

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
April 2, 1979

Councilmembers present:

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

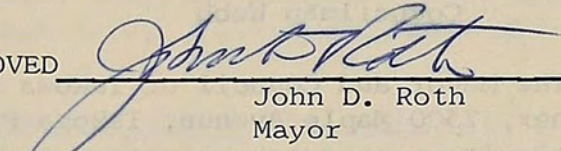
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 7:40 PM.

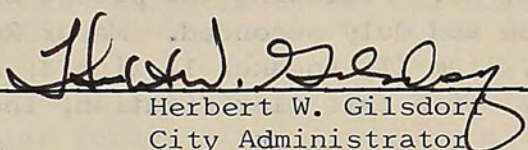
1. Report from Mayor Pro Tem on MML-Montgomery County Chapter Meeting.
Councilman Forshee reported that at the Chapter meeting, the subject of the County taking over the fire service was discussed, with no real consensus reached.
2. Takoma Theater. Sarah Green appeared at the worksession to request a letter from the Mayor and Council to the D. C. Commission on Arts and Humanities in support of a grant for the Theater. After discussion, the Mayor and Council, by consensus, agreed to send the letter expressing their support for the neighborhood Theater.
3. Non-Educational Space in Piney Branch Middle School. After discussion, the Mayor and Council expressed support for the continued use of this space for service to the community and suggested that the Mayor present this position at the April 6 meeting to be held in Rockville. Secondly, the Council expressed an interest in using the space to accommodate as many community service activities as possible; mentioned were a health department program (a nurse for inoculations), WIC Program, senior citizens, etc.
4. Scan Sauna. The City Administrator was directed to advise the Prince George's County Hearing Examiner that the Mayor and Council would oppose the continued operation of this facility if allegations about its operation are proven true.
5. 1979-80 Budget. The City Administrator presented to the Mayor and Council the anticipated revenues for 1979-80, a staff proposal for expenditures of Revenue Sharing Funds, and the staff proposal for the Library budget.

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- 6. Takoma Park Post Office. Councilwoman Saloma indicated to the Mayor and Council that the Capital Budget for the Metropolitan Region indicates a new site and improvements for the Takoma Park Post Office. The City Administrator was directed to draft a letter, for the Mayor's signature, requesting full City involvement in the process.

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

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

April 9, 1979

City Officials Present:

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

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on April 9 at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Following the pledge of allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes was made and duly seconded. Mayor Roth requested that a clarification be made on page 2, item II, speaker 1, line 4; asked that the work "them" be changed to raccoons. With this clarification, the minutes were approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth presented Mr. Jack Hammond with a plaque from the City expressing appreciation and gratitude for his design and construction of the City Montage in the Municipal Building lobby; noted that Mr. Hammond's efforts on the Montage have been continuing and not just a "one-time thing". (Plaque was presented later in the meeting.)

Mayor Roth warned citizens of some untruthful statements being circulated in the community; asked that citizens be more skeptical than usual about rumors and to verify such by contacting accused person, or, if related in some way to the government, call City Office for verification.

Noted the receipt of a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Dan Dick of Maple Avenue which stated their gratitude for the help received from the City's Police and Public Works Departments in temporarily closing the street when trees had to be removed from their property.

Councilman Ricks asked to respond to some correspondence received concerning a statement he had made at the last Council meeting regarding Landlord-Tenant Affairs; noted his agreement with the citizen who wrote that tenants have responsibilities too; that his statement was misconstrued as to landlords intimidating tenants; what he meant to get across was the tenants' intimidation by Landlord-Tenant Affairs in processing complaints.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: noted that Rockville has been named an "All American City" for the fourth time, saying it might be worthwhile for the City to become involved in this program; concerning ZTA 77003 and the County inspections taking place, stated that he hoped the County was not imposing their

housing code standards on City properties, and that the City should keep a tight rein on this; regarding an article in the Silver Spring-Takoma Park News, asked that the Council do what they can to obtain the Neighborhoods Together LEAA grant for the community.

2. Mary Roth, 7608 Hammond Avenue: announced the Takoma Park Flower Show, co-sponsored by the Azalea Committee and the Horticultural Club, to be held in the Municipal Building, April 28-29; noted that it is the same weekend as the House & Garden Tour, but felt this would be mutually beneficial; also announced a Children's Carnival, sponsored by the Independence Day Committee to raise funds needed for the Fourth of July activities; Carnival will be held on Sunday, May 20, from 1-5 PM at Takoma Park Junior High; requested that the Councilmembers support this activity by contributing their time on that date. Several Councilmembers present did agree.

3. Sal Sneiderman, 7925 Sligo Creek Parkway, Neighborhoods Together: spoke about the organization's application for an LEAA grant for a citizen anti-crime program for Takoma Park and East Silver Spring; grant would establish some 15 citizen crime committees throughout the area--anti-crime block clubs, three police-community forums planned to help with jurisdictional cooperation, the development of job bank for teenagers, teenage volunteer program, court-watch system, also publicity and monthly newsletters; noted that grant had been approved, but recent notification of termination has been received by Neighborhoods Together; stated intent to appeal and requested that the Council pass a resolution indicating their support.

4. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: concerning Mr. Sneiderman's topic, stated that he felt this would be a good program, since crime knows no boundaries; noted his approval of the Neighborhoods Together proposal because it applies to teenagers, 14-18 years old, who commit many crimes; reiterated request for Council's help to save this grant.

5. Sam Rosenkrantz, 8305 Haddon Drive: reiterated request for Council's support in reinstating this grant.

6. Moria Magee, 7203 Holly Avenue: stated her disappointment in the Council's unanimous vote of 3-26-79 to reiterate previous position on ZTA 77003 and support of phase-out; noted her doubts that any house in the City that was built 20 years ago or more could pass the County's inspections and felt that their inspection standards should be made public; standards include provisions such as sprinklers over oil-burning furnaces, thick fire doors, etc.

7. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: raised question of a new masthead for the City Newsletter, saying the present one is a bit dated; announced the 7th Annual House & Garden Tour to be held on Sunday, April 29 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM, tickets are being sold in the Recreation Department for \$2.50; there will be a continuous slide show in the Municipal Building lobby and refreshments; the Tour will include many renovated homes of new residents to the City; money from the Tour will be used for a new project pertaining to plaques for historic homes/sites in the City.

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8. Bernice Myers, 7212 Cedar Avenue: noted that she had served on the Community Improvement Board for the past year and had agreed to serve in the upcoming year. Reiterated previous requests to obtain Council's support of the LEAA grant, requesting that it be added to the agenda. Councilmembers Ricks and Saloma expressed the opinion that the Council meeting was not the proper forum for a discussion of this matter because of lack of information on the part of the Council. Councilman Weisman noted that the internal dispute in Neighborhoods Together was scheduled for a hearing in Court the following day.

9. Ruth Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: stated her support for the proposed Neighborhoods Together program and reiterated requests of previous speakers, saying her husband and others had attempted to mediate the dispute between the two groups representing Neighborhoods Together, without success.

10. Ralph Magee, 7203 Holly Avenue: noted the deterioration of several driveways on Tulip Avenue; questioned the responsibility of maintenance of the grass strips between the sidewalk and curb, noting several areas which are not maintained. The City Administrator stated that he would look into the deterioration problem on Tulip Avenue and see what could be done to correct it; noted that citizens are encouraged to maintain public right-of-way mentioned by Mr. Magee and he would also look into that problem. Mr. Magee stated that any help received on the crime situation would be appreciated. Raised several questions concerning ZTA 77003-- if Council has investigated where tenants can go for financial aid and relocation; also asked what would prevent the County from pushing the phase-out period up to 3 years instead of 10 years; felt the Council should be prepared to cope with the problems/questions generated by government action; noted the discrimination against the landlords who have obeyed the laws and registered their apartments; that unregistered apartments can continue without any pressure from the County. Expressed the opinion that government should do things for citizens, not against them.

11. Dennis Seekins, 8217 Roanoke Avenue: questioned the intent of the Council's vote on ZTA 77003 at the 3-26-79 meeting. Councilmembers informed Mr. Seekins that the 3-26 vote was to reiterate previous position on the phase-out period, and that it had been the consensus of the Council that the special exception process was included in ZTA 77003. Mr. Seekins noted that many landlords are considering discontinuing renting apartments, but would rent out rooms; that the renting of two rooms is legal in any zone in Montgomery County; hoped the Council would support public forums in the City.

12. John Tucci, 608 Philadelphia Avenue: stated that he felt the Council should help restore the LEAA grant to Neighborhoods Together.

13. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: asked for current information regarding his request of last year on traffic counts in the Old Takoma area and suggested that the City consider purchasing the equipment to conduct counts. Mayor Roth stated that a response had been received which indicated counts had been conducted on several streets, saying that Mr. Marsh would be apprised of further information when received. Mr. Marsh thanked Council for their vote at the previous meeting concerning ZTA 77003.

14. Donald Ramsey: clarification of earlier statement on the LEAA grant; said that he did not ask Council to solve problem, but would like them to go on record as favoring the money coming into the community by some means.

15. Bernice Myers: pointed out that all landlords do not maintain their properties at high standards; that some landlords do evict tenants who make complaints; felt that raising this issue again would be disastrous.

16. Moria Magee: stated that no credit was given to the landlords who did maintain their properties at high standards; that in phasing out, the good would go along with the bad.

17. Allan Marsh: stated that he was partially responsible for arranging the tour of apartments for County officials and he did show both good and bad properties.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Patricia Kesner, 7511 Glenside Drive. Expressed her approval of the proposed revisions to animal control ordinance, and also pointed out problems she has had in her neighborhood.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Report on communications received regarding raccoon problem: Letter from State Wildlife Administration and communication from Montgomery County Health Department. The City Administrator reported that the State Wildlife Administration has advised they have methods of determining population density of raccoons and a program of control if needed; a meeting has been arranged to discuss the City's problem.

The City Administrator also reported on a response from the Montgomery County Health Department concerning a citizen report of a rabid raccoon in the 200 block of Philadelphia Avenue; that he had checked County records and other Counties and determined that the last known case of a raccoon with rabies was in Talbot County in 1973; that citizen allegation may have been exaggerated.

2. Ordinance prohibiting parking on the southwest side of Allegheny Avenue spur (6700 block). The City Administrator reported that this proposed ordinance had been approved on a First Reading on 3-26-79, when he was directed to contact property owners directly adjacent to this spur; of the two houses connecting with this spur, one property on Allegheny is vacant and the owners of property at 105 Elm Avenue favored the restriction. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilman Weisman, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Webb.

ORDINANCE #2495

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

- SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that access is difficult to the properties on the spur of Allegheny Avenue (6700 block); AND
- SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT parking shall be prohibited on the southwest side of the Allegheny Avenue spur from its deadend for a distance of 118 feet in a southeasterly direction; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs in the area described; AND
- SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT violation of this ordinance shall be penalized as set forth in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended; AND
- SECTION 5. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing.

3. Ordinance repealing and reenacting City's dog control ordinance. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilwoman Saloma, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Webb.

ORDINANCE #2496

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

- SECTION 1. THAT it has been determined that the City's dog control ordinances are in need of updating.
- SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT Secs. 3-4 through 3-9 of Article 2, entitled "Dogs," contained in Chapter 3 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended, be hereby repealed, and new Secs. 3-4 through 3-7 be enacted as follows:
- Sec. 3-4. Control requirements; running at large.
- (a) Any owner of a dog shall either:
- (1) Confine his dog securely on his own premises so as to prevent escape; or,
- (2) Have a responsible person accompany the dog, effectively restraining it by leash.
- (b) Dogs running at large without being accompanied and restrained as required in Subsection (a) shall be impounded and released to the Humane Society at the earliest possible time.
- Sec. 3-5. Dogs; a nuisance.
- No person may keep a dog within the City which by barking, howling or yelping, or in any manner whatsoever disturbs the peace, quiet, comfort or rest of any person in the vicinity.

Sec. 3-6. Humane care and treatment; sanitary premises.

(a) No owner shall inflict unnecessary suffering upon his dog by failure to provide:

- (1) Humane care and treatment;
- (2) Proper shelter and protection from the weather;
- (3) Sufficient wholesome food and water; and
- (4) Veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering.

(b) No owner shall cruelly beat or otherwise abuse a dog.

(c) No owner shall abandon a dog.

(d) Every owner shall maintain the area occupied by a dog in a sanitary manner, free from excreta.

Sec. 3-7. Dogs in City parks.

Dogs are prohibited in City parks.

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

4. Ordinance declaring violation of dog control ordinance to be a Municipal Infraction. The City Administrator stated that the fine charged for violation is \$15 for initial offense and \$30 for each repeat offense; also noted that if the violator does not pay the fine and does not make a court appearance, a summons is issued. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded by Councilman Weisman, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Webb.

ORDINANCE #2497

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

SECTION 1. THAT the Mayor and Council, in Ordinance 2486, adopted on January 22, 1979, set forth the procedure by which an ordinance can be enforced as a Municipal Infraction; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Mayor and City Council do hereby ordain that Secs. 3-4 through 3-7 of Article 2, Chapter 3, Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended, shall be enforceable as a municipal infraction, subject to the penalties set forth in Section 3, below; AND

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT new subsections 3-8, 3-9 and 3-10 be added to Article 2, Chapter 3, of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 3-8. Penalty.

Violation of Secs. 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, and 3-7 is declared to be a Municipal Infraction, the penalty for which shall be \$15.00 for each initial offense and \$30.00 for each repeat offense.

Sec. 3-9. Enforcement.

The Takoma Park Police Department shall be responsible for enforcement of Secs. 3-4, 3-5, 3-6 and 3-7.

Sec. 3-10. Severability of provisions of this article.

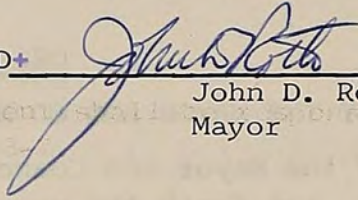
If any provision of this article, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the article and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption after second reading.

5. Councilman Ricks asked that the City Administrator find out about the construction schedule for traffic signals to be installed by SHA at Carroll, Ethan Allen, and Philadelphia Avenues, noting that the information is needed by the Traffic Committee and also that it has been some time since correspondence has been received.

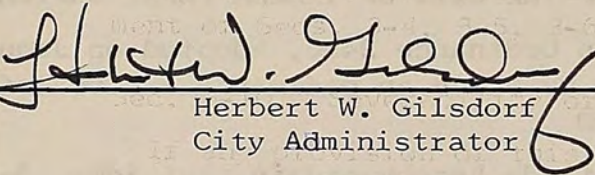
Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM, to reconvene on Monday, April 23, 1979, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED+



John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST



Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
April 16, 1979

Councilmembers present:

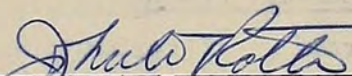
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Councilman Garcia
Councilman Ricks
Councilwoman Saloma
Councilman Weisman
City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 7:30 PM.

1. COG Area-wide Energy Conservation and Management Plan. The Mayor and Council discussed the 13 parts of this plan and its application to Takoma Park. It was decided by consensus that the Mayor draft a response to COG outlining the Council's concurrence with the proposals.
2. 1979-80 Budget. Considerable discussion was held on the staff prepared budget proposals for Miscellaneous Expenditures, Recreation Department, Administrative Offices, and Code Enforcement.
3. Appointment of CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee. Several alternatives were discussed, including: 1) standing pat (with participation of organizations that are presently represented on the Committee; 2) having each Councilmember appoint two Committee members from their ward and having the Mayor appoint several members to represent City-wide interests; and 3) establish a size for the Committee and appoint only that number. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that alternative #2 represented the most reasonable approach, however, no firm decisions were made.

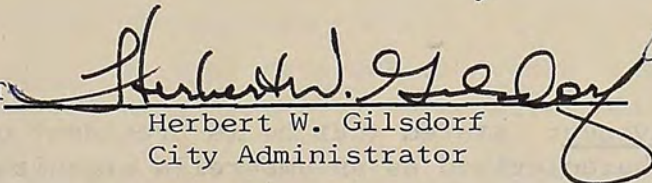
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

APPROVED



John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST



Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

April 23, 1979

City Officials Present:

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

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on April 23 at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Following the pledge of allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of April 9 was made, duly seconded, and approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth presented a proclamation to Mr. Lee Jordan, President, Takoma Park Boy's Club, which designated the month of May 1979 as "Boy's Club Month"; stated that members of the Club would be requesting contributions from citizens to help continue their worthwhile programs; it was noted that the Club has not been able to meet expenses in last couple of years; asked that all citizens help by making a contribution.

Mayor Roth read a proclamation designating the week of April 23-28, 1979 as "Volunteer Week"; noted that this was being celebrated throughout the State; the proclamation recognized the many beneficial contributions and efforts of volunteers to the City.

Noted the construction of seven new homes in the City--one on Elm, three on Ritchie, two on Geneva, and one on Hammond; felt that this indicates that the City is inviting and new people want to join the community.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Consideration of resolution which would request Prince George's County Council to add funds to the County budget to support Takoma Park Fire Station (Councilman Faulkner)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Robert Moore, 7314 Willow Avenue: stated that he is president of Neighborhoods Together, Inc., which he characterized as an umbrella organization comprised of citizens' associations from East Silver Spring and Takoma Park. He said that the organization had been awarded a \$160,000 LEAA grant in October to operate a citizens' anti-crime program in these areas, but that after some problems arose within the organization, LEAA terminated the grant. Mr. Moore described the program which was to have been funded by the grant and indicated that an appeal is being processed. In this connection, he asked for Council's endorsement. There followed a lengthy dialogue concerning various aspects of this issue.

2. Tom Gagliardo, 8120 Roanoke Avenue: attorney for Neighborhoods Together, Inc.: spoke of his personal experience with crime and expressed the opinion that, although the City police are prompt to respond, a citizen anti-crime program would be useful as a deterrent; that citizens should work together and Council should also support the program. Assured the Council that the disputes within the organization would be settled. Councilman Weisman spoke of personal harassment of his family and others by some members of the organization. Councilman Faulkner questioned what the Council could do in an argument among citizens except hope that it is settled; Councilwoman Saloma stated that she felt the Council should see what can be done to get the group back together. Mayor Roth stated that as chairman, he felt that the majority of the Council did not wish to hear further discussion on this item.

3. Ronald Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue, President, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association: suggested placing the subject discussed above on agenda for next Council meeting; thanked the Mayor for contacting him concerning the proposals re the Takoma Park Fire Station; stated that the Association's Executive Committee voted that he attend the Prince George's County Council budget hearing on May 1 and request that funds be included in the budget to support the Fire Station at its present location; stated Association's support for a Montgomery County proposals to locate a new fire house in City. Mayor Roth stated that the present station is adequate, although it does need some improvements; that there are serious risks and financial problems involved with the Montgomery County proposals; that the Council will be discussing these items and would contact the Association with their findings. The City Administrator noted that the proposal is based on the City providing land for the new station and that there would be only limited equipment--one pumper and an ambulance, with no paramedic services, for which the City provided a vehicle in 1975.

At Councilman Ricks' request, a vote was taken on the question: should Council attempt to assist the Neighborhoods Together factions in working out their problems? The vote was 5:2 in the negative, with Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Webb and Weisman voting Nay; Councilmembers Ricks and Saloma voting Aye.

4. Robert Mulligan, 7405 Garland Avenue: endorsed the anti-crime program, requesting support, and saying any resource helping combat crime is worthwhile.

5. Ann Denbow, 7218 Willow Avenue: stated her support for previous speaker's remarks; said also that Councilman Weisman should have abstained from voting; and item should be placed on agenda.

6. Lowell Gaymon, 7311 Willow Avenue: expressed the opinion that Council is not attuned to citizens' groups, only individuals; noted specifically the fight against the North Central Freeway. Mayor Roth stated that this is untrue; the Mayor and Council and City staff had actively participated in the fight against the freeway, supplying funds for graphics, a study on environmental effects, etc.; also noted several items that the Council has supported recently which had been brought to their attention by citizens' groups.

7. John Tucci, 608 Philadelphia Avenue: stated he felt the Council was not in the forefront of community problems.

8. Ada Bennick, 212 Philadelphia Avenue: concerning the City Administrator's 4-9-79 report on information received from the Montgomery County Health Department re rabid raccoons (last reported case in 1973, in Talbot County), stated that a County employee had told her of the incident she recounted--it had not been her diagnosis.

9. Delores Stowell, 7704 Takoma Avenue: reported on information she had received regarding land owned by the State at Sligo Creek Parkway and University Boulevard; that the State is planning to sell this land back to the County; that both Park & Planning and the Housing Opportunities Commission have requested use of the land; HOC plans to build town houses on the land and Park & Planning would use it as parkland; that Dr. Hanson of Park & Planning had stated that if HOC does build, it would erode the surrounding land and creek and that this erosion could affect the City's section of the Creek. Councilman Weisman requested the City Administrator to check into this proposal.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The City Administrator gave a brief summary of the City's financial status for the month of March.

Mayor Roth reported the following statistics regarding the City Police Department's "Neighborhood Watch Program", which is a part of the Burglary Educational Apprehension Team: the program has been in existence for the past three years; 12 anti-crime neighborhood committees have been established; over 17,000 informative flyers have been distributed; representatives of the Department have met with neighborhood groups on 92 different occasions, with a total of 2,900 people in attendance; 476 residential security inspections have been made; 59 news releases issued; the number of calls received as a result of this program have totalled over 9,000.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Deputy Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Response to Mayor's letter requesting information on proposed plans for new City postal facility: only a proposal at this time and planning is not scheduled to begin until FY 1980; that the Eastern Regional Headquarters in Philadelphia will be in contact with the City in the early developmental phases of the project.

2. W. L. Shook, MD.-SHA. Letter responding to City request for survey of intersection at Flower and Carroll Avenues, with a view toward improved pedestrian safety, saying that school advance warning signs have been installed; that the suggested flashing red light for pedestrian use would be a problem since the light would continue to flash after pedestrian crossing and it would be unclear to motorists as to right of way; that a signal study has been initiated to determine if the volume warrants full signalization; if it is found to be warranted, a recommendation will be made to include in the program for funding; the study should be available within 90 days.

Chief Porter gave the following summary of accidents at this intersection for 1977-78: 12 accidents during that time, with three people injured; one pedestrian accident; no fatal accidents; intersection has low incidence rate for State highways. It was noted by Councilmembers that the 4-way stop functions well for traffic; however, it creates problems for pedestrians.

3. M. S. Caltrider, State Highway Administrator. Letter notifying the City that the signalization projects for Md. 195 and Md. 410 would be begun on or about May 7th with completion expected in approximately thirty days. Mayor Roth and Councilman Faulkner suggested contacting the Lt. Governor, municipal liaison, and asking for help to insure that these lights are installed; it was the consensus of the Council that the letter be sent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Progress report on Community Development Block Grant Program. Alvin Nichols Director of Community Development, reported the following concerning the 4th Year, FY 1979 program: Public Improvements/Montgomery County--five projects, including the completed Ethan Allen Avenue project; Fenton and Ritchie Avenues projects, which have only resurfacing and touch-up work remaining; Houston Avenue from Roanoke to Flower will be completely reconstructed; improvements on Philadelphia Avenue from Chestnut to Cedar. Public Improvements/Prince George's County--touch-up work on Ethan Allen Avenue improvements from Elm to Jackson. Rehabilitation loan Program--\$125,000/Mo. Co. and \$50,000/P.G. Co.--sufficient to fund about 35 rehabilitation projects. The 5th Year Program, which begins in July, includes: Public Improvements/Mo. Co.--\$50,000 for Westmoreland Avenue Stragety Area; \$75,000 for Laurel Avenue Retail Center; \$110,000 for General Improvements; \$40,000 for Park Improvements. Public Improvements/P.G. Co.--\$85,000 for complete reconstruction of Poplar Avenue from J. Enos Ray Elementary School to City line; \$50,000 for improvements to Colby Avenue; \$23,000 for General Improvements in the Longbranch-Sligo area; there will be a concentration of efforts on the Westmoreland Avenue area for street improvements, with suggestion of constructing a small park area on First Avenue; also P.G. Co. has appropriated \$2,000 for the continued operation of the Tool Library and Rehabilitation Workshops. Regarding the Fenton Street improvement project--Councilmembers suggested contacting Montgomery County asking them to improve their portion of Fenton Street; Mr. Nichols stated that the County is seriously looking into this matter and has asked for a copy of the City's plans. Regarding the Jequie Park shelter, Recreation Director Ziegler stated that it has been suggested that a new shelter be constructed.

2. Announcement of Public Hearing on Proposed Use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the purpose of hearing citizen suggestions--8:00 PM, May 14, Council Chamber.

3. Announcement of Public Hearing on 1979-80 Proposed Budget and Proposed Use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, FY-80--8:00 PM, Wednesday, May 30, Council Chamber.

4. Prince George's County Funds for Takoma Park Fire Station. Upon motion by Councilman Faulkner, duly seconded by Councilman Weisman, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1974, the City of Takoma Park, the Montgomery County Government, and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., entered into an agreement under which responsibility for providing fire protection and ambulance service for the City of Takoma Park was transferred to the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; AND

WHEREAS, the agreement contained express assurances that fire protection and ambulance service would be provided to both the Montgomery and Prince George's County sections of the City; AND

WHEREAS, Montgomery County, through its County Executive, executed an agreement with the Prince George's County Executive setting forth the principle that Prince George's County would annually make payment to provide fire services to the Prince George's section of Takoma Park; AND

WHEREAS, under this agreement, Prince George's County made payments for Fiscal Years 1975, 1976 and 1977; however, none were made for 1978, and no funds have been included in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1980.

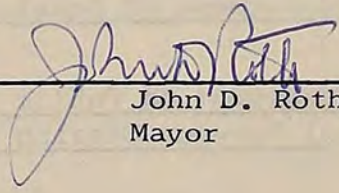
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland do hereby call on the Prince George's County Council to place funds in the Fiscal Year-1980 budget to carry out the equitable terms of the aforementioned agreement, thus ensuring continued service by the Takoma Park Fire Station to the Prince George's County taxpayers of Takoma Park.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1979.

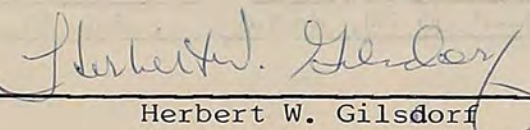
Councilman Faulkner requested that a letter and the resolution be sent to Chairman Amonett of the Prince George's County Council, with copies to Councilmembers and the County Executive.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM, to reconvene on Monday, May 14, 1979, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED


John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST


Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
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Councilmembers present:

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

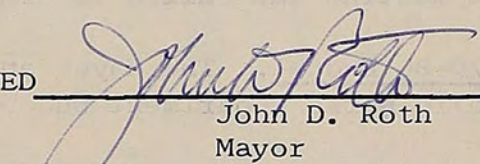
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 7:40 PM.

1. 1979-80 Budget. The Mayor and Council discussed the staff-prepared Public Works Department budget.
2. City Membership on TPVFD Board of Trustees. The Mayor discussed with the Council the request from the President of the TPVFD that some arrangement be made to reduce the number of City members appointed to the Board. After discussion, several Councilmembers remained unconvinced that this action should be taken.
3. CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mayor Roth presented to the Council several alternative proposals for the appointment of this year's Committee. It was suggested that these proposals be looked over and the Council be prepared to discuss them at the next worksession.
4. Zoning Authority for City. The City Administrator reported on the Corporation Counsel's opinion relative to the legal steps that would have to be taken before the City could have its own zoning authority. The City Administrator was directed by the Mayor and Council to develop the subject further for discussion at the next worksession.
5. Historical Preservation Ordinance. Mayor Roth strongly recommended to the Council that application of this Ordinance be in the hands of the City. He promised to supply copies for the Wednesday package and suggested that the matter be placed on the agenda of the May 14 Council meeting.

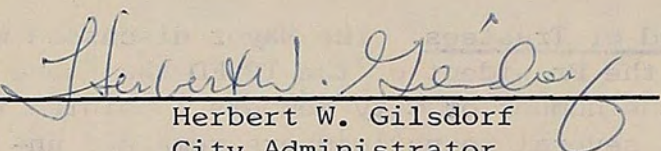
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- 6. CIB Appointments. Mayor Roth reported to the Council that Mrs. Simpson, General Chairwoman of the CIB, had requested that the annual appointments extend from September 1 through August 31, rather than the current April 1 through March 31.
- 7. Montgomery County CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mayor Roth advised the Council that he was appointing Councilman Forshee to serve on the County Committee.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

APPROVED 

 John D. Roth
 Mayor

ATTEST 

 Herbert W. Gilsdorf
 City Administrator