she is uneasy about a possible increase in assessments. Councilman Faulkner stated that a report of the sale of 7100 Cedar Avenue is being prepared, noting that it is the only one that has gone through settlement; that he expected the Board to receive partial credit if there is a rise in assessments, but thought that Metro would be the major cause of a rise.

11. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: concerning the appointments to the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), stated that Historic preservation is specifically mentioned as a part of Block Grant activities; that a third of the City is on the Historic Register; that someone--qualified as a historic preservationist--should be appointed to represent a special interest committee as is the case with the CIB, Azalea Committee, and Recreation Council; disagreed with the Mayor that the Committee is already too large and requested that an appointment be made.

12. Frances Phipps, 7210 Holly Avenue: indicated that she had requested reappointment to the CDBG CAC as an at-large member, but had not been named. Gave a resume of professional affiliations which would uniquely qualify her for membership. Stated that she served last year and felt that she had contributed directly to the understanding and development of the program. Said she understood possible reluctance to appoint her because of her role in requesting HUD to impound Montgomery County Block Grant funds; clarified her reasons for involvement, saying that ZTA 77003 is in direct violation of Block Grant provisions. Asked that her nomination be reconsidered, possibly as a representative of the CIB, Horticultural Club, or Eastern and Holly Avenue neighborhood.

13. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: regarding the CDBG CAC appointments, stated that the City should draw on the resources of the community; that members should be chosen because they represent a group or because of particular expertise; that if HUD were notified of the makeup of the CAC, did not think that they would agree that it is inclusive; thought that all groups should be notified to present alternates; requested that this be added to the agenda. Mayor Roth stated that civic associations were requested to submit nominees for the CAC and that all persons suggested were appointed; directed the City Administrator to contact all associations and request they submit alternates.

14. Bob Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: concerning the CDBG CAC, stated that if additional members are to be added, they should be allowed to attend the first meeting; suggested that Richard Bernardi, who has expertise in this field, be considered for addition.

15. Elizabeth Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue: stated that she thought persons who served on the CAC last year should be reappointed. Mayor Roth stated that the members serving are appointed because they were nominated by their citizens' associations.

16. Stephanie Melvin: noted that there is a 15% ceiling on tax assessments in Montgomery County, and with the selling prices of houses in Takoma Park, regardless of Operation Turnaround houses, the City would have already reached that ceiling. Concerning the CDBG/CAC, requested that it be an agenda item; also that there be tenant representation on the Committee.



17. Frances Phipps: concerning assessments, noted that unsuccessful state legislation was introduced last year, which provided that any building 80 years or older with markedly improved exterior, would have tax abatement for a 2-3 year period, afterwards to be phased into higher assessment level; thought the Council may wish to suggest this to the Delegation this year.

18. Cheryl Jones: regarding the appointments to the CDBG/CAC, stated that she was shocked that the two foremost people in community, Frances Phipps and Ellen Marsh, were not appointed to the Committee; that they have a tremendous amount to offer.

19. Mary Anne Leary, 7301 Takoma Avenue: questioned why the CIB, Azalea Committee, and Recreation Council were asked to nominate persons for the CDBG/CAC; that they are not citizens' associations; asked why other organizations were not asked for nominations; that the Committee as it stands now is not acceptable to many citizens and requested that the Historical Society and House and Garden Tour Committee be allowed representatives on the CAC. Mayor Roth stated that the three groups mentioned work very closely with the City and that there had been a similar debate when the CAC was first formed last year, with the present structure having been decided upon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

City Administrator Gilsdorf gave a brief summary of the City financial status.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Theodore Lutz, WMATA. Response to request for additional bicycle racks at the Takoma Metro Station. Stated that ten additional racks would be installed within a few weeks, also the installation (by D.C. DOT) of 12 bicycle lockers, which will be available to the public on a rental basis of \$25 for three months, \$45 for six months, \$60 for nine months, and \$70 for one year.

2. Dale W. Armstrong, Landscape Architect, Mont. Co. Park & Planning. Concerning the Takoma Urban Park, stated that planting materials will be installed this Fall; that the Takoma Park Women's Club has donated \$400 towards the purchase of 14 Kousa Dogwoods; that the timbers in the gazebo were constructed as depicted in the plans. Councilman Ricks noted that this letter does not answer the specific questions asked by the City; made a motion that another letter be written asking for specific answers. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Report on Winchester-Takoma court case. The City Administrator reported that the court case was started on July 12 and concluded July 24. Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that he expected the Court's decision on contempt within 30-45 days; that the judge had come off of his vacation to conclude the case; that the City has asked for bond to be continued at \$50,000 and to be reimbursed for damages, with the bond continued until violations have been corrected. Noted that defendents have 30 days to appeal after judgement. Councilman Ricks stated that he hoped the violations could be corrected before winter sets in, and the problems of last year begin.



2. Prince George's County Planning Board action on ZMA #A-8616, R-18 to C-0, 1007 University Blvd. Councilman Faulkner stated that on June 12, the City Council recommended that action on this Zoning Map Amendment be held in abeyance until the Master Plan was approved. Reported that his testimony before the Planning Board on July 20 was well received and that the Board denied the petition for rezoning; thanked Mrs. Pusti, City Clerk, for her complete report which helped in his testimony; also noted that Planning Board staff had one inaccuracy in their report which he was able to correct--their report showed that the building was vacant, when actually it is occupied and the tenants objected to moving.

3. Authorization to solicit bids on 4 speed detection devices for Police Department (Md. Dept. of Transportation funding). Police Chief Porter reported that he is asking authorization to put out specifications for either VASCAR or RADAR units; that the RADAR units can be operated in stationary or mobile positions and they have good maintenance records. Upon motion by Councilman Garcia, duly seconded, authorization was approved by the Council.

4. Consideration of Lt. Dalrymple's petition for extention of injury leave. Lt. Dalrymple's legal counsel was recognized by the Council. He stated that the details of this request have been presented to the Council in a 40 page petition; gave a brief statement of position. The Councilmembers requested that the Lieutenant and his counsel attend the Council worksession of July 31 to discuss this matter further.

5. Regarding the request for the 4-way stop on Central Avenue at its intersection with Jackson, Councilman Garcia moved that the City Administrator be directed to prepare an ordinance; this was duly seconded by Councilman Faulkner. Councilman Forshee requested a police survey of the area before an ordinance is drawn up. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to prepare a draft ordinance and report on a survey of the intersection; noted that the ordinance would be presented to the Council for a first reading at the next meeting, and not for adoption. It was also requested that an analysis of the petition submitted be conducted. The motion was approved, with Councilman Forshee voting nay.

6. Concerning the proposed parking garage for Montgomery College, on the Wilson lot, Councilman Weisman read a letter he had drafted to be presented to Montgomery County Council and College Board of Trustees; his letter included: request for more information on how the College proposes to have students and faculty utilize the entire garage; information on a survey of the Wilson lot and its underutilization, that it is never over 50% full; concerns of the Council that commuters will be allowed to use the garage. Councilman Weisman asked to be included the Council's non-support of this project and also the \$2.7 million price as being excessively high. The following comments were made by Councilmembers: there are about 165 spaces available on the Wilson lot now, of which the approximate maximum useage is 60 spaces; students do not use the lot because they have to pay extra, do not like the loose gravel, the walk to the College from the lot; that North Takoma Citizens' Association had suggested that the lot be paved first to see how well it would be utilized; discussion of Mr. Lerner's suggestions for an informational meeting with College and County staff. It was the consensus of the Council that the letter be prepared and sent to the appropriate parties.



7. Councilman Weisman requested that the Takoma Theater be allowed to utilize advertising space in the City Newsletter and bulletin board when not in use, noting that it is necessary to support the Theater. Concerning this request, a lengthy discussion ensued in which the following points were raised: that it is a City policy that the bulletin board be confined to City-related and sponsored activities; many other groups would like the use of the board and if the Theater were allowed the use, it would set a precedent, even though the Theater is a very good cause, it would mean conflict, since it is outside the City, and Corporation Counsel had recommended against it. Mayor Roth noted that the Theater should be interested in the most effective advertising; recommended the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Newspaper, which is published weekly, as opposed to the City Newsletter, published monthly; also suggested that Ms. Green could make a statement at each Council meeting she attended. Councilman Weisman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Saloma, that the Theater be allowed to utilize the bulletin board and Newsletter when possible; when put to a vote, the motion failed. Councilman Weisman moved that the Theater be allowed to utilize the Newsletter; this was seconded by Councilwoman Saloma, but this motion also failed when put to a vote.

8. Regarding the request for individually recorded votes of Councilmembers on all motions, several Councilmembers objected to this, noting that if there is a question on the vote, a show of hands could be called for. Councilmembers Ricks, Saloma, and Weisman voiced no objections to this request, stating that this would be useful information. Councilman Weisman made a motion that there be a show of hands on each motion voted on; this was seconded by Councilman Ricks. Councilman Garcia moved that this item be tabled until the next meeting; this was seconded by Councilman Forshee and approved by the majority vote. Councilman Faulkner suggested that a committee review the Council procedures.

9. Concerning the nominations and appointments to the CDBG/Citizens' Advisory Committee, Mayor Roth stated that the citizens' associations were requested to nominate persons to be their representatives; that he was not sure if this year's letter to the Associations requested that an alternate be nominated. There followed a lengthy discussion in which the following points were raised: there are many excellent resource persons in the City, and if the Committee is too large, they could serve as such, without voting privileges; there should be representatives for the tenants and businesses; last year's chairman said the CAC had recommended a larger group; last year's CAC had requested that the group be enlarged to include any new citizens' associations and a representative of tenants and businesses; the CAC can call on any resource person they would want without appointing them to Committee; if there are going to be additional appointments, the whole CAC structure and the basis for appointments should be looked into; that possibly some members appointed do not represent the entire area that they are supposed to; that the area with the greatest needs are not represented. Councilman Faulkner made a motion that there be a review of the selection process and make-up of the Committee as it is now, and that it be discussed at the next worksession. This motion was seconded by Councilman Weisman, and approved unanimously by the Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM, to reconvene on Monday, August 14, 1978, at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
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City Administrator

APPROVED John D. Roth  
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Mayor



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION

July 31, 1978

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Roth  
Councilman Forshee  
Councilman Garcia  
Councilman Ricks  
Councilwoman Saloma  
Councilman Webb  
Councilman Weisman  
City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 7:40 PM.

MEETING CLOSED

On a motion by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Councilman Forshee, the members present voted unanimously to close the meeting to the public because of the sensitive nature of a personnel matter involving Lt. Dalrymple's request for an extension of injury leave.

Summary of Closed Meeting

After considerable discussion, the Mayor and Council granted Lt. Dalrymple's request for a three month extension of injury leave through October 14, 1978, or upon disability retirement, whichever occurs first, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) that an agreement be drawn up between Lt. Dalrymple and the City (by Lt. Dalrymple's attorney) expressing his willingness to refund to the City any monies gained through retroactive retirement payments during the aforementioned 90 day period; and
- 2) that Lt. Dalrymple agree to a limited duty assignment as requested by the City Administrator and Chief of Police, consistent with his physical limitations. The Mayor and Council strongly emphasized the point that Lt. Dalrymple's physical condition be considered when assignments are developed, particularly such matters as work areas, seating, and duration of work assignments.

The Mayor and Council took this action with 5 members voting for and 1 abstaining.

Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Pursuant to an already expressed position of the Mayor and Council to add a tenant and business person to the Advisory body, Vicki West of 7620 Maple Avenue, and Dave Ellis (whose business is at 7056 Carroll Avenue) were appointed to the respective positions. It was the further

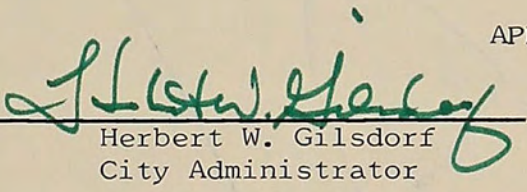


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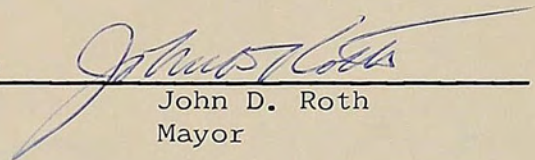
position of at least three and possibly four members of the Council, that all of the other groups--AARP, Landlords-Tenants/PLUS, Historical Society, House and Garden Tour, and Horticultural Club, should also be appointed to the CAC. And further, that the representatives of these groups should be invited to the August 1 meeting, so that in the event they are appointed, they will be agreast of what is going on.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

ATTEST

  
Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

APPROVED

  
John D. Roth  
Mayor