

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
September 5, 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 7:45 PM.

1. Mrs. Medina's report to the Council on Pending Historic Commission Legislation and Montgomery County CDBG Activities. Mrs. Medina reported to the Council on some pending legislation, outlining the proposed structure of County-wide Commission on Historic Districts and Sites and other matters covered in the bill. Mrs. Medina also informed the Council of some County, CDBG activities and urged them to submit a strong program in late September.
2. Master Plan. The City Administrator reported that draft copies of the Takoma Park Master Plan (first draft) would be made available to the Mayor and Councilmembers in their Wednesday packages.
3. Sunmark Incorporated Variance. The City Administrator reported to the Council that Sunmark, Inc. had requested a variance for a driveway in the 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue. After discussion, a consensus was reached that Prince George's County members of the City Council would look into this matter and if objections were found, it could be communicated to the Board of Appeals by Councilmembers.
4. Hearing on Winchester-Takoma. The City Administrator reported that copies of Mr. Katz's application for funding would be available to the Council prior to the September 14 meeting. He further reported that Mr. Katz, representatives of the State Department of Economic and Community Development, HUD Section 8 officials, and Eugene Sieminski of the Montgomery County Office of Housing have been invited to attend the meeting.

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- 5. Fenton Street and Ethan Allen Avenue Construction. The Mayor an directed the City Administrator to be more specific when drafting memo to the Council relative to projects and programs. It should be made clear to the Mayor and Councilmembers whether communications are informational or are requests for guidance and approval.

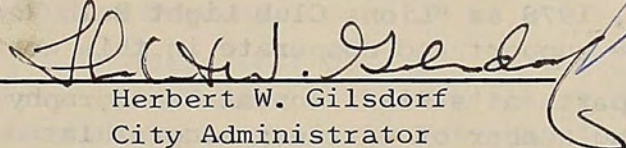
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

APPROVED



John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTEST



Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 1978

## City Officials Present:

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

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth read a proclamation for the Takoma Park Lions Club proclaiming September 11 through September 30, 1978 as "Lions Club Light Bulb Weeks" in Takoma Park; asked all citizens to support and cooperate in this worthwhile cause.

Stated that the Recreation Department's First Annual Photography Contest had a fine showing with an overwhelming number of entries; congratulated all those persons who had a part in this show.

Noted an item in the Montgomery County Council Report (9-1-78) which spoke of a Task Force on which he serves; this Task Force consists of County Councilmembers Potter and Hovespian, Mayor Behr of Somerset, Councilwoman Fordham of Rockville, and Councilman Bueall of Oakmont; are reviewing and analyzing areas in which overlapping occurs in either taxation or services provided by municipalities and County; an agreement is to be worked out for reimbursement to municipalities for duplicated services based on the number of road miles; noted that in all of the group meetings he has attended, this is the most outstanding because everyone seems to be very objective.

Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper reported on the results of two court cases which were heard last week--Winchester-Takoma contempt hearing and Request to Set Aside City Election. Mr. Culpepper stated that Judge Mitchell's order of September 1 cited the owners of the Winchester-Takoma as being in gross non-compliance and failure to comply with City ordinances; owners were fined \$5,000 and must post a \$25,000 bond to insure compliance with housing codes for a period of one year; this means that the owners must comply with first notice violations or forfeit this bond; that he hoped that Judge Mitchell would be hearing any further proceedings on this case. Councilman Ricks stated that he was glad that this case was won by the City, although the City made every effort to have the owners comply with housing codes without taking them to court; that hopefully this will not have to happen again. Mayor Roth agreed with these remarks and read the following from Judge Mitchell's Memorandum and Order: "It is obvious that those repairs made have been done at an extremely slow pace and many apartments remain unrepaired. The Court is not satisfied with the defendant-corporation's excuses as to its failure to make timely modifications of the violations. The conduct is willful and contemptuous." Mr. Culpepper noted that the defendants have 30 days in which to appeal the decision.

Concerning the City election court case, Mr. Culpepper stated that Judge Joseph M. Mathias of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, had heard a day and a half of testimony on September 5 and 6, and had rendered a decision in favor of the defendants (the City), noting that the plaintiffs failed to substantiate their burden of proof to entitle them to any relief (a new election); that a great deal of the plaintiff's proof was based on the State Election Law, which the judge said would not apply in the City election; that the judge had gone into great detail in his summary as to why the errors considered were inconsequential and how some of the election procedures could be changed. A transcript would not be published unless requested. The Judge's Order, issued September 6, read as follows: "The Court, having considered the evidence and argument of counsel in this case, finds in favor of defendants."

Mayor Roth announced that Prince George's County M-NCP&PC will be holding a budget planning session on September 21, 8:00 PM, Park & Planning Auditorium, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale; there will be a different format which permits citizens to speak to planning officials at informal table sessions, to be followed by a regular public hearing.

Announced that there will be a public meeting on Thursday, September 14, 7:30 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building to have questions answered about Mr. Sheldon Katz's application to Maryland Community Development Administration for funds to rehabilitate 7620 Maple Avenue and involving the use of HUD Section 8 funds. A Council committee has been formed including Councilmembers Ricks, Saloma, and Weisman, who will be asking questions first, then citizens will be able to question Mr. Katz and other representatives present; that this meeting will be for fact-finding purposes. The Mayor and Council have the responsibility of approving, disapproving or recommending modifications to the proposal.

#### CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: noted that in the last minutes, the request for roll call votes on all motions was to have been added to the agenda, but that it wasn't included; that he has favored this proposal for a long time and hoped that it would be discussed.

2. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: Concerning the proposed parking garage for Montgomery College students on what is now the Wilson Lot, stated that the County Council has admitted that this garage will not be just for students, but also for commuters; thought that the County Council had bypassed some requirements for the approval of the garage if it is to be used by commuters; hoped that the City would explore this. Regarding the Juniper Street Pedestrian Bridge, thought that it would be possible to get the College's support and cooperation in obtaining the promised new pedestrian bridge; urged that something be done very soon to obtain this bridge. Councilman Weisman noted that the Wilson lot was still only 35% utilized on the first few days of school and thought that garage would be a waste of money; that the new dean was still unable to answer how the students will be made to utilize the garage, and that the students probably will not use it if a fee is charged. Mayor Roth read from the County Council Report which stated that East Silver Spring is proposing a parking ban and that there would be future need for this parking garage because of the loss of this parking area. Councilman Weisman suggested that another letter be written to the County Council addressing the City's concerns about this garage. At Mayor Roth's suggestion, it was agreed to arrange a meeting among the Mayor, Councilman Weisman, Dean Ware, and County representatives.

3. David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue: supported comments made by Mr. Ramsey concerning roll call votes. Stated that the First Annual Takoma Folk Festival was a success, with approximately 2,000 people attending; the Festival was for the benefit of the Takoma Theater and raised almost \$1,000.

4. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: stated that he concurred with Councilman Weisman's remarks about additional commuter parking in or near the City; that the Old Takoma Park Citizens' Association had fought to reduce the commuter parking at the Metro station and in their area, and hoped that they had not pushed it into North Takoma. Reiterated his requests from an earlier Council meeting for traffic counts in the Old Takoma area. The City Administrator stated that staff persons from both Counties' Park and Planning offices working on the Master Plan are conducting traffic counts and also are investigating possibility of new stop signs and signalizations; that he would report on this information when it is received.

#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

##### Communications

1. Prince George's County Board of Appeals. Notification of a granted variance request for a 20 foot driveway, for Sunmark Industries, Inc., Sunoco station at New Hampshire and East West Highway.

2. District Engineer, State Highway Administration. Concerning the City's request for the removal of "Right Turn on Red" signs at the intersection of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue, it was stated that as a result of a study at this location, it was felt that these signs should remain. Councilman Ricks asked that this be made an agenda item.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. First Reading of Ordinance authorizing removal of two parking meters in 7100 block of Willow Avenue. The City Administrator reported that the request for the removal of these two meters was made by the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, because when cars are parked at these meters, it makes it difficult for large trucks to turn into delivery area. Councilmembers raised questions as to whether there would be increased truck traffic and if the trucks would be travelling through residential zones. The Mayor directed the City Administrator to investigate these matters and report back at the Second Reading on September 25.

##### FIRST READING of a Proposed Ordinance

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

SECTION 1. THAT the two (2) parking meters nearest Carroll Avenue on the East curb of the 7100 Block of Willow Avenue be removed; AND

SECTION 2. THAT Sec. 13-32 (a)(3) of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended, be hereby repealed and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 13-32. Parking meter zones; two hour limit

(a)

(3) Willow Ave., East curb, Carroll Ave.

to driveway entrance.....2 meters; AND

SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption after second reading.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance instituting "No Parking" in front of John Nevins Andrews School. The City Administrator stated that residents in the immediate area were notified of the change to take place in parking, and there were no comments received. It was the consensus of the Council that the ordinance would only be enforced during school hours, and the ordinance would reflect this. Upon motion by Councilman Faulkner, duly seconded by Councilman Weisman, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2476

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

- SECTION 1. THAT parking shall be prohibited during school hours 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 of 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. FURTHER 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.

3. Ordinance awarding bid on four radar units (Md. DOT funding). Councilman Ricks stated that he was very impressed with the demonstration of these units that the Council was given; noted that there is an accessory to these units, E.C.M. units, which also register speed of vehicles; this can be detached from the radar unit and shown to the violator so he will know exactly what his speed was; requested that these accessory units be purchased also, noting that these would have to be included in the request for reimbursement from Maryland Department of Transportation, and would have to be approved by Council. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilman Webb, the following ordinance for purchase of radar units was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2477

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

- SECTION 1. THAT, after having been advertised in accordance with the law, and notices sent to qualified bidders, bids were opened publicly at 2:00 PM, August 24, 1978, for four (4) Stationary/Moving Radar Units for the Police Department; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT bids were received from three suppliers, with M.P.H. Industries, Inc., Chanaute, Kansas, submitting the low bid of \$685 each for Model M.P.H. K-55 radar unit; AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the bid of M.P.H. Industries for the sum of TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2,740) be accepted for four (4) Model M.P.H. K-55 radar units.

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT funds for this purchase will be provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation upon receipt of proof of purchase and documentation.

Councilman Ricks made a motion that the following ordinance be adopted for the purchase of two E.C.M. units, with a trade-in allowance of \$100 on an inoperative radar unit purchased 24 years ago. This motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee, and adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2478

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

SECTION 1. THAT the purchase of two (2) K-55 E.C.M. radar accessory units from M.P.H. Industries, Inc., is hereby authorized, at a cost of \$400 each, less \$100 trade-in allowance for one inoperative Muni-Quip radar unit; said purchase totalling SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$700); AND

SECTION 2. THAT funds for this purchase will be provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation upon receipt of proof of purchase and documentation.

4. Ordinance awarding bid on Public Works tractor-mower (Revenue Sharing Funds)  
Upon motion by Councilman Faulkner, duly seconded by Councilman Ricks, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2479

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

SECTION 1. THAT the FY-79 proposed use schedule for Revenue Sharing Funds set aside funds for the purchase of tractor-mower for use in the Parks Division of the Public Works Department; AND

SECTION 2. THAT, following authorization by Council, bids were solicited from qualified dealers and advertised twice in two newspapers of local circulation, with the public bid opening having been held at 1:00 PM, September 8, 1978; AND

SECTION 3. THAT only one bid was received, said bid meeting all specification requirements, from Norman and Staiger, Inc., Gaithersburg.

SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT said bid of Norman & Staiger, Inc. for one (1) Kubota 7100 Tractor with Woods RM-59 mower deck for the amount of \$4,800 is hereby accepted; AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT funds in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,800) to cover this purchase be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing account and transferred to the appropriate Public Works Department account.

5. Ordinance awarding bid on Cherry Avenue resurfacing (Revenue Sharing Fund).

Mayor Roth asked why this project was taken out of Revenue Sharing Funds and not Block Grant funds and the City Administrator stated that resurfacing was not foreseeable as needed. Councilman Forshee congratulated City employees for the fine job they are doing on Cherry Avenue. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows:  
 AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, and Weisman.  
 NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2480

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

- SECTION 1. THAT the 1978-79 schedule for proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds set aside \$14,000 for repair of City streets; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT, following Council authorization, bids were solicited from qualified contractors and advertised twice in two newspapers of local circulation for the resurfacing of Cherry Avenue and a portion of Colby Avenue at an estimated cost of \$3,000; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT bids were publicly opened at 3:00 PM, September 8, 1978, with the following bids having been received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Tack Coat per gallon:</u>	<u>Concrete Resurfacing per ton</u>
Suburban Paving Co., Inc. Mt. Rainier, Md.	\$1.00	\$37.90
Montgomery Construction Co., Inc., Laurel, Md.	\$0.50	\$35.10

- SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT the low bid of Montgomery Construction Co., Inc., be accepted at the unit prices of \$0.50 per gallon for Tack Coat AE-4 and \$35.10 per ton for bituminous concrete resurfacing Course SN, Average 1-1/2" thick; AND
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT funds to cover the above-described work be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account and transferred to the appropriate Public Works--Streets account.

6. Discussion of Montgomery County high school curricula. Concerning Montgomery County's "Tentative Five Year Plan for Facilities Utilization", Councilman Weisman stated that this plan calls for a change in the schools that serve the City, to a more job-oriented curriculum and less academic; that this is where the study interest lies in this area; noted that Superintendent of Schools Bernardo has written two memos, one that would rescind this part of the plan and the other asking for the studying of high school curricula. Councilman Weisman stated that he would approve a program which would share these two interests, but would not lessen the academic standards; would like to notify the County of this as the position of the City Council; that he would be completely against changing Blair to a vocational school, but possible to include in curriculum.

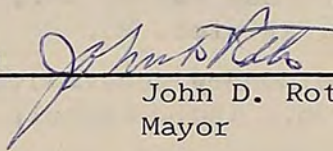


Mayor Roth stated that he approves of this position, but would prefer to join with Blair's LEC and PTA in stating this to the County; that with their support, the position would come across much stronger; asked Councilman Weisman to contact these two groups for their support, and to work with them and the City Administrator in constructing the letter. It was the consensus of the Council to support this position.

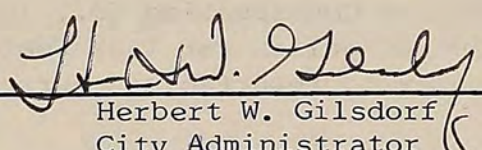
7. Concerning the City's request for "No Turn on Red" signs to be placed on all corners of Piney Branch Road and Philadelphia Avenue, Councilman Ricks stated that he thought the State Highway Administration (SHA) had agreed to this before Right Turn on Red became State law; that this was asked for due to citizen requests citing the number of school children that cross at this intersection when crossing guards are off duty; that the City should ask for these signs again, and pursue it vigorously; made a motion that a letter be sent to SHA requesting these signs be instituted immediately. This motion was seconded by Councilman Garcia. It was noted by Chief Porter that this intersection has a large number of accidents. Mayor Roth suggested that figures on this intersection be obtained from the Police Department and included in the letter. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved by the Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM, to reconvene on Monday, September 25, 1978, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED

  
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John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
September 18, 1978

Councilmembers present:

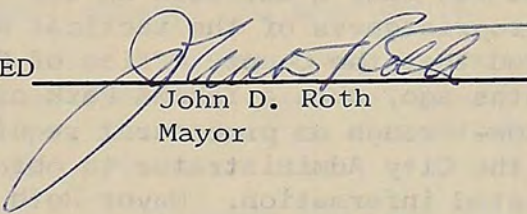
Mayor Roth  
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City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 7:35 PM.

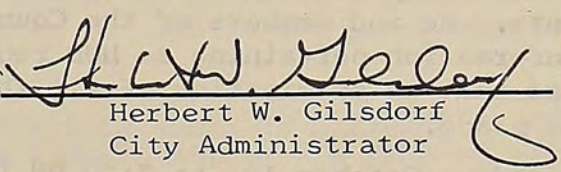
1. Executive Regulations re Text Amendment No. 77003. Sharon Martin appeared before the Mayor and Council to explain and answer questions about the Executive Regulations and to announce the Public Hearing to be held on October 3rd, 1978, at Park and Planning Auditorium in Silver Spring.
2. CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee Report. Chairman Lou D'Ovidio was on hand to present the Committee's Report to the Mayor and Council and to explain several of the proposals. A more formal presentation will be made at the Council meeting of September 25, 1978.
3. Master Plan First Draft. Mayor Roth suggested to the Councilmembers that they familiarize themselves with the First Draft of the Master Plan as Public Forums will soon be scheduled and public distribution will be made of the first draft document.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

APPROVED

  
John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

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September 25, 1978

## City Officials Present:

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

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on September 25, 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 September 11 was made, duly seconded, and approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth commended the Police Department for the capture of a rapist sought in both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, and D. C., noting that this person has now been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Announced that parts of the First Draft of Takoma Park Master Plan have been received and that copies for distribution should be available soon; set the date of November 20 at 7:30 PM, upstairs meeting room, Municipal Building, for a Public Forum for citizen comments.

Read a letter from Harold Black (Montgomery County Office of Community Development) which pointed out the dilemma faced by HUD when a possible City rejection of the Winchester-Takoma rehabilitation proposal is juxtaposed against continuation of Block Grant funds; suggested interim resolution. The Mayor and members of the Council expressed concern about the importance of the letter, noting that they have not yet made a decision on the Winchester funding application, and questioning the appropriateness of the tactical methods employed by the County. Mayor Roth indicated that the County Office of Community Development has had problems since ten months ago, when a Takoma Park citizen had complained to HUD about their lack of follow-through on procedural requirements. He and members of the Council directed the City Administrator to obtain information pertaining to HUD regulations and related information. Mayor Roth stated that an examination of all the means necessary to offset this action would take place.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 PM (upstairs meeting room) on the Winchester-Takoma funding application.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on Juniper Street Pedestrian Bridge (Councilman Weisman)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Report to Mayor and Council of recommendations from CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee for 1979-80 CDBG Program (Chairman D'Ovidio and Community Development Director Nichols). (Copies of Proposal available in City Office.)

Mr. D'Ovidio thanked Alvin Nichols and the Committee for their hard work; they met weekly for the past two months and would meet again the following evening to finalize their proposals. Listed in priority the three main sections of the Proposal that will be presented to the Counties on September 27, 1978: 1) Housing and Property Rehabilitation; 2) Comprehensive Improvement of Neighborhoods; and 3) Commercial Areas Improvements; noted that as far as funding amounts are concerned they are almost the same as last year; that the Committee re-targeted the same neighborhoods as last year; Operation Turnaround will be continued, and the CAC feels that a comprehensive study of the program should be done as to its effects on neighborhoods; that the Hand 'n Home program (Tool Lending Library) should be continued with a request to expand the hours and enlarge tool inventory, the Horticultural Club will match funds for the purchase of a roto-tiller. Noted that HUD is looking for long-term projects in these proposals and that the City should easily qualify. Mr. Nichols stated that the funding cost estimates are being prepared by an engineering firm and would be submitted with the proposals. Listed the targeted neighborhoods: Carroll Avenue (Longbranch Creek to the District line); Rt. 410 (Piney Branch Road to New Hampshire Avenue); Trescott Avenue; Flower Avenue (Jackson Avenue to Garland Avenue).

1. Dennis Seekins, 8217 Roanoke Avenue: CDBG/CAC representative of the West of Flower Avenue Neighborhood, stated that they would like to delete from the proposal the acquisition of vacant property at Hudson and Roanoke for recreation purposes, noting that the neighborhood had decided it was not needed. Asked for rehabilitation funds for owner-occupied, multi-family dwellings of 4 units or less to be considered for the proposal.

2. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue: agreed with Mr. Seekins' request for rehabilitation funds, but possibly not for as many as 4 units, noting that there had been a tie vote, with 2 abstentions on this proposal. Concerning item "Refuse It", stated that she was opposed to more refuse containers around the City; felt it would attract more litter; supported continued curb and gutter improvements.

3. Bernice Myers, 7212 Cedar Avenue: said that there was not enough time for citizens to consider the Proposal and make remarks on it; is strongly opposed to using Block Grant funds for commercial establishments and apartments.

4. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: stated that some people are unhappy with the Operation Turnaround program; that some feel that the contract should be renegotiated to require the purchaser to renovate the property; also suggested that the program be expanded to include R-40 properties.

5. Susan Fleming, 6909 Westmoreland Avenue: questioned the item which proposes the resurfacing of the parking area behind the Laurel Avenue shopping center; Mr. D'Ovidio replied that it is only a recommendation to the owners of the property.

6. Stephanie Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: Regarding rehabilitation funding for multi-family properties, noted the Maryland Rehabilitation loan program for rental properties 4 units or less, at 6% interest; City staff has been asked to help with application process. Expressed concern about presumptions inherent in the "Staff Add-on" requesting dislocation funds for the proposed Section 8 program at Winchester-Takoma; the City Administrator said that the County had asked to have this included in the City's proposal so it could be presented to the County's CAC to be available if needed.

7. Jim Holland, 19 Pine Avenue: said City should not accede to dictatorial County actions; opposed granting CDBG funds to profit-making ventures.
8. Virginia Wade, 6806 Westmoreland Avenue: as a member of the CAC, stated that those who voted for the multi-family loans wanted it for smaller buildings in target areas and multi-family neighborhoods with eligibility tied to income. Said that State loans are also available for single-family homes at a 6% interest rate; that since the CDBG money is available, it is unfair to exclude low-income, multi-family owners.
9. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: stated that most of the worst multi-family properties are owned by absentee landlords; that the CAC decided to include a proposal for reconversion loans for multi-family units in R-60 zones, but she would only approve of loans for properly zoned units.
10. Allan Marsh, President, Old Takoma Citizens Association: stated the support of the Association for the CDBG proposal and asked for Council's support; requested that the CAC be appointed earlier next year; questioned the "Staff Add-on" because it suggests a premature endorsement of Section 8 housing.
11. Kathryn Simpson: noted that the CAC was in agreement on most items; that the R-60 rehabilitation loans had the most support; Operation Turnaround was also popular; Best Foot Forward program was suggested by the CIB; Tool Library has been a tremendous success; also noted that the individual area representatives came to the meetings with definite plans to present.
12. Stephanie Melvin: stated that there had been discussion in the CAC about Operation Turnaround, with a suggestion made to remove any extra kitchens within the first 60 days of ownership, then to place back on market as-is for 30 to 60 days; if no interest displayed, City could rehabilitate it and put it back on the market; reason for this suggestion is to sell the properties at a lower price.
13. John Fleming, 6909 Westmoreland Avenue: gave suggestions for his area for inclusion in the CDBG Proposal: constructing parklands at ends of 1st and 2nd Avenues; rat control program for area; installing speed bumps or devices to control speed on first block of Westmoreland Avenue; redesigning of Takoma Urban Park for use by children; funds to hire area children for general maintenance work, with homeowners matching Block Grant funds. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to have City staff contact homeowners as to rat problem in the neighborhood and to investigate the speeding.
14. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: reiterated his concerns about the Operation Turnaround program, saying the recorded sale price is a primary determinant of area assessments; also endorsed Mrs. Melvin's suggestion for resale of the houses, noting that this would also avoid having funds tied up in one property for so long. Agreed with the bulk of the CDBG proposal, except for the "Staff Add-on", which presupposes approval of Section 8 housing. Noted that Mr. Katz has based his proposal on a rental scale far in excess of the prevailing area scale and suggested that other owners may sell or find Section 8 attractive for their own use; also a possibility of increased rents on basis of supply and demand. Noted his earlier opposition to the rezoning of Maple Avenue. Suggested informing HUD of the fact that Takoma Park and Bladensburg are the only areas in County that have more than their fair share of low- to moderate-income housing.

15. Donald Ramsey: suggested that a summary of Block Grant programs, especially loan programs, be prepared. Concerning Section 8 funding for Winchester-Takoma, Mr. Katz has asked for 100% funding; suggested that he be asked to lower this; also concerned about matter of relocation because of the problems it can cause; should investigate all alternatives. The City Administrator noted that there are no legal requirements in Mr. Katz's proposal for providing relocation of tenants; that this is the reason the County Community Development staff suggested the "Staff Add-on."

16. Barbara Jones, 8210 Roanoke Avenue: stated that relocation money is for moving expenses only; recommended using Block Grant funds to hire a long-term planner; also recommended requesting technical assistance funds from HUD.

17. Bob Melvin, 7138 Carroll Avenue: recommended that the Council consider applying directly to HUD for Block Grant funds. Mayor Roth stated that the City had investigated applying directly before joining the Counties; the main obstacles were that cities of less than 50,000 do not get formula funds and the City would have to institute a housing plan which would probably require an increase in low-income housing. Mr. Melvin stated that he has submitted several alternative funding programs for which the City may be eligible, but has heard nothing about these.

18. Bernice Myers: suggested a way to end relocation would be to enlarge some of the apartments by knocking down walls in between; Mr. Katz has said that structurally this could not be done.

19. Dennis Seekins: stated that he would like to see the Winchester-Takoma renovated, but wants what is best for the City.

#### REGULAR CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Allan Marsh, President, Old Takoma Citizens Association: concerning the Executive Regulations re Zoning Text Amendment 77003, stated that they were not presented to the City in draft form as promised. The Association objected to them on the following grounds: no square footage for lot or building size; no mention of number of units per building; \$50 fee for two years is too low; unclear as to City's role in inspections; inspection every two years; allows for one half of yard space to be paved for parking; no mention made of limiting the number of exceptions per block. Requested that the Council reject this document. Opposed the request by the General Conference for the removal of two parking meters on Willow Avenue because 1) a residential street; 2) Willow Avenue has already lost two houses via demolition; 3) large trucks should not be permitted on residential streets; 4) loss of revenue; and 5) spaces used by Suburban Trust patrons; urged that anyone serving on the Council with a vested interest in this request abstain from voting.

2. Bernice Myers: stated her opposition to the removal of parking meters on Willow Avenue and increased commuter parking request for Takoma Metro Station. The two pieces of correspondence from the County were insulting to the City; urged the Council not to be pushed into approval of the Winchester-Takoma application. Listed the following deficiencies in ZTA 77003 Executive Regulations:

licensing fee too low; after complete initial inspection, there will be only an exterior inspection thereafter; no address of square footage of apartments, lots, nor maximum number of units in R-60 property; no mention of Councilman Garcia's report; urged the Council to request more time to review.

3. Sammie Abbott: urged the Council to oppose the removal of the two parking meters on Willow Avenue.

4. Jim Holland: reiterated his earlier comments.

5. Stephanie Melvin: expressed opposition to commuter parking at Takoma Metro station; took exception to the fact that notices on Executive Regulations hearing were not sent to single-family residents; suggested that the City oppose them on the basis of lack of involvement in formulation; requested that DEP should hold public hearing in the City, to be followed by a City hearing; also concerned about over-paving of yards to meet parking requirements.

6. Victoria West, 7620 Maple Avenue: stated that her daughter had an accident in which her face was cut with glass from a fish tank; that she took her to the Washington Adventist Hospital emergency room and nothing was done; afterwards she took her to Holy Cross Hospital where she said she received immediate attention. Also stated that she had left a pot on her stove while she went to the emergency room; that during that time she was gone, the fire department had broken down her apartment door to find the cause of smoke; that she had called the resident manager and told him to enter her apartment and turn off the pot, but that it was not done; no emergency 24 hour maintenance number has been posted for the tenants as yet.

7. Bob Melvin: stated his concern about what had happened to Ms. West. Councilmembers also noted their concern and directed the City Administrator to investigate.

8. John Fleming: stated that the City, at some point, will have to establish credibility with the County, so that there will be no more deadlines to meet.

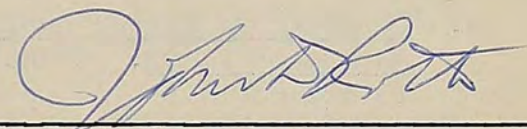
#### ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There was a motion made by Councilman Faulkner, duly seconded by Councilwoman Saloma, that action be taken on the CDBG Proposal, with other agenda items being deferred until the next Council meeting. Councilman Weisman said that he had prepared a draft letter to County Executive Gleason, concerning the Executive Regulations which in essence stated that County Councilmembers had agreed that the City should have input into the preparation and implementation of the Text Amendment; that the City has not had any input; urged postponement of the October 3 hearing until: 1) there has been a briefing by DEP staff in an open forum in Takoma Park; 2) the City has held hearings to obtain citizen input; and 3) the official City position is considered into the regulations. Councilman Weisman made a motion that this letter be sent; this was seconded by Councilman Ricks. Mayor Roth stated that the City did have input into these regulations; that there was a meeting held with DEP; moved that the letter be amended to state that there was City input, but no results have been seen. This motion was seconded by Councilman Faulkner and approved by majority vote of the Council. After call for the question on the amended draft letter, the Council approved it with a majority vote of the Council (Councilwoman Saloma excused).

Councilman Faulkner moved that the CDBG Proposal be moved up on the agenda because of the lateness of the hour; this motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee. There followed a lengthy discussion on the handling of the Katz proposal at the County level. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that the HUD regulations be examined and that the Corporation Counsel look into a posture the City could assume; also noted that the Council has formed no opinions or decisions on the Katz proposal--that it would all depend on citizen response, and that the impression from the public meeting was that they would be opposed. After a lengthy discussion, the Council voted on the CDBG Proposal (available in City Office), with the following results: Section I, Housing and Property Rehabilitation--approved entire section except item H, due to the fact that the CAC has not reached final decision on it; Section II, Comprehensive Improvement of Neighborhoods--approved all items, with consensus to delete item G-1, due to request earlier in meeting by Area Representative Seekins; Section III, Commercial Areas Improvement--consensus of Council that this be approved, with knowledge that there may be further additions.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM, to reconvene on Monday, October 23, 1978, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED




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John D. Roth  
Mayor

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Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator