

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

August 14, 1978

City Officials Present:

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

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on August 14, 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 July 24 was made, duly seconded, and approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth stated that during the past week, former Councilman McKenzie had asked him to investigate the property at the corner of Carroll and Manor Circle (7321 Carroll Avenue), noting the "for sale" sign indicated it was commercial property. The Mayor noted that commercial zoning had been reversed by two court suits in which the City had been represented by Corporation Counsel Gingerich; that Park & Planning records do not reflect this, but the situation will be corrected.

Announced that the Flower Avenue-Piney Branch Road business section had a dedication of 25 redwood street planters on August 13; also a "Summer Fest" will be held at these shops from August 23-27, including live music, arts and crafts, displays of ethnic food and dress, and a flea market; all persons interested are invited to attend the ceremonies on August 26. Noted that this is partly the result of CDBG activities and that the City is expecting that the same kind of attention will be given to the Laurel Avenue area.

Noted the receipt of a letter from the Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association which commends the police dispatchers on their handling of calls from citizens.

Mayor Roth presented Mrs. Doris Stelle with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 5 years of service on the Community Improvement Board.

Stated that City has received correspondence on August 11 from the County Council, which included drafts of zoning text amendments (#78021 and #78022) in accordance with specifications of ZTA 77003 (multi-family housing in R-60 zones); that the County Council has asked for the City's recommendations or comments for their meeting of August 15; noted that he had been late for the pre-Council meeting and asked Councilman Forshee to briefly state what had transpired. Councilman Forshee stated that other Councilmembers agreed that they had not been given enough time to properly study these bills and comment upon them, nor had they received citizen input; the members agreed that more time is needed and the County Council should be notified of this. Mayor Roth instructed the City Administrator to communicate this to the County Council in writing (prior to their meeting), asking that there be no action taken until the City has more time for study and that the public hearing be held in Takoma Park.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Briefing on Montgomery County School System Five Year Plan-Councilman Weisman
Request for report on status of smoke detector enforcement in City-Councilman
Ricks

Appointments to CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee-Councilwoman Saloma

CITIZENS' REMARKS

Jane Rogers, staff representative for COG's Regional Air Quality Program, gave a briefing on the Program and requirements of Congress' Clean Air Act. Amendments were passed in August 1977, which provide that by January 1, 1979, all states with areas not meeting air quality standards must prepare revised State Implementation Plans for those areas. These plans are supposed to provide for meeting National Air Quality Standards by 1982.

1. Harry Wickline, President, North Takoma Citizens' Association: regarding Montgomery College's appeal for a demolition permit for 7700 Takoma Avenue, stated that it had been denied by the Circuit Court; that because of this, the application for the permit was dismissed; that if the College should try to physically damage the house, the County could then file for an injunction to halt; that the question of whether the College is subject to local building code is still unanswered; that since the inception of this case, the State has passed several measures which would not allow historic structures to be destroyed; also that no appeal is anticipated. Noted that his Association had requested the Council to establish a Historic District Commission; that there has been no answer. Mayor Roth stated that this item has been turned over to the Corporation Counsel for study.

2. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: concerning the Air Quality Proposals, stated if these had been in effect a year ago, it would not have been necessary for citizens and organizations to take legal action (decision still pending) against COG's Transportation Planning Board and certain individuals; glad that attention is being given to air quality; said that 95% of air pollution could be attributed to automobiles. Spoke of a citizens' law suite against COG's Board of Directors (of which Mayor Roth is a member) who voted for the I-66 Freeway, despite a long history of opposition; justification given for their endorsement was to obtain \$19 million in Metro funds which the Governor of Virginia was withholding until approval was given for the Virginia leg of I-66; citizens who defeated the freeway in D. C. made it possible for \$1.2 billion in highway money to be transferred to Metro, \$600 million of which has already been shifted. Noted that he has not seen the Mayor's name on COG minutes as attending meetings; also asked who will replace Mrs. Medina on COG's Transportation Planning Board. Regarding additional draft amendments relating to ZTA 77003 (see page 1), stated that he was glad the Council would make no decision or comment until after further study; read the transmittal memo from County Council President Scull, noting it had not been made available to the public as had amendments.* Commented on the memo as follows: asked if the City were contacted and asked to work with the County on these amendments, and if not, why not; noted that this was legislation at the County level for a problem which exists primarily in the City and that Takoma Park had a right to have a public hearing on this; concerning Mrs. Scull's problem with legal cut-off date for action by an outgoing County Council, noted

*NOTE: Copies of proposed amendments and cover letter available in City office.

County's lack of concern when they adopted ZTA 77003 just before the City election. Stated that he is still hopeful that the City will obtain zoning powers.

2. Phil Vogel, President, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association: reiterated his request for stop signs on Central Avenue at Jackson; said that he thought a definite need had been established by the cover letter submitted with petition asking for the signs; believed there had been a favorable recommendation by the police department; stated that a City ordinance requires two readings of proposed ordinances, but thought action could be taken on this evening since it had been discussed at the last meeting, noting that the next Council meeting will not be until September; requested that the Council consider this as a second reading and take action.

3. Frances Phipps, 7210 Holly Avenue: agreed with Council that time should be taken to reflect on legislation from County Council; suggested items to be included in letter to County: that the legislation presented will not go into effect until 1989 and there should be no urgency for action; this legislation is not logical since criteria to be in effect for that 10 year period has not yet been developed; criteria should be developed prior to discussion of the special exception and variance processes. Urged the Council to explore ways of obtaining Federal Section 312 rehabilitation loans on which there is no income limit and carries a 3% interest rate for 20-30 years. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to look into this and advise the Council.

4. David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue: concerning his request at the last Council meeting for individual names to be recorded on Council votes, asked if it would be on the agenda, noting that it had been tabled at the last meeting. Mayor Roth stated that if the Council so desired, it would be discussed.

5. Evelyn Longen, 7516 Holly Avenue: asked that her remarks of the last Council meeting be corrected; that her response was that she was not opposed to the new Takoma Park Elementary School, but was opposed to donating Hodges Field for the site; that the City should have more vigorously pursued keeping the school on the old site. Mayor Roth asked that these corrections be made.

6. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple Avenue: stated that he agrees with remarks made by Mr. Abbott; regarding appointments to CDBG/CAC, noted that Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. Marsh should be appointed because of their expertise in this field. Concerning the discussion at the last Council meeting (7-24-78) re stop signs on Willow Avenue at Tulip, stated that his senior citizens group which meets in that area favor the signs.

7. Ed Longen, 7516 Holly Avenue: read from article in 8-3-78 Takoma Park-Silver Spring News which reports that Montgomery County BOE will be deciding on future of old TPES building in near future; that if building cannot be used for educational purposes it will be turned over to the County government. Suggested that if the building is not used as educational facility, that there should be a public hearing as to what suggestions the County may have for it; that the City should have a strong hand in whatever is done. Said that, in his opinion, quality brick work is not being done at new TPES; asked Council to look into this. Councilman Weisman stated that he had looked at the building at the request of Mr. Longen, and agreed that some of the work is not satisfactory. Mayor Roth asked Councilman Weisman and the City Administrator to look into this matter.

8. Ms. Clark, 7109 Cedar Avenue: reiterated earlier comments on heavy Cedar Avenue traffic and was informed that some progress has been made in controlling it. Requested that vacant lot next to her house be cleaned up. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to contact owner and also suggested that Ms. Clark contact her Block Grant representative re ideas for use of lot.
9. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue: stated that the CIB regularly asked the owner to clean up the lot mentioned above and he has always complied.
10. Clark Burdine, 7129 Sycamore Avenue: stated that he approved of the suggestion for a public hearing for uses of the old TPES building. Noted that **the** Municipal Building curbing, and curbing around the City lack ramps for handicapped; suggested that they be installed; concerning reserved parking spaces for handicapped near homes, proposed that people needing this be allowed to petition the City for such use; requested that stop signs be installed at the intersection of Columbia and Sycamore Avenues to form a 3-way stop; suggested a new system of parking on Sycamore Avenue to help slow down speeding traffic. Concerning the CDBG/CAC appointments, noted that the North Sycamore Avenue Citizens' Association and Old Takomans' Citizens' Association had submitted letters recommending an appointee; asked if they have been considered and what action would be taken on them. Mayor Roth noted that this item would be taken up later in the meeting.
11. Bernice Myers, 7212 Cedar Avenue: read letter from the Bozarth family, 7326 Willow Avenue, which urged the Mayor and Council to take strong opposition to Montgomery County's proposed zoning variance and special exception processes for multi-family dwellings in R-60 zones. Mrs. Myers asked that this letter be attached to the minutes as some others before had been; Mayor Roth stated that he would not set a precedent by publishing verbatim letters or comments from citizens in the minutes; that the Bozarth's letter would be included as if it were stated by them; Mrs. Myers stated that the minutes did not reflect anything said at Council meetings. She read the memo from County Council President Scull pertaining to two additional text amendments on zoning variances and special exceptions; said that Mrs. Scull's asking for comments on such short notice is arrogant to the extreme; that the County Council had caused the losses of SSI and Block 69 for the City and it is evident that they do not care about Takoma Park; that the City Council had made a good decision by asking for more time to study these amendments. Stated that Mrs. Scull had made comments about the hardship that the loss of multi-family units would impose on some people; thought that some consideration should be given to young people who are buying single-family homes and repairing them, that these people are being threatened with having the community turned into slums by the multi-family apartments. Spoke of the possible damage to eyes caused by fluorescent lighting and expressed the hope that the new TPES would have windows in sufficient numbers to diminish this danger.
12. Sarah Green, 7106 Piney Branch Road, N.W.: listed coming attractions for the Takoma Theater which included both adult and children's fare; announced that the Theater will be hosting the Takoma Folk Festival on September 10, 1-6 PM, at the Junior High School Field; activities include a wide variety of music, crafts and food, with profits going to the Theater; a section of the Theater will be used to show community arts and crafts.

13. Ralph Porter, 7108 Maple Avenue: asked that he be appointed as the representative of Landlords-Tenants/PLUS to the CDBG/CAC, saying that the group represents a large number of people with similar concerns; stated that he does not agree with earlier comments that multi-family housing creates slums. Regarding the County Council's draft amendments about multi-family housing, questioned when the City will hold a public hearing on these; noted that they came about as a compromise on ZTA 77003; that the County wanted a mechanism for allowing some multi-family houses to remain after the 10 year phase-out period, if they meet certain criteria requirements; that the spirit of the law was to be able to get rid of the worst and retain some better houses; thought the City should have input into formulation of criteria which would allow some houses to remain.

14. Lewis Porter, 7128 Willow Avenue: presented the by-laws of Landlords-Tenants/PLUS to the Council and noted that the group has been operating under them for approximately a year; also presented a letter naming Ralph Porter and Vera Lindsey as their representative and alternate, respectively, on the CDBG/CAC.

15. Stephanie Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: stated that she supports the City's decision concerning the County's draft text amendments; asked that the Council consider additional items to be included in letter to County Council-- 1) that the original concept of special exception process was to allow some multi-family properties to continue under stringent criteria; that County should not establish criteria for after 10 year phase out period until criteria for during that time has been decided upon; suppose to have assurances that mixed use could work; 2) the multi-family properties in the 7100 block of Carroll Avenue are all properly zoned for that use; that this area borders on being a slum; if County allows most of existing properties to continue, this type of blight will spread legally. Requested the Council to consider municipal infraction legislation. Mayor Roth stated that this item is now being studied by a Council committee, which has asked the Corporation Counsel for advice on the next steps because of possibility of having to add a section to the Charter; that the fine under the infraction law is limited to \$100 and \$200 for repeat violations; not intended to take place of all other laws, but simplifies process of fining; has suggested that law could be applied to animal control ordinance, Ordinance 1946, and housing codes. The law operates similar to issuing traffic tickets; the violator has choice of paying fine or going to court; after committee is thoroughly acquainted with law and the Council has been briefed, will probably have public discussion. Mrs. Melvin asked if more information has been obtained about parking on lawns; the Mayor asked the City Administrator to check into this.

16. Martin Franks, 59 Walnut Avenue: stated that properties adjacent to Laurel Avenue have been rezoned from single-family to commercial as a part of the Laurel Avenue business area improvements; asked if it would be possible for the City to have zoning changed on 6847 Eastern Avenue and 7010 Westmoreland Avenue until such time that it is needed for commercial use. Mayor Roth referred this to the City Administrator.

17. Bob Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: thanked the Council for investigating and finding out that 7321 Carroll Avenue could not be sold as commercial property.

Concerning the two draft text amendments from the County, stated that he sees the earliest deadline as September, 1979; that the County Council had asked the DEP to work with the City on developing guidelines and criteria and when the City asked about the progress approximately 5 weeks ago, these draft amendments is what were received, without any input from the City; suggested reinstating of Council's September 25 meeting to discuss this; that it isn't fair that the City was given such short notice since 95% of problem exists in City. Concerning the new Rockville ordinance (infraction law), thought that with the City's second notice violations, would bring a profit of \$1,000 or more each time. Regarding recording individual names on Council votes, noted that Mr. Prosten had asked that this be added to the agenda; that he had also asked at times that items be added to the agenda, but most of the time it did not happen.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. The City Administrator reported that the amendment of site plan for the Sunoco station at New Hampshire and East West Highway has been approved by the District Council for Prince George's County with conditions: 1) that a 20 foot wide planting strip be installed; 2) the price display sign would face south only; 3) the Sunoco sign would be non-moveable, no larger than existing sign, and painted brown in harmony with neighborhood; 4) that members of Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association be involved in placement of plants in planting strip; 5) proposed canopy lights are to face away from residential area; these conditions were approved as effective July 24, 1978.

2. Notification was received from Montgomery County Board of Appeals concerning the decision rendered in the hearing of Special Exception S-630, St. Luke's House, Inc., 8205 Houston Court, for continued operation of a group residential facility; that this petition was granted over City's recommendation for denial.

3. Sharon Martin, Director, Montgomery County Public Facilities. Concerning citizen complaints of possible zoning violation at 505 Tulip Avenue, the operation of a psychiatric half-way house, stated that their inspection revealed there is no such operation being conducted at that address and have closed the case.

4. Doug Snyder, D. C. DOT. Action taken upon City request about traffic problems at the corner of Cedar and Eastern Avenues; stated that the island at this intersection has been enlarged by painting wider outline to prevent improper turns; possibility of asphalt being substituted for painting at a later date.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Report on neighborhood survey and First Reading of a proposed ordinance authorizing stop signs on Central Avenue at Jackson. City Administrator Gilsdorf reported that of the 62 questionnaires mailed out, the following are the results of responses: 24 in favor; 5 opposed (traffic is minimal, no accidents in 10 years); 1 no opinion; and 32 no replies. Chief Porter reported that a traffic count was not conducted; there was not an overwhelming amount of traffic during rush hours; no record of accidents occurring there within last year; that the usual procedure for installing a 4-way stop is as an interim measure prior to installing a traffic signal. Councilman Ricks made a motion that this ordinance be adopted, waiving

a second reading; this was duly seconded by Councilman Weisman. Councilman Forshee said that he did not feel it is proper to adopt an ordinance before its second reading, since the Council had approved procedures for having two readings and then not follow this procedure, noting that he did not feel this was an emergency case. There followed a lengthy discussion, after which the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Garica.

ORDINANCE #2473-A

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

- SECTION 1. THAT all traffic travelling on Central Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Jackson Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect the appropriate signing to effect this directive; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 1-17, Charter and Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

2. Status of smoke detector enforcement in Takoma Park. The City Administrator reported that both Counties have enacted legislation requiring smoke detectors in all rental buildings of 4 units or more, all newly constructed housing, and in Montgomery County, persons selling their homes must also install smoke detectors; this requirement was enforced as of July 1, with inspections of the larger buildings in the City to find out whether detectors have been installed, or if there were signed contracts stating a date when they would be installed; City is receiving great cooperation from both Counties and the State Fire Marshal's office. Councilman Ricks asked if there are any provisions in the laws which would require the landlord to post notice as when smoke detectors will be installed and the City Administrator stated that he would look into this.

3. Ordinance authorizing purchase of miscellaneous Library equipment (RSF). Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilman Ricks, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Garcia.

ORDINANCE #2474

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

- SECTION 1. THAT the Proposed Use schedule for FY-79 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds set aside funds for the purchase of miscellaneous items for the Library; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the following purchases are hereby approved:

1 - Royal Typewriter (electric, 900 series)		
Manson Office Machines.....	\$	571.00
2 - Magazine racks for Children's Room @\$46.20		
Highsmith, F.O.B., Minneapolis.....		92.40*
1 - Desktop Calculator, Chafitz.....		100.00
2 - Swivel Chairs, Brodart, @\$163.....		326.00*
TOTAL		\$1,089.40*

*Plus Shipping AND

SECTION 3. THAT a sum in the amount of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$1,089.40) be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing account and transferred to the appropriate Library account.

4. Ordinance appropriating Revenue Sharing Funds to cover enforcement of certain sections of Montgomery County's Landlord-Tenant Relations Act in Takoma Park. It was noted by Councilmembers that this payment is to support the day-to-day problems in the City more than the legal action taken in the Winchester-Takoma case. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded by Councilman Forshee, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows:
 AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman.
 NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Garcia.

ORDINANCE #2475

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

SECTION 1. THAT on June 6, 1975, the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs to enforce in the Montgomery County Section of Takoma Park, Articles I, II, IV and V of the Montgomery County Fair Landlord-Tenant Relations Act; AND

SECTION 2. THAT funds were set aside to cover this service in the FY-79 Federal Revenue Sharing proposed use schedule; AND

SECTION 3. THAT a bill has been received, with the sum of \$6,970.50 now being due and payable for a six month period.

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT funds in the amount of SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$6,970.50) be appropriated from the General Revenue Sharing Fund Account and transferred to the appropriate account for payment to the Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs for the period of July 1, 1978 through December 31, 1978.

5. Authorization to solicit bids for Public Works tractor-mower (RSF). Upon motion by Councilman Faulkner, duly seconded by Councilman Webb, this authorization was granted by the Council.

6. Authorization to solicit bids for resurfacing Cherry Avenue (RSF). The City Administrator stated that the street is to be resurfaced after completion of storm drainage installation. Councilman Ricks asked if sidewalks are to be included in this project and the City Administrator said that the street is too narrow for sidewalks, and houses and utility poles are very close to the street. Mayor Roth thought that this idea could be suggested to the CDBG/CAC for consideration in their program. Upon motion by Councilman Faulkner, duly seconded, this authorization was granted by the Council.

7. Proposed amendments to FY-78 Community Development Block Grant program. The Council reviewed and made comments on the amendments as follows: 1) Minipark-S.S. Carroll Neighborhood--this project was not carried out due to inability to acquire appropriate land at a suitable price (either via lease or purchase), although Park & Planning is considering a park in this same area; 2) Minipark--Maple-Ritchie Neighborhood--this park was to have been built in a section of

the Winchester-Takoma parking lot, but there are not enough spaces available as is for tenants to park; possible to discuss this with new owner, because previous owner would not sell or lease the land; funds for both of these parks will be diverted to another 1978 program, and not lost; 3) Laurel Avenue Sidewalk--this project has been delayed until plans for the Laurel Avenue Retail Center project are complete, in order to insure consistency of design; project should begin in early Fall; 4) Lee Avenue Storm Drain--project has been delayed until it can be determined whether or not an unconnected system is already in place, but the County will reconsider the project once our findings have been made; 5) Poplar Avenue Sidewalk (City line to J. Enos Ray School)--project is outside City and thus requires approval from the Prince George's County Department of Public Works, who will not approve the design of the sidewalk unless it includes reconstructing the entire street. Councilman Faulkner suggested that a letter be written to Prince George's Councilman Parris Glendening, notifying him of this problem; Mayor Roth thought that a copy of the letter from the school's PTA requesting the sidewalk be attached and directed the City Administrator to draft such a letter and also consult Councilmembers Faulkner and Garcia, and members of the CDBG/CAC. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded, the Council approved these amendments and also the letter to Councilman Glendening.

8. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance for consideration of request for "NO PARKING" designation in front of John Nevins Andrews School (Elm Avenue). It was the concensus of the Mayor and Council that this consideration would be regarded as the first reading of an ordinance with a view to enactment at the next Council meeting. Councilman Faulkner asked that the citizens in the area be notified of this change in parking restrictions.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

- SECTION 1. THAT parking shall be prohibited in front of 117 Elm Avenue for a distance of 190 feet, to extend from a point approximately 10 feet east of the main entrance to John Nevins Andrews School to the school driveway; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect the appropriate signs to effect this directive; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 1-17, of the Charter and Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

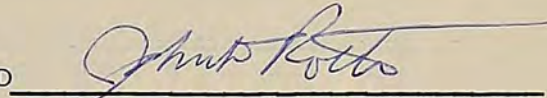
9. Councilwoman Saloma stated that at the last meeting of the Council, it was agreed that approval would be considered for additional appointments to the CDBG/CAC, and made a motion that the following appointments be approved: Ellen Marsh-Takoma Park Historical Society, Margaret Holmes-American Association of Retired Persons, Frances Phipps-Horticultural Club, Victoria West-Tenants' Representative, Dave Ellis-Business Representative, Ralph Porter-Landlords-Tenants/PLU and Mary Ann Leary-House & Garden Tour Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and, when put to a vote, was approved. Concerning requests

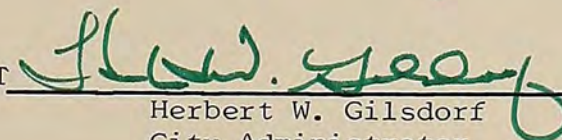
made by Mr. Burdine and Mr. Porter to be appointed to the CAC as representatives of two new citizens' associations, Councilwoman Saloma noted that Mr. Porter is now on the CAC and Mr. Burdine is serving as an alternate for Spring Park Citizens' Association. Councilman Forshee made a motion that there be no further appointments to the CAC; this was seconded by Councilwoman Saloma and approved by the Council. It was noted by several Councilmembers that there has been a great deal of discussion over the membership of the CAC this year; that next year there should be written guidelines established early in the year to avoid confusion.

10. Councilman Weisman informed the Council of Montgomery County's "Tentative Five Year Plan for Facilities Utilization" that was prepared in light of changing enrollment; read excerpts from pages 28-33 which included: a proposal for a less academically-oriented curriculum, with emphasis placed on a job-oriented curriculum for down-County schools, such as Blair, Wheaton, Kennedy, Einstein, and Northwood grouping; stated that he had talked to Tom Robertson, Planner for Montgomery County, and he had written a memo to the Chief of School Research Division, noting that this would cause a split in the County as far as socio-economic patterns are concerned; also noted that one of the following-Blair, Northwood, and Wheaton High Schools may be closed to save money on the planned capital improvement projects slated for them. Councilman Weisman stated that he thought the Council should be involved before this plan is approved; should notify the BOE of their disapproval. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to have copies of this plan distributed to the Council for their review and comment.

11. Regarding the request for individually recorded votes of Councilmembers on each motion, Councilman Weisman noted that because votes are not recorded this way, one newspaper article had printed an incorrect outcome of a motion. Mayor Roth noted that he thought this type of voting was only necessary on a few occasions. Councilman Weisman made a motion, duly seconded by Councilman Ricks, that there be a show of hands on each motion. Councilman Forshee suggested that votes be recorded by the numbers for and against a motion. When this motion was put to a vote, it failed by the following results: AYE: Councilmembers Ricks and Weisman. NAY: Councilmembers Forshee and Webb. ABSTAINING: Councilman Faulkner and Mayor Roth. EXCUSED: Councilmembers Garcia and Saloma. Councilman Weisman asked that this be added to the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM, to reconvene on Monday, September 12, 1978, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED 
John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST 
Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
August 21, 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 by Mayor Roth at 7:30 PM.

1. HUD Section 312 Program. The City Administrator reported that information and forms had been ordered from HUD and should be available in the near future.
2. Traffic Fatality. It was reported to the Mayor and Council that a Takoma Park resident was killed on Carroll Avenue at 4:30 AM, August 20, by a hit and run driver.
3. Request for Removal of Parking Meters in 7100 Block of Willow Avenue. This matter has been scheduled as an agenda item for the Council meeting of September 11, 1978.
4. Old 1946 Violation Addresses. The City Administrator reported that two addresses which had been 1946 violations for at least five years had applied for Montgomery County Rehabilitation Loans and he expressed optimism for their improvement.
5. Franklin Apartments Resolution (formerly Winchester-Takoma). The Mayor and Council set September 14 at 7:30 PM as the date and time to discuss with Mr. Katz his plans for the above property. Appropriate County and State officials will also be invited to assist Mr. Katz in addressing the Council's concerns.
6. High School Curriculum. This matter is scheduled for the September 11 Council meeting for discussion.
7. Cancellation of First Council Meeting in October. Due to the inability of a Councilmember to attend for religious reasons and other scheduling difficulties, the Mayor and Council cancelled this meeting.

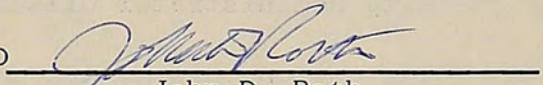
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- 8. Zoning Text Amendments 78018 and 78019. After a lengthy discussion, the Councilmembers expressed displeasure with County Council President Scull's response to their letter of August 15 and directed the City Administrator to reaffirm their August 15 position (by letter) and express the greatest urgency that the County Council respect the City's position in this matter.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

APPROVED



John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST



Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator